

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْكَرِيمِ وَعَلَى عَائِلَتِهِ الْمَسِيحِ الْمَوْعُودِ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

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An Ahmadi Must Live Islam

Exhorts Khalifatul Masih

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An Ahmadi must live Islam, must follow the law of Shariat, must be an example to others, only then can he succeed and he will succeed INSHA ALLAH to bring most of humanity as promised under the banner of Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam (peace and blessings of God be upon him). It was with these words that Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III concluded his Friday sermon delivered here on September 19, 1980 at the American Fazl Mosque during his recent tour of the United States. A gist of the sermon is given below for the benefit of the readers:

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said, it must be clear in our mind that Allah the Almighty has not given the power to any man to peep into the minds of others and sees and declare that the mind is full of faith or it is empty. It is for Allah to declare a person, a true Muslim or just a Muslim in name only Quran Kareem says:

قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا قُلْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا أَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ

There was a section of Muslims in the life of Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam who called themselves Momin. Allah says, tell them

قُلْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا أَسْلَمْنَا

you are not Momin, still you are allowed to call yourselves Muslims.

وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ

The faith, Iman has not yet entered your hearts. Your hearts are empty of Iman-faith. Allah allows you to call yourselves Muslims. In this verse, Quran Kareem states that this section of Muslims have no faith in their hearts. They are allowed to call themselves Muslims.

In another verse their condition is described

رُبَّمَا يَوْمِنَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْآوَهُمْ مَشْرِكُونَ

It means, and most of them believe not in Allah without at the same

time associating partners with Him. They call themselves Momins and they are Mushrik at the same time. They take partners with Allah. This is the real condition of the hearts of such a people, about whom Allah says, the faith has not yet entered your hearts, but still you are allowed to call yourselves Muslims.

This is a one type of a Muslim. Another is the one, that the faith has entered in their hearts and never leaves it. They are always Momins, always Muslims, always ready to submit to the Will of their Creator—Allah. They are always ready to sacrifice every thing in the cause of Allah. They fear none but Allah. They are not afraid of anybody else. They have full faith in Allah. They have complete trust in Allah. They get all the blessings from Allah, and do not see to the left or to the right.

There are many attributes of Allah mentioned in the Holy Quran. I mention a few. The Holy Quran says: He is Allah, the One, Allah, the Independent and Besought of all. He begets not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him. He supports all and nothing supports Him. He is not wearied by supporting the heavens and the earth. He is above all weakness and feebleness and lack of power. Allah is He beside whom there is none worthy of worship. The Ever-Living, the Source of all life, the Self-Subsisting and All-Sustaining. Slumber seizes Him not, nor sleep. He is Master of the Day of Judgement. He keeps the recompense to everyone in His own hand. He has appointed no agent to whom He has committed the government of the heavens and the earth having withdrawn from it altogether being no longer concerned with it leaving it to the agent. The determination of all recompense at all times. He had every particle of the universe within His sight and deals with it as He wills. Allah according to Islam is personal Allah. He is a personal God. He is not an impersonal God as people think. He has a connection with everything, with every particle, with every man He has created. He decides how long a thing should exist. He sees that man is either rewarded or punished according to his work and deeds. If he does a good thing he is rewarded, if bad he is punished, but Allah alone punishes him. All the teachings of Islam, all the principles we find in the Quran make it quite clear that it is only Allah Who either forgives or

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punishes and it is only to Allah that we should look for forgiveness and for rewards.

