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

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# WHO IS A MUSLIM

English Rendering of the Sermon Delivered by  
Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III on Friday, June 19, 1981.

After Tasha'hud and Sura Fatiha Khalifatul Masih said that even though he has been feeling fatigue and weakness due to sickness during the last one week, he had come to deliver the sermon—which would complete a subject discussed in several earlier sermons. He said that while the remainder of the subject was still vast, he would try to be brief. He prayed to Almighty Allah to enable him to deal with it in a manner that the audience are able to comprehend its true significance.

The first matter to be dealt with in the sermon is: "Who Is A Muslim?" To answer this question, he has selected a few verses.

In Sura An'am Allah Says:

مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ

"Whomsoever Allah desires to guide, he opens up his heart to Islam." In the idiom of the Holy Quran "Opening of heart" and "Coercion" are not the same thing—they are antonymous. "Opening of the Heart" means that when Allah desires to guide someone, He creates such circumstances, through His mercy, that the person concerned is provided such environment as leads to his guidance. He is prevented from joining company which would lead him astray. His habits are saved from perversion. His nature is moulded in a manner that does not rebel against accepting the limits imposed by Islam, nor discharging his responsibilities with cheerfulness. It is not compulsion—it is sheer mercy.

In Sura Baqara Allah Says:

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ  
عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

"Whosoever announces his faith in Islam with an open heart,"—announcement of Islam and acceptance of all the obligations it imposes has no element of compulsion in it—"and carries out righteous actions in an appropriate manner, he has his reward decreed with His Lord. They will neither have any fear, nor will they repent anything done by them in past."—In other words, all their past sins will be forgiven, and their future will be blessed by glad tidings from their Lord.

أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ

i.e., announcement of faith with ones own free will has been further explained by Allah in the following verses of Sura An'am:

قُلْ إِنْ صَلَّيْتُ وَكُنْتُ وَمَهَيَّأَى وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ  
لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُصِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ  
قُلْ أَغْيَرَ اللَّهُ ابْنِي رَبًّا وَهُوَ رَبُّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

The verse preceding these verses, starts with

قُلْ إِنِّي هَدَيْتُنِي رَبِّي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

Say verily my Lord has guided me unto the right path. The verses recited tell what happens after

Allah guides one to Islam and opens ones heart to Islam. Allah teaches us to say that: "My prayers and my sacrifices and my life and my death are all for Allah, who is the Lord of all the Worlds. He has no associates. I have been commanded to make this proclamation and I am the first to submit."

The Promised Messiah has said that only people who truly live up to the standard laid down in this verse can be called true Muslims.

There are two kinds of plans—one with prayer—and other by using the material resources at our disposal i. e., making plans, using proper training and development techniques in raising our children, creating in them the spirit of submitting to Allah's will and the love of the Holy Prophet. Allah teaches us to proclaim that "All my prayers are devoted to Allah—to serve His will and to earn His pleasure—and all my efforts are also centered on the same objective." Further Allah teaches us to proclaim that "All my life is devoted to Allah." During an active lifetime of over 50 years, one comes across the question "How to spend the moments of this life?" Allah teaches that every moment of our life and every movement made during our life is to be devoted to Him. Indeed life is not just living—it is a combination of living and dying. We can explain this point by referring to physical life. Just as life means living at every moment, it also means saving oneself from dying at every moment. The scientists have made an interesting research into the functioning of human body. When the human brain commands, say, a finger to "move." The order is like an electric current, which emanates from the brain and reaches the finger to make it move. To reach the finger the current has to pass through hundreds of nerves. There is a gap between the nerves which can be crossed only with the help of chemicals produced within the body which serve as bridges between these nerves. The scientific research reveals that as soon as the order emanating from the brain has crossed them, the bridges are broken. If these bridges do not break, death would immediately occur. In other words, to convey a simple order within the body, human body has to undergo the process of death hundreds of times.

حَيَاةٍ وَمَوْتٍ

—Life and Death—

both in a spiritual sense and in a physical sense, life and death move in combination side by side. A true believer says that every moment and every movement of my life is for Allah. Anything which occurs in his life is aimed at seeking His pleasure. Whenever either physical or moral death faces him he looks squarely in its eye and proclaims: "I am the servant of Allah. Your attacks cannot succeed against me." Thus, throughout this life, whenever a muslim safeguards himself from physical or moral death, he

does it only for the sake of Allah, and for defeating the forces which take one away from Allah and toward satanic influences.

