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THE WORD OF GOD

Servants of the Gracious God

64. And the servants of the Gracious God are those who walk on the earth in a dignified manner, and when the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace!"

65. And who spend the night before their Lord, prostrate and standing,

66. And who say, "Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell; for the punishment thereof is a lasting torment.

67. "It is indeed evil as a place of rest and as an abode;"

68. And those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor niggardly but moderate between the two;

69. And those who call not on any other God along with Allah, nor kill a person that Allah has forbidden except for just cause, nor commit adultery (or fornication), and he who does that shall meet with the punishment of sin.

70. Doubled to him will be the punishment on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein disgraced,

71. Except those who repent, and believe and do good deeds; for as to these, Allah will change their evil deeds into good deeds; and Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful;

72. And those who repent and do good deeds, indeed turn to Allah with true repentance;

73. And those who bear not false witness, and when they pass by anything vain, pass on with dignity;

74. And those who, when they are reminded of the Signs of their Lord, fall not deaf and blind thereat;

75. And those who say, "Our Lord, grant our wives and children the delight of our eyes, and make us a model for the righteous."

(The Holy Quran 25: 64—75)

THE ADMONITION OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH TO HIS COMMUNITY

The members of my Community, wherever they might be, should listen with attention to this admonition. The purpose of their joining the Movement and establishing the relationship of spiritual preceptor and disciple with me is that they should achieve a high degree of good conduct, good behavior and righteousness. No wrongdoing, or mischief, or misconduct should even approach them. They should perform the five daily Prayer services regularly, and should not utter a falsehood, and should cause no one any hurt by their tongues. They should be guilty of no vice and should not let even a thought of any mischief or wrong or disorderliness or turmoil pass through their minds. They should shun every type of sin and offence and undesirable action and passion and unmannerly behavior. They should become pure-hearted and meek servants of God Almighty, and no poisonous germ should flourish in their beings.

. Sympathy with mankind should be their principle and they should fear God Almighty. They should safeguard their tongues and their hands and their thoughts against every kind of impurity and disorderliness and dishonesty. They should join the five daily Prayer services without fail. They should refrain from every kind of wrong, transgression, dishonesty, bribery, trespass and partiality. They should not participate in any evil company. If it should be proved that one who is not loyal to the benevolent government, or is not mindful of the rights of people, or is cruel or mischievous, or is ill-behaved, or is seeking to deceive the servants of God Almighty by speaking ill or abusively of, or is guilty of imposture towards, the person with whom they have entered into a covenant of *Ba'it*, it should be their duty to repel him and to keep away from such a dangerous one. They should not design harm against the followers of any religion or the members of any tribe or group. Be the true well-wishers of everyone and take care that no mischief-maker, or vicious person, or disorderly one, or ill-behaved one should be ever of your company, or should dwell among you; for such a one could at any time become the cause of your stumbling.

These are matters and conditions that I have been urging from the beginning, and it is the duty of every member of my Community to act upon them. You should indulge in no impurity, or mockery, or derision.

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KHALIFATUL MASIH'S VISIT

Washington, D.C.: The Ahmadies of the U.S.A. will be blessed with the visit of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III when he arrives in the country on September 11, 1980.

The members in the West Coast shall be meeting him on Sunday, September 14, 1980 in San Francisco, California; while those in the other parts of the country shall meet him on Sunday, September 21, 1980 in Washington, D.C., INSHA ALLAH.

EDITORIAL

THE NEED OF
TRUE RELIGION

Religion is inherent in man; without religion in its simplest, highest sense, no man or nation can survive or prosper. The best that we can hope to have without Religion is a show of outward prosperity which is of no real value. A true religion is a dynamic power to lead man to real happiness which lies in the complete fulfillment of the highest ideals. "Beware," warns the Holy Quran, "only in remembering God lies the satisfaction of the heart." Take God as your ideal in all of your thoughts, words and actions and you will never have to be sorry here or hereafter. "For your character," says the Master Prophet Muhammad, "adopt the Ideal of God." A True Religion is self-sufficient. It is enough to enable a man to carry on bravely and hopefully amid all the cares and distractions of life. Religion is the bed-rock foundation which the changes and chances of a world always in flux can never wear down or submerge. However, religion does not mean only an outward form of some kind of worship. Religion means the complete acceptance of the highest ideals of life of which man has any knowledge; it entails a genuine effort to live up to them in one's daily life. A man's religion must colour the whole of his life, all his contacts in the domestic circle, in his business and in his pleasures. In all things and in every aspect of life a man must be heightened, deepened, warmed and vivified by the religion to which he yields obedience. One who has firm belief in God and His Powers is never disturbed by anything and nothing can affright him. By patient endurance he attains to success in all his affairs. The most honest man is he who has been honest every day according to his religious ideals; the most virtuous woman is she who has behind her present virtue the story of a whole life full of virtuous thought and deed as taught by her sacred Book; the happiest person is the one who has long practised being happy in his union and communion with God, and that soul is the coolest and surest which everyday schools itself in self-mastery.