Some Ahmadies think that we should do something so that the amendment in Pakistan calling us not-Muslims should be removed. The chieftain of Mecca called Muhammad Sallallahu Alaiha Wa Sallam Sabi—not Muslim. He did not move a single start to remove this verdict of theirs. What he did was to go on the work Allah demanded him to do—to pray for them, to do good to them, to see that they are given what is due to them; that they are treated with justice and no injustice is done to them. And Allah so managed the whole thing that one day the same people who were hostile to him, who had so much enmity against him, who hated him started loving him. In one day whole of Mecca practically was converted to Islam and nobody knew even a day before what was going to happen. So it is our duty to pray for everybody who is against Ahmadiyyat the True Islam, who is against Ahmadies the true Muslims and pray to Allah that He changes their hearts. Because Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam declared once that the heart of man is just like this between the two fingers of God, and if He just changes a little—the angle is changed the whole feeling of the heart is changed; the whole conception is changed, the anger becomes love, the enmity friendship. We should not worry about it what people call us. What we should worry about is what Allah sees in us. If in Allah's eyes we are Muslims and Momins then we have no worry at all, because Allah alone has the power to reward and has the power to send us to His heaven. No other being can send us to the heaven created for good people after the death. We call ourselves true Muslims and true Momins. Lip-service is not enough. We must prove that we are really true Momins, true Muslims and prove it to our Creator. He should see in our hearts the faith which He want to see, the will to do as He commands us to do, to dedicate ourselves in the cause of Islam to be determined to bring whole of humanity under His banner.

A true Muslim in the words of Quran is one

قُلْ إِنْ صَاحِبِي وَنُكْبِي وَهَيْبَتِي وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٠﴾
لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٠١﴾

Say, my prayer and my sacrifice and my life and my death are all for Allah the Lord of the world. He has no partner and so I am commanded and I am first of those who submit themselves to His will. In another verse Quran Kareem says

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ
عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٤٠٤﴾

Nay, whoever submit himself completely to Allah is a true Muslim. Whoever submit himself completely to Allah and he is a doer of good deed shall have his reward from his Lord, no fear shall come upon such neither shall they grieve. In another verse Quran Kareem says:

فَإِنْ حَاجَّكَ فَقُلْ أَسْلَمْتُ وَجْهِي لِلَّهِ وَمَنْ

اتَّبَعَن

If they start arguing with you calling you not-Muslim, your reply should be to declare to the world and to your enemy

فَإِنْ حَاجَّكَ فَقُلْ أَسْلَمْتُ وَجْهِي لِلَّهِ وَمَنْ

اتَّبَعَن

if they dispute with thee, say, I have surrendered myself completely to Allah and also those who follow me. We have pledged to Mahdi Alaihis Salam. He came to revive Islam. He came to give life to the Muslims who were practically dead as far as spiritual life was concerned. They said they are Muslims but as Allah has said their hearts were empty of faith. They said they were Muslims but they never cared for their Creator. They did not pray to Him. They never thought of Him. They had no

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fear of Him in their hearts. They were never conscious that nothing is hidden from Him, and every bad thing we do He knows it and He has the power and ability to punish us if He so wills. They claimed that they were Muslims but they went to the graves of certain people whom they considered big in Islam and prayed to those dead ones and not to Allah. There are hundreds and thousands of them like these. Some of them call themselves Muslims and committed all types of crimes—the things forbidden by Allah in Quran.

We had belief, we believed in Mahdi Alaihis Salam and he declared that he has come

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to give life to Deen by giving life to Muslims and he will make the people realize that it is for good of them to follow the law of Islam. Some Muslims are heard saying, a Book revealed 14 hundred years ago is not able to solve our problems today. It is wrong. The Book the Holy Book Quran Azeem was revealed by All-Knowing God Who knows the past, the present and the future. Nothing is hidden from Him and He knew all the problems which humanity had to face in the future and the solution of those problems we find in Quran.

I had been declaring in my conferences in Europe that you are not only piling up the weapons of destruction, you are also piling up the problems you do not know the solution of; and a day is going to dawn when you find yourselves in a blind alley and there are piles and piles of problems and no solution. That is the day when Islam would come and say, that I have all the solution for all these problems and then you have to accept it. It is not only a Book concerning you with the past. It is a Book, it is really a great Book concerned with the problems of man who lives today, and it has got every solution of the problems which we do not know today but with which INSAN—mankind has to face 50 years say 100 years afterwards till doomsday. We can give to such people examples

hundreds of them you know where they have failed and Islam gives them, teaches them the true solution of those problems.