لِلَّهِ رَبِّهِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ A muslim does this because he firmly believes that nourishment and sustenance for all the worlds can only be done by Almighty Allah. Human faculties as well as the properties of everything else make progress step by step towards their perfection.

لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

"Rabb"—"The nourisher" is the only one and "I am the first one to believe." When the phrase "I am the first to believe" is used to refer to the Holy Prophet, it means that of all the human beings whoever lived or will live, he is the foremost in accepting Islam—the one who understood Islam perfectly, had perfect spiritual knowledge about Allah and His attributes, and devoted his entire processes of life and death, to the efforts to achieve the pleasure and nearness of Allah. When أَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ is used for other Muslims, it means that whatever faculties Allah has granted to a human being, he gears them to His service and guides and channels them into the ways to seek His pleasure. This is a continuous battle which one has to go through, not only in every moment of ones "life" but also at every occasion when muslim faces "death" and looking squarely into eye, he announces: "I am the servant of my Allah—you can have no power over me." Then Allah teaches us to proclaim

قُلْ اٰغِيْرَ اللّٰهِ اَبْعٰى رَبًّا وَّهُوَ رَبُّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

Say: How can I accept anyone other than Allah as the sustainer, when I realize on reflecting upon my own self that He alone is my Nourisher and when I realize that everything I see receives its sustenance and support from Him.

The points that I have mentioned bring us to a common conclusion:

Anyone whom Allah guides, He creates such circumstances through His Mercy that he accepts his faith with a free will—without any inhibition. He is saved from trials which would create doubts in his mind. Then he announces on his own volition that "I am a Muslim." Such a one does not merely proclaim this faith with his tongue. Rather his proclamation as well as his actions have a beauty in them. أَحْسَنُ in Arabic, means performing something in the most beautiful manner. Thus such a Muslim recognizes the faith and the actions which are dear to Allah. Then he performs them—not in a mindless and careless manner—but he devotes full attention to inculcate a beauty and light in his actions. And the sum total of his life as a Muslim is

قُلْ اِنَّ صَلَاتِيْ وَنُسُكِيْ وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِيْ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ

لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُصِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

When such a state of mind develops in a man— and Allah alone has caused the means to create this in him by giving him the faculties and saving those faculties from satanic influences and from deviating from Allah’s path—he reaches the point that he can call himself a Muslim.

Allah has given you the name “Muslim.” No individual on this earth, nor any government on this earth, nor any grandeur on this earth, nor any group on this earth, can claim that circumstances leading to Islam are created or influenced by any of them. Allah announces that He alone causes the circumstances leading to ones becoming a true Muslim and He it is who has named you “Muslim.” A person who hears this sweet message that Allah has named him “Muslim,” what will be his reaction if the entire world tries to tell him that he is not a Muslim? He will say: “My Allah tells me that I am a Muslim; I do not care about what you say.” This is the first point.

The second point is that from the history of our country we learn that the kings used to give titles to their faithful subjects—the Mughel Kings, for instance , used titles like—Commander of Five Thousand, Seven Thousand, or Ten Thousand. They were wise people and did not give these titles in jest to their faithful subjects or to their forces. What these titles meant was that those subjects were permitted to raise forces of five thousand, seven thousand, or ten thousand, in support of the King. Naturally, raising a force of say ten thousand, calls for a great deal. Firstly, the laws and regulations of the country should be such as permit raising the force of ten thousand. The material and social well-being of ten thousand soldiers has to be kept in mind—namely raising ten thousand families, looking after their food and lodging, clothing and maintenance of their healths. Similarly ammunition and uniforms for the ten thousand must be procured and expert training provided to train them in warfare. In short, a lot of expense is involved in supporting the title of say “The Commander of Ten Thousand.” When the King gave the title of “The Commander of Ten Thousand” to someone, he also granted them an estate which could fully support the force of ten thousand with all its requirements and exigencies. Do you imagine that Almighty Allah would announce that he gives you a title of Muslims but would not make any mention of the glad tidings to those Muslims? Even the mind of an ordinary human being cannot accept this proposition. How can we then imagine that Almighty Allah, who is the source of

all wisdom, would forget to make this provision? This is my second point.

