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THE WORD OF GOD

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

This is Sura which we have revealed and which we have made obligatory; and We have revealed therein clear Signs, that you may take heed.

The adulteress and the adulterer or the fornicatress and the fornicator—flog each one of them with a hundred stripes. And let not pity for the twain take hold of you in executing the judgment of Allah, if you believe in Allah and the Last Day. And let a party of the believers witness their punishment.

The adulterer (or fornicator) cannot have sexual intercourse but with an adulteress (or fornicatress) or an idolatrous woman, and an adulteress (or fornicatress)—none can have sexual intercourse with her but an adulterer (or fornicator) or an idolatrous man. That indeed is forbidden to the believers.

And those who calumniate chaste women but bring not four witnesses—flog them with eighty stripes, and never admit their evidence thereafter, and it is they that are transgressors.

Except those who repent thereafter and make amends, for truly Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.

And as for those who calumniate their wives, and have no witnesses except themselves—the evidence of any one of such people shall suffice if he bears witness four times in the name of Allah saying that he is surely of those who speak the truth.

And his fifth oath shall be to say that Allah's curse be upon him if he be of the

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ESSENCE OF THE QURANIC TEACHINGS

By Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad
The Promised Messiah and Mahdi
The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam

Let it be fully realised that the essence of the Quranic teaching is that God is one and without any associate. Therefore, in point of your love for Him too, you should regard Him as one and without any associate. Accordingly, the **Kalima, La Ilaha Illa-Allah** (There is no God save Allah) which is ever on the lips of a Muslim points to the same thing. For the word **Ilah** is derived from **Vilah**. It means one loved, adored and worshipped. Neither the Torah nor the New Testament has taught us any **Kalima**. The Quran alone has taught one. The **Kalima** is so closely related to Islam. It is its insignia. It is called out five times a day from the minarets of mosques. It irritates Christians, Hindus, and others; from which it appears that it is a sin on their eyes to remember the one and only God with love and devotion. It is peculiar to Islam alone that every morning at daybreak the Muezzin proclaims aloud: **ASH'HADO AN LAA ILAHA ILLALAH**, i.e., I bear witness that I love and adore and worship no one except Allah. The same call rises forth from the Islamic places of worship at noon, in the afternoon, at sunset, and early in the night. This call resounds in the atmosphere and ascends to the skies. Does any other religion in the world present a similar spectacle?

Besides, the term Islam (lit. Submission) signifies love. Islam means to prostrate, to lay one's head before God as a token of total surrender, of readiness to be sacrificed to Him. This visible action springs from the fountain of love and devotion. The term Islam also shows that the Quran does not confine love of God to a mere verbal profession, but teaches us practically to follow the path of love and sacrifice. What other religion in this world has been called Islam by its founder? Islam is a beautiful name full of truth, sincerity and love. Blessed is the religion the name of which is Islam or submission.

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HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MAISH'S VISIT POSTPONED

Washington, D.C.:—

The proposed visit of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III to the United States in July has been postponed due to some unavoidable circumstances.

The visit scheduled to take place on July 12, 1980 with his arrival in San Francisco, California may now come on in the near future. INSHA ALLAH.

GIST OF FRIDAY SERMONS

Islamabad, Pakistan:—

In his Friday sermon delivered here in the Ahmadiyya Mosque, on May 30, 1980, Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, stressed upon his initiated Educational Project in a most soul inspiring style.

Khalifatul Masih said that in order to benefit from the complete dominance of Islam, destined through the Quranic teachings, and the beauty and beneficence of the blessed personality of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), it is essential to implement all the items of the Educational Project.

In this respect, Khalifatul Masih pointed out that we have been informed of two basic things. Firstly, ALKHAIRO KULLOHOO FIL QURAN, and secondly, KULLO BARAKATIN MIN MUHAMMADIN SALLALLAHO ALAIHI WA SALLAM—Every kind of goodness is in the Holy Quran, and every blessing is linked with the obedience to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him).

One can make mistakes in understanding the Holy Quran, hence, we are told that the right interpretation of the Quranic teachings is that which the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) understood and practised. So, you should understand the Holy Quran exactly on the same pattern, and carry it out accordingly to secure yourselves from error.

