

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْكَرِيمِ وَعَلَى عَائِلَتِهِ الْمُسَبِّحِ الْمَوْجُودِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

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## COMPLETION OF THE 14th CENTURY AND MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR MUSLIMS

God the Exalted raised the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and elevated his status to Khataman Nabiyeen—Seal of the Prophets. He was made Prophet, as has been pointed out in Hadith even before the creation of Adam.

كنت نبياً وأمرت منجدل بين الماء والطين

"I was a Prophet when Adam was yet in (the traditional stage) between water and mud."

Hence, all the prophets of the yore reflected partly the prophethood of the Holy Prophet in one form or another, as he was the purpose for all creation.

ولاك لما خلقت الافلاك -

"Had I not created thee I would have created neither heaven nor earth."

Besides, his prophethood shall continue up to the Day of Judgement.

Through knowledge bestowed upon him by God the All-Knowing, the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, foresaw the condition under which his Ummah had to pass during different ages and particularly in the last days. He is reported to have said:

"يُوشِكُ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ عَلَى النَّاسِ

نَرَمَانٌ لَا يَبْقَى مِنَ الْإِسْلَامِ إِلَّا اسْمُهُ، وَلَا يَبْقَى مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ إِلَّا آيَاتُهُ،

مَسَاجِدُهُمْ عَابِرَةٌ وَهِيَ خَرَابٌ مِنَ الْهَدْيِ، طَلَمَاتُ هُمْ شَرُّ مَنْ

نَعَتْ أَدْنَى السَّمَاءِ، مِنْ عِنْدِهِمْ تَخْرُجُ الْوَتَنَةُ، وَفِيهِمْ نَعْوَةٌ رَوَاهُ

الْبَيْهَقِيُّ فِي "شُعَبِ الْإِسْمَانِ"

1. "There will come a time upon the people when nothing will remain of Islam except its name only and nothing will remain of the Quran except its inscription. Their mosques will be splendidly furnished but destitute of guidance. Their divines will be the worst people under the heaven and strife will issue from and avert to them." (Mishkatul Masabih, Kitabul Ilm)

تَقْرُبُ أَقْتَبُ عَلَى ثَلَاثِ وَسِتِّينَ سَنَةً ظَهَرُ فِي النَّارِ إِلَّا مِلَّةً وَاحِدَةً

2. "A time will come when my followers will become divided into seventy-three sects. All of them except one will deserve the fire."

Nevertheless, as Mercy for all peoples he gave the glad tidings of the advent of Mujaddideen (regenerators) and that of the appearance of Mahdi and Messiah. A few of these prophecies mentioned in the books of Ahadith (Traditions) are given below:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ لِهَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ عَلَى رَأْسِ كُلِّ مِائَةٍ

سَنَةٍ مَنْ يَجْتَدِدُ لَهَا دِينَهَا - رُوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ وَرَجُلُهُ بِابِ الْمَدِينِ

1. "Verily God will appoint for this Ummat in the beginning of every century, one who will restore for it its faith." (Abu Daud, Kitabul Fitan)

وَأَبْدَى نَفْسِي بِبَيْدِهِ لِيُوشِكَنَّ أَنْ يَنْزِلَ فِيكُمْ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ

عَسَا عَدَلًا فَيَكْسِرَ الصَّلِيبَ وَيَقْتُلَ الْخِنْزِيرَ وَيُضِيعَ

الْحِزْبِيَّةَ

2. "And I swear by the Lord who holds my life in His hands that the son of Mary shall surely appear among you as just arbiter and shall break the cross, annihilate the swine and abolish Jazia." (Sahih Bukhari, Kitab Bad'ul Khalq, Bab Nazooli Isa Bin Maryam)

كَيْفَ أَنْتُمْ إِذْ أَنْزَلَ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ فِيكُمْ وَأَمَّا مَنكُمْ وَمَنكُمْ

3. "What will be your condition when the son of Mary will descend among you and he will be your Imam from among yourselves." (Sahih Bukhari, Kitabul Anbiya)

لَا مَهْدِيَّ إِلَّا عَيْسَى

4. "There is no Mahdi except Isa." (Ibn Maja, Bab Shiddatuz Zaman)

يُوشِكُ مَنْ عَاشَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَلْقَى عَيْسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ إِمَامًا مُهْدِيًا وَحَكَمًا عَدَلًا

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5. "Whoever lives from among you shall meet Isa, son of Mary who is Imam, Mahdi, Arbiter and Judge." (Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, Vol. 2, P. 411)

6. "I give you the gladtidings of Mahdi who will be raised in my Ummah at a time of digression and distress of people. He will fill the earth with equity and justice as it was filled with oppression and violence." (Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 3, p. 37)

اذا مضت ألفٌ ومائتان واربعون سنة  
يبعث الله المهدي -

7. "When one thousand two hundred and forty years will pass, God will raise Mahdi." (An-Najmus Saqib, Vol. 2, p. 209)

كَيْفَ تَمُوتُ أُمَّةٌ اِتَّقَى آتِلَمَّا وَالسَّيِّئُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ أَخْرَمًا

8. "That Ummah can never die which has me at one end, and the Messiah son of Mary, at the other." (Ibn Maja, Bab Al-Fatisam Bis-Sunnat).