In verse 98 of Sura Baqara Allah says:

هُدًى وَبُشْرًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

This guidance which We have given you will not only keep you on the right path but also gives you glad tidings. In Sura An’am Allah says:

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ  
مِثْقَالَ الْأَنْجَالِ مُبَشِّرًا لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ

“We have sent you a book which completely fulfills all your physical, moral, and spiritual requirements for guidance. All these requirements have been discussed fully in it—there is no doubt or ambiguity in its commandments.” Thus the Holy Quran provides guidance to the right path and is filled with glad tidings.

A true muslim firmly believes that the glad tidings which Allah has given him will be fully realized in his life. This raises a question in our mind:It is easy to declare someone a Non Muslim. But it is not possible for any human to prevent the fulfillment of the tidings which Almighty Allah has given to Muslims. None except Allah can have control over that phenomenon. Therefore, we come to the conclusion that since Allah is all powerful and the Absolute Master, it is impossible that any glad tidings He has given, should not be fulfilled. What are these glad tidings? In this regard I will not deal with the paradise or the beauty of Allah’s treatment with a Muslim in the Hereafter. I will only deal with His treatment with Muslims in this World. So far as the Non Muslims are concerned, Allah says:

وَمَا دَعَاءُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ

The prayers of the Non Muslims are in vain. In contrast to this, Allah says about the Muslims:

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ

Those who truly become my Abd, I am very near to them. In the Holy Quran Allah also says that I am nearer to you than your jugular vein. He also says that I am closer to you than your own souls and the nearest of your kin.

أَجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِلَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ

Whoever calls upon Allah, He responds. It is therefore their duty to respond to My call and stay firmly steadfast in their faith. Guidance and steadfastness is not something static. Rather it should see an in-

crease every day, week, and month. In a true Muslim such an increase does take place. Even in the hereafter there is a lot of action and progress—but no trials. In Sura *التَّوْبَةِ* Allah says:

أُدْعُونِي أَجِبْ لَكُمْ

Supplicate to me, I will respond. Here Allah commands a Muslim to pray. He also reminds us that prayers, fasting, and all other actions are vain if a Muslim does not supplicate:

قُلْ مَا يَجْعَلُكُمْ رَبِّي لَوْلَا دُعَاؤُكُمْ

What care does Allah have for you if you do not pray to Him. Thus the second glad tidings which have been given to Muslims is that Allah will speak to them. He also points out that all life is dependent on His revelation. A small creature like a honey bee is dependent on revelation in abundance for the performance of the task assigned to it. Are the human beings, then, not even as worthy as these small creatures that we should be assigned such a great function, but not be guided with revelation?

The glad tidings which Allah has given to Muslims that He will speak to them was beautifully illustrated during 1974. I once asked a group of Ahmadi children, visiting during the 1974 turmoil, if any of them had seen a true dream. Almost every one of them indicated yes. It is a great blessing of Allah on the Ahmadiyya Jama'at that the sign of true Muslims—true dreams and revelations from Allah—are witnessed in the Jama'at in hundreds of thousands.

The third glad tidings given to true Muslims is that they will never witness Allah's wrath. Rather they will always find His Love. This is a spiritual condition which many members of the Jama'at witness and recognize.

The fourth glad tidings given to true Muslims by Allah is that Allah will deal with them as He has always dealt with His righteous servants. And the treatment He gives to His righteous servants is that the fine points and the deep spiritual meanings of the Holy Quran are made clear to them. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

لَوْ يَشَاءُ إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ

None shall approach it except those who purify themselves.

The fifth glad tidings is that the non-believers shall never be able to gain dominance over true Muslims and believers. This is a glad tidings of very great significance. What it means is that all road blocks to the progress of true believers shall be removed and all plans made by their opponents to harm them shall be brought to naught. In the 93 years history of the Jama'at we have not been sitting quiet. We have undergone not 93 but more than ninety three thou-

sand schemes by the opponents. We witness throughout our history Allah removed all obstacles from the path of our progress. There were some schemes which were calculated to annihilate the Jama'at. They relate to the early history of the Jama'at. There was a time when the Promised Messiah was alone. Just one individual could have annihilated the Jama'at if he had succeeded in killing him. Allah did not allow any human being to dare that even though he had such a large number of enemies. Now, by Allah's grace the Jama'at has spread all over the world. And the promise from Allah is that even if all Christians, Jews, communists, atheists, and all other opponents join forces, they will not be able to annihilate the Jama'at. Throughout the 93 years of the history of Jama'at Ahmadiyya we have witnessed the fulfillment of that promise. Moreover, in the Holy Quran Allah says,

هَذَا بَيِّنَاتٍ لِلنَّاسِ

The Holy Quran makes it manifest for people. It has guidance for all spheres of life. Those who follow it fully have been promised dominance over non-believers in all spheres of life. i.e.

أَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ

you will be victorious if you are true believers. This does not relate merely to the field of battle. There was a time when the opponents tried to annihilate Muslims through the power of sword. At that time Allah strengthened the hands of the Muslims in the battlefield. But He has not limited the dominance of Muslims to the battlefield. Rather He says that in all fields of human endeavor you will be granted victory and dominance, if only you are true Muslims. The last of course is a condition—an essential condition. These are the six glad tidings given to true Muslims.

Now I will close by reciting two verses of the Holy Quran which are a source of great felicity.

إِمَّنْ كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا كَمَنْ كَانَ فَاسِقًا

A true believer and a transgressor can never be equal. Thus Allah emphasizes that the treatment of Allah to a true Muslim and to a transgressor cannot be the same. Almighty Allah has determined that there will be a clear distinction between a true believer and a transgressor—and that difference has been vividly described by the Holy Quran, as I just have described to you.

There are also three verses in Sura *الْقَلَمِ* which discuss a beautiful subject

إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ التَّعْبِيرِ

أَفَتَجْعَلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ كَالْجَرِمِينَ  
مَا لَكُمْ تَكُونُونَ

For the righteous, there are gardens of bliss with their Lord;

Do you imagine that We shall treat the Muslims as We treat the wrongdoers;

What has happened to you what kind of decision do you make?

Do you imagine, Allah says, that any of your ordinance or any decision made by any of your meetings will make us accept your prayers, O transgressors, and to reject the prayers of Muslims? Nay, We will only accept the prayers of true muslims. What has happened to you, what kind of decision do you make?

Do you imagine, O transgressors, that We will not speak to those whom We find to be true and real muslims; and will close the door of revelation upon them? What has happened to you, what kind of decision do you make!

Do you imagine that those who are truly obedient to Me and have devoted every moment of their lives to My service will see anger rather than love in My eyes? No, despite your decisions and even after them, they will only see love in My eyes, and will derive comfort and satisfaction from it. What has happened to you, what kind of decisions do you make?

Do you imagine that because of your decisions We will not reveal the hidden fields of knowledge to our muslim servants. What has happened to you, what kind of decisions do you make?

Do you imagine that because of your decision We will abandon our plans to bring about the dominance of Islam and make its beauty and light manifest all over the world through our obedient servants and will close the doors of the knowledge of the Holy Quran to our true servants? What has happened to you what kind of decision do you make?

Do you imagine that because of your decision, We will abandon Our determination that the non-believers will never have dominance over the muslims. Do you imagine that We will follow your decision and will give dominance, instead, to the non-believers? No, this will never happen! What has happened to you what kind of decision do you make?

Do you imagine that after your decision We will change Our decree that Our true servants who constantly seek Our love and make sacrifices in Our way, will always have dominance in every sphere of life. What has happened to you what kind of decision do you make?



JALSA SALANA — QADIAN & RABWAH



a. Jalsa Salana (Qadian & Rabwah) is fast approaching. Our delegation will leave Insha Allah J. F. K. New York, for Pakistan on Tuesday, December 15, 1981.

CHECK-IN TIME 5:30 P. M.

b. Delegation will leave Insha Allah Karachi, Pakistan for New York on January 2, 1982.

c. Those who intend to participate must have:

- I. A valid passport
- II. A health certificate-Certificate shots against cholera and smallpox.
- III. A visa to enter India

d. Those who want to go must submit their names and addresses and One Hundred Dollars advance money immediately.

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f. The full amount of the fare must reach Washington Headquarters not later than November 30, 1981.

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i. 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. One piece 45 inches is allowed as carry on.

HADEES

The Angel Gabriel has been advising me about the neighbour (to do good to him) to such an extent that at a certain stage I felt he would declare him (the neighbour) as one of the inheritors.

