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HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III RECENT MESSAGE

OUTSTANDING SACRIFICES AND SPECIAL PRAYERS ARE REQUIRED DURING THE EIGHTH STAGE OF AHMADIYYA CENTENARY JUBILEE FUND

Revered Friends,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhoo

On the occasion of 1973 Jalsa Salana (Annual Gathering) I drew the attention of the Jamaat to the fact that it (the Jamaat) shall consummate one century after fifteen years, and in accordance with the glad tidings received by us, the next century shall be the century of Islam. INSHA ALLAH.

Hence, we have to start preparation forthwith to accord the century its befitting welcome. In this respect I presented a grand project before the Jamaat which is called AHMADIYYA CENTENARY JUBILEE SCHEME, and the financial sacrifices demanded from the Jamaat to implement this important project has been named AHMADIYYA CENTENARY JUBILEE FUND. The sincere members of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya keeping their shining example of the marked standard of sacrifice and devotion responded lovingly and the eighth stage of this financial sacrifice has already ushered in.

The tasks we have to perform regarding the reception of the forthcoming century had been explained by me in some detail during this year Advisory Council meeting; that it is a grand project and it does demand strenuous efforts and considerable time. Besides, the means also to be devised for the achievement of this object accordingly.

Through the Grace of God the Exalted the pace of the work is satisfactory and projects are being implemented. For instance, the construction of a Mosque and a Mission House in Sweden, the inauguration of a mosque and mission house in Norway and the successful holding of universal KASRI SALEEB CONFERENCE (Survival of Jesus

from the Cross) in London, which has indeed shaken the Christendom and did provide us the chance of conveying the message of Islam to millions of people. Now there shall be a second KASRI SALEEB Conference on a larger scale in the United States next year. INSHA ALLAH.

Last year God the Exalted favoured the Jamaat with the laying of the foundation stone of a Mosque at Cordoba in Spain through my hands after the lapse of 744 years. The publication of Islamic literature on a very large scale has started. The translations of the Holy Quran in various languages along with the Arabic text are in full swing of their preparations. Millions of tourists visit different countries every year. In order to acquaint them with Islam the publication of preaching folders in their own languages has started. Likewise the fulfillment of the student's rights—a grand educational scheme is being implemented. In short, a few works have been completed, there are others under the process of completion and yet their remain some to be completed in the future. All these projects demand financial sacrifices.

Hence, through this message, I wish from my dear brothers and sisters to accelerate their standard of financial sacrifices in the payment of their eighth installment of the current stage surpassing all the past stages and have their reward from God. JAZAKUMULLAHO AHSANAL JAZA.

As I have been emphasizing from the very outset, supplications too are needed for the success of this grand project of the dominance of Islam. Therefore, keep yourselves in prostration before God the Exalted and continue praying constantly. May Allah the Exalted crown your efforts with success. Ameen.

MIRZA NASIR AHMAD
KHALIFATUL MASIH III

LAJNA IMAULLAH:

**LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON POST
EMANCIPATION OF WOMAN AND ISLAM**

By
Alhaj A. U-Kaleem

The Parade section of the Washington Post, June 7, 1981 under Intelligence has carried out a news item with the caption SORRY NOW.

It seems the writer of the Intelligence has tried in the footsteps of Joseph Kraft to expose his self-conceived "the dark side of Islam."

It is absolutely inconsistent with the so-considered advanced culture of the Western society that their information on Islam should come through adulterated channels from the hands of the propagandists hostile to Islam; and in this respect, I must assure the readers, that misconception, or even misconstruction of Islam and its tenets is not our complaint. It is misrepresentation and misinformation, by which we are the chief sufferers. Things having no existence whatsoever in our teachings and polity have been imputed to us, and baseless charges advanced against Islam, nay, the very beauties which we account amongst our exclusive possessions have been denied to us, and the very evils which Islam came to eradicate, and did succeed in doing so, are ascribed to it. The same applies here.

The writer distorting the true picture of Islam has laboriously presented the emancipation and equality of woman as paradoxical to Islam and its tenets.