For this purpose it is essential to acquire Quranic teachings by following the footprints of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and by rendering complete obedience to him.

It can be made possible only when, firstly, we acquire the knowledge; secondly, we create love for the Holy Prophet in our hearts; and thirdly, we should have fervor and zeal to such an extent that by walking on the footprints of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) we shall not leave any stone unturned in acquiring the knowledge and science of the Holy Quran.

It is for the achievement of this object, Khalifatul Masih remarked, that he has presented the Educational Project to the Jamaat, and has exhorted them to implement this project as it should be done.

By the way, Khalifatul Masih referring to the misunderstanding of some people who think that the Quran deals only with spiritual matters, and the physical sciences and spiritual sciences are at poles apart, clarified the point and declared their thinking utterly incorrect.

God the Exalted, Hazoor continued, did not differentiate between the physical sciences and the spiritual sciences. Rather He has adjudged them the supporters of one another. Obviously, therefore, it is not only the spiritual manifestations that have been declared signs of God in the Holy Quran, but rather every physical change occurring in the world has been pronounced as a sign, and the word of AAYAAT has been used for both changes. Hence, it is clear that in order to attain a mastery in both the sciences, it is essential to study the Holy Quran, comprehend its object and acquire its sciences.

Accordingly, Hazoor said, he has enjoined upon everyone to study the Holy Quran. So, study yourselves *Tafseer Sagheer*—Short Commentary of the Holy Quran by Khalifatul Masih II, Commentary of the Holy Quran explained by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and other authentic Commentaries; and let your children also study them. Try to accustom your children that they themselves should have the zeal to study the basic books.

Besides, Khalifatul Masih (reiterating what he has been asking in his previous sermons and speeches) said, every child must pass Matriculation examination to understand the Holy Quran and for pondering over its verities. Again, he repeated that the talents and capacities favoured upon our children by God the Exalted must be given a chance to grow and develop; and the lack of means should never become hindrance for our talented child to develop his or her capability to the highest degree.

Hazoor said, in his estimation, the Jamaats have not exerted even 1/10th of the efforts which they should have put in implementing this Educational Project. In his estimation, Hazoor continued, there are 100,000 children who attend schools, but the letters received so far from the children approximately run from ten to fifteen thousand. (It is to be noted that Khalifatul Masih has asked every Ahmadi child attending school to write letters to him apprising him of the result of his or her examination so that he may pray for them and reply to them accordingly).

In the Educational Project, all those items to which the attention of the Community has been directed, are not ordinary things in the life of the Community. They shall be playing a major part in the promised dominance of Islam. It is the duty of every Ahmadi, Khalifatul Masih pointed out, that he should understand the object of his life, and the work he has to carry out in this world. Action and struggle are linked with the object. The higher the object the greater the action and struggle to be exerted accordingly. One who traverses from the earth to the heights of the heavens to achieve the love of his Lord must exert his utmost efforts.

In the beginning of his sermon, Hazoor describing his present indisposition urged the congregation to pray for his recovery and for the service of the religion acceptable to God. Concluding his sermon, he again urged them to pray that may Allah the Exalted grant me and you all health and keep us healthy. May we continue to have zeal and fervour in our hearts in a loving manner to save mankind from destruction, and gather them together under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him).

Islamabad, Pakistan:—

Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III, despite his being indisposed led the Friday prayer here in the Ahmadiyya Mosque on June 6, 1980.

In his Friday Sermon, Khalifatul Masih explained a subtle commentary of verse 26 of Sura Bani Israil:

Your Lord knows best what is in your minds; if you are righteous, then surely, He is Most Forgiving to those who turn to Him again and again.”

(17:26)

Elaborating on his subject, Khalifatul Masih said it is essential to perform Aamali Saaliha (good actions) for the achievement of Allah's pleasure. Besides, Amali Saliha is not only action that is good and suited to the occasion, but it also does include turning to God often, as has been pointed out in the words LIL AWWAABEEN GHAFUORA—Most Forgiving to those who turn to Him again and again.

This is to have strength for carrying out such actions which one thinks Aamaali Saaliha in his own view is to be accepted by God also.

