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لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

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### THE WORD OF GOD, THE EXALTED

“Say, ‘Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger.’ But if you turn away, he is responsible for what he is charged with. And if you obey him, you will be rightly guided. And the Messenger is only responsible for the plain delivery of the Message.

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will, surely, make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will, surely, establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will, surely, give them in exchange security and peace after their fear. They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso disbelieves after that, they will be the rebellious.

And observe Prayer and give the Zakat and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy.

Think not that those who disbelieve can frustrate Our design in the earth; their abode is Hell; and it is indeed an evil resort.”

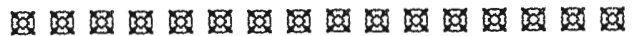
(The Holy Quran 24:55-58)



#### KHILAFAT DAY

May 27 is a momentous day in the history of Ahmadiyyat when on the demise of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad the Promised Messiah, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Hazrat Maulvi Noorud-Din was elected Khalifatul Masih I—the first successor to the Promised Messiah. Hence, all the Presidents of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in the U.S.A. are requested to hold meetings on Sunday, May 24, and explain the importance and blessing of Khilafat to the congregations. The reports of the meetings must be dispatched to the Editor, Ahmadiyya Gazette, for publication.

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَا حُمِّلْتُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوا تَهْتَدُوا ۚ وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ ۝  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۚ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۚ يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ۚ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ۝ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ۝  
لَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنَ النَّارِ وَكَئِنْ أَمْسَرَ الْفُجُورَ



#### FAITH AND ACTIONS

The likeness of the Faith and Actions has been mentioned in the Holy Quran as that of the trees. Faith is the tree and actions are a means of this tree being watered with the canals. Unless the tree of Faith is watered with Actions, sweet fruits cannot be had therefrom.

The person who leads a heavenly life always gets great pleasure by remembering Him much. But he whose life is hellish, he is always taking zaqqum (the food of the inmates of hell). His life is a bitter life. That is what is called Maeeshatan Zankan, and it will be given to him on the day of Resurrection in the form of zaqqum. Both the conditions have their respective links.

(Malfoozat, Vol. VI, p. 79)

## EDITORIAL

# MAY 27, THE DAY OF THE SECOND MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

Exactly 73 years have passed since the Regenerator of this age Hazrat Ahmad the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, departed this world on May 26, 1908 leaving hundreds of thousands of his followers in deep sorrow and profound grief.

The follower Prophet of the age did publish his *Alwasiiyat—The Will*, two years prior to his death when he was informed through revelation of his approaching end with the sole aim of setting down in writing some words of admonition and advice for his friends and such other people who might be disposed to derive benefit from them. The extracts from *The Will* are published in this very issue of *The Gazette*.

It was according to these pronouncements of the great seer that the entire Ahmadiyya Community, shocked with the loss of their Founder and subjected to all sorts of attacks from the opponents, witnessed the first manifestation of the promised and everlasting Second Manifestation of God on May 27, 1908 personified in the election of Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin as Khalifatul Masih I, the first Successor to the Promised Messiah. Hence, the day of May 27th is being remembered and would ever continue to be remembered as an historical day in the annals of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

As it was promised that the Second Manifestation of God shall stay with us always, the devoted and sincere followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) despite trials and tribulations remained stuck to this principle laid down by the Promised Messiah and did elect Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad as Khalifatul Masih II, the second Successor to the Promised Messiah when Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin Khalifatul Masih I breathed his last on March 13, 1914.

The progress of the Community gained under the divine Khilafat of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II is a fact which even the seceders have had to admit in their speeches and writings.

And Allah be praised that this Community of God has been blessed to see the third manifestation of the Promised Second Manifestation of God on the passing away of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II with the election of Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad as Khalifatul Masih III, the third Successor to the Promised Messiah on November 8, 1965.

Through the Grace of the Gracious God, the Ahmadiyya Community before the very eyes of the

## IMPORTANCE OF KHILAFAT

To adequately understand and realize the importance of Khilafat it is necessary to know the responsibilities of Prophethood. These responsibilities are briefly described in the following verse of the Quran.