**RESULT OF THE WRITTEN TEST TAKEN AT  
THE 33RD ANNUAL CONVENTION**



Below are listed names of brothers and sisters who appeared in and passed the annual written test given in the book, *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam* by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the *Promised Messiah* (peace be upon him), or *Muhammad the Seal of Prophets* by Ch. Muhammad Zafrullah Khan at the last annual convention held in Washington, D. C. Sister Aisha Sharif and Sister Aisha Bashir both from York, PA. secured first and second positions respectively, while Dr. Salahud Din Shams stood third in order of merit. Sister Aisha Sharif also took the supplementary test on the *Essence of Islam* and obtained 81% marks, while Sister Shahida Muhamin of York, PA. appeared in all three papers simultaneously and did well. Our hearty congratulations to all. Particularly those winning distinction.

Marks Obtained Are As Follows:

**GRADE A:**

1. Sister Aisha Sharif, York, PA .....90
2. Sister Aisha Bashir, York, PA .....87
3. Brother Salahud Shams, Waukegon, Ill .....84
4. Brother Habeeb M. Shafeek, Dayton, OH .....81
5. Brother A. Rahman Malik, Milwaukee, Wis ....81
6. Brother Jalil Akbar, Washington, D.C .....81
7. Brother Muhammad Ishaq Qureshi, Tucson, AZ .81
8. Br. M. Saeed, Washington, D.C .....78
9. Paper without name and place. ....78
10. Sis. Shahida Muhaimin, York, PA .....75  
Supplementary 54, Philosophy of Islam 42
11. Sis. Nusrat Jahan Ahmad, Washington, D.C...75
12. Sis. Amtul Basir Zubair, Phil.,PA. ....75
13. Sis. Mansoorah, Phil.,PA .....75
14. Sis. Syeeda Begam, Dayton, OH .....72
15. Br. Mannan Malik, Willingboro, N.J. ....72
16. Br. Laeeq Ahmad, Washington, D.C .....72
17. Sis. Aziza Ahmad, Mil., Wis .....72
18. Sis. Hena Ahmad, Washington, D.C .....72
19. Br. Anwar A. Khan, Los Angeles, CA .....69
20. Br. Hidayat Ahmad Khan, M.D., Wash, D.C ...69
21. Br. Agha Shahid, Buffalo, N.Y .....69
22. Br. or Sis. Ansa or Ansar Ahmad, Wash., D.C. .69  
(obtained 48 in the Alternative paper)
23. Sis. Amtul Hakeem, Phil.,PA. ....69
24. Sis. Amtul L. Khaliq, Boston, Mass .....66
25. Without Name, Washington, D.C. ....66
26. Br. Khalil Mahmud, Boston, Mass .....66
27. Sis. Nur Fatimah Jewad, Mil., Wis .....60
28. Sis. Subooha Zafar, N. J .....60
29. Br. Aziz Khalil, Dayton, OH .....60
30. Br. Abdullah Hasharr, Dayton, OH .....60

**GRADE B:**

31. Mujib Kishwar, Washington, D.C. ....57
32. Br. Fazal Ahmad, Boston, Mass. ....57  
(Answer-book received after the test not evaluated)
33. Br. Jawad Malik, Washington, D.C. ....57  
(he obtained 48 in the alternative paper)
34. Seyyed Masud Hasan, N.Y. ....54
35. Br. Abdus Sami Khaliq, Boston, Mass .....54
36. Br. Latif Ahmad Malik, San Francisco. ....54
37. Sis. Saeeda Lateef, Washington, D.C .....54
38. Sis. Amatul Khaliq, Boston, Mass .....54
39. Br. Saleem A. Muhaimin, York, PA. ....48
40. Br. Noorud Din Alhadith, Washington, D.C. .48
41. Br. Yasin Sharif, York, PA .....48
42. Br. Hamid Ahmad Bhatti, Harisburgh, PA. . .48
43. Sis. Amtul A. Habeeba, Dayton, OH. ....45
44. Br. Ramadan Ali Muhammad, Philadelphia . .45
45. Br. Nasirullah Ahmad, Milwaukee .....45

**GRADE C:**

46. Br. Rafi Ahamad, N.Y. ....42
47. Br. Jamilur Rahman, Pittsburgh, PA .....42
48. Without name and without place. ....39
49. Br. Jibreel Najeebullah, Milwaukee .....39
50. Br. Muhammad Tayyeb, Pittsburgh, PA .....36
51. Sis. Jameela Aleem Ahmad, Dayton, OH. ....36

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## CHRISTIAN MILITANTS LAUNCH NEW CRUSADE

YORK, PA: Under the heading, "Muslim Awareness Seminar," Christians met at York for a weekend to learn something about Islam and the Missionary strategy for converting Muslims to Christians.