FRIDAY SERMON
TO DISPEL MISUNDERSTANDINGS, FORGO EVEN
YOUR DUE," EXHORTS KHALIFATUL MASIH

Rabwah, Pakistan: Delivering the Friday sermon here on June 13, 1980 at Masjid Aqsa, Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III has asked the people of the Headquarters to live in harmony love during his absence from Rabwah on a tour of foreign countries.

Disclosing his plan of going abroad, Hazoor directed the people of Rabwah towards their responsibilities. He exhorted them by saying, "Never dispute with one another. Always greet before conversation. Never usurp someone's right. If misunderstanding cannot be removed without forgoing your own rights, leave them without hesitations. Because it is God who is the Bestower, and when He is pleased to bestow upon one He confers to such an extent that it becomes beyond control. He confers upon individuals as well as the Jamaat. Among the blessings which God the Exalted has showered upon the Jamaat. Khalifatul Masih referred to the Nusrat Jahan Leap Forward Scheme as an instance and said, "The Jamaat presented with great love more than 5,300,000 rupees as sacrifice to God the Exalted. And He blessed it so abundantly that this year the Annual Budget of Nusrat Jahan Scheme in West African countries where this Scheme was initiated has reached 40,000,000 rupees.

As a matter of fact, Hazoor pointed out, 5,300,000 rupees is of no value at all for such a grand object, and with it even a nominal start was not possible. Never-

theless, it is not wealth that God needs, He values the love which rages in the heart and deals accordingly.

Reiterating his advice, Khalifatul-Masih charged the people of Rabwah that each one of them is bound to keep the atmosphere of Rabwah that of love, of dispeller of distress, provider of the means of welfare and producer of environment of happiness.

Hazoor prayed, that may every Ahmadi Muslim follow the footprints of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him). May He enable us that the world following our way exert to share the Grace and Mercy of God in the manner we beseech our Lord always for good

In the beginning of his sermon, Khalifatul Masih related the details of his sickness. He said he has recouped his health almost ninety percent, however, ten percent of the ailment stills remains to be recovered. He is giving the details of his sickness, Khalifatul Masih pointed out, so that the members could supplicate for his recovery. Hence, they should pray that God the Exalted grant him health, so that he can completely carry out his responsibilities. He stressed upon the members to pray for totally getting rid of the sickness, and restoring him full strength. He is confident of his Generous God, Khalifatul Masih said, that as long as there is life He will empower him to bring to conclusion each day the entire work of the day.

GIST OF OUR RELIGION

"The gist and the essence of our religion is 'LA ILAHA ILLALLAHO MUHAMMADUR-RASULULLAH' (There is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is His Apostle). The faith we hold in the course of our life in the material world, and the faith with which, by the grace of God, we shall pass away from this transient universe, is just this: that our Leader and Friend Muhammad Mustafa, peace and the blessings of God be

upon him, is KHATAMAN NABIYYEEN, AND KHAIIRUL MURSAL-EEN, at whose hands Religion has been made perfect—at whose hands the blessings reach the point of the fullest consummation, by means of which, having adopted the right path, the human being can reach God."

("IZALA-I-AUHAM" by Hazrat Ahmad, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam)

SPIRITUAL PROGRAM OF AHMADIYYA CENTENNARY GRAND PROJECT

All the Ahmadies in the United States of America are reminded that when Hazrat Ameerul Momeneen Khalifatul Masih III launched the grand project of Ahmadiyya Centennary Scheme, he laid great stress on its spiritual program, which in a nutshell is that the members of the Ahmadiyya Community are required:

