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THE WORD OF GOD

“And thou art not engaged in anything, and thou recitest not from any portion of the Quran, and you do no work, but We are Witness of you when you are engrossed therein. And there is not hidden from thy Lord even an atom’s weight in the earth or in heaven. And there is nothing smaller than that or greater, but it is recorded in a clear Book.

“Behold! The friends of Allah shall certainly have no fear, nor shall they grieve. Those who believed and were ever righteous, for them are glad tidings in the present life and also in the hereafter—there is no changing the words of Allah—that indeed is the supreme achievement.

“And let not their words grieve thee. Surely, all power belongs to Allah. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Behold! Whoever is in the heavens and whoever is in the earth is Allah’s. Those who call on others than Allah do not really follow these associate gods; they only follow conjecture, and they only make guesses. He it is Who has made for you the night dark that you may rest therein, and the day full of light that you may pursue your occupations. Surely, therein are Signs for a people who listen to the Divine Message. They say, ‘Allah has taken unto Him a son’. Holy is He! He is Self-Sufficient. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. You have no authority for this. What! Do you say concerning Allah what you know not. Say, those who invent a lie against Allah shall not prosper. They will have some enjoyment in this world. Then to Us is their return. Then We shall make them taste a severe torment, because they continued to disbelieve.”

The Holy Quran 10:62-71

GRAND ANNOUNCEMENT OF LIFTING AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY TO SCIENTIFIC HEIGHTS

RABWAH, PAKISTAN—The Imam of the Ahmadiyya Community, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, has proclaimed, that in the next century since the establishment of Ahmadiyya Community, which is the century of Islam’s dominance, the Community must have one thousand scientists and researchers. This century is ushering in 1989, and within this period of ten years—1979-1989—the Community must have one hundred geniuses.

This pronouncement was made here on the second day of the 87th Annual Gathering of the Ahmadiyya Community held at its International Headquarters on December 26-28th, 1979.

At this occasion, referring to the world renowned scientist Dr. Abdus Salam, this year’s winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics, Khalifatul Masih pointed out that he is the first evidence of the Promised Messiah’s prophecy in which he foretold that the people of his sect shall advance in knowledge and science to such an extent that they will counterblast all with the light of truth, arguments and signs.

After eulogising the talent and faculty of Dr. Abdus Salam, Khalifatul Masih made the historic pronouncement that the Community shall take care of every intelligent poor child from the Primary standard of education. The intelligence of any Ahmadi child irrespective of his locality—whether he is in Moscow or New York, within Pakistan or outside—shall never be ignored to perish. Islam has enjoined to preserve such intelligence of mankind and this injunction of Islam must be established. Whatever we could do in this respect we shall try to carry out.

As a practical step in this direction, Khalifatul Masih made the historic announcement that each year the Community will provide the intelligent students with scholarships worth 125,000 rupees. He further proclaimed in a majestic voice that if our God blesses us with 1,000 intelligent children of this caliber, the Community should confine itself even with half diet (thus sparing finances for education of the children) but must educate them. It is not a beneficence to the children, rather it is the right of the students.

Khalifatul Masih formed a committee to carry out the distribution of these scholarships. As a token of respect in honouring Dr. Abdus Salam, Khalifatul

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YAOMI MUSLIHI MAUOOD OR THE PROMISED REFORMER DAY

All the Presidents of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in the U.S.A. are reminded that the 20th of February is the day when the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) about the illustrious son was published and it was declared to be a great sign of his truthfulness. In accordance with the decision of the Presidents, the meetings connected with the day should be held on Sunday, February 24, 1980 and this prophecy and its fulfillment in the person of Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) should be explained to the people in detail.

EDITORIAL

TWENTIETH FEBRUARY MUSLIHI MAOOD DAY

Twentieth February would ever be counted as a remarkable day in the annals of the world-wide Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

It is the day when after forty days of meditation and prayer at Hoshiarpore, India, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in a handbill published on February 20, 1886, prophesied a grand prophecy concerning an illustrious son that would be given to him by God the Almighty. This son of the prophecy is Muslih-Mauood or the Promised Reformer.

This prophecy has been fulfilled so admirably in the person of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II, the son of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) that it deserves the widest publication not merely in refutation of the position of Lahore seceders but also as a proof of the divine connection of the Ahmadiyya Movement and therefore of Islam, to serve that Movement had been raised by the Hand of God Himself in this age.

The Prophecy is as follows:—

“So, thou art given the tidings that a son, eminent and righteous, would be given to thee; thou wilt have a pious ‘Ghulam’ (Boy); the boy shall be from thine seed and shall be thy issue and thy descendent. Divine grace is with him, which shall come with his coming; he would be the Man of splendour, greatness and wealth. He will come to the world, and with his Messiah-like spirit and the power of the Spirit of Truth shall cleanse many diseases. He is the ‘Khalimatullah’ (the ‘Word of God’) for God’s Mercy and jealousy has sent him from the Word of Glory. He would be extremely quick-witted and ready of understanding, and endowed with a clement heart, and shall be saturated with knowledge secular and spiritual. And he would make Four of Three (meaning of which is not clear), Doshanba (Monday), blessed Doshanba (Monday) Son, Loved close to the heart; noble, high-starred; the Manifestor of Truth and of the High; as if God had descended from heaven; whose coming shall be much

blessed and shall be the means of manifesting divine glory. ‘Light’, here is Light; whom God rubbed with the perfume of His Pleasure: We will put Our Spirit into him and God’s shade shall be over him. He shall grow with rapid progress and shall be the cause of deliverance of captives, and shall attain fame to the ends of the earth, and nations shall be blessed through him. Then shall be translated to his fitting spiritual heavenly point.”

There are revealed references (starting with words: “Divine Grace”) to the birth of a son destined to attain the eminence mentioned in the prophecy. “The ‘Muslih-Mauood’ in the revelation is named ‘Fazl’; his other name, moreover, is ‘Mahmud’ and his third name is ‘Bashir the Second’. These words occur in the Ishtahar—green handbill (dated December 1, 1888), published by the Promised Messiah in amplification of the original prophecy.

Again, subsequent to the publication of the original prophecy (February 20, 1886), the Promised Messiah in an Ishtahar-Handbill (March 22, 1886) said: “We know, such a son in accordance with the promise of God shall be born within a period of nine years early or late; he must in any case be born within that period.”

These quotations show that the prophecy in which the promised son is credited with ‘Fazl’ relates to the “Muslih-Mauood” whose other names would be “Mahmud” and “Bashir the Second,” and that the son must be born within nine years of the prophecy. It should be clear, therefore, that the “Muslih-Mauood” should be the immediate issue of the Promised Messiah. That son, according to the Sabz Ishtahar, had not been born till December 1, 1888, but was to be born immediately following another son, “Bashir the First.” In Sirajun-Munir, page 31, the Promised Messiah says: “In Sabz Ishtahar, in clear words, there was the promise of the birth of a son without long delay. So, Mahmud is born. How marvellous is this prophecy. Ponder with a righteous heart if you fear God.”