The Director of the North African Mission, with 12 years of missionary work among Muslims, called for local Christians to be enlisted in missionary work, to bring their Muslim neighbors in York County to Christ. The Executive Director of Samuel Zwemer Institute of Pasadena, California directed the seminar. Don McCurry lived among the people of Pakistan for 18 years seducing ignorant Muslims in the snare of the cross. He was extremely polished and well equipped in Arabic, English, Qur'an, Bible, Hadiths, customs and cultures of Muslim peoples.

Due to York Jama'at tabligh efforts with Christians, a member of the host church, a neighbor of our Center in York, alerted us to the Seminar. On Wednesday evening prior to the seminar, Yahya Sharif addressed twenty missionaries about the Jama'at Ahmadiyya and answered questions. Permission was secured to participate in the seminar and workshops. Thus, Ahmadi Muslims maintained a presence throughout Friday evening and Saturday.

Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem and Maulvi Inamul Haqq Kausar joined the local members on Saturday. Ahmadis dominated the question periods, spoke individually to many people, and secured permission to sell Qur'ans and other literature. The host Pastor even handed out free literature to all participants, but later (no doubt after reading over some pamphlets), became apprehensive and asked us to remove the literature. This may have been the first time that our tracts were so distributed in a church by the pastor.

The Christians were advised by McCurry to read the Qur'an, study Islam, and win our hearts with love and concern for our needs. Several asked to visit our Center, buy Qur'ans, and attend our Thursday evening and Sunday classes. Some of our own neighbors and associates were in attendance.

Seminar topics included slide and film presentations on "Muslim Women," "Islam-its Face and Forms," and speeches on "Islam-Unlocking Closed Doors," "Changing the Muslim World by Prayer," "A Biblical Approach to Muslims," "Reaching Out to Your Muslim Neighbors," "What is God Doing in the Muslims World," and "What Does God Think of 800 Million Muslims in the World."

Yahya Sharif

## ALL THE PRESIDENTS ARE REMINDED

All the Presidents of Ahmadiyya Jamaats in U. S. A. are reminded that:

(1) They are required to dispatch the activities reports of their Jamaats each month for publication in the Gazette.

(2) They are required to intimate the Washington Headquarters of the change of addresses of their members, whenever such change takes place.

(3) They are required to dispatch the Budgets of their Jamaats as early as possible.

(4) The Jamaats are entitled to keep half of their income in respect of Chanda Aam (Monthly Subscriptions) and that of Chanda Wasiyyat.

(5) The amounts received as Sadaqatul Fitr before the Eidul Fitr prayer should be divided into two equal parts, dispatching one part to Washington Headquarters and keeping other part for the local Jamaat for distribution among the orphans, widows, and other needy members.

(6) The amounts received as Eid Funds on both Eids must be dispatched in its entirety to Washington Headquarters.

(7) The income received as Tahrik Jadeed (New Scheme) Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Fund, Zakat and Sadaqa should also be dispatched in all to Washington Headquarters. However, if there are some members in Jamaat who need help from Sadaqa, their names along with the amounts required as help should be recommended to Washington Headquarters for necessary help.

(8) They are required to dispatch the Financial Statements of their Jamaats each month regularly, as it is on the receipt of their Jamaats Statements that the Washington Headquarters prepare a collective Financial Statement for transmission to the International Headquarters, Rabwah, Pakistan.

(9) The members or Jamaats or auxiliaries of Jamaat are required to obtain approval of the International Headquarters Rabwah Pakistan, for printing any book on religion by sending the manuscripts through the Washington Headquarters.

(10) The members or Jamaats or auxiliaries of Jamaat are required to obtain approval of the Washington Headquarters for printing any religious brochure or leaflet. However, they are at liberty to reprint any brochure or leaflet (excluding books) already published by the International Headquarters or Washington Headquarters.