1. To keep an optional fast each month till the Ahmadiyya Community completes a hundred years on its establishment.
2. To pray daily two optional RAKATS after Isha SALAT any time up to the appearance of DAWN and supplicate to Allah for the dominance of Islam and the progress of the Community. If one fails to pray at the prescribed time, then one can observe these two RAKATS after ZUHAR SALAT.
3. To recite Sura FATIHA while pondering over its meanings at least seven times each day.
4. To repeat the following words of glorification, invocation of God's blessings upon the Holy Prophet and seeking forgiveness from Allah for one's sins at least thirty three times each day:
 - a. SUBHANALLAHI WA BE HAM-DIHEE SUBHANALLAHIL AZEEM
ALLAHUMMA SALLE ALA MUHAMMADIN WA AALI MUHAMMADIN
i.e., Holy is Allah and glorified be

He with His praise, Holy is Allah, the Sublime. O Allah, shower Thy blessings upon Muhammad and his followers.

- b. ASTAGHFIRULLAHA RAB-BEE MIN KULLI ZAMBIN WA ATOOBO ILAIHI
i.e., I beg pardon from Allah, my Lord, for all my sins and I turn to him.
5. To pray the following prayers eleven times each day:
 - a. RABBANA AFRIGH ALAINA SABRAN WA SABBIT AQ-DAMANA WANSURNA

ALAL QAUMIL KAFIREEN
i.e., O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people

- b. ALLAHUMMA INNA NAJ'-ALOKA FEE NOHOORIHIM WA NA'OOZO BIKA MIN SHUROORIHIM
i.e., O Allah, we put Thee against them, and seek Thy shelter against their mischief.

Jamaats are advised to fix any Monday or Thursday of each month for the optional fast.

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Walk upon the earth with good hearts, and pure tempers, and pure thoughts. Not every evil is worth fighting, so cultivate the habit of forgiveness and forbearance and behave and keep your passions under complete control. If you take part in a discussion, or in an exchange of views on a religious subject, express yourself gently and be courteous. If anyone misbehave towards you, withdraw from such company exchanging greetings of peace. If you are persecuted or reviled be mindful that you should not meet stupidity with stupidity, for otherwise you will be accounted in the same category as your opponents. God Almighty desires that you should become a Community that should set an example of goodness and truthfulness for the whole world. Hasten to exclude everyone from your company who sets an example of evil, and mischief, and provocation, and ill-behaviour. He who cannot dwell among us in meekness, goodness and piety, using gentle words and comporting himself in ways of good conduct should depart from us quickly, for God does not desire that such a one would dwell among us. He will die miserably, for he did not adopt a good way. Be alert, therefore, and be truly good-hearted, and gentle, and righteous. You will be known by your regular attendance at Prayer services and your high moral qualities. He who has the seed of evil embedded in him will not be able to conform to this admonition.

Your hearts should be purified of deceit, your hands should be innocent of wrong, your eyes should be free from impurity and there should be nothing inside you except truth and sympathy for mankind. I trust that my friends who dwell with me in Qadian will set a high example in respect of all their faculties. I do not desire that among our pious Community there should be anyone of suspicious conduct or to whose behavior any exception might be taken, or who should be inclined toward disorderliness or should suffer from any other kind of impurity. If we hear any complaint against anyone that he deliberately disregards the obligations due to God Almighty, or keeps company which indulges in mockery or nonsense, or is guilty of any kind of misconduct, he will be immediately excluded from the Community and will no longer be able to remain with us. . . . A harvest that is prepared with labour and ripens, also contains some weeds that have to be cut down and burnt; such is the law of nature from which our Community cannot be exempt. I know that those who are truly the members of my Community have been bestowed hearts by God Almighty which naturally hate evil and love goodness, and I hope that they will set a good example for people (*Tablegh Risalat*, Vol. VII, pp. 42-5).

KHALIFATUL MASIH EID MUBARAK MESSAGE

Hazrat Ameerul Momeneen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III sent the following Message to the Missionary-in-Charge U.S.A. and the Jamaat on the occasion of Eidul Fitr: ASSALAMO ALAIKUM AND EID MUBARAK TO YOU AND THE JAMAAT. MAY ALLAH GRANT YOU ALL TRUE HAPPINESS AND BLESS YOU ALL WITH HIS INFINITE MERCY AND GRACE. KHALIFATUL MASIH"