كيف تهلك امة انا اولها واثنى عشرهن  
بعدي من السعداء و اولى الالباب والمسايح  
بن مريم اخرها ولكن بين خالك نطح الهرج  
ليسوا مني ولست منهم (اكمال الدين ص 157)

9. "How can those followers go to perdition whose beginning is marked with my appearance, and after me 12 radiant and wise (Khalifas), and the end with Messiah, son of Mary. Nevertheless, between it will occur thrust of commotion and its perpetrators have nothing with me nor I have any connection with them." (Ikmalud Din, p. 157)

خير القرون قرني ثم الذين يلونهم ثم الذين  
يلونهم ثم ليفستوا الكذب . . . . .

10. "The best century is the one in which I live, then the next century, then the century after that. Then there will spread falsehood at the hands of poeple who will take pride in their wealth and riches and will grow fat on the earnings of others." (Tirmidhi & Bukhari, Kitab Al-Shahadat)

As foretold in this tradition of the Holy Prophet, Islam began to decline after the first three centuries of uninterrupted conquests and growing prosperity, till it suffered a very serious check in about 271 A.H. when its graded decline and decay continued till it reached its nadir in the next one thousand years that the reference has been made in the Quranic words,

ثُمَّ يَخْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمِهِ

كَانَ مَقْدَارُهُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ مِمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ۝

"Then shall it go up to Him in a day duration of which is a thousand years" (32:6). In another of his sayings the Holy Prophet peace be on him, is reported to have said,

لَوْ كَانَ الْإِيمَانُ عِنْدَ الشَّرِّيِّ لَنَالَهُ رَجُلٌ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ -

رَبَّادِي كِتَابِ التَّفْسِيرِ بَابِ تَفْسِيرِ مَرْيَمَ

that Faith will ascend to the Pleiades and a man of Persian descent will bring it back to the earth. (Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-al-Tafsir)

With the appearance of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi in the 14th century A.H. the process of decay has been arrested and a renaissance of Islam has taken place.

Before pondering over these traditions of the Holy Prophet peace be upon him, regarding the advent of the Messiah and Mahdi, it must be kept in view that the Holy Quran as well as the traditions of the Holy Prophet are unanimous in their verdict that Jesus, son of Mary has died his natural death. Further the Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Holy Prophet both are in unison that the dead never return to life in this transitory world of ours. Hence, when it is narrated in the Traditions that Jesus, son of Mary will come, it should not be taken literally but rather to be understood in the metaphorical sense as has been interpreted by a scholar of gr repute and regenerator of his century. Mohyyud Din Ibn Arabi, when he says:

صَحَبَ نُزُولُهُ فِي آخِرِ الْأَمَانِ بِتَعْلُوقِهِ بِيَدَيْهِ الْآخِرِ

"His descent in later ages will be with a different body." (Tafsir Araisul Bayan, Vol. 1, p. 262) Another scholar has also thrown light on the subject when he says:

بعضی بر آند که روح عیسی در سہدی بروز کند و نزول عبارت  
ازین بروز است

"Some believe that the soul of Jesus will manifest in Mahdi and the descent only means his Baruz." (Iqtibasul Anwar by Sheikh Muhammad Akram Sabri, p. 52)

In pondering over the fore-mentioned traditions one is bound to come to the veritable conclusion that:

1. The Mahdi is no other than the Messiah. To think that the Messiah and the Mahdi are two different persons is wrong as is clear from the fore-mentioned traditions No. 4 and 5.

For shedding the light of Islam in the Christian world he is called Messiah or son of Mary, and for illuminating the hearts of Muslims with the light of Islam he is called Mahdi. And this is the very interpretation given by the person who was raised in the fulfillment of these prophecies, when he says:

چون مرا نورے بی قوم مسیحی داد، اند

مصاحبت را ابن مریم نام من بنہادہ اند

“As I have been given light for the Christian people, the name of the son of Mary has been given to me for this reason.”