For instance, the labour problem. This is a new problem. This is the child of industrial revolution. When this great industrial revolution occurred the labour gathered together in thousands. I know some industries concerned which employ 20,000, 30,000 labourers. That created problems. Some times the labour in that concern feels that they are not given what is due to them, then they decide that they should strike to secure their rights. But the unfortunate people do not know what the rights are. For instance, you know that it is always for a rise in the wages, say a rise of 20 dollars a week. They think they are fighting to secure their rights, and it is wrong. It is wrong because every labourer in that concern has not got the same necessity the same rise. There is one who is alone. If the demand is granted and the wages are increased by 20 dollars, that one man will benefit 20 dollars a week that would be the benefit to that one individual. But if another labourer working in the same industrial concern fighting to secure the wages taking part in that strike, contributing to the struggle to get the rights, he is married and he has got three children. Now if the rise is 20 dollars every one of the five will get four dollars increase because he has got five mouths to feed, five bodies to clothe, five persons to see that they keep good health and everybody thinking that they are fighting to get the same thing out of it. They are not getting the same thing you know. One labourer is only one to benefit from the rise. The other labourer has got five persons to get benefit of four dollars increase each member of the family. If, not here most probably but there must be some exception, but in our parts of the world there are families with eight children then the increase would be only 2 dollars per person. . .

Islam says, this Holy Book, clearly stated in it that every individual must be provided with everything required for the full development of all the faculties Allah has bestowed upon him. And the faculties are divided into four groups. Physical—the body requirements of food, the shelter, the clothing, to look after the health of the body. The intellectual. An intellectual, a genius born in a very poor family must be provided with all the means that he soars in the field of education and in intellectual sphere. Islam says that.

The moral and spiritual faculties. Islam says, every individual has got the right that all the inherent parts given by Allah must be fully developed and everything required for the full development of each and all of these faculties must be provided to him. You do not have such definition in the books of the philosophers, economists, socialists and communists. One of the slogans of the communists was, to each according to his need. And there is no definition of this term they use—the need. The result is, a communist Russia enters a communist Czechoslovakia with full brutal physical might. Did they need the shells and bombs of Russian Army? Because there is no definition the mischief is there.

Islam says peace. The basic principle declaration of Islam—I won't let you fight with each other. Live in peace, and then all those things which become the cause of bitterness and strife are removed in Islam. So it is not only a demand. It provided the means to fulfill that demand. If everybody is happy in his social life, for instance, disclarity the feeling, I use intentionally the word feeling.

Everyone feels that he is equal to every other man, then there will be no bitterness. Quran Kareem declares, says to Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam there is no supreme Prophet, but the best Prophet who brought a perfect law which has the capacity to serve humanity till doomsday. Quran Kareem says to him. Allah says to him

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ

as a human being, Bashar, I must explain, Bashar in Arabic means both male and female.

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ

As Bashar as human being I am an equal to all male and to all females. Great declaration you know, and he lived according to this declaration. I am afraid, you do not know his treatment with Bilal and other black slaves in Mecca and in Arabia. They were raised from the soil and made kings, and had Bilal, for instance, the respect of the Khalifa of the time. And in order to show to the world that as far as the social relationship of man is concerned, Islam makes no differentiation between men.

Islam, you must read Quran. It is a great religion. Islam says, don't hurt the feelings of others even if that person does not believe in God and uses abusive language against God. It is for God to punish him or to forgive him. But you have not got the right to use abusive language and hurt his feelings. Do justice to everybody, even to your enemies. The Christian fought two world wars against the Christians. What did you see in these two world wars, Christians fighting the Christians. And of course, when there is a war, one is a victor and the other is vanquished, and those who won the war did not forgive the Christians who were vanquished. They do not know how to forgive. But Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam, that was the first very sublime example of forgiveness. For a full thirteen years they persecuted him like anything you know. And when he migrated from Mecca to Medina they followed him with the hordes of their army, wanted to kill him and annihilate Muslims. Then one day the whole Arabia was changed and he came to Mecca with ten thousand warriors at their end. They were not warriors, and Meccan Chiefs who ruled Arabia they knew that their behaviour to Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam was so bad that he was entitled to deal with them in any way he likes. How he dealt with them. He said, go I forgive you all. Not only that, he declared, I forgive you and I pray to Allah that Allah also forgive you.