JAMAAT ACTIVITIES

Staley, N.C.: The Southern Atlantic Jamaat observed the Tabligh Day by accepting an invitation from a local priest of Moon Baptist Church to speak on Islam during thier regular service. The presentation was made by Rasheed Azam who recited Surah Fatiha, the first chapter of the Holy Quran. The concepts of Allah and Rabb were explained in detail. The meaning and two all important aspects of Islam were narrated with clarity. First, that there is no god but One God, worthy of worship, the everliving God. Almighty without any partner; it is the duty of each individual to recognise his Creator, understand Him and get closer to Him. Secondly, Islam is the living Faith, complete in its education and comprehensively covers the needs of all the peoples and meets all challenges of any given time. A Muslim conducting himself properly and living this life under the true guidance of the Holy Quran should provide the picture of the essence of Islam. The address ended with further references to Chapter 19 of the Holy Quran and a reading from Psalms of David. The audience expressed their appreciation and the speaker was requested to address the congregation in the near future.

York, PA.: The Jamaat held a discussion with the missionaries of the Church of the Latter Day Saints of Christ (Mormons) on similarities and differences of their respective faiths.

The Jamaat has been blessed with a new convert in the person of Ali Ebrahim King, a Lebanese American. Alhamdo Lillah. May Allah grant him steadfastness and enable him to bring other peoples in the fold of Ahmadiyyat, the True Islam.

Juma'a Services were regularly held at the Nooruddin School of York. Jamaat and auxilary meetings were also held on Sunday.

San Francisco, CA: Beside the general meeting held in the first week of each month, weekly classes of Yassarnal Quran, the Holy Quran and its translation were conducted wherein ten

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear President:

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatul-lahi Wa Barakatuhooh!

Hazur has been pleased to visit the U.S.A. and meet Ahmadi brothers and sisters on two different dates, and two different locations.

Those Ahmadies living in the Western states of the U.S.A. shall meet Hazrat Sahib in San Francisco, California on Sunday, September 14. Those Ahmadies living in the Eastern states shall meet Hazrat Sahib, Sunday, September 21, 1980, in Washington, D.C.

Brothers, since every Ahmadi's top priority should be to meet our beloved Khalifa, his visit will be the greatest event for our community this year. Because of this blessed visit brothers, we will not hold our annual convention this year. Brothers, after having journeyed to Washington and San Francisco to see Hazrat Sahib in September and then return again to Washington in October. Most members would not be able to make the second trip, therefore making our convention not well attended..

Our meeting with Hazrat Sahib will more than fulfill the purpose of our annual convention. Let every member do his utmost to attend one of the meetings with Hazrat Sahib, in the same spirit we would attend our annual convention.

Was Salam!

Your Brother in Islam,
Musaffar Ahmad Zafr
National President

to fifteen young and old, male and female took part and had lessons according to their standard.

The Tabligh Day was started by gathering in the Mission House where prayers led by Maulvi A. U. Kaleem were supplicated for the success of the sacred task. The members went to different areas and more than four hundred leaflets were presented to the appropriate persons. The verbal discussion was also held with some people.

PRAYERS OF A MUSLIM

While going shopping a Muslim is enjoined to say:

BISMILLAHI ALLAHUMMA INNEE AS'ALOKA KHAIRA HAZAS SOOQI WA KHAIRA MA FEEHA WA A'OOZO BIKA MIN SHARRIHA WA SHARRI MA FEEHA ALLAHUMMA INNEE A'OOZOBIKA AN ASEEB A FEEHA SAFQATAN KHASIRATAN—In the name of Allah, O my Lord, I seek of Thee the best of this market, and the best of what is in there. And I seek shelter with Thee from its harm and the harm that is therein. O my Lord, I seek Thy protection from making a bad bargain.

On seeing an afflicted person a Muslim is enjoined to say:

ALHAMDO LILLAHILLAZEE AAFANEE MIMMABTALAKA BIHEE WA FAZZALANEE ALA KASEERIM MIMMAN KHALAQA TAFZEELA—All praise be to Allah Who preserved me from what He has afflicted you with, and has given me preference over many others of His creatures.

On gaining his object a Muslim is enjoined to say:

ALHAMDO LILLAHILLAZEE BINI'AMATIHEE TATIMMO MUSSALIHATO—All praise be to Allah Whose grace alone brings all good things to fruition.