This Mahmud was Hazrat Mirza

Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II — who passed away on November 8, 1965 and about whom there is a reference also in the Taryaqul-Qulub, page 40, namely:

“My first living son whose name is Mahmud, while he was not yet born I was informed of his birth by Kashf (vision) and I saw his name ‘Mahmud’ written on the wall of a mosque. Then, in order to broadcast this prophecy, I published an Ishtahar (handbill, poster) on Sabz (green) leaves, the date of publication of which is December 1, 1888.”

This clearly connects the son spoken of in the Sabz-Ishtahar with the child named ‘Mahmud’ in the Kashf (vision) and who was born in January 1889—that is Hazrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad, otherwise also called in accordance with Ilham (revelation), “Bashir-ud-Din.”

The foregoing references prove that the “Muslih-Mauood” must necessarily be one of the immediate sons of the Promised Messiah and from the achievements and spiritual power of the son who ruled the Community since his election to Khalifat in 1914 to his death on 8th November, 1965, it is clear that the “Muslih Mauood” was none other than Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II, may God be pleased with him.

The prophecy and its fulfillment should be answer enough to the position and creed of the Lahore group. At the same time the birth of a son with a limited period of time, who grew and by his extraordinary powers of head, heart and spirit, attained the eminence referred to in the prophecy; in whom qualities set out in the revelation are to be found is a sign for doubters and sceptics: which shows that the Movement founded by the prophet who made the prophecy was divine.

WORD OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

God is a most precious treasure: realise its proper value. Without Him you are nothing; neither you nor your material means and plans.

COMMEMORATION OF MUSLIHI MAUOOD AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

While we celebrate Muslihi Mauood Day and commemorate Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II, in whose person the prophecy of the Promised Messiah regarding the illustrious son was fulfilled without any shadow of doubt, we should realize our responsibilities on which Muslihi Mauood too used to stress upon in his speeches.

For instance, in concluding his second speech in the last session of the Annual Conference on 29 December, 1944, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II said:

“While I convey to you the good news that God Almighty has fulfilled the prophecy of the Promised Messiah which related to the Promised Reformer, I also wish to draw your attention to the responsibilities that are now placed upon you. You have declared your support of my announcement and it is your primary duty that you should be ready to shed the last drop of your blood to bring about the victory and success of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. You are welcome to proclaim your joy at the fulfilment of the prophecy; indeed you must proclaim your joy, for the Promised Messiah has himself written: ‘Be joyful and jump about in joy for now the light will come.’ I do not, therefore, stop you from proclaiming your joy and jumping with joy. By all means proclaim your joy and jump about with joy. But I do admonish you that you should not forget your responsibilities in this state of joy. As God displayed to me in my dream that I am running forward swiftly and the earth is being compressed under my feet, in the same way, God Almighty had announced that I would go forward quickly. Thus I am destined to advance swiftly in the field of progress. This also imposes a duty upon you that you should abandon your slow speed and should step forward quickly. Blessed is he who matches his step with mine and advances swiftly in the field of progress; and may God have mercy upon the one who is slothful and neglectful and does not step forward quickly and instead of advancing in the field tarries behind like a hypocrite. If you wish to make progress, if

you realize your responsibilities properly, then advance and march forward along with me step by step, shoulder to shoulder so that we might plant the standard of Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him, in the heart of disbelief and wipe out falsehood for ever from the face of the world. God willing that will surely come about. Heaven and earth can pass away but the word of God must be fulfilled.”

Even in his very first address to the Community which followed immediately upon his election as Khalifa on March 14, 1914, he emphasized preaching. He said:-

“Our first duty is to propagate Islam. We must make a united effort to win the favour and grace of God. I urge you repeatedly that having established a relationship with me, after the Promised Messiah, you must fulfill the obligations of that relationship loyally and remember me in your prayers. I have never made any supplication in which I have not prayed for the members of the Movement. From now on I shall do it still more. Be warned that you must do nothing contrary to your covenant with God Almighty. Our supplication should be that we should live as Muslims and die Muslims. Amen.”

The Khalifatul Masih kept reminding the Community of the obligations that lay upon it with regard to the propagation of Islam. For instance, he said:

“Today the way of promoting the progress of Islam through swords, or rifles, or cannon, or naval vessels, or aircraft has been wholly blocked. Every citadel that the companions of the Holy Prophet had constructed by shedding their blood is being demolished and there appears no possibility of safeguarding those citadels with swords, rifles, cannon and aircraft. But there is on the surface of the earth a Community whose hearts are filled with the faith and the certainty that these crumbling citadels will be restored not through cannon, swords, rifles or aircraft, but through propaganda, education, admonition and exposition. That Community is the Ahmadiyya Community. The

renaissance of Islam will be undertaken by that Community. The standard of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, will be planted again not on any height, nor on the top of any mountain, nor on a bastion of any citadel, but in the hearts of the peoples of the world. There can be no doubt that a standard planted in the hearts rises higher, is stronger and is more enduring than the one that is planted on the top of a mountain or on a bastion of a citadel.”

On another occasion he stated:

“I have said it several times and now repeat it emphatically, that the West has been supreme in the world for a long period, but it is now the divine design to crush the Western social and cultural systems. Those who are fearful and are afraid to oppose Western values and consider that the veil can no longer be maintained and that it is necessary that men and women shall mix freely in social intercourse and that we cannot make any progress unless we follow the West in these matters, should remember that in adopting this attitude they are obstructing the progress of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. These things are bound to be wiped out and will disappear altogether. Many of you will be alive to witness the collapse of the structure of Western values and you will observe the new palaces of Islam being reared upon the ruins of Western values. These are not the words of a man; it is the decree of the God of heaven and earth and no one can change it. It is not a question of our strength. We have never said that this change will be brought about through our strength, nor shall we ever say it. What we do say is that God has promised this change and we have always witnessed the unchangeability of divine promises. After this observation there is nothing that can shake our faith or weaken our beliefs. Most certainly the world will approach us humbly on its knees and will have to accept this change. Then, have no fear that if we raise our voice in support of the veil and against mixed schools our girls will rebel against it or their parents will rise

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HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH II A DIVINE GIFTED MAN

Alhaj Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II was indeed gifted with divine revelations pertaining to future events which did come to pass as he foretold. From among those events one is given below which is related by Dr. Ch. Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, the retired chairman of the International Court of Justice at the Hague, Holland. Dr. Ch. Muhammad Zafrullah Khan says:

"World War II, we all know, was unleashed by Hitler in September, 1939. In April, 1940 during the session of the Advisory Council, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II mentioned to me that in the previous August, before the war had actually started, he had a very significant dream. He saw himself sitting at a desk and had the consciousness that the war had started and was in progress. He perceived that there was a person standing next to his chair, on the right, who was submitting to him, one after the other, important documents related to the War. He said: 'One of the documents rather startled me as it contained a proposal made on behalf of the United Kingdom to France that the two should form one state and one nation and should carry on the war on that basis. When I recall that dream, I have a feeling that possibly England might be impelled to make such an offer to France.'