Before the advent of Islam, women had no position in society. They were at the mercy and caprice of the menfolk and were treated as goods and chattles. It was Islam that, for the first time, vindicated the rights of women and gave them a status unknown and even unthought of to this day. They are granted all the fundamental rights. They are given the right of inheritance of the property of their father, mother, husband, son, daughter, and brothers.

The Holy Quran emphasizes that God in His perfect wisdom has created all species in pairs, and so men and women have been created of the same species; as is said:

"O mankind be mindful of your duty to your Lord, Who created you from a single soul and from it created its mate and from the two created mates for you of your own kind that you may find peace of mind through them, and He has put love and tenderness between you. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect." (30:22).

Some religious disciplines mistakenly esteem celibacy more exalted spiritually than conjugal life. Islam disapproves of celibacy and condemns it.

The Holy Quran says: "They devised monasticism as a means of seeking Allah's pleasure. We do not prescribe it for them, and they did not observe it duly." (57:28)

The whole concept of monasticism originated in the notion that woman was an inferior type of creation and association with her was degrading and demoralizing. The Church Fathers laid the responsibility of man's fall upon woman, and represented her as being without soul and an instrument of the devil. Islam denounced this attitude, and raised woman to a position of spiritual equality with man. It held that man and woman complemented each other and were a means of mutual fulfillment. For instance, it is said:

"They (women) are a garment for you and you are a garment for them." (2:188). We all know that we wear clothes to cover our bodies and to hide our nakedness. Another purpose of wearing them is to protect our bodies from heat and cold. In the same way the husband and the wife must act as a cover for each other's weaknesses and shortcomings and for each other's honor and chastity.

Woman's spiritual equality with man is repeatedly stressed in the Holy Quran. For instance it is said:

"For men who submit themselves wholly to Allah, and women who submit themselves wholly to Him and men who believe and women who believe, and men who obey Allah and women who obey Him, and men who are truthful and women who are truthful, and men who are steadfast and women who are steadfast, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him, Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward." (33:36)

Men and woman will be equally rewarded in the hereafter: "Whoso does good whether male or female, and is a believer, shall enter Paradise and they shall not be wronged a whit." (4:125)

Talk of Islam's failure to adjust to modernity is usually based on Western definitions and concepts of "modernization" and "progress." We Muslims say that modernization does not have to mean Westernization and secularization. Islam is not against modernization. But when modernization aims at fulfilling only materialistic needs while disregarding moral

matters, it always ends up breaking down the structure of society.

Unfortunately the West no longer considers chastity a virtue, indeed it has become a reproach. Experimental living together and promiscuity have become the norm. Perversion and sensuality, inside and outside wedlock, are deemed the true purpose and object of sex. Woman has been degraded into a mere instrument for sexual indulgence. According to Islam the relationship between husband and wife should be characterized by grace. The Holy Quran says:

“Consort with them graciously. If you dislike them, it may be that you dislike something in which Allah has placed much good.” (4:20)

Husbands and wives have reciprocal obligations towards each other, but as man is the breadwinner and has the responsibility of providing for wife and family, in case of difference in the matter of running the household he has the final word, lest things should get out of hand and the family should be faced with ruin:

“Wives have rights corresponding to those which husbands have, in equitable reciprocity, though, in certain situations, men would have the final word and they enjoy a preference, Allah is Mighty, Wise.”(2:229) On account of the physical weakness and delicacy of women and their vulnerability, men are appointed guardian over women:

“Men are appointed guardians over women, because of that in respect of which Allah has made some of them excel others, and because the men spend of their wealth. So virtuous women are obedient and safeguard, with Allah’s help, matters the knowledge of which is shared by them with their husbands.” (4:35)

The Western civilization claims to “emancipate” women only to exploit her as the means for destroying the home and the family. Most devastating, however, is the ever-increasing freedom for illicit sex. No effort is spared to exploit and commercialize the female body. The result can be seen in the skyrocketing rise in the number of divorces, abortions, unmarried mothers, teenage pregnancies, illegitimate children, sex crimes and cases of venereal diseases.