HIDDEN PEARLS

Muhammad, the Prophet
Of Arabia, is the sovereign
Of both the worlds, whose portals
Are guarded by the Holy Ghost
I cannot dare to say
He is the Lord God; but this
I say, with the utmost
Confidence, that whosoever
Has discernment enough
To realize the sublimity
Of his elevated rank,
He also comes to know
The Lord!
(Hazrat Ahmad)

ISLAMIC TEACHINGS ON KINDNESS TO CHILDREN AND THEIR TRAINING

The rising generation plays a vital part in the progress and retrogression of the nations. If a nation can thoroughly manage the physical, spiritual, intellectual and moral development of its young ones, then it certainly secures itself from the danger of degeneration.

In view of this basic principle, the Holy Founder of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of God be upon him) has bound upon each Muslim to adorn his children with excellent education and training. He says, "MA NAHALA WALIDUN WALADAN MIN NAHLIN AFZALA MIN ADABIN HASANIN—No father can give a better present to his child than bringing him up well."

Whereas the Holy Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of God be upon him) has directed each Muslim to the training of children and thus leaving behind a best posterity, he has also disclosed the best principles of training.

Childhood is an age of learning. If the children are told anything with love and affection, they grasp it attentively and gain benefit through the rest of their lives. This golden principle has been propounded by the Holy Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of God be upon him) in the following words. He says, "LAISA MINNA MAN LAM YARHAM SAGHEERANA WA YUWAQQIR KABEERANA—A person who does not show love and kind-

ness to children nor respect to the elderly people has nothing to do with Islam. It means, to show kindness to children has been declared as part of the religion in the Islamic teachings.

The second principle of training stressed upon by the Holy Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of God be upon him) is IKRAMI AULAD—Honour of children. He says, "AKRIMO AULADAKUM WA AHSINO ADABAHUM—Honour your children and give them the best training.

His own example regarding the honouring of the children is clear from the fact, that whenever his daughter Fatima visited him, he stood up to

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ATFAL GRADUATES HONORED

Atfal, staff, and parents gathered for the 1980 East Coast Atfal Summer School graduation on July 13th at the Baltimore mosque.

In compliance with the request of Hazrat Khalfatul-Masih III, Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya organized the fourth such summer school which included daily classes in Quran and Arabic, History, Prayers and Doctrines. The youth also enjoyed daily sports and special evening programs including a swim, cook-out, and debate at the residence of Muhammad Hafeez.

The students were given thorough examinations and accordingly earned the awards of the Atfal program for accumulated knowledge. Some evidenced strong regular training at home and in their local jama'at's Atfal classes.

A unique and beautiful certificate was designed for the summer schools program and presented with the medals and bars worn on the uniform white shirt. Follows the list of participants and awards presented at the graduation by Yahya A. Sharif as Nazim-Atfal:

ANSER AHMAD (Washington): Badr-ul-Atfal, Shaheen-ul-Atfal, 1st and 2nd Achievement Bars, 3rd Place Oratory Certificate.

AHMAN TARIQ SHARIF (York):

Badr-ul-Atfal, Shaheen-ul-Atfal, 1st and 2nd Achievement Bars, 1st Place Oratory Silver Medal.

MUSA SHARIF (York): Badr-ul-Atfal, 1st and 2nd Achievement Bars, Senior Class Silver Medal for Scholarship, Honorable Mention in Oratory.

JAWAD AHMAD MALIK (Washington): Badr-ul-Atfal, 1st and 2nd Achievement Bars.

HARUN RASHID (York): Badr-ul-Atfal, 1st and 2nd Achievement Bars, 2nd Place Oratory Certificate.

KALEEM AHMAD NASIR (New York): 1st and 2nd Achievement Bars, Honorable Mention in Oratory.

ABRAHAM IKRAM ZAFR (Willingboro): 2nd Achievement Bar, Silver Medal for Service, Intermediate Class Certificate for Scholarship.

HAMMAD AHMAD MALIK (Washington): 2nd Achievement Bar, Certificate for Service.

ABDUL NUR MALIK (Willingboro): Silver Medal for Muslim Spirit.

WAJID MAHMUD BASHIR (York): 2nd Achievement Bar.

AHMAD MUNIB SAEED (Washington): 2nd Achievement Bar.

DAOUD TARIQ PARKER (Baltimore): Junior Class Certificate for Scholarship.

SALEEM AHMAD ARSHED (Newark): Certificate for Participation.

WASIM AHMAD NASIR (New York): Certificate for Participation.

JAMAL ILYAS (Baltimore): Certificate for Participation.

Gifts were also presented to Anser Ahmad and A. Tariq Sharif who served as Saiqs throughout the school. Both are 14 and will become Khuddam at the beginning of 1981.