“O our Lord’ raise up among them an Apostle from among them who may recite Thy signs unto them, and teach them the Book, and Wisdom, and purify them; for Thou are the Mighty, the Wise.”(2:129)

According to this verse of the Quran the first duty of a prophet is to preach his mission to the people and to invite them to the path of truth and rectitude. That is to say, he calls on people to the acceptance of his claims and teachings and reinforces his preaching by reasons and arguments and by the heavenly signs which God manifests at his hands. His second duty is to train and educate those who have accepted him as God’s messenger into the laws and teachings that have been revealed to him. The third great responsibility which God imposes upon him is to teach his followers the significance and inwardness of the ordinances, precepts and the rituals of the religion and his fourth duty which is at once the aim and object of all religions is to bring about in his followers a great moral and spiritual transformation with all the resources at his command and to raise them from the lowest depths of moral turpitude to the highest pinnacles of spiritual glory.

### ISLAMIC CONCEPTION OF KHILAFAT

This is but a very brief outline of the great mission of a prophet and it is obviously not within the power of a human being to fulfill it in a lifetime. It is the work of centuries and of a long line of divinely-inspired persons. This is why every prophet had his Khalifas who continued and brought his work to consummation. No mere nominated or elected Khalifa can accomplish this mighty task unless he be constantly guided and inspired by God in the discharge of his onerous duties. He must be a rightly guided Khalifa. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessing of God be upon him) ruled over his people as a divinely-inspired and guided Prophet. He led the public prayers; he acted as judge; he controlled the army. On his death a leader was put in his place of similar authority whom the Prophet himself styled as *Raashid* and *Mahdi*

seceders would certainly continue to derive the blessings of the Second Manifestation of God—Khilafat, and the day is not far when those who claim to have had the love of the Promised Messiah at their heart would realize their folly and join us to share the bo- ties promised to those who prove themselves in accordance with *Allazeena aama-noo wa amelus sualihate*—those who believe and do good deeds, Insha Allah.

(rightly-guided). A president elected even for life exercising an authority as vast as that enjoyed now by the President of the United States of America could not do the work that Abu Bakr did on the death of his great Master. A mere secular head without the promise of divine guidance in the discharge of his duties is not the Islamic conception of a Khalifa. The following verse of the Holy Quran clearly describes the kind of Khalifas, who, as God has promised will continue to rise among the Muslims:

*"God hath promised to those of you who believe and do the things that are right, that He will cause them to succeed others in the land, as He gave succession to those who were before them, and that He will establish for them that religion which He has chosen for them and that after their fear He will give them security in exchange. They shall worship Me; nought shall they join with Me. And whoso, after this, believe not, they will be the transgressors."*(24:55)

#### **A KHALIFA CANNOT BE DEPOSED**

This verse embodies a true conception of a Muslim Khalifa, the spiritual and secular Successor of a prophet of God. It clearly shows that God takes upon Himself the appointment or selection of Khalifas and He promises that religion shall strengthen through them and He shall cause security to reign in their dominions in place of fear and towards the end of the verse He discloses a special characteristic of such Khalifas which is, that though apparently deriving their authority from the people, they will look more to divine guidance and help in all their undertakings than the support they would receive from the people.

Now such a Khalifa whom God appoints as the spiritual and temporal head of the Muslim State and whom He promises His help and guidance, though elected by the majority of the people is obviously a person whose deposition at a subsequent date in his life is out of the question. You can depose or dismiss, subject to conditions laid down in the Traditions, a secular leader whom you have elected as your Amir for the transaction of your worldly affairs but to think of a Khalifa who combines in his person the spiritual and temporal headship of the Muslims that he can ever be deposed is profane and blasphemous. And the Holy Prophet's first four Successors—Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Omar, Hazrat Usman and Hazrat Ali; and the three Successors of the Promised Messiah — Hazrat Maulana Noor-ud-Din, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad and Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, fall under this category. Not only that it is foolish to think that a person from whom we seek spiritual guidance can ever be deposed but we have clear commandment of the Holy Prophet and the Muslims should follow the example of the rightly-guided Khalifas and the traditions and precedents set by them. He says:

*"I enjoin upon you the fear of God and submission and obedience even to a negro slave who is appointed*

*your leader because those who will live after me will see differences and dissensions arising among the Muslims. At such a juncture I charge you with following unswervingly my example and the precedents set by my rightly-guided Khalifas. Get hold of them firmly and beware of innovations."*