Here are the statistics mostly published in the Washington Post which show the result of that “emancipation” of which the writer of the Intelligence is advocating for the Muslim women, and for which he asserts that the Iranian women are SORRY NOW:

“More American marriages than ever broke up in 1979 as the number of divorces nearly trippled what it was 20 years before, the government reported yesterday. Some 1.18 million divorces were granted

in 1979, 4.5 percent more than the 1.13 million of 1978, and almost three times the 395,000 granted in 1959, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.” (The Washington Post, June 9, 1981).

2. “Approximately 1.3 million adult men and women lived together as unmarried heterosexual couples in 1976, according to the Census Bureau. The number doubled from 1970, when 654,000 unmarried men and women shared households.” (The Washington Post, May 28, 1977). Now the number must have increased manyfold.

3. “More than half of the children born to Washington residents in 1975 were born out of wedlock. . . . Overall, 4,988 children were born to unmarried women in Washington in 1975 compared to 4,758 born to married women. Nationwide, about 13% of all children are born to unmarried women, a proportion that has been increasing steadily since 1963.” (The Washington Post, November 11, 1976).

4. A Washington Post December 1976 Editorial presents the problem in this way: “As those U. S. pregnancies suggest, U. S. teenagers are sexually active. Indeed, half the 21 million teenagers have intercourse at some time before age 19, and a fifth of the nation’s 13 to 14 year olds have had intercourse at least once. . . . One of the principal results is that a million teenagers a year become pregnant and 600,000 give birth.”(The Washington Post, December 11,1976).

5. According to the Washington Post, April, 1977: “Last fiscal year, 1,011,014 cases of gonorrhea were reported to the U. S. Public Health Service, an increase of 25.4% since 1965 and the highest number since the PHS started keeping such records 55 years ago.”

6. “There were 76,736 cases of syphilis reported to the PHS during FY 1976 and it is estimated that at least 360,000 more untreated cases occurred in the United States last year. . . .” (The Washington Post, April 17, 1977).

7. According to the report “Gonorrhea which often leads to sterility affected some 22 million last year, accounting for 1.2 million hospital days and costing society some \$229 million. Likewise the institutional care of people suffering from syphilitic psychosis cost taxpayers \$60 million last year.” (The Washington Post, April 17, 1977.).

In the early days of Islam women enjoyed full liberty, joined congregational prayers with men and played their full part in the progress and advancement of their nation. Even sometime they accompanied men in wars and performed the following duties:

1. They carried away the wounded from the battlefield, 2. nursed them; 3. those who died, buried them; 4. supervised the kitchen of the army; 5. revived the spirits of the soldiers by reciting heroic

verses, very often composed by themselves. The rigour of Purdah was considerably lessened to facilitate the performance of their beneficent duties as nurses.

Islamic history is full of brilliant Muslim women. The wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) namely Ayesha, became one of the greatest jurist, traditionist, commentatoress and genealogist of her day. Ayesha knew medicine also and well versed in all Arabic literature and poetry. Sakina daughter of Husain the Martyr, was a lady of great scholarly reputation. In Spain, even ladies entered the lists as votaries of the muse. Valadata, daughter of Khalifa of Cordova, "endowed with equal beauty and genius" was considered as the Arabian Sappho. Labena also a native of that far famed capital, not only excelled as a poetess, but was deeply skilled in philosophy and arithmetic, and held an office of private secretary to the Khalifa Hakim.

Muslim ladies physicians and jurists have both been of great renown. Zubaidah, the wife of famous Haroon Rashid of Bagdad and Nur-Jehan the wife of Jehangir, Emperor of India have both played a very important role in the history of theirs. Muslim Queens have successfully governed countries and empires. It was through Islam, more than anything else, that the woman found an illimitable scope for demonstrating her capabilities. One frequently comes across, in Islamic history feminine names noted in the arts of peace as well as wars.