2. The advent of Messiah and Mahdi shall take place in the concluding years of the thirteenth century A.H. and in the beginning of the 14th century A.H. And this is what the divines of the Ummah deduced from these traditions. Consequently, Nawab Siddiq Hasan Khan of Bhopal stated in his book written at the close of 13th century:

“And at the head of the fourteenth century to which there are still ten more years to go if the advent of Mahdi and the descent of Jesus takes place they would be the Majaddid and Mujtahid.” (Hujajul Kiramah, p. 135-139)

Nawan Nurul Hasan the son of Nawab Siddiq Hasan Khan in his book Iqtirabus Sa'at written in the beginning of 14th century stated on page 221:

“In accordance to this calculation Mahdi should have appeared in the 13th century but the century elapsed and the Mahdi has not come. Now we are almost in the 14th century and even six months have passed of it since this book was written. Probably God would favour us with His Grace, Equity, Mercy and Generosity; and the Mahdi may appear within four to six years.”

The late Khawaja Hasan Nizami, after his tour of the Islamic countries wrote:

“All the divines and saintly people with whom I met during my tour of the Islamic countries, I found them anxiously awaiting for Imam Mahdi. A Khalifa of Sheikh Sanosi went up to the extent of saying that Imam Mahdi shall appear in this very year — 1331 A.H.” (Ahl-Hadith, January 26, 1912)

3. Ummati Muslima has been promised that God will appoint for it in the beginning of every century, one who will restore for it its faith. Consequently, this promise had been fulfilled in the past 13 centuries with the advent of Mujaddideen — regenerators, who were distinguished examplars of Islam, and played very important part in spreading and establishing Islam:

- First Century: Umar Bin Abdul Aziz
- Second Century: Imam Shafi'i, Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal
- Third Century: Abu Sharh and Abul Hasan Al-Ash'ari
- Fourth Century: Abu Ubaidullah of Neshapur and Qazi Abu Bakr Baqilani
- Fifth Century: Imam Al-Ghazali
- Sixth Century: Al-Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani
- Seventh Century: Imam Ibn Taimiyyah and Khwajah Mu'inud Din Chishti
- Eighth Century: Ibn Hajar Asqalani and Salih bin Umar
- Ninth Century: Imam Suyuti
- Tenth Century: Muhammad Tahir Gujrati
- Eleventh Century: Al-Sheikh Ahmad of Sirhand Mujaddid Alf Thani

Twelfth Century: Shah Wali Allah Muhaddath Dehlavi  
Thirteenth Century: Sayyid Ahmad Bareilvi  
Keeping the traditions of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, and statements of the Muslim divines in view, each and every sane Muslim is requested to think twice that the 14th century is closing on November 7th, with the appearance of the moon of Muharram

the first lunar month of the Muslim era and the 15th century shall usher in on November 8th, 1980; but:

- A. Where is the Mujaddid of 14th Century and who is he?
- B. Where is the Imam Mahdi and Messiah and who is he?
- C. What happened to the promises made and the prophecies foretold?

D. Are the Muslims after despaired of the advent of the Promised One will console themselves by saying:

- 1. “We admit that Mahdi will not appear. What harm is there if he does not appear.” (Hadith-al-Ghashiyya, p. 343)
- 2. “We admit that Mahdi may not come. This does not contradict any important belief of the people of Islam . . .” (Iqtirabus Sa-ah, p. 147)

میںار دل پہ اپنے خدا کا نزول دیکھ  
اب انتظار مہدی و عیسیٰ بھی چھوڑ دے

3. “See the descent of God on the minaret of your heart; now even discard the waiting for Mahdi and Isa.” (Dr. Allama Iqbal)

4. “As far as the belief for the Promised Mahdi is concerned, it is the invention of the helpless and the indolent.” (Shorash Kashmiri Editor Chitan Lahore, May 28, 1962)

As a matter of fact there is no cause of despair, rather we should rejoice that God fulfilled His promise made in the Holy Quran:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَنَاطِقُونَ

“We Ourselves have send down this Exhortation and most surely We will be its Guardian.” (15:10). The Prophecies of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, have seen the light of the day; and at the exact time — in the beginning of the 14th century the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad having received knowledge from God the Exalted made the following announcements from Qadian as was predicted by the Holy Prophet that,

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مِنْ قَرِينَتِي قَالَ لَهَا كَدْعَةٌ

“Mahdi will appear in a village the name of which will be called Kadi'ah.” (Jawahirul Asrar, p. 55):

1. “When the 13th century of the Hegira drew to a close and the beginning of the 14th century approached, I was informed by God Almighty, through revelation, that I was the Mujaddid (Reformer) for the 14th century.” (Kitabul Bariyya, p. 201)

2. “A few years thereafter, it was made clear to me through Divine revelation that the Messiah, whose advent among the Muslims had been promised from the beginning, and the Mahdi whose advent had been Divinely decreed at the time of decline of Islam and the spread of error, and who was to be guided directly by God, and who was to invite people to partake of the heavenly banquet, and whose coming had been foretold by the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, thirteen hundred years in advance, was myself.” (Tazkaratush Shahadatain, p. 1-2)

3. “The holy and pure revelation of God has informed me that I have been sent by Him as the Promised Messiah and the Promised Mahdi and as Arbiter for the internal and external differences.”