What happened to Germany and their allies after the end of the war. Revenge, retaliation, exploitation of money from them. I think the picture was, there was a dead body and the victor, the allies who won the war were snatching away the watches from the dead body and taking the purses from the dead body. Quran is not like that. Christianity silent. It does not give any guidance. This is true that we should not blame Christianity for the deeds of these Christians. But this is also a fact that the Testament is silent. It provides no guidance for these people. But Quran Kareem does provide guidance to humanity. Forgive, forgive, forgive, have no enmity against anybody. The basic principle is as I have just said, I won't allow you to fight with each other. Hatred for none, love for all. That is how we are winning the hearts of Africans in Africa. In a

short time you know in West African countries we have reclaimed more than 500,000 souls from Christianity and idol worshippers in Africa alone. We had no brutal force with us. When we went there we had not mountains of wealth with us. We went there with love in our hearts for them. We went there with this great Book in our hand.

In 1970 in a speech at Techiman in Ghana I declared: A high Bishop of Ghana was also present there, but he was sitting indifferently. He was there but he showed that he had no interest in our gathering. I declared, that one, I borrowed their term, I said, one who was a Paramount Prophet declared to you and to all.

انما انا بشر مثلكم

As a Bashar, as a human being there is no difference between me and all other human beings. Those who were junior to him like Moses and Christ, they or their followers cannot claim any superiority over you. I was told, I was not looking at that Bishop or whatever he was called, that he jumped in his chair, you know, as some one has slapped on his face. And this is the truth you know. We are going on winning their hearts with love and selfless service. That is what Islam stands for.

We are the followers of Mahdi Alaihis Salam and Mahdi says, I

TAHRIK-I-JADEED PLEDGES

All the Presidents of the Jamaats are requested to collect the Tahrik Jadeed contributions from those who made their pledges towards this blessed scheme launched more than forty-six years ago by Hazrat Muslihi Mau ood Khalifatul Masih II, for the spread of Islam all over the World with the establishment of Movement's centers in various countries of the globe, translations of the Holy Quran in different languages and publications of Islamic literature in important languages.

Further, they are requested to get promises for the next year and despatch the names along with the promises to Washington Headquarters for onward transmission to Rabwah, Pakistan. The members on their own are also requested to take part in this blessed scheme.

JAMAAT ACTIVITIES

YORK, PA — Friday services are held regularly in Nuruddin School. Br. Saleem A. Muhaimin has given a series of lectures on the Islamic conception of Freedom, Trust and Responsibility in the School since its present session started.

Alhaj A. Hamid Bhatti representing the York Jamaat slaughtered an animal of sacrifice at the exact time when our beloved Imam Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III was laying the foundations of the mosque in Peterabad-Cardoba, Spain.

The York Khuddamul Ahmadiyya has started a local Boy Scout troupe. The troupe is headed by an Ansar assisted by two Khuddam. The boys hiked over eight miles in one day to earn the appropriate badges. The weekly meetings are held regularly. All auxiliaries held their scheduled programs.

SEATTLE, WA — The Jamaat celebrated Religious Founders Day

have come

بحسب الدين وتقدم الشريعة

As I have just told you to give life to the dead Muslims or others, and to make them realize that it is for their good that they follow the laws of Shariat, the laws of Islam, the laws of Quran Kareem. We must try to give life to them. You are his followers. We must live Islam and be an example to everybody, otherwise we cannot succeed. If we tell lies, if we break our promises, if we live dirty lives, you know, against the laws of Quran. If Quran says

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live a clean life physically also. If we break each and every law and then go to a Christian and we beg him to join Islam, he will look at you and say, you are not following Islam, why do you want me to follow Islam.

So, an Ahmadi must live Islam, must follow the law of Shariat, must be an example to others, then he can succeed and he will succeed INSHA ALLAH to bring most of humanity as promised under the banner of Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam. May God give us that strength. Ameen.

ISLAM PREACHED TO STUDENTS

PLEASANT HILL, CA — Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem the Missionary-in-Charge West Coast Region addressed the two different classes of Pleasant Hill Institute of Religion on Islam. The speeches were followed by questions and answers wherein various aspects of Islamic teachings were explained by Maulvi Kaleem.