In this Hadith the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) has attached an equal weight to the example set by his Khalifas to that of his own. The fact that none of the Khalifas of the Holy Prophet was deposed inspite of an insistent demand made by a section of the Muslims from Hazrat Usman that being unequal to the great task entrusted to him he should abdicate and inspite of the standard of an open revolt that was raised against Hazrat Ali, shows the great dignity and sanctity of the office of Khilafat. There is a definite saying of the Holy Prophet according to which he had warned Hazrat Usman against laying down the mantle of Khilafat with which God would invest him. The Holy Prophet is reported to have said addressing Hazrat Usman:

*"In the not distant future God will clothe thee with a shirt which some of the people will demand of you to put off. I direct thee never to accept their demand and never to put it off."*

Though the election of Hazrat Usman to Khilafat was made by a sub-committee appointed by Hazrat Umar shortly before his death, this election by the members of the Electoral Committee God attributes to Himself and regards their election as His own election. This tradition of the Prophet lays down a maxim that once Khalifa has been elected he can never be deposed. If it had been possible for Ali and Usman once they had been installed on the Khilafat to get away from it, we are sure that seeing the appalling dissensions that had arisen among the Muslims, they would certainly have abdicated. But they knew that abdication was not possible, deposition unthinkable. Therefore in the face of manifest danger to their lives they held on to their guns 'til their enemies by murdering them laid an axe at the unity, solidarity and cohesion of Islam and gave it a staggering blow from which it never fully recovered. (Review of Religions).

## **SINCERE REPENTANCE**

It is a fact that if a person repents sincerely and devotes his life to the cause of God and does good to the people, his life is prolonged. He should be spreading Islam and he should have the ambition that the Oneness of God may be established widely. In order to do all this, it is not necessary that he should be a religious scholar or that he should have abundance of knowledge; what is required is that he should be telling the people to do good and to avoid evil. This is the basis of being useful to the people and it is this usefulness to the people that goes to prolong the life. (Malfoozat, Vol. VI, p.90)

## SECOND MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

by Hazrat Ahmad the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

"It has always been the way of God for doing things, a way He has followed ever since the day He created this world, that He comes to the help of His Apostles and Messengers and makes them dominant—as He has said in the Holy Quran: "Allah has set it down to stand for ever that He and His Apostles should prevail." The meaning of dominance in this context is this that the desire and aim of the Prophets being that the truth of the Way of God should come to be fully established in the earth, to an extent that no one should be in a position to resist its force by means of powerful signs Allah manifests the truth of their claims, and sows the seed at their hands of the righteousness which they want to spread. But He does not fully complete this mission at their hands, causing them to die in conditions, and at a time which bears a color of failure, and gives to their opponents a chance to heap ridicule on them. When these opponents have had their laugh, however, He shows another manifestation of His powerful hand, creating a set of circumstances which work for the full attainment of those aims which earlier were only partially achieved. In short, He shows two manifestations of His power: firstly at the hands of His Apostles; secondly at the time following the death of the Apostle when obstacles spring up in the way, the enemies gain force, beginning to feel that the mission of the Prophet had been fatally injured, that the community of his followers had been destroyed; and when even members of the new movement fall into doubt in regard to their future, and begin to despair, as if their backs had been broken, many unfortunate among them going so far as to turn their backs upon the movement. Then Allah once more shows a powerful manifestation of His hand, enabling the community to stand firmly on its feet. Thus, whosoever perseveres unto the last, witnesses this miracle, as happened at the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr when the death of the Holy Prophet was considered to be untimely and many nomads turned apostates, and the followers of the Prophet were unnerved by deep grief. At that critical hour Allah made Abu Bakr stand up firmly, thus showing His powerful hand a second time to save Islam from extermination, and to fulfill the promise He had given in the following words:

"He would firmly establish for them the Faith He had chosen for them, and for them He would change a state of fear into a state of peace and security."

This was what happened in the time of Moses on the way to the Holy Land when he died before he had reached his destination, and when this seemingly untimely death struck down the Israelites with extreme grief, so that, as we find written in the Torah, they remained weeping and crying for forty days.

"And again this was what happened in the case of Jesus, peace be upon him, when the disciples dispersed following the crucifixion, and when one of them even

turned apostate.

"So, therefore, my dear friends, when this has always been the way the Will of Allah works, showing two manifestations of His power, so that He should demolish two false joys of the opponents, it is impossible that now He should proceed to alter this long established Divine practice. You should not therefore grieve over this that I have told you, nor should you let yourself be heart-broken, for you are destined to see the second manifestation of God's power as well. And the coming of that manifestation would be better for you, for it would be everlasting, of which the chain shall not break until the Day of Qiyamah. And that second manifestation cannot come except after I am gone. But when I go away, Allah shall send the second manifestation for you, and it shall stay with you always, as has gone Allah's promise in Baraaheen-i-Ahmadiyyah, a promise which is not for me personally, but for you. For has not Allah said that to my followers He would vouchsafe power and dominance?"