Poem scrolls received from Qaid-i-A'la Abdul Kabir Haqqe were also presented to the staff, all of whom donated a full week of their time to make the school successful. The Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya expresses its gratitude to ALLAH AL-KARIM for the service of such fine and dedicated brothers:

SARDAR RAFIQ AHMAD, Qaid NE Zilla, Senior Class Teacher

SALEEM ABDUL MUHAIMIN, Qaid SE Zilla, School Murabbi

DR. NAZIR AHMED, Imam-us-Salat, Intermediate Class Teacher

ABDUS SAMI KHALIQ, Zaim Boston, Junior Class Teacher

ABDUL FATAH AINA, Zaim Baltimore, Assistant Murabbi

AHMAD KHALID, Secretary York Khuddam, Assistant Murabbi

Also receiving scrolls for appreciation were ABDUL HAFEZ, Sadr Jama'at Baltimore, the host jama'at and MUHAMMAD and AZEEZA HAFEZ, special hosts.

ISLAMIC TEACHINGS

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receive her, caressed her and made her sit on his own seat. Hence, due regard must be given to the self respect of children. They should be addressed in respectable terms, and should not be treated in a way which could degrade them before their peers.

The third principle propounded by the Holy Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of God be upon him) regarding the training is to practise justice and equity. One should not be shown preference without reasonable cause. Nu'aman Bib Bashir, a companion of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), relates that once his father favoured him with a present, thereupon, his mother told him that she does not like this presentation unless he requests the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) to stand as witness to this deal. So, Nu'aman's father went to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and narrated the whole story. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) enquired of him, whether he had given such gifts to all his children, to which he replied in the negative. Thereupon, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) rebuked him saying, "Have God's fear and observe equity among all the children". Consequently, Nu'aman's father took back the presentation from him.

In accordance with the Islamic teachings, the time of a child's training starts immediately after his birth, hence,

Islam has exhorted to pay attention towards children from that very moment. When a child attains the age of about two years and starts to eat by himself, he must be taught table manners. As he grows in his age accordingly, he must be acquainted with the manners of affability and correct dealing with the society.

The Holy Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of God be upon him) taught the children who ate sitting near by him these manners by saying, "SAM-MILLAHA WA KUL BIYAMEENIKA WA KUL MA YALEEKA—O dear ones, mention the name of God your Benefactor who has provided you with the meal, before you start eating; then eat with your right hand and eat what is before you."

Again, Islam teaches us that whenever Muslims meet each other, their greetings should be with the words of Assalamo Alaikum. This means, may we be safe from every trouble and adversity. It was the practice of the Holy Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of God be upon him) to greet children with Assalamo Alaikum whenever he met them, thus giving them a lesson, that they too should keep it in mind of greeting with these words whenever they meet one another.

Childhood is an age of play and sport. As training for children, it is essential to make them play, mix among them, teach them lovingly what they ought to be taught, and please them with humor. This will incline them to us and we would be able to convey important is-

sues to them.

The Holy Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of God be upon him) was the Prophet of God. He was entrusted with the heaviest task of the world's guidance. Nevertheless, despite of all these responsibilities, he used to be very kind to children. At times, he asked his grandchildren, Hasan and Husain, to stand on his feet by putting their feet on his and ask them to rise up and thus make them play.

Anas Bin Malik (who was young and was in the service of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him) says that, "At times the Holy Prophet comes to us, the children, mixes amongst us and talks to us in jokes and witticisms". Anas further says that he had a younger brother by the name of Abu Umair, who had reared a nightingale and used to play with it. Accidentally the bird died, and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), cutting a joke with him said, "YA ABA UMAIR MA FA'ALAN NUGHAIR—O Abu Umair, what happened to your nightingale?" Thus he consoled him.

Hazrat Ibn Umar was a great Muslim saint, and had been blessed with the company of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and his training. Abu Aqba relates that once while he was accompanying Hazrat Ibn Umar when in the way he saw some black children playing, thereupon he stood there and encouraged them on their good performances and even donated them two Dirhams as a prize.

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ISLAM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER RELIGIONS

A preamble of a speech delivered by Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Missionary-in-Charge, West Coast Region, to the class of Prof. Donam H. Wakefield, Dept. of Religious Studies at the University of Santa Clara, California.