Maulvi Kaleem presented a copy of the Holy Quran and another of the Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam to the Director of the Institution, Dr. Gerald E. Jones for the Institution's library. The students and the teacher purchased a few copies of the Holy Quran and a lot of copies of the free literature in the form of leaflets on different subjects were distributed among the students.

on November 22, as was fixed in Calendar by holding a meeting in Hubb building of the Washington University and inviting thereto the peoples of various denominations. The meeting was chaired by Sahibzadah TAHIR Latif the grandson of Hazrat Sahibzadah Abdul Latif a unique companion of the Promised Messiah and a great martyr of Ahmadiyyat in Afghanistan.

The speakers who addressed the meeting were Yudamanyu, Abdul Raqib Muid, Kay Pugmeyer and Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem. The speakers explained in nutshell the lives and teachings of the founders of their religions—Karishna, Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them). This was followed by questions and answers which lasted more than one hour. The participants were served with light refreshments. The credit for the success of the meeting goes to the President of the Jamaat, Ch. Abdul Haye Siyal. The members of the Jamaat along with some of the invited guests were served with a delicious lunch at the house of Maj. Latif Ahmad Bajwah.

Therapeutic Effects of Namaz (Salat or Prayer)

By Dr. Zulaikha Sobani

—DAIVN KARACHI, JUNE 13, 1972

SPECIAL BENEFITS

The spiritual effects of Namaz are all too well known. Hence, I will not impose on you by listing them. However I will request all those who read this, to pause here briefly and carefully in their minds go over the benefits accruing from the regular offering of Namaz. I will try and point out just a few of the special benefits of the different Namaz sessions—particularly the physical and psychological ones. The collective benefits of regularly offering Namaz are so significant and far reaching that to say it is a panacea for all human ills would not be an exaggeration.

Every movement of the body from head to foot whilst offering the Namaz has been very meticulously planned and has a definite purpose. Being a physical therapist I feel God has been partial to physiotherapists. By offering His official sanction to Namaz He has, as if it were with one stroke of His pen, given the physiotherapists the green light to make all those who come under their influence to make them work with their body to achieve harmony and co-ordination.

Therapeutic effects of Namaz are known to establish balance in the various muscles of the body and are very effective in preventing as also curing back strain and back aches—going down from the erect position and then sitting on one's haunches—stretching all the muscles and nerves from the neck to the toes. It helps release all the tension in the muscles. Tense muscles are the starting point of most back aches—sciatica, lumbago etc. Headaches of some kinds, painful feet, frozen and stiff shoulders are loosened up and

the arthritic hands and fingers become strong, pain-free and co-ordinated. The salam at the end of the second, third and fourth rakats is extremely effective in stretching and loosening up and also for developing tone in the neck and face muscles. Bending forward and then standing up and then turning the head from side to side stretches and develops the neck muscles and those of the shoulder and spine.

GOOD POSTURE

As a result of the above physical effects men and women develop well balanced and co-ordinated muscles, a straight spine and a good posture. A good posture is the key to a plus personality. The collective result of all these physical effects is that one is liable to enjoy all the big and small blessings God has showered on human beings and which we tend to miss because of the hundred and one aches, pains and tensions.

If one were to offer Namaz correctly (i.e. slowly and patiently) he would develop the power of concentration and would learn to be tranquil. The repeated standing erect then bowing forward for the **Ruku** and then going down and bending forward for the **Sijdah** and back to the erect standing position in each **rakat** repeated so often 5 times a day; works the muscles of the back and limbs specially the quadriceps, tones them up and thus prevents arthritis and several other ills.

In the morning, prayer is the key that opens to us the treasures of God's mercies and blessings; in the evening it is the key that shuts us up under divine protection and safe keeping.

OBITUARY

After the shocking demise in September, of a great scholar, eloquent speaker, profound writer and an outstanding debator, in the person of Qazi Muhammad Nazeer, another Missionary Hafiz Bashiruddin Obaidullah has also left this transitory world for his eternal abode. INNA LILLAH WA INNA AILAIH RAJEOON.

The late Hafiz Bashiruddin was the son of Hafiz Obaidullah, the Jamaat first martyr Missionary in Mauritius, and the grandson of Hafiz Ghulam Rasool Wazcerabadi, a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and a renown Wa'iz of the Jamaat.