"After the session of the Advisory Council, I went up to Simla as I was then a member of the Viceroy's Cabinet and the Government had, as was the custom, moved from New Delhi to Simla.

"In the month of June, news came of the collapse of France and of Winston Churchill's offer to France to unite and to proceed with the War together as one state and one nation. This was a unique event in political history and constituted a remarkable fulfillment of the Khalifatul Masih's vision.

"I wrote to him in that sense and in his reply to my letter he mentioned another of his visions which he had been vouchsafed only a few days previously and which he described as follows: 'I saw in my vision that I had been placed in

charge of the defence of England. I checked up on everything and in the end announced that there was great weakness in the air. I heard a voice, which I felt came as a reassurance to me in respect of the concern that I felt saying: 'Two thousand eight hundred aircraft have been despatched from the United States.'

"I related these dreams to my colleagues of the Cabinet at our fortnightly dinner which on that occasion was at the residence of Sir Andrew Clow, Minister of Industries, who subsequently became Governor of Assam.

"I drew attention to the fact that the intimation conveyed in the second vision seemed also to have been fulfilled as news had come through that the British Purchasing Mission in the United States was taking over 2,500 military aircraft which had been ordered by the French Purchasing Mission.

"On this, Sir Andrew Clow remarked that there was a disparity between the number of aircraft mentioned in Khalifatul Masih's dream and the number mentioned in the press telegram.

"I replied that people who were conversant with the interpretation of dreams were of the view that what mattered was the substance and underlying meaning of the dream, rather than the details, and that where numbers were involved, a disparity, if not relating to the root of the matter, was immaterial.

"Two or three days later I was to leave Simla on tour and was just about to set out when a batch of Reuter's telegrams came in. One of the telegrams contained the news that 2,800 military aircraft had been despatched from the United States to the United Kingdom.

"I telephoned immediately to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and offered him my humble and respectful felicitations on the striking and literal fulfillment of his vision. He asked me to send him a copy of his letter in which he had mentioned his vision.

"I then telephoned to Sir Andrew Clow and asked him whether he had seen the latest Reuter's telegrams. He said they had just been placed before him on his desk. I asked him to read this

particular telegram, indicating the sheet on which it was printed. When he read the telegram he observed: 'This is most remarkable indeed.' His voice indicated that he had been deeply impressed.

"To appreciate the full significance of what has been set out above, it must be remembered that the first vision was mentioned to me and must, no doubt, have been mentioned to other people, at a time when the war was still in what has since been described as 'its phony period.' The German Armoured Divisions had not yet set out on their march across Europe.

"It is true that the Khalifatul Masih interpreted the vision as indicating an earlier weakening of Britain than of France, but that makes the actual fulfillment of what he had seen even more remarkable than otherwise.

"The second vision was vouchsafed at a time when Britain was in utmost peril and it is now obvious that the 2,800 military aircraft despatched from the United States at that time made a crucial contribution to the result of the Battle of Britain and thus to the result of the War.

"These were not the only signs connected with the war manifested through Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II. I am a witness to the fulfillment of several other similar signs which were announced beforehand and which were related by me to several friends and, in one or two cases, to the then Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow. He too was deeply impressed, and used often to enquire from me whether I had received any further communication from Hazrat Sahib in connection with the War."

A MIRACLE INDEED

"By a fortune absolutely unique in history Mohammad is a threefold founder of a nation, of an empire, and of a religion. Illiterate himself, scarcely able to read and write, he was yet the author of a book which is a poem, a code of law, a book of common prayer, and a Bible in one and is revered to this day by a sixth of the whole human race as a miracle of purity of style, of wisdom and of truth. It is one miracle, he called it, and a miracle indeed it is."

REV. BOSWORTH SMITH

JAMAAT ACTIVITIES REPORT

YORK, PA:—Br. Salim A. Muhaimin addressed the students of Gettysburg College in the Religious Comparative Study program. This resulted in a visit of the students to our National Headquarters at Washington, D.C.

Br. Yahya Sharif, the president of the Jamaat, spoke on Islam at a luncheon of businessmen in Baltimore.

Four members participated in a program on Islam and Science at York College where local professors recognized the contribution of Muslims in science and mathematics.

Maulvi M. A. Rashid Yahya, the Regional Missionary, has restarted conducting Arabic classes weekly.

Weekly meetings were held by the Jamaat and its auxiliary organizations, and Friday Services were conducted accordingly.

TUCSON, AR:—The Seeratun Nabee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Qureishi Muhammad Ishaque, the president of the Jamaat. Br. Muhammad Qadeer, an American Ahmadi Muslim, recited a portion of the Holy Quran which was followed by a poem of the Promised Messiah in praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) presented by Suhail Qureishi. Br. Zafrullah Cossack read a very literary essay wherein he categorically refuted the charges leveled by non-Muslims against Islam and its Holy Founder. He proved with facts and statistics that Islam was not spread by the sword but rather through its noble teachings. Br. Munir Ahmad Malik presented three extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in which he had highly eulogised the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him). The Chairman in his speech read out a very informative essay on the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him). The meeting was rounded up with silent prayer after which light refreshment was served to the participants who numbered forty.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA:—The Seeratun Nabee meeting was held at the University of San Francisco with Malik Bashir Ahmad in the chair. The recitation of a portion of the Holy Quran was made by Seyed Sajid Ahmad who also presented the English translation of the verses. Malik Latif Ahmad presented in a nutshell the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon Him). Malik Latif Ahmad also presented a poem of the Promised Messiah in praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him). Alhaj A. Raqeeb Wali, who spoke on "The Holy Prophet in the Eyes of the Promised Messiah," read out different extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah in which excellences of the Holy Prophet have been mentioned in a remarkable manner. He also pointed out that it was these writings of the Promised Messiah which illumined his heart and turned him to the truth of Islam. Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem spoke on "The Holy Prophet's Belief and Trust in God." The Chairman in his inaugural and concluding remarks explained the Holy Prophet as benefactor of humanity and his teachings as the sole solution for the entire problems of the United States of America. He also exhorted the members to do their utmost in conveying the teachings of the Holy Prophet to the people of America.