Beside the members of the Islamabad Jamaat, a lot of members from Rawalpindi District, Jhelum, Noshahra, Attak and other nearby Jamaats attended the Friday service.

ADAQATUL FITR OR ALMS OF THE BREAKING OF THE FAST

Sadaqatul Fitr or Alms of the Breaking of the Fast is obligatory upon each and every Muslim, so much so that even a child born on the last day of Ramadan is under its obligation and the father is bound to pay on his behalf.

The amount per head to be paid as full rate is \$2, and half rate is \$1. Besides, each family is required to pay \$1 as E'D Fund.

THE WORD OF GOD

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But it shall avert the punishment from her if she bears witness four times in the name of Allah saying that he is of the liars.

And her fifth oath shall be to say that the wrath of Allah be upon her if he speaks the truth.

And were it not for Allah's grace and His mercy upon you, and the fact that Allah is Compassionate and Wise, you would have come to grief.

The Holy Quran 24:1-11

JAMAATS ACTIVITIES

Tucson, AZ:—

The Jamaat celebrated Khilafat Day by holding a special meeting which was attended by 35 members. M. Azhar Qureshi recited a portion from the Holy Quran and then presented its translation in English. M. Suhail Qureshi sang an Urdu poem of Muslihi Mauood about Qadian and then gave its explanation in English. The President, M. Ishaque Qureshi, described the significance of the Day by reading a few extracts from the Book of the Promised Messiah: *Al-Wasiyyat*, The Will. This was followed by a speech delivered by Khalid Mahmud Khan in which he presented various writings of the Promised Messiah and those of the Muslihi Mauood regarding Khilafat. Br. Zafrullah Cossack read his speech on the Importance of Khilafat. This was followed by a speech of Br. M. Qadeer who spoke on Khilafat in Islam. The Chairman, M. Ishaque Qureshi, in his Chairman's remarks, explained how the election of Khalifatul Masih III took place. No doubt it was an electoral college that elected the Khalifa, yet there was the hand of God that was working in the background. It was God who turned the hearts of the members of the electoral college to a person who was worthy of Khilafat. And the help of God which we witness at every step of Khalifatul Masih III points out without a shadow of a doubt that it was God who appointed him Khalifa. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih repeated the different challenges given by the Promised Messiah regarding the supremacy of Islam over other religions but none came forward to face him, the Chairman concluded. All the participants were served with refreshments arranged by Br. Qadeer and his wife Sis. Siddiq. The function was rounded up with collective prayer led by the President.

Los Angeles, Calif.:—

Jamaat Ahmadiyya Los Angeles held its Monthly Meeting at Veterans Memorial Hall in Culver City, on June 1st, 1980, with Br. Rahmat Jamal, the President, in the chair.

A portion of the Holy Quran was recited by Inayatullah Khan, followed by meanings and commentary by Br. Rahmat Jamal. Hadith and its meanings were read by Br. Anwar Mahmud Khan, and a chapter from *Our Teachings* was read by Dr. Gulzar Ahmad.

Br. Rahmat Jamal, in a speech, explained how he has been benefited by the acceptance of Islam and what effect it has made on him. He discussed the following most important aspects: Achievement of spiritual values, love for every human being, love for Allah, blessings of Allah, unity and love, and bringing people together with collective prayers. He also described various spiritual and other effects on a human being by fasting during the holy month of Ramadan.

A non-Ahmadi couple from Turkey also attended the meeting. The gentleman had some questions about the advent of the Messiah and Mahdi which were very well answered by Br. Rahmat Jamal and Br. Anwar Mahmud Khan. The meeting was rounded up with Zuhar and Asar prayers.

Milwaukee, WI:—

The Milwaukee Jamaat celebrated Khilafat Day along with the Jamaats from Racine and Waukegan at Milwaukee. Br. Rashid Ahmad, the President of the Jamaat, gave a very inspiring and informative speech on the Institution of Khilafat. This was followed by Br. Nasirullah Ahmad who spoke on the Blessings of Khilafat. The function was rounded up with collective prayers followed by the food served by the Lajna. Alhamdo Lillah.