Hafiz Bashiruddin spent his entire life in the Missionary field and has carried out his religious duties in East Africa, Mauritius, Middle East and West Africa. Even at present he was carrying out his duties at the Headquarters when he suffered an heart attack on November 7, and breathed his last on that very day.

2. The sad demise of our Brother Abul Fazl of Detroit, Michigan has also taken place through heart attack in November. INNA LILLAH WA INNA AILAIH RAJEOON.

The late Brother Abul Fazl had been President of Detroit Jamaat for years and had served the Jamaat to the best of his talents.

3. Our brethren—Mansoor Ahmad, Arif Ahmad and Adiba Ahmad of Pennsylvania Jamaat have been bereaved with the death of their dear father—Manzoor Ahmad the proprietor of Bolan Radios, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. INNA LILLAH WA INNA AILAIH RAJEOON.

May Allah grant the four deceased Jannatul Firdous, and the patience to the members of their families. Ameen.

Majlis Sultan Al Qalam

All candidates for Majlis Sultan Al Qalam are urged to file their applications before December 31, 1980, in order that they may qualify as charter members, thereby having their names affixed to the governing articles as a matter of Ahmadiyya history. Send applications and fees to:

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Pork Prohibition Explained

Q. Why the pork (flesh of swine) is prohibited in Islam?

A. One matter to be kept in mind in this context is that in the very name of this animal God has indicated the reason for the prohibition of its flesh. The Arabic word for swine is *Khinzeer* which is compound of *Khanz* and *Ara*, which means: I see it very foul. Thus the very name that God Almighty gave to this animal

at the beginning points to its uncleanness. It is curious coincidence that in Hindi this animal is called *Suar*, which is a compound of *Su* and *Ara*. This also means: I see it very foul.

It is not necessary to enter into a detailed exposition of the foulness of this animal. Everyone knows that it eats filth and is utterly shameless. Thus the reason for the prohibition of its flesh is obvious, as by the law of nature its flesh would have a foul effect on the body and the soul of one who eats it. The food affects a person's soul and there can be no doubt that the flesh of such a foul animal would also be foul. Even in pre-Islamic times, Greek physicians had opined that the flesh of this animal particularly damages the faculty of modesty and fosters shamelessness.

The eating of carion is also prohibited in Islamic law for the same reason; that is to say, it affects the moral qualities adversely and is also harmful to physical health. The blood of an animal that is strangled or is beaten to death remains inside the body of the dead animal and they are all carrion. It is obvious that the blood of such an animal is soon corrupted and corrupts the whole flesh. It is established by research that the germs in such blood spread a poisonous corruption in the flesh of the dead animal.

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FUNDAMENTAL VIRTUES FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS BY HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MAISH III

1. Personal love of God the Exalted.
2. Love of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him).
3. Complete obedience to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him).
4. To cultivate, illumine and brighten that sense and reasoning which forbids evils.
5. To accelerate the planning to its final stage.
6. To cultivate the spirit of competition—each individual must endeavor to surpass the others in rendering sacrifices.
7. Each must be motivated with the spirit that we have to spread all over the world.

8. To cultivate the spirit of voluntary service.

9. Reliance on God should be raised to that standard where He alone is depended upon, and the heart is inspired by the faith that Allah the Exalted is our Guardian and He can implement all our projects.

(*The Daily Al-fazl*, January 19, 1977)

THE BEST AMONG YOU:

The person who learns the Holy Quran and teaches it to other.
(Hadis)

ATTENTION SCOUTS

The Ahmadi Muslim Scout Troop in York, Pennsylvania is now planning for a full week at one of the nearby Scout camps.

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 this 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 NABIYEEN, and KHAIRUL MURSALEEN, at whose hands Religion has been made perfect—at whose hands the blessings reaches 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.)

DO YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

- I The physical, Moral and spiritual states of man.
- II The State of man in the afterlife.
- III The object of man's life and the means of its attainment.
- IV The operation of practical ordinances of law in this life and the next.
- V Sources of divine Knowledge.