LOS ANGELES, CA:—Seeratun Nabee Day was celebrated on the 27th of January, 1980 at Veteran's Memorial Hall, Culver City, California. The mayors of Los Angeles and Culver City were contacted, thirteen news agencies were invited and about 1,100 pamphlets were distributed among different people and churches. An advertisement was placed in the *Los Angeles Times*.

About 124 people attended the function from different nationalities and various denominations including 59 members of the Jamaat. The Meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran and its meaning in English by Br. Muzaffar Ahmad. Then Br. Rahmat Jamal, the president of the Jamaat, addressed the audience briefly.

Br. Anwar M. Khan spoke on "Muhammad and World Peace." His speech lasted 32 minutes. Then Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem addressed the audience. Speaking on the life of the Holy Prophet (SAWW), Maulvi Kaleem briefly described the different aspects of the Holy Prophet's life including mentioning of the Prophet Muhammad (SAWW) in the Old Testament and the New Testament; freedom of religion; and rights of women in Islam. "Islam is Universal Religion," Maulana Kaleem observed. "It recognizes all the previous prophets -- Moses, Jesus, Karishna, Buddha -- whereas no other religion does so," he declared.

The Seeratun Nabee was highly successful and the effect of Maulvi Sahib's speech was excellent. Kaleem Sahib's speech was followed by a question and answer session which lasted for about an hour. The meetings was adjourned after Zuhar and Asr prayers.

Special thanks are due to Lajna Imaullah and participating families for the refreshments which were served after the meeting.

We also thank M/S. Rahmat Jamal, Anwar Mahmud Khan, Gulzar Ahmad, Aftab Ahmad and Tahir for their cooperation in making this meeting a success.

AHMADIYYA CENTENARY JUBILEE FUND

All those members who have made pledges towards this Fund are requested to redeem their 7 15 part of their pledges before its financial year ends in February, 1980. Those members who made their pledges this year are requested to redeem their 1 10 part of their pledges before the end of February, 1980. Those members who have not yet taken part in this blessed scheme are requested to do so and despatch their pledges to the Washington Headquarters through their Jamaats' Presidents, for onward transmission to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III at Rabwah, Pakistan.

LAJNA IMA ALLAH

NO DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE IN QURANIC TEACHINGS

Rabwah, Pakistan:—The Grand Quran does not discriminate in principle between male and female in its teachings, and both have been equally addressed in commandments and prohibitions of 432 verses of the Holy Quran, has been proclaimed here by Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III. He was addressing the Annual Gathering of the ladies on its second day—December 27, 1979.

The great Quran provides teachings for the perfect development and growth of women's capacities and capabilities as it does for men's talents and faculties in its complete guidance and comprehensive law. The words of *INSAN*, *INS*, *ANNAS* and *BASHR* used in 432 verses of the Holy Quran according to the Arabic lexicon are meant for both male and female except where it is specifically clear from the subject matter that it has been categorically addressed to women. This, Khalifatul Masih described, in refutation of the non-Muslims who object that Islamic teaching is devoid of anything regarding the fair sex, or assert that she has been despised.

It is in view of these assertions that Allah the Exalted turned his mind to explain in detail the Quranic teachings regarding the fair sex. Although it is not possible to comment upon 432 verses of the Holy Quran in the limited time yet he has initiated this important topic in the Annual Gathering and *INSHA ALLAH* he shall consummate it in his Friday Sermons which ultimately would be published in a book to counterblast the objection of Islam's opponents.

Describing the equality of both the sexes, Khalifatul Masih remarked that the position allotted to man by God is the same as given to women. Similarly, the love He has expressed for righteous men is exactly the same He has done for righteous women. Study the Holy Quran thoroughly, Khalifatul Masih continued, and you will never come across any discrimination between man and woman except, of course, in a few limited faculties with which women

have been equipped and are not granted to men and vice versa.

Islam wishes to uplift you all, Khalifatul Masih pronounced, encouraging the ladies, from the ground to the heights of the seventh heaven. There is no hindrance whatsoever in achieving this position except what is created of yourselves. Allah the Exalted does not ask of you anything but to follow His beloved Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) which would entitle you to win His love.

Commenting on a verse of Sura Infitar (Chapter 82), Khalifatul Masih explained that God the Exalted has created man from clay, and thus the substance from which man and woman have been fashioned is one and the same. Then He developed it into man and woman after making it pass through various stages. Men were made to pass through the same stages through which women had to pass. And then both were favoured with capabilities. Man and woman have been developed from sperm, and are endowed with various faculties. God the Exalted breathed into human being of His spirit, gave him the sense of hearing, then granted him the sense of seeing, then his heart and mind started to function and the human being was perfected. Men and women were made to pass through all these stages equally to turn human beings into true servants of God and for acquiring higher excellences.

The Holy Quran has not put any discrimination between male and female in winning the nearness to and communion with God. In *Ummati Muhammadiyya* through the sanctifying power of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) as hundreds of thousands of righteous men saw the light of the day, so also did make the pious ladies their appearance in equal number, who achieved the paradises of God's pleasure and His blessings.

Describing the commentary of these verses (82:8-9), Khalifatul Masih pointed out that God the Exalted has established equity in human habits and made him needy of heavenly water. Further, in order to rectify his mistakes,

He has fashioned him in a proportionate manner. This proves undoubtedly, Khalifatul Masih remarked, that as the earth is always in need of heavenly water and cannot produce proper crops without it, likewise mankind is ever in need of heavenly revelation.

Mankind has ever been needy of heavenly revelation and he will limitlessly continue to have this need. There would continue appearing due to the beneficence of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) hundreds of thousands of people whose sole task would be the training of villages, towns, cities, countries and other extensive areas. This last age has been decreed to see the dominance of Islam through the Mahdi (peace be upon him). This dominance will not be achieved through an atomic bomb but through the changing of hearts. The world bears witness to this fact, and Khalifatul Masih has always reiterated that the hearts of mankind would be won with love, affection and selfless service.

The religious verities that reside in the books of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) will never fade. Khalifatul Masih pronounced in a majestic voice that he stands as witness to it and even is prepared to declare it on oath that he has gone through these books more than a hundred times and at each time he has discovered fresh meanings. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) has established such a Community which has been prepared for the service of God's creation. Its task is to win their hearts through service rendered to them.

Khalifatul Masih concluded his address with prayer that Allah may expedite the day when the banner of Islam is hoisted at each corner of the world, when there is sovereignty of one alone, when our guide is Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him), the conveyer of God's message to every heart. So be it, O God, and empower us with strength to have it. Amen.