The Jamaat gives speeches every month at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee campus, covering various topics such as Jesus Did Not Die On The Cross, Communism and Democracy, etc. The speeches are heard by the followers of different denominations belonging to various races. The articles are also contributed to the Community Newspaper explaining different aspects of Islam related to the current global situations.

CHARTER OF FREEDOM

Not only was the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) most scrupulous to see that no pressure of any kind was exerted on and no temptation held out to play one to embrace Islam, but he left permanent instructions in the books of Hadith that full respect be paid to the religious susceptibilities of the followers of other religions who had agreed to live under Muslim protection in addition to the express, clear and unequivocal injunctions in the Quran to this effect. The charters of religious freedom he granted to Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians are a standing testimony to his own broad-mindedness and that of the religious system he founded. Here is, for instance, the Charter of Freedom which the Holy Prophet granted to the Christians of Najaran which was later on extended to the Christians of the Islamic countries. It reads thus:

"This is the document which Muhammad, son of Abdullah, God's Prophet, Warner and Bearer of glad tidings, has caused to be written, so that there should remain no excuse for those coming after. I have caused this document to be written for the Christians of the East and the West, for those who live near, and for those of the distant lands, for the Christians living at present and for those who will come after, for those Christians who are known to us and for those as well whom we do not know. Any Muslim violating and abusing what is therein ordered would be regarded as a violator of God's testament and would be the breaker of His promise and would make himself deserving of God's curse, be he a king or a subject.

"I promise that any monk or wayfarer, etc., who will seek my help on the mountains, in forests, deserts or habitations, in places of worship, I will repel his enemies with all my friends and helpers, with all my relatives and with all those who profess to follow me and will defend him, because they are my

subjects and to them my shelter is extended, that is they are on my covenant. And I will defend the covenanted against the persecution, injury and embarrassment by their enemies in lieu of the poll-tax (jizya) they have promised to pay.

"If they will prefer themselves to defend their properties and persons, they will be allowed to do so and will not be put to any inconvenience on that account. No bishop will be expelled from his bishopric, no monk from his monastery, and no priest from his place of worship and no pilgrim will be detained in his pilgrimage. None of their churches and other places of worship will be desolated or destroyed or demolished. No material of their churches will be used for building mosques or houses, for the Muslims. Any muslim so doing should be regarded as recalcitrant to God and His Prophet. Monks and bishops will be subjected to no tax (jizya) or indemnity, whether they live in forests or in the rivers, or in the East or West, North or South. I give them my word of honour. They are on my promise and covenant and will enjoy perfect immunity from all sorts of inconveniences. Those who retire to the mountains and dedicated places, the produce of their cultivated lands will not be subjected to tax or tithe and in times of scarcity of food they will not be compelled to contribute anything in the form of grain. No military service will be taken from them, nor will they be required to pay jizya. Not more than 12 dirhams per annum will be taken from their merchants, landholders and from the wealthy among them. None should be harassed and tyrannised for the payment of taxes. In religious controversies and disputations, they should be talked to with civility and lenience. Let mercy overwhelm them where ever they may be and they should be protected from all troubles and injuries. He who broke God's covenant and adopted a defiant attitude will be regarded as His enemy and the violator of His testament. Every help shall be given to them in the repair of their churches. They shall be

absolved from wearing arms. Let this document be not disobeyed till the Judgment Day." (Futuh-ul-Buldan Balazari.)

THE HOLY QURAN WILL BE A JUDGE OVER YOU

The Holy Quran will be a judge over you on the Day of Resurrection. It shall demand accounts from you all—how far did you act upon its commandments, and how far did you abstain from the prohibitions it asked you to shun.

Khalifatul Masih III

LEADERSHIP COURSE— LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The Najmul Huda Academy will again be offering a course in Islamic Leadership and Service on August 30-31, during the weekend normally reserved for the national convention.

The course is open to Khuddam holding the office of Jama'at President, Qaid, or Zaim who have never taken an Academy course. K-I Graduates may apply to serve as Instructors-in-Training.

Advance registration with a \$10.00 fee is required. Send to the Registrar, Talib Abdul Aleem, c/o American Fazl Mosque, 2141 Leroy Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

The last course was canceled due to lack of advance registrations. There must be no less than 10 registered and the course will be able to accommodate approximately 15-20 brothers. The Ahmadiyya Mission House at Newark, New Jersey is the tentative site for the course. Yahya Sharif and Mubashir Ahmad will direct the instructions in basic skills, principles and methods useful to office holders. Graduates receive Najmul Huda Pin and a Pocket Certificate.