## JAMAATS ACTIVITIES

**Dayton, Ohio:** The Jamaat observed Eid-ul-Azhiya festival with prayer and sermon by Alhaj Muzaffar Ahamd Zafr the National President. A total of 12 sheep were sacrificed on the form of Br. Rafiq Salam Ahmad. A delicious feast prepared by Lajna was enjoyed by the participants.

Regular reading from Moral and Spiritual Training was done by Alhaj Zafr in the Fazl-i-Umar mosque.

Khuddamul Ahmadiyya collected three thousand towards the Mosque Funds.

**Waukegan, Ill:** Ansar and Lajna members participated in observing the National Propagational Day by distributing literature. Lajna also presented Eid gifts to children to make them realize the Muslims festival. Lajna also began a progame of holding classes in physical fitness, typing, accountancy, etc. The president helps them in Quranic lessons.

Through the grace of God a new sister in the person of Amina has joined the fold of Ahmadiyya by signing her Baiat Form. Alhamdo Lillah.

The Jamaat celebrated Eidul Azhiya with Chicago Jamaat where a wonderful sermon was delivered by Maulvi Ahmad Sadiq Mufti—a son of Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq the pioneer and first Missionary to the States.

**York, PA:** The Jamaat conducted propagational classes at the York County prison. On National Tabligh Day, Khuddam and Ansar distributed free literature to the public for almost two hours. Cordial invitations were extended to the interested individuals to visit us during our weekly meetings.

Some members young and old continue written correspondence with our beloved Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. The President has again initiated contact with inactive members through the mail and by the telephone.

Clothing was donated to a local charitable.

**Milwaukee, Wis:** On Tuesday, September 29, Br. Rashid Ahmad was invited to speak on a local radio station here in Milwaukee, WNOV. Mr. Rashid Ahmad in his interview with the radio commentator indicated to the masses of radio listeners that the Promised Messiah has come and that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is the 2nd coming of Jesus the Christ. Br. Rashid told the commentator that the political movements and governments and all of their strategies would not be able to solve their problems; he indicated that the only solution to their problems is Ahmadiyya the True Islam. Br. Rashid

told the commentator Islam has the solutions for all of man's problems; we, as Muslims, don't look to man to solve our problems, we depend on Almighty Allah.

On Saturday, October 3, Br. Rashid Ahmad and Al-Haji Rahman Malik attended a conference at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. The theme of this conference was "The Meeting of World Affairs." The conference participants consisted of three doctors who are well versed in political science, specializing in the study of nuclear wars and weapons, at any time you can find such distinguished speakers on this panel as Mr. Zablocki, Minister of Foreign Affairs and numerous senators such as Proxmire. The focal point of this conference was based on who and what country has the best nuclear arsenal to - make a first strike - the U. S. or Russia. These men are considered to be the think tanks for the Reagan administration and the nuclear intellectual scientists. Br. Rashid Ahmad posed a question at them, he told them that they would not be able to resolve this nuclear problem and that the only solution to their dilemma is the solution of Ahmadiyya. These so called learned men at this conference were baffled by Br. Rashid's questions and found it hard to believe that this simple looking man with his companion Br. Al-Haji Malik could have the solution for their problems.

On Sunday, October 4, the Milwaukee Jamaat was blessed to have Ahmad Sadiq Mufti, Missionary-in-Charge of the Great Lakes Region to visit our Jamaat. He was introduced to the members by Br. Kabir Haqqe, Pres. Chicago Jamaat, it was indeed a blessing.

Also on October 4, a student from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Mr. Art E. Flater, was doing his research paper on Islam, so he came to the Milwaukee Jamaat to gather necessary information about Ahmadiyya to incorporate in his research paper.

On Oct. 8, the Milw. Jamaat celebrated Eid-ul-Adha at the Milw. Mosque. After the Eid prayer Br. Rashid Ahmad in his Khutba explained that the Prophet Ibrahim told his son Ismael that he would have to sacrifice him, his son Ismael was willing to die; he did not hesitate to follow his father's wishes and obey him and Allah; likewise Br. Rashid said we should be willing to sacrifice our all for Ahmadiyya in order to please Allah. The whole day was joyous.

Under the direction of our President, the Missionary Br. Ahmad Sadiq Mufti has been coming to Mil-



waukee on Saturdays to teach the whole of the maat. This will Inshallah enhance our regular Sunday and Saturday education classes, Alhamdo Lillah.