ATFALUL AHMADIYYA

CHILDREN AND OUR MASTER PROPHET MUHAMMAD

(By Khwaja Zahur-ud-Din Butt)

In the comparative study of Islam and Christianity we notice a great difference between their attitudes towards childhood. Christianity's verdict on childhood is very cruel. It has imputed sin to children as their necessary heritage—all little children according to Christianity are 'conceived in sin,' and 'they are born slaves to Satan.' What an insult to children and their parents. Having been born with a sinful nature, all little babies are doomed to hell with its terrible burning lakes of fire if they are not baptised. There is no hope for them; their souls would perish! What a low and contemptuous estimate of Divine love and mercy. This is what the Christian church teaches about children. And with all this Christianity poses as the religion of love. The prophet Jesus (on whom be peace) no doubt, is reported to have said, "suffer little children to come to me; because the kingdom of Heaven is of such," but the Christian church has never given serious consideration to these words of the teacher. It has like other precepts of Jesus neglected them altogether and has made a different theory of its own about childhood which is a disgrace both to mankind, and the all loving creator.

Islam is however diametrically opposed to Christianity in this respect. The Master Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessing of God be upon him, may aptly be described as the child-loving Prophet. He vehemently denounced the pernicious doctrine that children were conceived in sin and had sinful nature. Every child according to Islam, is pure and sinless. The Holy Prophet is reported to have said that all children are born on the natural religion of Islam and it is their parents that make them Christian, Jew or Zoroastrian. The Prophet rejected the Christian doctrine of the sinful nature of children. The souls of babies according to Islam are not lost, nor are they doomed to eternal hell, on the other hand they go to paradise and wait for their parents to come there to enjoy their company.

The Holy Prophet was very fond of children. He always loved and caressed

them. At his sight the young children in the street would dance with joy, exclaiming, "there comes Muhammad." The Prophet would greet them, lift them up in his arms and pat them. He lost many children and therefore, realised the cut of separation. He was much grieved at the death of his little son Ibrahim. With his eyes full of tears, he said: "We are much grieved at your separation, O Ibrahim." His only consolation however, was that he would meet him in the hereafter. He was very fond of Hasan and Husain, sons of his dear daughter Fatima—the lady of paradise. They would cling to him while in prayers and he would pick them up after prostrations. He would often play with them and would place them at his back and carry them about. He never beat a child in his life and was averse to corporal punishment of children. He realised the deep love of a mother towards her child and ordered that in no case should a mother be separated from her child.

The Prophet often led the prayers himself, and the women in the congregation behind, had to place their children aside during the prayer time. The children would sometimes weep and the Prophet would shorten the prayers by reciting shorter Suras of the Holy Quran, so that the women may look to their crying children. He would often fondle his little daughters and give affectionate nicknames to little children whose heart he won in this manner. When he happened to pass by some boys, he greeted them

Before the advent of Islam infanticide was very common in Arabia. The first social reform which the Holy Prophet effected was to abolish this inhuman practice. "Kill not your children" said the Holy Quran, "for fear of want; we provide for them and for you: verily this killing them is a heinous crime." The birth of a daughter was considered disgraceful by the Arab society. This wrong notion was eradicated by the Holy Quran with these words:

"When the birth of a daughter is announced to anyone of them, dark shadows settle on his face and he is sad; He hideth himself from the people

because of the ill-tidings; shall he keep it with disgrace or bury it in the dust, are not their judgments wrong?"

The Holy Quran has laid great stress on the kind and affectionate treatment of orphan-children. Their feeding and nourishment has been recognised as a great merit. Note the following verses of the Holy Quran:

"What will make you comprehend what the up-hill road is? It is the giving of food in a day of hunger to an orphan." (90:11)

"And they ask you concerning the orphans. Say: To set right for them their affair is good." (2:220)

"As for the orphan do not oppress him." Injunctions like these give an insight into the character of our Holy Prophet and show that he was a great protector of the orphans. He himself being an orphan, realised the misfortune and, therefore, gave detailed instruction with regard to their treatment. Similarly he had his own children and personally experienced filial affection. He knew the pure nature of children and taught his followers to respect them. Here is the point where our Holy Prophet stands in contrast with the founder of Christianity. The teacher of Nazareth was not fortunate enough to have a child. Unfortunately he did not marry. He could not therefore know the warmth of family circle. He lived a single life without the salt of family ties which make life worth living. That is why the New Testament is devoid of any practical lessons. It contains many beautiful sayings of the teacher which were never put into practice and which therefore were soon thrown into oblivion by his followers. Precepts without practice are soon forgotten. The beautiful words of Jesus, "suffer little children to come to me, as the kingdom of Heaven is of such," and discarded by the church in stigmatising childhood with sin because they lacked practice. But the Holy Prophet Muhammad's teachings are backed up by his own practical examples which make a deep impression on the minds of his followers.

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HAZRAT MIRZA BASHIRUDDIN MAHMUD AHMAD

Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, the eldest Son of his father Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, was born on 12th January, 1889 at Qadian Punjab, India, in fulfillment of a Prophecy foretold and published by his holy father on 20th February, 1886.

The Promised Son of the prophecy otherwise known as Muslehe Mauood or the Promised Reformer Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad was elected Khalifatul Masih II the Supreme Head of the Movement in 1914 at the age of 25 and held this post up to his death and thus served as leader for more than 52 years. He was indeed a divine gifted person whose acceptance of prayers, fulfillment of foretold events through revelation and his performances in the religious field as well as in the welfare of down-trodden people are indeed remarkable.

THE ARCHITECT OF THE HARMONY

As the architect of the harmony among the people of different denominations, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Quran introduced a Day known as Religious Founders Day the main purpose of which is the conducting of Public Meetings of all denominations to hear tributes paid to the Founders of different religions by the speakers of various creeds. Similar to this is the inviting of non-Muslim scholars to the Holy Prophet Muhammad's Day meetings to speak on the life and teachings of the Holy Founder of Islam, and thus, he did create peace and harmony among the followers of different religions.

MISSIONS

As a champion of Islam, he made strenuous efforts day and night to convey the message of Islam to almost all the countries of the world through a scientific missionary approach. And thus he established Ahmadiyya Muslim Missions that are gaining considerable converts in many countries of the world.

LITERATURE

To equip the established Missions with appropriate literature, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II has written voluminous commentary of the Holy Quran in which he has disclosed from the Quranic text innumerable gems of new truths as the only satisfactory solution for the ills of the modern world. The gist of this commentary in the English language covers nearly 3,000 pages.

Besides the one in English under the able leadership of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, the translations of the Holy Quran have been published in Dutch, German and Swahili. Translations of some parts have been published in Danish and four languages of Africa viz. Luganda, Kikuyu, Yoruba, and Mende. Translation in French is in press. Translations in the Russian and Indonesian languages is in preparation while the Fante translation is being revised.