(Yahya Sharif, York, Pennsylvania)

AHMAD IN PRAISE OF MUHAMMAD

By

**The Promised Messiah the Holy
Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement
in Islam.**

What a marvellous light
And radiance is to be found
In the life and person
Of Muhammad! Indeed this is a mine
Wonderfully rich in rubies
Of priceless worth.
Look wheresoever I may,
In the two worlds,
I can absolutely find no one
With the greatness and grandeur
Of this the greatest benefactor
Of the Human race.
If thou long to obtain
Deliverance from the lust
Of thy mind, then come
To include thyself
Among his devotees.
And if at all thou desire
That Allah should hold thee
Worthy of praise,
From the bottom of thy heart
Begin to sing his praises.
Of this if thou long for proof,
Become thou his admirer, and lover,
Then watch for the results,
For the life and person
Of Muhammad, in themselves,
Constitute conclusive and shining
Proof of his greatness.
Verily, my head and my life
I freely offer as a sacrifice
For the blessed dust
Underneath his feet;
And my devoted heart,
Every moment, is offering
Itself at the altar.

English by Soofi A. Q. Niyaz.

SIN IS A POISON

Sin is a poison. Do not take it. Disobedience to God is a dirty death which you should avoid. Turn to prayer that you should get the strength. At the time of prayer, if a man does not firmly believe that Allah has power over everything, except what may be contained in a previous promise, such a one is not of my community.
(Kashti-Nuh by the Promised Messiah)

THE PROMISED MESSIAH ON PRACTICAL LIFE

"If a person after having fidelity with me does not transform himself, and does not enhance his practical powers, but rather takes the verbal confession sufficient for him, he as a matter of fact insists through his actions that my advent was needless and purposeless. If through your practical life you want to prove my advent fruitless then your relationship with me is meaningless. If you had joined with me then fulfill my aims and objectives. And it is this that you present sincerity and faithfulness in the presence of God, and act upon the teachings of the Holy Quran as did the Holy Prophet (P.B.G.H.) and his companions. Find out the purpose of the Holy Quran and then act upon it. The mere verbal declaration without light and zeal in actions is not sufficient at all for presentation to God. Remember, the Jamaat God wishes to establish can not live without action." (MALFOO-

ZAT HAZRAT MASIH MAUOOD—
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"I never pleased with the majority of Jamaat, though it numbers 400,000 rather more than this. But the true Jamaat does not mean making the Baiat pledge by giving hand in hand, rather the Jamaat deserves to be called Jamaat only when it abides with the reality of the Baiat. When a pure transformation is inculcated in its true sense in them, their life is cleansed entirely of the dross of sin; absorb themselves in the pleasure of God the Exalted after getting rid of Satanic control and sensual desires; redeem the rights of God and that of the fellow beings perfectly and open heartedly; create earnest desire in them for the cause of religion and its propagation; in short, annihilating their personal desires and plans become entirely of God.

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WHY THE NAME AHMADIYYA?

"The name which is appropriate for this Movement and which we prefer for ourselves is Muslims of the Ahmadiyya sect. We have chosen this name because the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), had two names: Muhammad and Ahmad; Muhammad was his name of glory and Ahmad was his name of beauty. In the name of Muhammad was implicit a prophecy that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) would punish with the sword such enemies as would attack Islam with the sword and slaughter hundreds of Muslims. His name Ahmad indicated that he would spread peace and security in the world. God so arranged the life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), that his Meccan life was a manifestation of his name Ahmad and the Muslims were taught patience and endurance. In his life in Medina, his name Muhammad was manifested, and God in His wisdom decided to chastise his enemies. But there was a prophecy that the name Ahmad would be man-

ested again in the latter days and that a person would appear through whom the qualities of beauty, which characterize Ahmad would be manifested, and all fighting would come to an end. For this reason it has been considered appropriate that the name of this sect should be Ahmadiyya sect, so that everyone hearing this name should realize that this sect has come into being for the spread of peace and security and that it would have nothing to do with war and fighting." (Tabligh Risalat, V. 9, pp. 90-91, by Hazrat Ahmad the Promised Messiah.)