RELIGION AND SEXUALITY

I made a presentation for 45 minutes on "Religion and Sexuality" at the Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, on April 23, 1981. This was followed by a question and answer session lasting for more than an hour. Everybody seemed to be thoroughly satisfied with the way I presented the Islamic point of view on the topic under discussion. The President of the Religion Department, Professor Nicholas Piediscalzi sent me a letter of appreciation on May 4, 1981 which reads as under:

"Thank you for your excellent presentation in my class. The students benefitted a great deal from your carefully prepared lecture. Since you typed your lecture, I wonder whether I might have a copy for further study? I believe I could learn more by reading it a second time. Now I look forward to bringing my introductory class on Western Religions to your mosque on Sunday, May 31, 1981 at 1:00 p.m. It is my understanding that, if you are out of town, Abdul R. Zafr will speak on your behalf. I am indebted to you for all of your kind and thoughtful assistance."

M. M. Ibrahim
the Regional Missionary Midwest Region,

A UNIQUE FUNCTION OF WASHINGTON LAJNA

Washington, D. C.:

A unique function sponsored by the Washington branch of Lajna Ima Ullah was held here at the American Fazl Mosque on Sunday, June 14, 1981.

Approximately 56 ladies participated in the Conference entitled: "Women in Religions-Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," out of which seventeen were non-Muslims and non-Ahmadies. Sisters from York, Harrisburg, and Baltimore Jamaats also attended the function.

The meeting had the full support of the Ameer Ata Ullah Kaleem and Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar. They provided information, materials, and spiritual guidance of a high order. The meeting opened with a warm welcome and introduction by the President of Lajna, Sister Safia Saeed who presided over the programe.

After the recitation of a portion of the Holy Quran by Sis. Mehr Nigar and its English translation by Sis. Nusrat Alhadees, three speakers explained the viewpoints of their respective religions. Rev. Frances Turner of the Christian Holiness Church represented Christianity, Ms. Amy Goott of B'Nai Brith Anti-Defamation League represented Judaism while Sis. Hameeda Haleem represented Islam.

The Ahmadi sisters, during question and answer period, put various questions to the non-Muslim speakers, such as, how can innocent baby be born in sin? Can a spirit eat, walk, and talk, and be touched in the flesh as Jesus did after coming out of the sepulcher. The Ahmadies pointed out that Jesus being a righteous Prophet of God was saved from the accursed death of the Cross. Both the non-Muslim speakers were asked to identify the Prophet mentioned in Deuteronomy 18:15 and 18:18-19, to which they failed to give a satisfactory answer. All the non-Muslim participants of the function were presented with sets of Islamic Books including the Holy Quran and the Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam. May Allah reward all those sisters who did their best in making the function a great success.

SIGNS OF JUDGEMENT DAY

These are the signs of the nearness of the Day of Judgement: (1) people will greet only certain special people, (2) the trade will expand to such an extent that the wife will be helping the husband in his trade affairs, (3) people will not pay attention towards the rights of their relatives, (4) the pen will be put to very great and extensive use, (5) false witness will become a common thing, (6) true evidence will be concealed. (HADIS)

NAIB SADR'S LETTER TO KHUDDAM



Dear Brother, Assalamo alaikum

I hope, by the grace of Allah, you are keeping well. At the last Annual Ijtima of Majlis Kuddamul Ahmadiyya which was held at the end of the 14th and beginning of the 15th Century, the Majlis requested Hazrat Khalifatul Masih to allow them to seek permission for building two mosques. Hazur very graciously accepted the request of the Majlis and subsequently an announcement was made by the Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya at the time of the Annual Ijtima.

To welcome the 15th Hijra and to achieve the blessings of Allah and to seek His guidance for the forthcoming triumph of Islam, Majlis will Inshallah erect two mosques; one in Italy and the other in Latin America.

These Mosques will be built by contributions purely from the Khuddams of Europe, America and Canada. This project will Inshallah be completed in two years. Each Khadim will be required to pay at least \$150 while each tift (child) will contribute at least \$35 towards this project. This money must be paid within ten months.

Ansars and Lajna may also contribute voluntarily.

The above appeal was launched at the beginning of November 1980 with the hope of your full cooperation and now six months have passed but the progress is not very encouraging.