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(Arba'een)

4. "It was the time of Messiah and not of any other. Had I not come another would have come." (Durri Samin)

So, as the 14th century is closing and the 15th century is beginning, we entreat all those who call themselves Muslims to reconsider seriously the claims of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, as there is none beside him who presented himself as the Mujaddid of 14th century, as the Promised Messiah and Mahdi.

The claim of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad has been testified by the signs appeared in heaven and on earth.

For instance, Darqutni, a most eminent and recognized authority, records a saying of the Holy Prophet:

إِنَّ لِمَهْدِيَّائِنَا الْبَيْتَيْنِ لَمْ نَكُونَا مِنْدُ خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، بَيْنَهُمَا  
الْقَمَرُ لِأَوَّلِ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ وَتَكُونُ الشَّمْسُ فِي الْبَيْتِ مِنْهُ  
وَلَمْ نَكُونَا مِنْدُ خَلْقِ اللَّهِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

"For our Mahdi there shall be two signs which have never happened for any one else since the creation of the heavens and the earth: At his advent there shall occur an eclipse of the moon in the first of its appointed nights and eclipse of the sun on the middle one of its appointed dates and both will occur in the month of Ramazan." (Darqutni p. 188)

The prophecy does not mean that the occurrence of the eclipse would in itself be unique and unprecedented. But the prophecy predicted thirteen hundred years beforehand that two of the signs of the true Mahdi would be that sun and the moon would be eclipsed in the manner indicated. Eclipses have no doubt occurred before but never as a sign of the advent of a heavenly reformer; because there has never been in the history of the world a claimant of any kind at the time of the phenomena described. It is also confirmed by the Quran (75:6-9) which refers to the same prophecy.

Now according to this the eclipse of the moon actually occurred on Thursday evening the 13th of Ramazan, 1311 A.H. (March 21st, 1894); and that of the sun occurred on Friday morning the 28th of the same Ramazan (April 6th, 1894). The eclipse of the moon generally occurs on the 13th, 14th or 15th day of a lunar month and according to the prophecy, it occurred on the first date. The eclipse of the sun takes on the 27th, 28th and 29th and it occurred on the 28th which was the middle date predicted. Hence, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad rightly claimed that the prophecy was fulfilled and that it was strong evidence on the truth of his claim as no one except God has power over these heavenly bodies.

Dear brethren, please study carefully the valuable works of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. The promised one came at his right time, and after establishing a dynamic Jamaat departed successfully from this transitory world towards his eternal abode.

This is the Jamaat that has been blessed to render wholehearted service to the religion by conveying the message of Islam all over

the world, through translating the Holy Quran in different important languages, establishing Missions in various countries of the world, and constructing mosques in the dominant centers of Christianity; thus bringing hundreds of thousands of people in to the fold of Islam.

Hence, do not fall prey to despair and despondency, but rather rejoice and cheer up that you too could have the precious chance of serving the religion by embracing the community of Imam Mahdi and the Promised Messiah; and winning the pleasure and blessing of God through rendering obeisance to the injunctions of the Holy Prophet in respect of Imam Mahdi and Imam of the age:

فَإِذَا رَأَيْتُمُوهُ فَبَايِعُوهُ وَلَوْ حَبْوًا عَلَى التَّلْحِ  
فَإِنَّهُ خَلِيفَةُ اللَّهِ الْمَهْدِيِّ  
ابوداؤد جلد ۲ اخرج المهدى

1. "When you hear the advent of Mahdi it is then enjoined on you to enter into his Baiat (i.e. to enter into his fold) even if you have to walk on snow by crawling and creeping to reach him." (Kanzul Ummal; also footnotes to Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 6, p. 29-30)

مَنْ مَاتَ وَلَمْ يُرِدْ رَمَازَانَ فَمَاتَ مِيتَةَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ

2. "He who dies in a condition that he has not recognized the Imam of his age dies a death of ignorance." (Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 4, p. 96)

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the Imam of the age and the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was perfectly true when he prophesied:

"Harken, all ye people. This is a prophecy of Him Who had created heaven and earth. He will spread this Community of His in all countries and will make it supreme over all, through reason and arguments. The days are coming, indeed they are near, when this will be the only religion which will be held in honour. God will bestow extraordinary blessings on this religion and Movement. He will frustrate everyone who seeks to destroy it. This supremacy will last till the Judgement Day.