THEN GET A COPY OF

"THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM"

BY

HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD,
FOUNDER OF
THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM

Anyone registered anywhere in the country as a Scout is welcome and encouraged to come to camp with us in order to have the experience of Muslim living along with a solid advancement-oriented week of Scout skills training. Adult leaders as well as Scouts are most welcome. Anyone not now in Scouting may also join us if they register with a local Troop near your home, or even with our Troop. You must be 11 years of age or finished with the 5th grade.

Scout camp is above and beyond the Atfal Summer School which takes priority if one can go for only one week. In fact, preference will be given to those enrolled for the Atfal summer school. Ahmadi Muslim Scouts may be enrolled in the "In The Name of God Award" while at summer camp.

For further information, write to Saleem A. Muhaimin, Troop Committee Chairman, Ahmadiyya Muslim Center, 251 W. Cottage Place, York PA 17403.

THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE

Dr. Abdus Sattar Shah, after passing the days of his leave at Qadian, was about to return to his post (at Raiyya in the Sialkot district) and he intimated this fact to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), who asked him to write to him as often as he could. The doctor then said, "If God grant me life, I will, after completing the term of my service, come over to Qadian and settle permanently here, if God pleases."

There upon the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said, "There is only one way of having one's days lengthened and that way has been described in the following words of the Holy Quran, 'WA AMMA MA YANFA' UN-NASA FA YAMKUSU FIL-ARDH, i.e., the thing which benefits mankind much tarries long on the earth.'"

About 30 years ago, I had a severe attack of fever, so much so that I thought those moments to be the last moments of my life. When I became almost certain of this, I was inspired with the above words of the Holy Quran. At that time I could not understand in what way I was benefitting mankind or how I was to benefit humanity in the future. It is now that I understand the nature of those benefits. Hence, whoever desires to have his life lengthened, he should exhort men to do good deeds and should do good to God's creatures. When God sees a heart which is resolved on doing good to his creatures, He never lets such a heart perish.

God says in the Holy Quran, "LAQAD KHALAQNAL INSAANA FEE AHSANI TAQWEEM SUMMA RADADNAAHU ASFALA SAAF-ILEEN—We created man in the best make, then brought him down to the lowest of the low." This verse also alludes to the same principle. It is only when a man makes himself beneficial to humanity and is obedient to God, that the words "We created man in the best make" become applicable to him. If he does not do so, he is brought down to "the lowest of the low." If a man is destitute of these two qualities, i.e., he neither obeys the commandments of

God nor does any good to humanity, there is no difference between him and other animals, such as dogs, sheep, and goats.

It should also be remembered that if a man is overtaken by early death, after he has been obedient to God, he should think that he has lived long; for the object of a long life is only to win the pleasure of God by doing good to humanity and rendering obedience to Him, and that object has already been attained by him so that he feels no remorse at the time of death.

If a man is unable to do any good in practice, he should at least have a mind to do good, but if he is resolved on doing good, he will be rewarded for it. Moreover, a man who is earnestly desirous of doing good is enabled by God to do so. It is really God who enables man to do good. "A man cannot accomplish anything through his own exertions, unless he is aided with the Grace of God."

(Culled by Ata Ullah Kaleem)

WORD OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Be kind and merciful to humanity, for all are His creatures; do not oppress them with your tongue, or hands, or in any other way. Always work for the good of mankind. Never unduly assert yourselves with pride over others, even those who are placed under you. Never use abusive language for anyone, even though he abuses you. Be humble in spirit, kind and gentle, and forgiving, sympathetic towards all and wishing them well, so that you should be accepted.

[Christians are trying everything to interest the people — big lack of attendance. This may be a good comment on this. —Editor]

A unique event, a "clown worship service," will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, sponsored by the youth of the York District Lutheran Churches.

"This is not an attempt to bring the circus into the church or to make a sideshow out of worship," say the sponsors, "but

PEARLS OF ISLAM

The Answer of the Derwish

A derwish was approached by a man, who put three questions to him:

- (1) "Why, O Master, do you say, 'God is Omnipresent?' I do not see him anywhere. Please show me Him."
- (2) "Why is one punished for one's sins, whilst God is Almighty and one cannot do anything against His Will?"
- (3) "How can the Fire of Hell be a punishment to Satan whilst he himself is made of fire?"