In addition to these translations under the direct supervision of the deceased, a host of other books in support of Islam have been published and various libraries of the world presented with this literature.

MOSQUES

During his Caliphate, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad paid great attention to introducing Islam to non-Muslims by building Mosques, and these Houses of God have been constructed: one in England, two in Germany, one in Holland, one in Switzerland, three in America, sixty in Indonesia, two in Malasia, two in Ceylon, one in Burma, three in Borneo, six in Mauritius, twenty in East Africa, forty each in Sierra Leone and Nigeria and one hundred and sixty-one in Ghana.

PRESS

The deceased, realizing the importance of the press, started a monthly magazine when he was only seventeen years old and initiated the *Daily Alfazal* at the age of 24 which has never ceased publication except for an interval of a year when it was substituted with another daily, *Almuslih*.

Besides the *Daily Alfazal*, eight monthly quarterly magazines of which one is *Review of Religions* in English and *Albushra* in Arabic are published from the Headquarters alone at Rabwah, Pakistan. There are two weeklies from India, one weekly from Nigeria, and twelve monthlies from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Mauritius, Ceylon, Indonesia, Israel, Switzerland, England, Holland, and Denmark.

EDUCATION

Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II did his best in the establishment of Educational Institutions. When he was elected Khalifatul Masih II the Supreme Head of the Movement, though there was a High School for boys and an Arabic School at the Headquarters, but the girls were without a High School. Hence he established a Girls' School which later on developed not only into a High School but into a Degree College. He also developed the Boys High School into a Degree College. Besides the schools and colleges at the Headquarters, it was through his farsightedness that more than fifty Elementary and Secondary Schools have been established in Africa alone.

ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

As the leader was a divine gifted man he had excellent ability in administration and organisation. He established a strong Secretariat of various departments such as Finance, Reformation and Guidance, Common Affairs, External Affairs, Agriculture, Justice, Education, etc., at the Headquarters.

Later on when the preaching activities in the foreign countries were enhanced under Tahrik Jadid or the New Scheme a separate Secretariat on the pattern of the existing one was established to administer the work outside Pakistan.

It was in 1922 that he constituted an Advisory Council elected from various constituencies on the basis of Islamic democracy to run the affairs of the community. Regarding organization of the community, the Supreme Head played

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a wonderful role when he organised the Community in different organisations according to sex and age, such as Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya Boys Association), Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya (Youth Association), Majlis Ansarullah (Ahmadiyya Men's Association), Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya Girls' Association), and Lajna Imaullah (Ahmadiyya Women's Association).

REHABILITATION

When the sub-continent of India was partitioned and Muslims in India particularly in east Punjab were evicted by force and the Ahmadiyya Community too was affected, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad with the importance of a central place for the Community in view arranged for a piece of land declared barren in the Government documents to be bought and then concerted his efforts in the rehabilitation of Ahmadies who migrated from Qadian, India. And within a short space of 11 years he turned the uninhabited land into a flourishing town with schools, colleges, Offices, Printing Press, equipped with all facilities of electricity, water, Post and Telegraph, rail and road and various kinds of industries.

HIS TOURS

Thrice he went out of the country on pilgrimage and for the propagation of Islam, and thus visited the Middle East and European countries. It was in one of these tours that his treatise was read to the Religious Convention of the Living Religions of the then British Empire held in London in 1924 under the auspices of the Wembley Exhibition Organisation. Availing himself of the opportunity of this visit he laid the foundation stone of the London Mosque.

Such was the calibre and integrity of Hazrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II. Allah be pleased with him.

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Masih said the Community appoints him the Chairman of this committee. Khalifatul Masih further expressed the probability of increasing the scholarship amount from 125,000 to 250,000 in the next fiscal year. Besides, Khalifatul Masih clarified that the Community would not be burdened in the least with any appeal for this project. It is God who Himself will make the arrangement. Khalifatul Masih supplicated to God to bless this scheme with utmost success for the Community and the nation.

Directing the attention of the Community towards prayers regarding the success of the scheme, Khalifatul Masih asked the members to supplicate God, that Mirza Nasir Ahmad wishes the Community to be blessed with 1,000 genius scientists. Hence, O our God, accept his prayers which he would solicit Thee in fulfillment of his desire, and also accept our own prayers. Moreover, grant him, O our God, 100 topmost scientists of every field of science. May Allah endow us with minds soaring high in heavens.

In this respect, Khalifatul Masih related that Dr. Abdus Salam is an expert in theoretical physics, and the heights of the science of physics obtained through experiments in laboratories by others, he reaches while working in his room at his desk. Khalifatul Masih further said that however much Dr. Salam takes interest in theoretical science, he (Khalifatul Masih) has more interest in science. Elucidating the Quranic verse regarding the seven heavens in an excellent, subtle and interesting way, Khalifatul Masih pointed out that the Holy Quran says that God the Exalted created seven heavens. Of these the first heaven has stars within it. One which follows it has no stars at all.

Commenting on INNAA ZAYYANAS SAMAA-ADDUNYAA BIZINATINIL KWAKIBI —We have adorned the lowest heaven with an adornment—the planets (37:7), Khalifatul Masih said that as far as scientific research is concerned it shows that there are different clusters of stars in SAMA-ADDUNYA—the lower heaven. One cluster of the stars is called a galaxy. There are numerous such galaxies in the universe of which we are not aware. Our reach has not gone so far beyond the first heaven. Our knowledge is so scanty. Khalifatul Masih pointed out, that our eye has not yet even traced the least of the first heaven.

Khalifatul Masih asked the members to pray that Allah may bless us with such minds that would acquire the science and the results on their desks, and enable an Ahmadi scientist to reach to that stage earlier where the science would reach with its practical experiments after fifty to one hundred and fifty years. Amen.

UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT

“While the achievements of every great man are limited to a definite sphere, those of the Holy Prophet cover the entire field of human conditions. If, for example, greatness discovers itself in the reclamation of a degenerated and degraded nation, who can have a better claim than he who lifted up a nation sunk so low as were the Arabs, and made of them the torch-bearers of a culture and civilization both virile and living.

If greatness lies in unifying the discordant elements of a society into a harmonious whole, who can have a better title to the distinction than the one who gathered together a people like the Arabs split up into warring tribes, severed by generations of blood feuds.

If greatness consists in establishing the kingdom of God on Earth, there, too, he stands unrivalled.

If greatness lies in displaying high morals, who can be a match or one who was referred to by all, friends and foes, as Al-Amin, the Trustworthy?

If conquests determine the greatness of a man, surely, even here History cannot find the like of the Hero of Islam, the Champion of Humanity, who rose as we have seen, from helpless orphan to become a mighty conqueror and a king, nay, an emperor of an infinite empire of Islam which has withstood the storms and stresses of all these thirteen hundred and fifty years.