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A CRYING NEED

"The extinction of race consciousness as between Muslims is one of the outstanding moral achievements of Islam, and in the contemporary world there is, as it happens, a crying need for the propagation of this ISLAMIC VIRTUE."

Arnold J. Toynbee
Civilization on Trial

Lajna Imaullah

**MUSLIHI MAUOOD'S
ADVICE TO WOMEN**

During the Annual Conference of 1944, in addressing the women on 27 December, the Khalifatul Masih admonished the members of the newly established Association of Women that their first duty should be to establish literacy among all the women of the Movement. Their second step should be to take adequate measures to instruct all the women of the Movement in the principal commandments of Islam relating to the *salat*, fasting, etc. The third step should be that every woman should know the purport and meaning of the *salat*, so that her worship should not be like the cry of a parrot, not knowing what she is saying. The last step should be that every woman should know the meaning of the Holy Quran:

"... I would be satisfied only when every one of you knows the meaning of the Holy Quran, and I would be happy when every one of you not only knows the meaning of the Quran, but also understands the Quran, and I will be truly happy when every one of you can expound the Holy Quran to other women, and my happiness would be even greater when God Almighty becomes a witness that all of you have understood the Holy Quran and are diligent in acting upon it.

APOLOGY

In the June issue of the *Gazette*, under the heading "The Holy Quran on Fasting," a part of the translation of verse 186 was omitted. The Editor apologizes for the omission and hereby gives the full translation of the verse:

"The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was sent down as a guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present at home in this month, let him fast therein. But whoso is sick or is on a journey, shall fast the same number of other days. Allah desires to give you facility and He desires not hardship for you, and that you may complete the number, and that you may exalt Allah for His having guided you and that you may be grateful" (2:186).

FROM THE PRESS:

As Belief, Islam Stresses Equity

By Zafir M.A. Pontoh

Several views and speculations about various religions have sometimes been reported in the media. Even so, it would be inappropriate for a Mr. What to speculate on Mr. Who's activities without being familiar or having a knowledge of it first.

Some views speculate that revenge is another component of Islam in general. One of the principles that Islam teaches is that so long as nations of the earth are not ready to federate in a world state, a system of international security should be established along certain practical lines.

The Holy Quran states:

And if two parties of believers fall to fighting, then make peace between them, and if one party of them transgress against the other, fight ye that which transgresses till it returns to the command of Allah, then, if it returns, make peace between them justly, and act equitably. Lo! Allah loveth the equitable.

(49:9)

That is to say:

1. If two or more states should go to war with each other, or should fall out among each other, it is the duty of the rest or the other states to try to bring about a settlement between them. The other states should intervene and try to compel the states between whom a dispute has arisen to submit their dispute to arbitration.

2. If this effort should fail and one or any of them should commit aggression against the other or others, then all the others should combine to resist the aggressor.

OPENING FOR TEACHER

The Nuruddin School will be commencing its fifth continuous year this fall, insha-Allah. There is one opening for an Ahmadi sister to teach part-time. A small salary is available. Contact the Mudarris for an interview: Sister Zainab, Nuruddin School, 3342 N. George St., Emigsville, PA 17318; (717) 764-0939.

3. When the aggressor is defeated, the original dispute should be settled by the other states on an equitable basis. All the states should settle the terms of peace, and in this settlement there should be no element of revenge or punishment.

4. There should be no attempt to impose penalties upon the aggressor as a punishment for starting hostilities. The matter of dispute is to be settled equitably. It may be that the aggressor state was actually in the right. The mere fact of aggression should not operate to deprive it of its right.

5. There should be no attempt on the part of intervening states to seek benefits for themselves. The settlement should be confined to the original dispute. The word "equitably" indicates that the intervening states should not seek benefits for themselves at the expense of the victor or the vanquished.

This verse is really in the nature of prophecy. At the time when this verse was revealed, there were no Muslim parties which were likely to go to war with each other. The verse only makes provision for the future. The words fighting and transgressing indicate clearly that the principles laid down in this verse have reference to states. This system of international security was laid down at a time when nobody had even started thinking about these matters.