The derwish remained silent. Suddenly he bent down, picked up a big lump of earth and threw it at the questioner's head. At this, the man ran weeping to the Kadi (Magistrate), to whom he told what had happened to him, adding, "My head is still aching as a result of this".

The Kadi summoned the accused and asked him for an explanation of his strange behaviour.

"But," the derwish explained, "the lump of earth was the answer to his three questions! Does not he say that he suffers a headache? If he can show me his headache, I will show him God. And why does he accuse me? He himself stated that one should not be punished for one's sins as one cannot do anything against the Will of God. As for his statement that the Fire of Hell could not hurt Satan as he himself is made of fire, I should like to ask, "This man is created of dust and I threw dust at his head. How, then, can he have a headache?"

This answer found great favour with the Kadi. He agreed with the derwish and the accuser left the court, deeply ashamed of his unbelief.

CLOWN WORSHIP SERVICE

rather, it is a serious effort to bring the expressive moods and movements of clowning into a worship setting."

Sister Sally Hiller, deaconess from Ascension Lutheran Church, Landover Hills, Md., will be worship leader and some 25 younger persons will serve as worship assistants.

Without speaking a single word, they plan to express the many moods of the worship service through facial expressions, gestures and body movements.

NATIONAL CALENDAR 1981

Jan. 18 - Siratun-Nabi Day
 Feb. 22 - Muslih Maoud Day
 March 22 - Masih Maoud Day
 April 26 - Board of Directors & Presidents Meetings
 May 24 - Khilafat Day
 June 21 - National Tabligh Day
 July 3 - 1st Day of Ramadan
 Aug. 1 - Eid-ul-Fitr
 Aug. 10 - Atfal and Nasirat Summer Schools
 Aug. 28 - American Jalsa Salana
 Aug. 31 - Meetings of Board and Presidents
 Sept. 27 - National Tabligh Day
 Oct. 8 - Eid-ul-Adha
 Nov. 22 - Religious Founders Day
 Dec. 6 - Annual Corporate Meeting, Board of Directors
 Regional Annual Conference - Dates left to Regional Missionaries.

THE EID GHAH FINE PLACE FOR TABLIGH

The Eid Ghah which Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih Sahib, has asked the jama'ats to acquire is a sacred place, like a masjid or graveyard. It is to be the property of

jama'at and made useful in achieving the objects of our movement. Hazrat Sahib has suggested that on the weekends, weather permitting, a few families take guests—friends, relatives, neighbors—to the Eid Ghah for picnics, games, and such family activity.

The grounds of the Eid Ghah are to be maintained and made attractive with bushes, fruit trees, flowers, and good green lawn. Here, in the place of special prayers, Ahmadis can entertain guests, and share with them their aspirations for the progress of mankind, their testimony of blessings through Islam, and their zeal for prayer and knowledge. Here they can take time to LISTEN to their associates, to gauge THEIR interests, their needs, their beliefs and commitments.

The Eid Ghah gives one chance to be a very good example of gracious manners and courtesy. Children can be instructed kindly, that we should eat with the right hand, and other small things that they can come to like through association with the nice things like pit-roasted lamb enjoyed at the "Muslim's garden." Special attractions for children should be there. A small shallow pond for ducks and sailing little boats would be a desirable attraction, for example.

Visits to the Eid Ghah, balanced by participation in lectures and classes at the masjid, invitations to larger Regional activities, and personal home visits, should give the Ahmadī STRIVING Fi-sabil-Allah, a full program of opportunities to introduce others to the Faith of Islam.

We cannot say "keep" your cards and letters coming in, but we can remind you that we would honestly like to hear from you about your efforts, your trials, your successes in advancing the banner of True Islam in America. Some of these can be shared in the Gazette as an inspiration to others.

Br. Yahya Sharif, Nazim Tabligh

ALL THE PRESIDENTS

All the Presidents are requested to submit the reports of their Jamaat activities regularly every month for publication in the Gazette. As the Editor of the Gazette is shifting to Washington Headquarters on temporary duties, at the end of this month, hence, all the reports should be dispatched to 2141 Leroy Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 until further notice. JAZAKUMULLAHO AHSANAL JAZA.

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