In the history of Ahmadiyyat, this is the first time when Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, as a body, have undertaken such a project. In the past Lajna Imaullah have built mosques. But for us this is the first test. As members of the Ahmadiyya Community it is our belief that the last battle between the forces of truth and falsehood will be won through us for which we have pledged our possessions and lives. Keeping your zeal and devotion to the cause of Islam in view, the Majlis has undertaken this project and I am confident that you will fulfill this obligation with pleasure and cheerfulness.

My dear brothers, I would request you that if so far you have not made any promises, please do so immediately. Payment should be made to the Missionary Incharge of your area.

May Allah bless your efforts.

Wassalam

Mirza Farid Ahmad, Naib Sadr



ISLAM PREACHED TO STUDENTS

Washington, D. C.:

1. Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem the Imam of the American Fazl Mosque addressed the students and a few members of the staff of the Southeastern University on "A Short Sketch of Islam." The speech was followed by a question and answer period wherein various objections generally raised against Islam were refuted to the entire satisfaction of the audience. A set of Islamic Books including copies of the Holy Quran with English Translation and Commentary, the Essence of Islam, Ahmadiyyat the Renaissance of Islam, the Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam, Where Did Jesus Die, and Islam and Human Rights was presented for the University Library. Besides, free literature in the form of booklets and brochures were distributed among the audience.

2. Alhaj Kaleem also addressed the students and staff of the Dix Street Academy on this very topic and explained various aspects of Islamic Teachings during the question and answer period. A set of Islamic Books was presented for the Academy Library and free literature was distributed among three scores of the participants.

Baltimore, MD.:

More than seven Professors including the President and the first Dean of Sojourner-Douglass College heard Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, Ameer and Muballigh-in-Charge U.S.A. when he addressed as many as Seventy students of the College on "Islam and its Relationship to Other Religions." The speech lasted forty-five minutes, but the interest of the staff and the students taken in the subject was witnessed from the fact that the question and answer period lasted an hour and a half.

Dr. Charles W. Simmons, the President of the College, received a set of Islamic Books presented by Alhaj Kaleem for the College Library. Free literature was distributed among all the participants.

SADAQATUL 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.

JAMAAT ACTIVITIES REPORT

Baltimore, MD:

A meeting of the South East region Jamaats was held here at the Ahmadiyya Mission House on May 24, 1981 to observe Khilafat Day. More than one hundred fifty members from Baltimore, York, Harrisburg, and Washington attended. After the recitation of specified verses of the Holy Quran connected with Khilafat and their translation by Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad the great grandson of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), the President of the Baltimore Jamaat, Br. Abdul Hafeez welcomed all guests particularly the newly arrived Missionary Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar. This was followed by brief and comprehensive comments by two Atfal of Baltimore—Tariq Parker and Jamal Ilyas emphasizing the importance of Khilafat. Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar addressed the audience on the "Blessings of Khilafat." He pointed out the importance of Khilafat to continue the mission of the prophets and cited several illustrations of how Khilafat serves as a source of Blessing for the Umma. His address was followed by a speech by Br. Mubashir Ahmad on the "Achievements of Khilafat." He mentioned several areas in which the Khilafat-i-Rashidah has rendered invaluable services to Islam. He then elaborated on the services of the Khalifas in the field of spreading and promoting knowledge among the Muslims. Br. Abu Hamza then addressed the meeting and mentioned some prophecies made by Hazrat Muslihi Mauood concerning Russia and America. In the end Imam Ata Ullah Kaleem gave a very inspiring address emphasizing that the appointment of Khulafai Rashidah is always in accordance with divine Will, they are blessed by divine help in all their affairs and full and complete obedience to Khalifa is essential in Islam. After the meeting collective prayers were offered. In the end the Baltimore Jamaat entertained the guest with a sumptuous dinner.

Milwaukee, WIS:

The Jamaat joined the Great Lakes Jamaats in celebrating Khilafat Day on Sunday, May 24, 1981. The grand event took place in Hanover Park, IL., and the Streamwood Jamaat was the host of this blessed day.

Dr. M. M. Ibrahim the Regional Missionary Midwest Region, Alhaj A. R. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr the National President and Br. Rashid Ahmad the Regional President exposed the important aspects of Khilafat.