1. All assertions and arguments drawn from and based on the Holy Quran. A faith that claims to be based on revelation, all fundamental guidance must be found in or derived from the

revelation on which it bases itself. Guidance derived from other sources, however beneficial, cannot, in reason be attributed to that faith. Hence, I shall base myself in all that I have to say on the Holy Quran and the Sayings of the Holy Prophet of Islam.

2. The Quran is the record of the direct verbal revelation vouchsafed by God to Muhammad the Prophet of Islam over a period of 23 years.

3. Islamic Conception of God: The

Quran opens with the verse "All worthiness of praise belongs to God, Who has created, nourishes, sustains and leads, stage by stage towards perfection, all the worlds" (1:2). According to Islam, the Divine attribute of RABBUL AALAMEEN (the meaning of which I have given already) has manifested itself not only in making provision for the material needs of man, but has, through the ages, made provision for his spiritual guidance.

4. **Islam is the Completion of Religion** (as it has been stated in the Quran 5:3) inaugurated by God in the beginning of the world on His sending the Quran through the Prophet Mohammad..

5. **The Quran Gathers Together in Itself the Truths Which Were Contained in any Divine Revelations Granted to any People for the Guidance of Men** (98:2).

6. **Islam, an Arabic Word, Means Peace;** surrender of one's will, and to be in amity and concord. A Muslim is he who makes his peace with God and man. Peace with God implies complete submission to His Will Who is the source of all purity and goodness, and peace with man implies the doing of good to fellow man; and both these ideas are expressed in the Quran—"Yes he who submits himself entirely to Allah, and he is a doer of good (to others) these shall have no fear nor shall they grieve" (2:112).

7. **What is Religion?** It is the best way of leading life. And what is that way in the sight of God? The Quran says, "Verily the true religion with God is Islam" (3:20) i.e. complete submission to the laws of God. And what other course is it possible for one to adopt beside this religion? Because, "To Him doth everything that is in the Heavens and in the Earth submit, in willing or forced obedience" (Quran 3:84). Hence, if anybody seeks to follow a course other than that of Islam (submission to Divine commands) it will not be accepted of him; such a course will lead only to ruin and loss (Quran 3:89).

8. **Islam Advocates that God Sent Prophets to Each and Every Nation:** "And we did raise among every people a Messenger preaching, 'Worship Allah alone and shun every transgressor' " (16:37), "There is no people to whom a Warner has not been sent" (35:25) and "There is a Guide for every people" (13:8).

9. **Islam Requires Belief in all Prophets:** "Say, 'We believe in Allah and in that which has been revealed to us, and that which was revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Tribes, and that which was given to Moses and Jesus and other Prophets from their Lord. We make no

distinction between any of them, and to Him we submit' "(3:85). "We sent some Messengers whom we have already mentioned to thee and some Messengers whom we have not mentioned to thee" (4:165). This in fact is reference to Buddha, Krishna, Confucious, etc.

10. **As Regards Previous Revelations,** the attitude of Islam may be judged from among others the following, "Surely We sent down Torah wherein is guidance and light. By it did the Prophets, who were obedient to Us, judge for the Jews as did the godly people and those learned in the Law" (Quran 5:45). And again, "And We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow in their footsteps, fulfilling that which was revealed before him in the Torah, and We gave him the gospel which contained guidance and light fulfilling that which was revealed before it in the Torah and a guidance and admonition for the God fearing " (Quran 5:47).

11. **Islam Has Proclaimed Complete Freedom of Conscience:** "There shall be no compulsion in religion. Surely guidance has become distinct from error" (2:257). "Say, 'O Prophet, the Truth is from your Lord, wherefore, let him who will believe, and let him who will disbelieve' " (18:30). The manner of propagation of faith is clearly laid down in the Quran: "Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation and argue with them in a way that is best" (16:126).

12. **A Way of Accord Between all Those Who Believe in God and in Divine Revelation Has Been Proclaimed in the Quran:** "Say, 'O people of the Book, come to a word equal between us and you - that we worship none but God, and that we associate no partner with Him and that some of us take not others for lords beside God', but if they turn away, then say, 'Bear witness that we have submitted to God' "(Quran 3:63).

13. **The Advent of Muhammad the Prophet of Islam in Fulfillment of the Prophecies of Previous Prophets, Particularly of Moses and Jesus:** "And verily this is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds. The Spirit, Faithful to the Trust, has descended with it on thy heart that thou mayest be of the

Warners, in plain and clear Arabic tongue. And it is surely mentioned in the Scriptures of the former peoples. And is it not a Sign to them that the learned among the children of Israel know it?" (Quran 2:41-42)

"O children of Israel! remember My favour which I bestowed upon you, and fulfil your covenant with Me, I will fulfil My covenant with you, and Me alone should you fear. And believe in what I have sent down which fulfils that which is with you, and be not the first to disbelieve therein, and barter not My Signs for a paltry price, and take protection in Me" (Quran 7:158).