"Remember, that no one will descend from heaven. All our opponents who are alive today will die and no one will see Jesus son of Mary descending from heaven. Then their next generation will pass away and no one of them will see this spectacle. Then the generation next after that will pass away without seeing the son of Mary descending from heaven. Then God will make them anxious that though the time of the supremacy of the cross had passed away and the world had undergone great changes, yet the son of Mary had not descended from heaven. Then the wise people will suddenly discard this belief. The third century after today will not yet have come to a close when those who hold this belief, whether Muslims or Christians, will lose all hope and will give up this belief in disgust. There will then be only one religion that will prevail in the world and only one leader. I have come only to sow the seed,

which has been sown by my hand. Now it will sprout and grow and flourish and no one can arrest its growth." (Tazkaratush Shahadatain, p. 64-65)

Dear brethren, for God sake, do not denounce the Imam of the age precipitately because as he himself has said:

"I announce it plainly that it is not easy to denounce me. He who calls me kafir would have himself to become a kafir first. He who describes me as faithless and astray would have to confess his own error and humiliation. He who charges me with departing from the Quran and the Hadith would have himself first departed from them. I am an affirmant of the Quran and the Hadith and am in

turn affirmed by them. I am not astray but am the Mahdi. I am not a kafir but am the foremost of the believers. God has assured me that whatever I say is the truth. He who believes in God and accepts the Quran and the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, as true, should find it enough proof to silence him that I say so, but I have no remedy for him who is daring and heedless in his denial. God Himself will admonish him. I, therefore, desire that you should reflect upon this for the sake of God alone and you should also advise your friends so that they should reflect upon these matters honestly and impartially." (Malfoozat Vol. IV, p. 16)

## MIDWEST AND LAKE REGIONS MEETING

CHICAGO, ILL: A very successful Regional meeting of the two regions, under the charge of the undersigned was held on October 26th, 80 at Robert's Motel in Chicago, Ill. A fairly large number of members men and women, from Milwaukee, Racine, Waukegan, Chicago, Dayton and St. Louis, attended in a spirit of fervor and dedication, Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir, Missionary Incharge also participated to the delight of the members.

Br. Kabir Haq, President of the Chicago Jamaat, hosting the convention, conducted the proceedings. Br. Abu Bakr recited a portion from the Holy Quran, and Br. Basharat Ahmad Khan read a poem of the Promised Messiah. Br. Kabir delivered the inaugural speech, welcoming the participants. He was followed by Br. Munir Ahmad (St. Louis) who spoke on the blessings of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's recent visit to America and the lessons we have learnt therefrom. He exhorted the audience to faithfully implement the program set by Hazur.

Next to speak was Br. Rashid Ahmad. In his characteristic style he touched upon the same of the marriage problems our American brothers and sisters have to face and suggested how we can effectively improve our conjugal relations. Br. Muzaffar Ahmad our National President then exhorted the members to attend the forthcoming Jalsa Salana at Rabwah and Qadian in his graceful and eloquent style, words and feelings coming out of his sincere convictions. His speech is expected to produce desirable results; brothers and sisters have already started making honest efforts to participate in our International Jalsa Salana.

The undersigned spoke at some length on some of the significant signs (prophecies) of the Promised Messiah and his three Caliphs which establish their personal relationship with God and authenticate the truth of their mission.

The Missionary Incharge, Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir's speech referred to the blessings that accrued from Hazur's visit, commented for the distinguished services rendered by members, and substantially dwelt on the recent historic visit of Hazur to Spain for laying the foundation stone of the first Muslim Mosque to be built after Seven Hundred years. Mir Sahib had had the privilege of attending the function per-

sonally under instructions from Hazur, and was, hence, in a position to give the audience a graphic picture of the event. The reverence and honour shown to Hazur by the Spanish people, and the way Allah opened for the propagation of Islam was reported to be unique.

This concluded the formal program after which a meal was served and Zuhar and Asr prayers were said by the participants. Arrangements made by the local Jamaat were good and the success which attended their efforts remarkable. The need for holding such meetings in frequency can hardly be emphasized.

Mian Muhammad Ibrahim  
Regional Missionary

## JALSA SALANA

(a) Jalsa Salana (Qadian & Rabwah) is fast approaching. Our delegation will leave Inshallah J.F.K. New York, for Pakistan on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1980.

### CHECK-IN TIME 5:30 PM

(b) Delegation will leave Karachi, Pakistan for New York on 29th December 11:30 PM.

(c) Those who intend to participate must have:

- I A valid passport
- II A health certificate, certifying shots against Cholera and smallpox.
- III A visa to enter India

(d) Those who want to go must send in their names and addresses and one hundred dollars advance money by November 10, 1980.

(e) The fare for the return trip is \$780.00 and the fee for Indian visa is \$3.00.