"It is necessary that the day of my separation from you should come, so that after that should come the day which is the day of the promise that shall stand forever. The Almighty God Who is our God is true and faithful to His pledged word: He would show you all those things He has promised."

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### KAUSAR RELIEVES YAHYA

**Washington, D.C.:** Molvi Inaamul Haq Kausar, who arrived in the States from Pakistan on April 18, 1981, has relieved Molvi M.A. Rashid Yahya at the National Headquarters of the Movement in the USA.

Prior to his present appointment in the USA, Molvi Kausar has served the cause of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam, as Murabbee at different locations in Pakistan, including Rawalpindi the twin city. May Allah empower him to carry out his duties honestly and diligently. Ameen!

The Board of Directors of the Movement, by a resolution, passed unanimously, in its meeting held here on April 26, 1981, expressed its appreciation for the four year services rendered by Molvi M.A. Rashid Yahya to the Movement, particularly relating to the Washington Jamaat. "As a teacher and a preacher and organizer" the resolution goes on, "our young and energetic missionary did his job remarkably well. May Allah reward him for his services and be his guide and helper for ever." the resolution concluded.

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### WORDS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

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

## JAMAATS ACTIVITIES REPORTS

**Baltimore, MD:** The Lajna of this Jamaat has been very active. Meetings are opened with the Lajna pledge. Lessons are given from Yassarnal Quran, the Holy Quran and The Essence of Islam.

**Cleveland, OH:** The Jamaat held its meeting wherein after the regular feature of the recitation from the Holy Quran, reading of an Hadith and its explanation, and a few pages from The Essence of Islam, a talk was given on Human Evolution—Islamic Concept versus Darwin Theory.

Besides, the President of the Jamaat Syed Jafar Ali made strong emphasis on adoption of Islamic morals and regularity in observance of prayers. A delegation of the Jamaat led by its president participated in the celebration of the Promised Messiah's Day at Dayton, Ohio.

**Chicago, ILL:** The Jamaat has been holding its regular meetings every Sunday and Juma'a services every Friday. Besides, educational classes are held each Sunday, wherein the Holy Quran, its translation and commentary are taught in accordance with the standard of the participants. The Jamaat is also attending the Dars of Jesus in India written by the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him. The classes are well attended.

Muslihi Mauood day was celebrated with Waukegan Jamaat at Waukegan. The Khuddam are quite active in renovating the mosque and Tabligh work; the Atfal are learning Azan and Yassarnal Quran in their Sunday classes; and the Nasirat are learning English versions of the poems of the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him. The Lajna members hold their Weekly educational and business meetings on Sundays. God has crowned the efforts of the Jamaat and a Bilalian Muslim, Jihad Saleem, has joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat or True Islam. May Allah grant him steadfastness.

**Dayton, OH:** The Jamaat made an all out effort in the way of hosting a regional celebration for the Mid-West and Lakes regions in observing Masih Mauood Day, with Imam Mahmud Ahmad Nasir, his wife Sahibzadi A. Matin, granddaughter of the Promised Messiah and their daughter as special guests. Nasirat held a program for the great-granddaughter of the Promised Messiah, and Lajna held a reception for Sahibzadi Matin, who received the key to the city on behalf of the Mayor of Dayton from the Mayor's wife. This program was for women only.

That same afternoon the Mayor of Dayton, James H. McGee inaugurated the Masih Mauood Day program at the Dayton Convention Center by praising the Ahmadies as being "good citizens who always work for peace and harmony ... and that they are good models, who love their family, their God, and always look forward for doing good to those who listen to their advice." Imam Ibrahim and Br. Muzaffar

Ahmad Zafar participated on a City-Wide prayer vigil program for the Atlanta crisis.

Brs. Ali Aziz and Saleem Ahmad (Atfal) recited a few verses of the Holy Quran at "Sacred Song Festival" for the Atlanta crisis, a first opportunity of such magnitude availed by the Atfal in the city. Br. Muzaffar was one of the main organizers of both the programs.