"Verily, We have sent to you a Messenger who is a witness over you, even as We sent a Messenger to Pharaoh" (Quran 73:16).

"Say, 'Tell me, if this is from Allah and you disbelieve therein, and a witness from among the children of Israel bears witness to the advent of one like him, and he believed' " (Quran 46:11).

14. **Prophecy of Moses About a Prophet Like Unto Him:** "And the Lord said unto me, 'They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him' " (Deuteronomy 18:17-19).

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The training of children is a delicate job, as at times one has to face such difficulties in this duty that one is perplexed and does not know what steps to take for the solution of the problem. In such circumstances the Holy Book of the Muslims has taught them to pray: "RABBANA HAB LANA MIN AZ-WAJINA WA ZURRIYYATINA QURRATA A'AYUNIN WAJALNA LILMUTTAQEENA IMAMA—O our Lord Allah, empower us to train our children best so that their future may shine and turning as the bright stars of the nation and the community, they may become the delight of our eyes.

IMPORTANCE OF JUMU'A OR FRIDAY SERVICE

Allah the Exalted says in the Holy Quran, "YA AYYUHALLAZEENA AMANOO IZA NOODIYA LISSALATI MIN YAOMIL JUMO'ATI FAS'AU ILA ZIKRILLAHI WA ZARUL BAI'A ZALIKUM KHAI-RUL LAKUM IN KUNTUM TA'AL-AMOON—O ye who believe! When the call is made for Prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah, and leave off all business. That is better for you, if you only knew" (62:10).

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) talked about Friday and said:

1. "FEEHI SA'ATUN LA YOWAFIQOHA ABDUN MUSLIMUN WA HOWA QA'IMUN YOSALLEE YAS'ALULLAHA TA'ALA SHAI'AN ILLA A'ATAHO IYYAHO WA ASHARA BIYADIHEE YOQALLILOHA—There is an hour (opportune time) on Friday and if a Muslim gets it while praying and asks something from Allah the Exalted, then Allah will definitely meet his demand. And he (the Holy Prophet) pointed out the shortness of that time with his hands." (BUKHARI)

2. "MAN TARAKA SALASA JUMA'IN TAHAWONAN BIHI TABA'ALLAHO ALA QALBIHEE—Whoever omits three Friday services, making light of it, Allah sets a seal on his heart." (ABU DAUD)

3. "Let my people beware of neglecting the Friday Prayer, else Allah will set a seal upon their hearts and they will be counted among the negligent ones." (MUSLIM)

4. "INNAN NABIYYA SALLALLAHO ALAIHI WA AALIHEE WA SALLAM QALA LIQAUMIN YATAKHALLAFOONA ANIL JUMU'ATI LAQAD HAMAMTO AN AA'MORA RAJULAN YUSALLEE BINNASI SUMMA OHARRIQO ALA RIJALIN YATAKHALLAFOONA ANIL JUMU'ATI BOYUTAHUM—The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) said about the people who stay behind from Jumu'a, I had almost determined that I should order a man to lead the people in prayer, then I should burn the houses of those who absent from Jumu'a on them."

The Promised Messiah Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) says, "Of all the religious obligations of a Muslim, the most important is prayer, and of all the prayers, none is so essential to be offered in congregation as the Juma'a prayer. The Jumu'a is in fact the greatest Muslim festival. The Holy Quran regards it as a holiday. A whole chapter of the Holy Book entitled 'The Jumu'a' has been devoted to it. In that chapter Almighty God commands the Muslims to quit all their worldly affairs when they are summoned to the prayers on Friday, to assemble in mosques and say the Juma'a prayers with due observance of all the requirements of the Law. The person who does not act in obedience to these injunctions is regarded by the Holy Quran as guilty of deadly sin, and almost outside the pale of Islam. Far more stress has been laid upon attendance of the Jumu'a Sermon and the Jumu'a prayers than upon the Eid. It is on account of this importance of the Jumu'a in the Muslim faith that Friday has been observed as a holiday among the Muslims from the very earliest time of Islam."

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