(f) The full amount of the fare must

reach Washington Mission not later than November 30, 1980.

(g) Those who want to get their Indian Visas through Washington Mission must send their passports along with Indian visa forms and two passport-size photos and three dollars visa fee by November 30, 1980.

(h) Please note carefully that the baggage allowed is only two pieces of checked in baggage up to a total of 106 inches with no weight limitations. No one piece exceeding 62 inches. 1 piece 45 inches is allowed as carry on.

A flat amount of \$85.00 will be charged for each extra piece carried by the passenger.

May Allah bless you and make your trip blessed for you and your family.

Your Brother in Ahmadiyyat  
Syed Mahmud A. Nasir,  
Imam  
American Fazl Mosque

## LAJNA IMAULLAH GREAT LAKES REGIONAL LAJNA IMAULLAH SECOND ANNUAL FORUM FOR WOMEN

The Great Lakes Regional Lajna Imaullah held its second annual forum for women, "Invitation to Success, 1980," on Saturday, June 21, 1980. The forum was held in the Community Room at Capitol Court, a popular and centrally-located shopping center in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area.

Under the direction of Sis. Fatimah Nur Jawad, president of the Great Lakes Regional Lajna, sisters from Chicago, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukegan worked together toward the success of the forum. 1500 copies of the flyer announcing the forum were sent to women's organizations and individual women in the greater Milwaukee area.

In addition to the flyers, we solicited pre-forum media coverage in order to publicize the forum and generate interest in it. Publicity letters were sent to all local television stations and most local newspapers and radio stations. The result of this effort was two television appearances: On May 30, Sisters Fatimah Nur Jawad and Nusrat Jahan Bashir, national vice president, appeared on *Tempo 24* on Channel 24. Sisters Aziza Ahmad, national propagation secretary, Muhsana Baiyewu, and Nusrat Jahan Bashir appeared on *Milwaukee Mix* on Channel 12 on June 8 and 9. Both these

channels are located in Milwaukee.

The panel of speakers and their topics were as follows:

- *God's Purpose for Religion*—Nusrat Jahan Bashir.
- *Pitfalls for Women in Western Culture*—Khadija Haqqe.
- *What Is True Liberation?*—Aliyya Rashid, national publication secretary.
- *Success of Women thru Islam*—Muhammadi Sabir.
- *Hell and Life after Death*—Muhsana Baiyewu.

Sister Aanasa Ahsan was the forum moderator, introducing the speakers and directing the question and answer period after the panelists had given their presentations.

Guests included non-Muslim ladies as well as Muslim ladies belonging to non-Ahmadi groups. Jazakum Allah is extended wholeheartedly to all panel members and to all other sisters who contributed their time, effort, and support in order to make our second forum a success. Alhumdulillah!

Fatimah Nur Jawad, President  
Great Lakes Regional Lajna  
Imaullah  
August, 1980

weekly meetings are held and Juma's services are also conducted regularly. Inactive members are visited in their homes and they are advised with godly exhortations. A brother in need was helped with considerable amount.

PITTSBURGH, PA: The Jamaat holds its weekly meetings on Sunday and also conducts Friday services at its Mosque regularly. The time for holding the meet-

ings and that of Friday service was advertised in THE PITTSBURGH COURIER. A correspondent of the paper, Mark Southers visited the Mosque one Sunday and while printing the picture of the President of the Jamaat in COURIER issue of October 19, 1980 has marked it with the following caption:

"THE AHMADIYYA—President Jamilur Rahman of the Ahmadiyya at 2522 Webster Ave., addresses the nearly 30 worshippers at his Sunday service. The Ahmadiyya holds Sunday Quran classes at 11:00 a.m. and Jumah classes each Friday at 1:30 p.m. There is no set membership at the Moslem Ahmadiyya, but President Rahman says "All are Welcome." Anyone wishing spiritual guidance can call 682-4066. (Mark Southern Photo)"

The correspondent was presented with a copy of the Holy Quran translated into English and that of The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam.

## JAMAAT ACTIVITIES

LOS ANGELES, CA: Almost one hundred brothers and sisters flocked to Vetern's Memorial Building to celebrate Eidul Azhiyya. Br. Rahmat Jamal led the prayer. Malik Bashir Ahmad who came as far as Bakersfield to participate, exhorted the congregation in his sermon to sacrifice their time and wealth for the cause of Islam. He also stimulated the members in putting up the Jamaat mosque in the city. Br. Jalal Ahmad arranged the lunch for the whole Jamaat, on this festival; and every member was requested to pay for this lunch and the whole collection was deposited in the Mosque Fund.