Marriage of Abdush Shakoor Ahmad, Propagation Secretary, to Aleema Jameela took place on April 11, 1981 at Fazli Omar Mosque. Imam Ibrahim performed the Nikah with Five Thousand Dollars as dowry.

A college educated white American of Khadim age has initiated himself into the fold of Ahmadiyyat the True Islam and his Baiat has been forwarded to Khalifatul Masih for acceptance. *Alhamdo Lillah*. He will be joining the Navy in the spring.

Brs. Adbullah Hashir and Abdush Shakoor Ahmad have been nominated as two of the outstanding young men of America for 1981—an honor that recognizes young men throughout the nation for professional achievement and community services.

**New York, NY:** Sunday Quran Class continued regularly with 25 Atfal and Nasirat in attendance, and four to five teachers available to give lessons.

New York and New Jersey Jamaats jointly celebrated Muslihi Mauood Day at the Teaneck Town-Hall in Teaneck, New Jersey. Members of both Jamaats attended the function in great numbers. The speakers highlighted the various aspects relating to *Muslihi Mauood prophecy*.

**North New Jersey:** New Jersey and New York Jamaats jointly celebrated Masih Mauood Day by holding a meeting at the Y.M.C.A., Newark with Maulvi Masud Ahmad in the chair. More than 100 Ahmadies and eight non-Ahmadies attended the meeting which was addressed by Rizwan Ahmad, Andy Swales, Jalaluddin Abdul Latif, Abdul Latif Nuruddin and Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir, on Life of the Promised Messiah, Prophecies of the Promised Messiah, Misconceptions of Christians on Second Coming of Jesus, Misconceptions of Muslims regarding the Advent of Mahdi and Messiah, and Significance and Impact of the Promised Messiah respectively.

**Philadelphia, PA:** The Jamaat celebrated Muslihi Mauood Day by holding a meeting at the University of Pennsylvania. Besides hearing the speeches on this important prophecy of the Promised Messiah and its fulfillment in the person of Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad Kahalifatul Masih II, the members and the guests viewed a Video Tape of the Jalsa Salana arranged by Tahir Adbullah. Maulvi M.A. Rashid Yahya visited the Jamaat and delivered a Friday sermon. Maulvi Masud Ahmad conducted the business meeting of the Jamaat. Continued on page 6

## ADVANCEMENT AND MORALITY

By Br. Umar Farooq Khan

In 1893, Mr. Mohammad Alexander Webb, the first American Ahmadi, addressed the World Parliament of Religions during the World's Columbian Exposition (World's Fair) in Chicago:

"I will confess that when I went to live among the intelligent Mussalmans I was astonished beyond measure at the social conditions I encountered. I had acquired the idea that prevailed generally in this country and Europe, and was prepared to find the professed followers of Islam selfish, treacherous, untruthful, intolerant, sensual, and fanatical. I was very agreeably disappointed. I saw the practical results of Islam manifested in honesty, truthfulness, sobriety, tolerance, gentleness, and a degree of true brotherly love that was a surprise to me. The evils that we Americans complain of in our social system—drunkenness, prostitution, marital infidelity, and cold selfishness—were almost entirely absent.

"It is a significant fact that the only Mussalmans who drink whisky and gamble are those who wear European clothing and imitate the appearance and habits of the Englishmen. I have never seen a drunken Mussalman nor one who carried the odor of whisky or bear about him. But I have heard that some of those who have become anglicized and have broken away from the Moslem dress and customs actually do drink bear and whisky and smoke cigarettes.

"I have been in mosques where from 500 to 3000 Mussalmans were gathered to pray, and at the conclusion of the prayer I was hemmed in by a hundred of them who were eager to shake my hand and call me their brother. But I never detected those disagreeable odors which suggest the need of extended facilities for bathing. I have repeatedly called this fact to mind while riding on the elevated railways in New York, and in two or three public assemblages in London."

Mr Webb was, most probably, speaking from his experiences in Qadian of the high social conditions he encountered at the time of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad,

peace be on him. As a U.S. ambassador, Mr. Webb would have been competent to compare America's finest with what he found among the conquered Muslims of India. For him to have been impressed so strongly, conditions must have presented a vastly contrasting image from that found in contemporary New York or Washington.

A sad reversal of affairs seems to have confronted Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III when he recently visited the U.S. Americans who had joined the Jamaat seemed to be more closely adhering to the standards which had impressed Mr. Webb in India than are many who are born Muslims.