The Jamaat's progress is clear from the fact that three persons initiated themselves in the fold of Ahmadiyyat in the last couple of months.

They are Br. Lee Williams, Br. Furqan, and Siste Malik. May Allah grant them steadfastness. Ameen.

The members are participating in Fajr and Maghrib prayers performed in congregation. They also participate in Juma's services and Sunday meetings. Educational classes for the whole Jamaat are held on each Saturday, while main emphasis is on Atfal and Nasirat in their learning of Yassarnal Quran, The Holy Quran and Prayers.

The Ahmadiyya School of the Jamaat has completed another successful year. The children of the School are efficient in learning numerous Quranic prayers, Islamic philosophy, and etiquette. Their English academic studies also are of high standard.

Sister Amina Sadiq from Newark recently visited Milwaukee School, and in her letter to the Editor of the Ahmadiyya Gazette she wrote: "The children impressed me very much in their academic as well as religious classes.

New York, NY:

The Jamaats in the North East Coast celebrated Khilafat Day by holding meeting in Teaneck Town Hall on May 31, 1981. More than one hundred members from Boston, Philadelphia, Willingboro, New Jersey, and New York attended the meeting which was chaired by the Regional President Br. Abid Haneef.

The Meeting was addressed by Maulvi Masud Ahmad, Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, and Br. Abid Haneef. Each one of them in their own way and style explained the importance and blessings of Khilafat and particularly laid stress upon the true allegiance and right obedience to the Khalifa of the time.

Dr. Shahid Ahmad arranged an Ameen function at his residence and invited a number of non-Muslims along with the members of the Jamaat. Maulvi Masud Ahmad and Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir addressed the participants on the beauties and excellences of the Holy Quran.

The Quranic Classes are held regularly and a considerable number of children are attending accordingly.

Washington, D. C.:

In addition to the regular inspiring Friday sermons by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem and Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar and their Tabligh activities, the local Washington Jamaat is having regular meetings of the Jamaat and auxiliaries twice a month.

Our meeting on June 7, started with a commentary of the first Ruku (section) of Sura Al-Ankaboot by Imam Ata Ullah Kaleem of the

American Fazl Mosque. He emphasized the importance of actions and sacrifice and not mere verbal acceptance of Islam. Trials and tribulations, he explained, always test the strength of faith of those who believe. His exposition was followed by two addresses: Major Abdul Majeed reminded the Khuddam of their responsibilities in general, and made an appeal for generous contributions towards the mosques in Italy and Latin America in particular. A guest speaker from D. C. Government addressed the audience of the issues associated with seniority of age. He then answered questions from the floor.

A regular educational program has been initiated under the auspices of "Talimul Islam" Class with a comprehensive curriculum of Islamic studies. The program is being carried out under the guidance of Imam Kaleem and a very active and zealous support of Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar, Br. Munawwar Saeed, and Br. Mubashir Ahmad. Over twenty students have already enrolled in the program.

Jamaat fasted on Thursday, June 18, and supplicated for the Atlanta children in particular and the children of the country at large in collective prayer led by Imam Kaleem before the breaking of the fast.



LETTER OF APPRECIATION

TO: Editor of "The Ahmadiyya Gazette"
Assalamo Alaikum

During the past months I have noted with ever greater gratification that each "Gazette" you have published is better than the one before it. The content is well chosen and informative, and the "Gazette's" appearance and English usage has improved one hundred percent during the past year.

I am aware that there are limited means (manpower as well as finances) available for its consistent publication, so accordingly the editor deserves special accolades for his labors.

This will extend my deepest admiration and congratulations for your indefatigable service in the cause of Islam. May your efforts continue to provide others with knowledge and direction. May Allah grant increase to your strength and intelligence, grant you continued steadfastness in service; and may your blessings be ever multiplied. Amen.

Yours in the service of Islam,

Nycemah Ameen
Chicago, Illinois
June 9, 1981

DISTINCTION WON IN PURDAH

Sister Maryam Bashir of Dayton, Ohio who observes Purdah reports:

(V. I. C. A.) is a National Vocational Club for young men and women enrolled in trade and industrial programs.