RACINE, WI: The members distributed 100 copies of Essays on Islam at Milwaukee festival during their Teenday festivities. Tomb cards were passed at two shopping centers in Kenosha and one in Racine. 400 pamphlets on Hazur's arrival and four hundred Tomb cards were given during door-to-door activities. The Lajna held a dinner for propagation purposes and had some visitors. Eid was celebrated outside at a beautiful park where some visitors also participated. Gifts were presented to children to make them remember Muslim festival. Yassarnal Quran is being taught to all the children and the adults are engaged in reading the Holy Quran. Every Sunday

INDIANAPOLIS, IN: The Jamaat consists of a few members, mostly old ladies but they always try to convey the message of Islam in one way or the other. Recently, Sister Florence Primm Saliha while sending letters of felicitations to the Governor of the State and to the Mayor of Indianapolis, despatched them the copies of the Holy Quran. Both the Officials acknowledged the receipt of the copies and expressed their gratitude to Sister Saliha. The Governor Otis R. Bowen, M.D. in his letter wrote: ". . . Thank you so much for sending me the Holy Koran. I have seen a copy previously, but I have never owned one nor have I read it. I have scanned it thus far, and it appears that there are many items of wisdom and examples of how one should live. I wish

“You more years of health and happiness.”

TUCSON, AZ: The Jamaat holds weekly meetings wherein the sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and other educative articles on Islam are read to the members. Two hundred copies of a pamphlet entitled **YE WERE TOLD BUT I TELL YOU** compiled by the Missionary-In-Charge West Coast Region from the writings of the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him were distributed in the city. Consequently, a few

enquiries were made which were answered accordingly. Our American Sister Siddiqa Qadeer has completed the Yassarnal Quran and shall start the reading of the Holy Quran.

Through the Grace of God an American Jew Allen Felogreber has joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat the True Islam, and has taken Abdul Waheed Ahmad as his Muslim name. His wife Janet accepted Islam last year and continued preaching him and bringing him to the Jamaat meetings, till

God guided him to the path of Islam.

Alhamdo Lillah. Another French-American Rowald Lambert also joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat the true Islam a few months ago and adopted Tahir Ahmad as his Muslim name. May Allah grant all these three converts steadfastness in Islam and empower them to bring other people into the fold of Islam by conveying the message of Islam as well as by presenting exemplary lives.

## HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IN WASHINGTON D.C.

By Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, General Secretary

The local jamaat received Huzur at the Dalles Airport at 9:00 p.m. on the 15th of September in a befitting and organized manner. Sahib Zada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad had the honor and privilege of hosting Huzur and Hazrat Begum Sahiba, his entourage, enjoyed the equally (generous hospitality of Doctor Shamin Ahmad and Mir Daud Ahmad. Although physically exhausted due to a hectic and crowded schedule in San Francisco. Huzur nonetheless chose to see his admiring and loving followers rather than rest. Informal meetings continued for the first three days until Friday, Sept. 19th which marked the beginning of a crowded and heavy schedule which only our Khalifatul Masih with God-given power, could implement. An uncommonly large crowd (larger than ever in the Washington Mosque) attended the Juma prayer. The inspiring and scholarly sermon was heard with due attention and reverence. Private interviews were granted after the Juma prayer and lasted from 3:00 until almost 8:00. About a hundred families had the unique blessing of meeting with Huzur. The audience was comprised of several enthusiastic followers across the country, mainly from the Southeast Region. Huzur, absorbed in conversation with persons seeking his advice on private matters, suggested his anxiousness to help his community in solving their respective problems and join in their joys and sorrows.

His words were a sort of balm for his ardent followers. Children accompanying their parents received recognition through pats

and kisses from their caring and spiritual father. The five-hour interview made a great day for each one of his ardent followers.

Saturday, Sept. 20th found the members of the Board of Directors and the Jamaat Presidents in Huzur's august company for about 3 hours at Mian Muzaffar Ahmad's residence. Huzur graciously led the deliberations of the meeting and gave the participants specific guidelines to be implemented into their programs for the propagation of Islam in this country. Mian Sahib entertained all forty participants to a sumptuous dinner.

Mirza Farid Ahmad, in his capacity as Naib Sadar of Central Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, also addressed the National Officeholders (Khuddam) on how they could escalate their activities in an effective manner. He gave them guidelines and goals to keep in view for the next year.

That afternoon, representatives of the press, radio and television, several members of diplomatic corps, statesmen, scholars and dignitaries were thrilled by meeting with Huzur at a reception given in his honor at the Washington Hilton. Huzur's words of wisdom and grace, his vision and farsightedness enthralled and impressed everyone.

Almost synchronizing with the reception for Huzur at the Hilton, the Executive board of Lajna Imaillah gave a reception at the American Fazl Mosque in honor of Hazrat Begum Sahiba. This memorable function was attended by National and Re-

gional officeholders of Lajna and local Lajna Presidents who expressed their appreciation for Hazrat Begum Sahiba's devotion to the cause of Islam and the womenfolk.