If the living driving force that a leader commands be the criterion of greatness, his name even today, casts a charm over seven hundred millions of souls spread all over the habitable world binding them together irrespective of caste, climate or colour and with the strong yet pliant cord of brotherhood.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

To a number of questions the late Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II dictated answers which are reproduced below for the benefit of readers:

Q: Which is responsible for good and bad deeds—the body or the soul or both?

A: Good and bad deeds are always done by both body and soul collectively. An action emanating from body alone is an involuntary one; and so it can be regarded as neither good nor bad. Whether the soul of a person is pure or impure can only be known in our earthly life through the body, i.e., through the mind. At any rate, both of them are concerned in every action whether good or bad. But the final responsibility undoubtedly rests with the soul alone.

Q: Is the soul mortal or eternal? Did our souls exist before our present existence?

A: The human soul is immortal. Our souls did not exist in their present form before our earthly existence, though they were latent in the ingredients of the matter whence they developed to their present condition.

Q: What is the difference between a human soul and an animal soul?

A: The human soul is immortal and more advanced and its feelings are of a compound nature which is not the case of the animal soul.

Q: Does anybody remember having said QAALOO BALAA? Or do we simply believe this because we are taught so? If not, what is the fun in denying the Karma theory of transmigration of souls?

A: The answer to the question is implicit in the Quranic phrase. *QAALOO BALAA* is used figuratively and not literally. It signifies that every soul is endowed with the capacity of worshipping God.

Q: Has the soul a particular seat in the body or does it pervade throughout? If it pervades throughout, why does a man not always die when his limb is cut, and certainly die when he is shot through head or heart?

A: The connection of the soul with the body is through the heart; and as the heart is the means by which blood is supplied to the different parts of the body, the soul can be said to pervade the whole system, though its real connection is with the heart alone. This is why the connection between the soul and the body is severed when the heart ceases to function. The death of a person takes place when on account of an injury to the head or to any part of the body its connection with the heart becomes severed.

Q: Did God create this world out of nothing? Is matter creatable and destructible?

A: God created matter when nothing existed. But we do not say that He created it out of nothing, for when we say that God created matter out of nothing we in a way recognise "nothing" to be an entity. Matter, we believe, is created and is destructible.

Q: Is Islam a monistic or dualistic religion or both? If both, in what respects?

A: You have used two technical terms in your question. The use of terms which do not throw proper light on the question, I think, leads to misunderstanding and confusion. So I explain the Islamic teaching which may help in clearing your question.

Life and death and light and darkness have been used metaphorically for good and evil in the Quran. All these things have been created by God, and evil is the abuse of a good faculty and has not independent existence. God has vouchsafed to man some faculties which are at one time or another essential for his progress, and none of them is bad in itself. Similarly, He has created some things in this world which are commonly regarded as evil but they are not wholly devoid of usefulness. Refuse, for which dislike has been ingrained in human nature, has its uses. It causes the crops and vegetables to grow and ripen. The moment a thing loses its entire usefulness or becomes almost useless, it is either destroyed or it adopts a form in which it becomes of some use. This is the principle which the Quran has laid down in this regard. It says:

"Fa amm-az-zabado fa yazhabo jafaa'an wa ammaa maa yanfa'on-naasa fa yamkoso fil-arze."

i.e., only those things remain in this world which have got some usefulness in one way or another, but things which are not better than refuse or froth are destroyed. So in view of the Islamic teaching, terms such as "monistic" and "dualistic" are not needed. Islam recognises the existence of the body as well as the soul, of evil as well as good, and it explains their mutual relations in such a manner that the use of the terms "monistic" and "dualistic" will tend only to create a misunderstanding.

COMMEMORATION

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against it. Not only the girls and their parents but those who are giving currency to such ideas will apologize to us on their knees. It will never happen that our women may discard the veil and we may be put to shame and become remorseful in this context. The advocates of these new-fangled ideas will come before us with heads bent in shame and remorse and would confess that they had been following the wrong path and that the right path is the one laid down by Islam. This is a divine decree and no power, no government, no kingdom can obstruct its enforcement. . . . So prepare yourselves for these changes and keep supplicating God Almighty and cultivate certainty and confidence. The day you are filled with certainty, all your doubts and suspicions and apprehensions will disappear and you will find yourselves standing firmly on a strong and high minaret of progress."

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In conclusion I should like to quote a few sayings of the Holy Prophet on the treatment of children:

- i—Cherish your children.
- ii—Honour your children.
- iii—Whoever has a daughter and does not bury her alive or scold her, or show partiality to his other children, may God take him to paradise.
- iv—He is not of us who is not affectionate to the little ones.
- v—He who is not kind to God's creatures and to his own children, will have no mercy from God.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD

O men lend me an attentive ear. For I know not whether I will stand before you again in this valley and address you as I am addressing you now. Your lives and your possessions have been made immune by God to attacks by one another until the Day of Judgment. God has appointed for every one a share in the inheritance. No 'will' shall now be admitted which is prejudicial to the interests of a rightful heir. A child born in any house will be regarded as the child of the father in that house. Whoever contests the parentage of his child will be liable to punishment under the Law of Islam. Anyone who attributes his birth to some one else's father, or falsely claims someone to be his master, God, His angels and the whole of mankind will curse him.

O men, you have some rights against your wives, but your wives also have some rights against you. Your right against them is that they should live chaste lives, and not adopt ways which may bring disgrace to the husband in the sight of his people. If your wives do not live up to this, then you have the right to punish them. You can punish them after due inquiry has been made by a competent authority, and your right to punish has been established. Even so, punishment in such a case must not be very severe. But if your wives do no such thing, and their behaviour is not such as would bring disgrace to their husbands, then your duty is to provide for them food and garments and shelter, according to your own standard of living. Remember you must always treat your wives well. God has charged you with the duty of looking after them. Woman is weak and cannot protect her own rights. When you married, God appointed you the trustees of those rights. You brought your wives to your homes under the Law of God. You must not therefore, insult the trust which God has placed in your hands.

O men, you will have in your possession some prisoners of war. I advise you therefore to feed them and to clothe them in the same way and style as you feed and clothe yourselves. If they do anything wrong which you are unable to

forgive, then pass them on to some one else. They are part of God's creation. To give them pain or trouble can never be right.

O men, what I say to you, you must hear and remember. All Muslims are as brethren to one another. All of you are equal. All men, whatever nation or tribe they may belong to, and whatever station in life they may hold, are equal.

While he was saying this the Prophet raised his hands and joined the fingers of the one hand with the fingers of the other and then said:

Even as the fingers of the two hands are equal, so are human beings equal to one another. No one has any right, any superiority to claim over another. You are as brothers.