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**SPECIAL PRAYERS REQUESTED
DURING RAMADAN**

The members are requested to pray more earnestly during Ramadan for the guidance of mankind towards the Light of Islam, establishment of peace throughout the world, and for the long, healthy and successful life of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.

PRAYERS OF A MUSLIM

When going on a journey a Muslim is enjoined to pray:

ALLAHO AKBAR ALLAHO AKBAR ALLAHO AKBAR SUBHAANALLAZEE SAKHAKHARA LANAA HAAZA WA MAA KUNNA LAHOO MUQRINEENA WA INNAA ILAA RABBINAA LA'MUNQALIBOONA ALLAHUMMA INNAA NAS'ALOKA FEE SAFARINAA HAAZAL BIRRA WATTAQWA WA MINAL AMALI MAA TARZA ALLAHUMMA HAWWIN ALAINAA SAFARANAA HAAZA WATWI ANNA BU'ADAHOO.

That is:

Allah is the Greatest; Allah is the Greatest; Allah is the Greatest; Holy is He Who has subjected this to us, and we had not the strength to subdue it ourselves, and to our Lord surely shall we return. O our Lord, we seek of thee, in this journey of ours, virtue and righteousness and such of the deeds as would be pleasing in Thy sight. O our Lord, lighten for us this our journey and shorten its duration.

While saying goodbye, a Muslim is enjoined to say:

ASTAUDIULLAHA DEENAKA WA AMAANATAKA WA AAKHIRA AMALIKA ZAWWADAK-ALLAHUT TAQWA WA GHAFARA ZANBAKA WA YASSARA LAKAL KHAIRA HAISO MAA KUNTA.

That is:

I commit to Allah thy faith, and thy trust and the culmination of thy

THE TIME IS VERY SHORT

The time is very short, the mission of your life not yet fulfilled. Walk with speed, for the evening draws nigh. Whatever you have to put before the Lord, examine it well, and as often as you can, lest some defect remain to cause irreparable loss; or lest you take something with you which in fact should amount to more than filthy and spurious goods, not worthy to be presented at a royal court.

(Kashti-Nuh by The Promised Messiah)

ATFAL AND NASIRAT RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

The First Rukan (Pillar) of Iman Belief in Allah the Exalted

Q. Write down Kalima Shahadat.

A. ASH'HADO AN LAA ILAAHA ILLALLAHO WA ASH'HADO ANNA MUHAMMADAR RASOOLULLAHI, i.e., I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah (Who is One and has no partner) and I bear witness that Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) is the servant of God the Exalted and His Messenger.

Q. Describe briefly the attributes of God the Exalted.

A. Allah is One. He has various attributes which are of two kinds. Firstly, those attributes which are found in His Being. It means, those which are the essential part of His Being. They are seven: (1) Hayat—Life; (2) Qudrat—Power; (3) Ilm—Knowledge; (4) Kalam—Conversation; (5) Sam'a—Hearing; (6) Iradah—Will; (7) Basar—Seeing.

These seven attributes are called Sifaati Zatiyya—personal attributes.

deeds. May Allah give thee righteousness as a provision, forgive thy sins, and make it easy for thee to attain good and virtue wherever thou mayest be.

COLLEGE GRADUATES/STUDENTS

At the last meeting of all Jama'at presidents at Washington, D.C., our Mubaligh-in-Charge, Mir Mahmud Nasir Ahmad, stated that "The importance of QALAM should be restored."

If you have not yet received invitational materials, contact us right way. Use your education to benefit the Jama'at; it is a means of showing gratitude to Allah Al-Alim for receiving the opportunity.

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There are also other attributes of God beside His personal attributes. For instance: Khaaliq—Creator; Raaziq—Sustainer; Ghafoor—Forgiver; Naseer—Helper; Malik—Master; Tawwaab—Acceptor of Repentance, etc. Such kinds of attributes are called Sifaati Fia'aliyya as these depict His action.