The Shoreham Americana Hotel was the setting on September 21st for all Jamaat's day. Devoted followers from across the country had arrived in the hundreds just to cast a glance at Huzur and seek his blessings. Women and children, men young and old, made great personal sacrifices of time and money to reach Washington just for a day to receive Huzur's blessings. Evidently it was physically impossible for all to have private interviews with Huzur so they contented themselves with dining in his company and having the benefit of his faith-increasing speech. Seated on a long table with his entourage and distinguished members of the community he addressed them on topics of special interest to the community and the need for improving spiritually in order to become exemplary Ahmadies. There was time for him to shake hands with all the brothers and to greet the sisters who were seated separately behind a screen. Some sisters however felt they did not have their fill due to the shortage of time scheduled for them. The function concluded with the Zuhar and Asr prayers, led by Hazur to the delight of mammoth congregation.

Earlier Hazur graced a luncheon party given in his honour by Sahibzadah Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad in the World Bank premises, and was also gracious enough to have a session with the five Missionaries on

September 22, to discuss our missionary activities and suggest ways and means to make it more effective and successful.

In short, Hazur's visit to Washington was the greatest event for years. The pleasure and delight everybody felt was unique and the benefits we derived, immeasurable. From the administrative point of view it was really a success as everything was well planned and excellently executed. Thanks to the leadership of Mir Sahib, the Missionary-In-Charge, ably assisted by Missionary A.R. Yahya, National; Regional and Local President.



### RELIGIOUS FOUNDERS DAY

All the Presidents of Jamaats Ahmadiyya U.S.A. are reminded that November 22, 1980 has been fixed as RELIGIOUS FOUNDERS DAY. Hence, the Day should be celebrated by conducting meetings and explaining therein the lives and teachings of various Religious Founders. Non-Muslim and Non-Ahmadi brethren should be specially invited to these meetings. The reports of these meetings should be dispatched to the Editor Ahmadiyya Gazette before November 26, for publication in the Gazette. JAZAKUMULLAHO AHSAN JAZA.

### PHOTOS TAKEN DURING HAZUR'S VISIT

All those brothers who took photos at different functions held during the recent visit of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III are requested to dispatch copies or slides of the pictures to Washington Headquarters.

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### ISLAM PREACHED TO STUDENTS

TUCSON, ARIZONA: Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem the Missionary-In-Charge West Coast Region addressed the students of Suffolk Hills Catholic High School, and those of Pueblo High School on A Short Sketch of Islam. Both the speeches were followed by questions and answers during which various aspects of Islam were explained. Copies of the Holy Quran and The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam were presented for the libraries of both the Schools.

Qureshi Muhammad Ishaque the President of the Jamaat arranged the speech in

the former School while our Jordanian brother Zafrullah made arrangement for the latter. May Allah reward them with the best reward.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Maulvi Kaleem also addressed the students of Samuel Gompers Secondary School, San Diego, on Islam; and answered the questions asked by the students and their Teacher. A copy of the Holy Quran and that of The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam were presented for the School library. This speech was arranged by Dr. Karimullah Zirvi. May Allah reward him with the best reward.

### ANSARULLAH

The Educational department of the Central Majlis Ansarullah has prescribed the following curriculum for the current year to be carried out by all the members of its branches outside of Pakistan:

#### THE HOLY QURAN:

1. The Arabic text of the following Suras (Chapters) to be learnt by heart and to impress their translation on mind:

Al-Fatiha, Al-Fil, Al-Ikhlās, Al-Falaq and Al-Nas

2. The first seventeen verses of Sura Al-Baqarah to be learnt by heart.

Besides, those who can should learn by heart the first and the last ten verses of Sura Al-Kahf.

#### STUDY OF BOOKS:

One book of the Promised Messiah translated into English, or any other book published by the Movement. Those who know Urdu should try to study at least one book of the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him.

### AHMADI ENGINEERS

In order to establish an All World Ahmadi Engineers organization at Rabwah, the International Headquarters of the Jamaat, all the Ahmadi engineers in the United States of America (to whichever branch of engineering they are connected with) are requested to dispatch their following particulars as soon as possible to the Missionary-In-Charge, 2141 Leroy Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008:

1. Name 2. Father's Name 3. Age 4. Nationality 5. Branch 6. Practical experience 7. Qualification—acquired Degree/Year/Name of the Institution 8. Special distinction in academic field 9. Subject specialization 10. Service—Government/Private/Personal business 11. Name of Institution/Firm/Company 12. If retired then name of the former Institution 13. Type of work 14. Date of Baiat 15. Temporary address and telephone No. 16. Permanent address and telephone NO.

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