On May 1, 1981 I ran for the office of National Region 1 Vice-President, at V. I. C. A. State Conference in Columbus, Ohio. I won in Columbus, and now I will represent at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, this June. I will run against people from other states for this National position.



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**TWO RISING STARS IN SOUTHERN ATLANTIC
JAMAAT**

Zia R. Azam, son of Dr. and Mrs. Rasheed S. Azam, is sixteen and is a rising senior at Eastern Randolph High School in North Carolina. This academic year, he has achieved many distinctions. Apart from being member of Senior Beta Club, he is assistant editor of the school paper. He has won his first scholarship through an essay competition offered by the Rural Electric Corporation for a one week tour of Washington in June, 1981. He has also been selected to attend the 1981 Governor's Summer School for Gifted and Talented students in the Natural Sciences. Naweed S. Azam, a rising Junior, will be 15 in July, 1981. He is a distinguished Beta Club member and a winner of an annual award in mathematics. He is elected vice-president of the high school Aero-Space Club and is looking forward to competing in forthcoming events at local and national levels.

Congratulations and well done Zia and Naweed. May Allah bless you with health, happiness, and wisdom and make you an example for other Ahmadi students in your devotion to *Din* and accomplishments in this world.

NAIB SADR'S MESSAGE TO ANSARULLAH

(Ch. Hamidullah Naib Sadr Majlis Ansarullah Markaziyya (Central) arrived in the U. S. A. on June 15, 1981 on his tour of Majalis Ansarullah Europe America, and Canada. He has so far addressed the Majalis Ansarullah of New York, Boston, Willingboro, Philadelphia, and Washington, D. C. and has exhorted the members to activate their activities. On the request of the Missionary-in-Charge U. S. A. he has given the following message for the Ansarullah in U. S. A. Ed.).

Dear Members of Ansarullah of U. S. A.

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi

Wa Barakatuhoo

The Missionary Incharge has desired that if I had some message for the Ansars in U. S. A. Our foremost duty is to study the Holy Quran, the Hadith, and the books written by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). Secondly we should try to mould our lives strictly according to the teachings contained therein. Thirdly, we should try our utmost to upbringing our children in the true Islamic spirit.

Always keep in view the following words of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him):

“A mere verbal pledge has no value if it is not supported by a genuine and firm resolve to live up to it in every way. Therefore, whoever fully lives up to my teachings, he alone enters that house of mine with reference to which God Almighty has promised -INNEE UHAFIZO KULLA MAN FID DARI—i.e. “I shall Myself protect all those who are in this house.”

As far as the programe of Majlis Ansarullah is concerned it falls into four parts:

1. Our duties towards our persons.
2. Our duties towards our families.
3. Our duties towards those who are outside of our Community.
4. Our duties towards the organization of Ansarullah.

The members of Ansarullah are passing through the later period of their lives. They should be worried about the life hereafter. Each one of us should critically examine himself, find out his shortcomings, and try to improve himself morally and spiritually. Secondly, our children need our attention. Don't leave them unattended. You are responsible for their moral and spiritual uplift. Don't forget to teach them Salat (prayer). Make them able to read and understand the Holy Quran. Start offering prayers in congregation in your houses along with the members of your family. In this way you will inculcate in them the habit of regularly offering the five daily prayers.

Our duties towards those who are outside the Community is that we continue to propagate the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat among them. We should undertake objective preaching and this should be by preaching those who are personally known to us. For this purpose we should try to go on expanding the sphere of our acquaintance. Each member of Ansarullah should commit how many converts will he be bringing to the Community during the year. Our duties towards the Organization of Ansarullah is that we implement its programe, take part in its activities, contribute our Chandas regularly to make reasonable funds available for promoting the activities of Ansarullah in this country.

We should never forget that we are members of an auxiliary organization which is subservient to the main organization of the Jamaat.

May Allah bless us all and give us the Will and the power to act upon His commandments.

Yours Sincerely,

HAMIDULLAH

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