Q. Are there other things beside these which must be known about Allah the Exalted?

A. Yes. There are some other things which must be known about Him:

1. God the Exalted is LAA MAKAAAN which means He is not confined in any place, nor does He need a place as we do.
2. He neither begets nor is He begotten. He is Eternal and Everlasting. He neither has beginning nor end.
3. He neither tires, nor falls sick, nor can death overtake Him.
4. He neither needs food nor drink, nor does He slumber or sleep.
5. He is Holy from every blemish, and no defect can be found in Him.
6. He has all qualities and excellences.
7. He is unique in His Being and in His attributes, hence, there is none like unto Him.

Islam Preached to Students

San Mateo, Calif.:—

Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Missionary-in-Charge West Coast Region, addressed more than thirty students of the Philosophy Department of the College of San Mateo on Ethics of Islam. The speech was followed by questions and answers during which various aspects of Islam were explained.

Dr. Ward J. Fellows, the Chairman of the Philosophy Department, was presented copies of *The Essence of Islam* and *Ahmadiyyat, The Renaissance of Islam* for the college library. Leaflets on Islam were distributed among all the students. A copy of the Holy Quran, Arabic text, along with an English translation, had already been presented to Dr. Fellows when Maulvi Kaleem addressed his students on the Islamic Conception of God.

24 QURANIC INJUNCTIONS REGARDING THE FASTS

By Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III

1. Fasting has been declared obligatory under Islamic Shariah law.
2. It is disclosed that fasting removes spiritual as well as moral weaknesses.
3. It is essential to complete the fixed number of fasts.
4. Those who are suffering with permanent sickness are enjoined to pay *Fidya*—expiation.
5. While on a journey, fast is forbidden.
6. True love of God must be instilled.
7. The object of fasting is the betterment of the believers.
8. The blessed Ramadhan has a profound link with the Holy Quran.
9. It is a Book which is guidance for all peoples for all ages.
10. It pertains such arguments which depict new sciences in every age.
11. The fasts of Ramadhan are obligatory ones.
12. If fast is not observed due to a temporary ailment, the number completed in other days after Ramadhan would give the same reward that one gets while observing fasts during Ramadhan.
13. Allah desires to give facility to the believers regarding fasting, and desires not hardship.
14. One who puts himself in hardship is acting contrary to God's Will.

15. It is permissible to go in unto your wives on the nights of the fasts.
16. Husband and wife are guardians over one another.
17. Eat up to *Sahoor* (the appearance of dawn) after breaking the fast.
18. Complete the fast from morning to *Iftar* (sunset) when the fast is broken.
19. Do not go in unto your wives while you remain in the mosque for devotion.

20. These commandments are the limits fixed by God the Exalted.

21. Do not violate these limits.

22. Among these injunctions and etiquettes of the Holy Quran, Khalifatul Masih pointed out the greatest manner is to:

23. Recite amply the Holy Quran and

24. Supplicate excessively.

(*The Daily Alfazl*, July 28, 1979)

TUCSON SOON WILL HAVE A MOSQUE

Tucson, AZ:—

Tucson shall soon have a Mosque which would be built as a first Mosque in the city.

Dr. Muhammad Zafr Qureshi, a sincere Ahmadi of Tucson, through the Grace of God made up his mind to put up a House of God. Allah helped him to purchase a plot 134x80 feet near the downtown area at the corner of Speed Way and 11th Avenue.

The members of Tucson Jamaat through *Waqari Amal*—dignity of labour—cleared the site by working seven hours.

The first Friday service at the site was conducted by Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Missionary-in-Charge West Coast Region. It is worth mentioning that the first Azan at the site was called by Muhammad Yusuf Qureshi,

the father of Dr. Zafr Qureshi who luckily was in the country to visit his dear ones.

This was followed by the drawing of a plan and its approval by the city council. Alhamdo Lillah.

The foundation stone of the Mosque has been laid by Muhammad Ishaq Qureshi, the President of the Jamaat, on June 20, 1980, with the prayers of Hazrat Ibrahim (peace be upon him) supplicated while raising the foundations of the House of God at Mecca. Every effort is being made to complete as much construction as possible before the arrival of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III to the U.S., in order to request him to come to Tucson and offer prayers in the Mosque. WA MAA TAUFEEQO-NAA ILLAA BILLAHIL ALIYYIL AZEEM.

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