Proceeding the Prophet said: Do you know what month this is? What territory we are in? What day of the year it is today?

The Muslims said in reply, they knew it was the sacred month, the sacred land and the day of the Hajj.

Then the Prophet said:

Even as this month is sacred, this land inviolate and this day holy, so has God made the life, property and honour of every man sacred. To take any man's life or his property, or attack his honour, is as unjust and wrong as to violate the sacredness of this day, this month, and this territory. What I command you today is not meant only for today. It is meant for all time. You are expected to remember by it and to act upon it until you leave this world and go to the next to meet your Maker. In conclusion, he said:

What I have said to you, you should communicate to the ends of the earth. Maybe those who have not heard me may benefit by it more than those who have heard (sihah Sitta, Tabari—Hisham and Khamis)

(The Life of Muhammad by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II)

ISLAM—THE COMPLETION OF THE RELIGION

CARSON, CALIFORNIA:—

Islam as the Holy Quran has stated (5:3) is the completion of the religion inaugurated by God in the beginning of the world on His sending the Holy Quran through the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him). has been stated here by Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Missionary-in-Charge West Coast region. Maulvi Kaleem was addressing the students of the Philosophy Department of California State University Dominguez Hills on "A Short Sketch of Islam."

"As a child is taught his alphabet," Maulvi Kaleem continued, "so God taught the religion of the world gradually and little by little by sending at different times, and to different peoples, His Prophets to teach His religion. Then, when the world had reached that stage of understanding when it was ready for a final lesson. He sent the last complete Book through the Holy Prophet Muhammad which not only corrects the errors which had found their way into various religions, but preaches the truths which had not been preached before on account of special circumstances of society or the early stage of its development, and at the same time it gathers together in itself the truths which were contained in any Divine Revelation granted to any people for the guidance of men (Al-Quran 98:2) and lastly it meets all the spiritual and moral requirements of an ever advancing humanity.

The speech lasted thirty minutes but questions and answers continued for more than an hour which shows the interest the students took in the speech. Earlier Maulvi Kaleem presented a set of books on Islam including a copy of the Holy Quran, Arabic text with English translation, *The Essence of Islam*, *The Life of Muhammad*, and *Ahmadiyyat the Renaissance of Islam* to Dr. William Hagan, Professor of Philosophy and Chairperson of Religious Studies.

PRAYERS OF A MUSLIM

A Muslim overcome by anxieties and debts has been enjoined to pray:

A. ALLAHUMMA INNEE A'OOZO BIKA MINAL HAMMI WAL HUZNI WA A'OOZO BIKA MINAL AJZI WAL KASALI WA A'OOZO BIKA MINAL BUKHLI WAL JUBNI WA A'OOZO BIKA MIN GHALABATID DAINI WA QAHRIR RIJAALI, that is:

O Allah! I seek refuge to Thee from anxieties and grief, and I seek refuge to Thee from weakness and indolence, and I seek refuge to Thee from miserliness and cowardice, and I seek refuge to Thee from crushing debts and oppressions of men.

B. ALLAHUM MAKFINEE BI HALAALIKA AN HARAAMIKA WA AGHNINEE BI FAZLIKA AMMAN SIWAAKA, that is:

O Allah! Save me with Thy lawful things from Thy unlawful things and give me riches by Thy Grace from those besides Thee.

C. ALLAHUMMA RAHMATAKA ARJOO FALAA TAKILNEE ILA NAFSEE TURFATA AININ WA ASLIH SHA'ANEE KULLAHOO LAA ILAHA ILLAA ANTA, that is:

O Allah! Thy Mercy I hope for, so don't leave me to myself for even the twinkling of an eye, and make my entire affairs good for me. There is none worthy of worship except Thee.

D. YAA HAYYO YAA QAYYOOMO BIRAHMATIKA ASTAGHEESO, that is:

O the Ever-Living, the Ever-Subsisting, I seek help with Thy Mercy.

WORD OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

The Holy Quran is a rare pearl. Its outside is light and its inside is light and its above is light and its below is light and there is light in every word of it.

JAMA'ATS TO SEND ZAIMS FOR TRAINING

The following Jama'ats are requested to send their local Zaims (leaders of Khuddam) for basic training at the Najmul Huda Academy to be held March 1-2, 1980 at the Fazl Mosque, Washington, D.C.:

Detroit	York, Washington
Willingboro	Philadelphia
Streamwood	Up-State New York
Baltimore	Pittsburg
Cleveland	New York City

Send applications to Talib Abdul Aleem, Registrar, c o the Washington Headquarters. All those who have completed the weekend Basic course are urged to contact the Academy to locate their newly assigned coach for a Progress Review and to receive their certificates.

ALL IN ONE

"If Adam was the "Deputy of God," Noah "The Saved One," Abraham, "The Intimate Friend," Ishmael, "The Sacrificed One," Joseph, "The Beautiful One," Moses, "The Mouthpiece," and Jesus, "The Spirit of God," Muhammad was all in one.

In the Mosaic dispensation, Prophet after Prophet made his appearance to serve as a model in one particular line, but the most illuminating Star of Arabia, before whose majestic splendour, every other tiny twinkling star pales into insignificance, combined in his person and in a much higher degree the collective virtues of all the Israelitish prophets. The manliness of Moses, the tender-heartedness of Aaron, the generalship of Jashua, the patience of David, the grandeur of Solomon, the simplicity of John, and the humility of Jesus, all merged in one. Thus, every patriarch sent forth but one ray—a single beam of light in one particular direction, but the Star of Arabia was sent to give light to the whole Universe."

KHALIFATUL MASIH'S HEALTH

According to the latest reports reaching us from Pakistan, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih, III is enjoying good health. Members are requested to continue praying for Hazur's health, and for the rapid spread of Islam under his dynamic leadership.

ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF JAMAATS

All the presidents of Ahmadiyya Jamaats in U.S.A. are requested to:

1. Exhort their members to redeem their 7-15 part of their pledges towards Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Fund before its financial year ends in February, 1980. Those members who have not yet taken part in this blessed scheme should be urged to do so and their pledges should be forwarded to the Washington Headquarters.

2. Collect the Tahrik Jadeed contributions from those who made their promises towards this scheme. 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. JAZAKUMULLAHO AHSANAL JAZA.

A MAN OF STRONG WILL

"Muhammad is no longer an imposter, but a great reformer. He is no longer neurotic patient suffering from epilepsy, but a man of tremendous character and unbending will. He is no longer a self seeking despot, ministering to his own selfish ends, but a beneficent ruler shedding light and love around him. He is no longer an opportunist, but a Prophet with a fixed purpose, and a man of strong will undeviating in his consistency."

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