Many immigrants to this country and our admirers abroad seem to subscribe to the illogical philosophy that westernization is a total package to be accepted or rejected as a whole. However, Mr. Webb pointed out that there are many evils in our society which even Americans can see. Can it be, then, that some of our own members will grow to more closely resemble the anglicized Muslims spoken of by Mr. Webb and begin to consider the moral conditions (which so impressed that citizen of the West) of their sainted fathers as being somehow backwards?

Morality does not automatically arise from advancement. In fact, moral principles are often the first sacrifices in the name of progress. But the true blessings of science cannot be realized until and unless each and every scientific endeavor is inspired by, underlined, and brought to manifest the highest moral conditions. This is a most vital part of Islam's message to modern man.

Advancement and morality are not mutually exclusive—they must go hand in hand. Islam confirms this principle. We must not allow ourselves to become deluded otherwise. It is inconsistent to discard Islamic values as regards dress, deportment, or cleanliness, in favor of lesser quality standards and still maintain belief in the concept of Islam's divine mission in the world.

## JAMAATS ACTIVITIES REPORTS

**Tuscon, AZ:** The Jamaat celebrated Muslihi Mauood Day by holding a meeting at Yusuf Mosque with Muhammad Ishaque Qureshi the President of the Jamaat in the chair. Br. Muhammad Qadeer recited a portion of the Holy Quran and then presented its English translation. Muhammad Mubashir presented a poem of Muslihi Mauood. Brs. Muhammad Qadeer, Muhammad Mubashir, Muhammad Azhar and Khalid Mahmud Khan delivered speeches on different aspects of the prophecy. The chairman in his concluding remarks, elaborating on the prophecy, told the audience that Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II was the Promis-

ed Son of the prophecy who served the Jamaat as Khalifa more than fifty years thus fulfilling the prophecy in his person in all respect. After the meeting the members went to a park where different games were played. The Lajna offered dinner to all the participants.

**York, PA:** The York-Harrisburg Jamaat celebrated an Ameen ceremony for Wajid Mahmud Bashir at the Noorud Din school of York. Wajid is eight years old and he is commended for completing the Holy Quran.

The Jamaat joined the Washington D.C. Jamaat in observance of Masih Mauood Day. Juma'a services and weekly Sunday meetings are held regularly.

## NEWS OF THE AHMADIYYA WORLD

By Syed Sajid Ahmad

### THE COMMANDER OF THE FAITHFUL

At Rabwah, the Khalifatul Masih, may Allah succour him in his ventures, laid foundation stone of a book depot which will serve the Movement in providing them with old and new books at their original prices.

### GUEST HOUSE FUND

Daruziyafat, the guest house at Rabwah, needs 200 additional daigs (large cooking utensils) because of the increasing number of guests. A daig costs approximately \$200. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has directed the members who want to contribute for a daig to contact the Nazir Ziafat.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Forty thousand Ahmadis from all over the country attended the 55th Annual Ahmadiyya Conference of the Ghana Jamaat held at Saltpond which concluded on Jan. 10. In his exclusive message to the three-day conference, Dr. Liman, President of the Republic of Ghana, praised the medical and educational services of the community. Three cabinet members and a number of prominent chiefs also addressed the Conference. Sacrifices to an amount of 36000 Cedis were realized on the occasion. Press, radio, and television covered the event.

Seven hundred members participated in the 11th annual conference of the Fiji Jamaat. The gathering took place in the newly built mosque, the largest in the South Pacific. In his message, the Khalifatul Masih exhorted the members to increase their sacrifices manifold.

The three-day annual conference of the Nigerian Jamaat ended on Feb. 8th. It was held in the newly built Ahmadiyya Town in the suburb of Lagos, the national capital. Khalifatul Masih asked the members to resolve to present every kind of sacrifice for the supremacy of Islam. Five thousand members comprised the audience. Governor of a state addressed the meeting too.

Two thousand members attended the 31st annual conference of the Sierra Leone Jamaat held at Bo. Twenty-five embraced Islam at the occasion, and 3000 Leons were realized as sacrifices. Messages from Khalifatul Masih III and Head of the State were read out.

### GENERAL

Twenty-four new students were admitted this year to the Jame'a Ahmadiyya, the Ahmadiyya Seminary, at Rabwah, for missionary training, from different parts of the world, as follows:

Pakistan	9	Burma	2
Uganda	5	Nigeria	1
Indonesia	2	Guyana	1
Bangladesh	3	Malaysia	1

## ATFAL AND NASIRAT

### RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

- Q. What are the things to be known essentially regarding Angels?
- A. The following things are important to know about Angels:
1. Angels are the creation of God the Exalted.
  2. God the Exalted has created them out of light.
  3. They neither eat and drink nor they sleep.
  4. They do not beget as there are neither females nor males among them.
  5. They are entrusted with certain duties and their positions are also affixed.
  6. They do not disobey God's commandments which means they do not commit sin.
  7. Usually they are not seen, yet at times they adopt appearing body and are seen by the righteous servants of God.
- Q. How many are the Arch Angels and who are they?
- A. The known Arch Angels are four:
1. Jibraeel who brings revelation.
  2. Mikaeel who provides the means of sustenance.
  3. Israfeel who breaths the spirit.
  4. Izraeel who takes back the soul.
- Q. Who are other known Angels beside these four?
- A. 1. The Angels who supervise the actions of man are called Kiraman Katibeen—Honored Recorders of man's actions.
2. The Angels who supervise the Hell and their chief's name is Malik. The name of the chief of Paradise Angels is Rizwan.
3. The two Angels who interrogate man in the grave are called Munkar and Nakir.



At present, 165 students are enrolled, 51 hail from countries other than Pakistan.

Swiss Television transmitted a 23-minute documentary program on the Ahmadiyya Movement, covering a variety of topics and issues, and included interviews with local members and a former missionary to Switzerland.

Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Bo, Sierra Leone, has won the state-wide annual soccer championship fourth year in a row.

President, Ahmadiyya Movement Nigeria, has appealed to the Egyptian President to lift all the restrictions placed on the exhibition of the mummy of Pharaoh Merenptan, who was drowned while following Hazrat Moses.

## DIPLOMATS RECEIVE ISLAMIC LITERATURE

**Washington, D.C.:** H.E. Mr. Yao Grunitzky, the Ambassador of the Republic of Togo; H.E. Mr. Jesseransing, the Charge D'Affaires of Mauritius; H.E. Mr. Henry Jux Ratsimbazafy, the Resident Minister of the Republic of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Doka T. Barke, Charge D'Affaires of the Republic of Niger and H.E. Mr. Maki Koreissi Aguident Tall, the Ambassador of the Republic of Mali; have been presented copies of a recent French publication entitled: "Introduction a L'Etude du Saint Coran" in their respective Embassies.

The presentation was made by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Ameer and Muballigh-in-Charge, U.S.A., who was accompanied by Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir, and Maulvi M.A. Rashid Yahya to the first three Embassies and Maulvi Yahya to the Niger Embassy. Maulvi Inaamul Haq Kausar and Maulvi M.A.R. Yahya accompanied the Ameer to the Embassy

of Mali.

The Counselors and Secretaries of three of these Embassies were also presented the copies of the Book. As the Resident Minister of Madagascar expressed the desire to have a copy of the English translation of the Holy Quran, he was provided accordingly.

**New York, NY:** Maulvi Masud Ahmad presented copies of the Holy Quran Arabic text with English translation and that of the *Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam* to H.E. Dr. Esmat Abdul Meguid, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, H.E. Archbishop Giovanni Cheli, J.C.D., D.D. Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, Mr. Ian Harry Hutchens Counselor of Australia Mission to the United Nations, Mr. Christopher J.M. Thomson the First Secretary of Canada Mission to the United Nations, and H.E. Sr. Julio De Zavala-Urriolagoitia the Ambassador of Bolivia.

### OUR 33RD ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Washington, D.C.:** At the last meeting of the Board of Directors held here on April 26, 1981, it was decided that the dates formerly fixed for the next Annual Convention be changed to avail of the Labor Day holiday, as usual. The dates fixed are September 5-6, 1981. Of course, the participants will arrive on Friday, September 4, by Juma'a time. The detailed program and information about site and expenses will be published shortly.

The meeting of the Presidents of the Jamaats will be held after the Juma'a prayers on September 4, 1981.

Members (brothers and sisters) are required to prepare either of the two books: *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam* and *Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets*, for the written test to be given during the Convention. This will be obligatory. The study of *Essence of Islam* will be optional. (M.M. Ibrahim, Secretary)

### HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH'S HEALTH

The latest report received from Pakistan regarding the health of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Khalifatul Masih III indicates that there is still infection in his kidneys, which made him indisposed. Members are requested to pray for his speedy recovery and a long and successful life.

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