With the obtainment of two full time teachers and the help and aid of many of the Jamaat members, the Milwaukee Ahmadi School is on its way to a good start again this semester. Most of the children are now reading Holy Quran, knowing all of the attributes in both English and Arabic, well versed in Islamic history and moral and spiritual training, not to say the least their academic achievements are very high. Alhamdo Lillah.

The whole of the Jamaat is working hard to bring forth propagation activities, Ansurallah, Khuddam, Atfal, Lajna and Nasrats.

Sister Qadeera Sadiq and family have been bereaved by the sad demise of her husband, Br. Muhammad Sadiq. Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaie Rajeroon. May Allah grant the deceased Jannatul Firdaus and steadfastness to the members of the family. Ameen. Washington, D. C: Eidul Azhiya was celebrated on October 8, 1981 at the American Fazl Mosque. Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem lead the Eid prayer and gave an excellent heart warming discourse on the spirit of sacrifice, as this Eid was in remembrance of supreme sacrifices of Hazrat Ibrahim (peace be upon him) and his family.

Many members of the Jamaat made arrangements for sacrifice of animals locally, while others sent amounts for sacrifice of animals at Qadian.

In a regular meeting of the Jamaat a recorded tape of an important Khutba of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III delivered on June 19, 1981 at Masjid Aqsa, Rabwah was played for all the members. Right after the recorded tape, Br. Munawwar Saeed rendered its English version and described its salient points in a very effective and nice way. In a prize and award distribution ceremony, Alhaj A. U. Kaleem distributed the prizes to outstanding workers and Certificates to all the local members who worked hard at the 33rd Annual Convention and made it "a most successful function of all times."

Washington Jamaat was fortunate to hold a reception in honour of Dr. Abdus Salam, Noble Prize winner in the field of Physics in 1979. After the collective evening meals, the function started with the recitation of a portion of the Holy Quran by Br. unawwar Saeed. Alhaj A. U. Kaleem then presented a brief welcome address in which he mentioned that we see a fulfillment of the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in the person of Dr. Abdus Salam. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam

Ahmad the Promised Messiah and the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam had prophesied that:

"The members of my Sect will attain to such excellence in knowledge and God-realisation that they will close the mouths of all through the light of their truth and arguments and Signs (of God). O ye who are listening, do remember these words of mine and keep these prophesies of mine in your boxes; these are the words of God and they must be fulfilled one day."

Dr. Abdus Salam thanked the Jamaat for the reception, and in a brief talk exhorted the educated members of the Jamaat to form a Committee to help the deserving Ahmadi students from Pakistan in getting higher education in U. S. A. and Canada.

Ch. Allah Bukhsh the President of the Jamaat presented Dr. Abdus Salam with a copy of the Holy Quran, printed first time in U. S. A., with the prophecy of the Promised Messiah beautifully inscribed on it. Dr. Salam was also presented a set of gold pens and an alarm clock. Dr. Salam accepted the presents with thanks.

The Jamaat celebrated the National Propagation Day by dividing the area in four divisions. Responsible parties of each division distributed the literature (supplied by the National Headquarters) by going to people's houses, shopping centers, public places and transport stations. The efforts were well received by the public. Alhamdo Lillah.

Detroit, Mich: September 1981 was an auspicious month for our Jamaat. By the Grace of the Gracious God, Mirza Muhammad Afzal an energetic youth arrived as Missionary for our area from Rabwah, Pakistan. A reception was held in his honour in the Renaissance Mosque. The arrival of the Missionary has given a new life to our Jamaat.

More than thirty members of our Jamaat attended the Annual Convention at Washington, D. C. It was a memorable experience for us. South East Region, host for this year Convention deserves special congratulations and prayers for this experience. Jaza-humullahu. May Allah bless the other regions to follow suit.

Regular Bi-Weekly meetings in the Mosque, Religious Gatherings on Friday at two separate locations and weekly Jum'a services were held as usual.

## 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.

**TABLIGH NOTICE**

All Presidents are kindly requested to:

(1) Furnish an account, written or narrated, by every Ahmadi Muslim who entered Baiat during 1981, as to how they came to embrace the faith. These will be edited and published, Insha-Allah for a "testimonial type" booklet to demonstrate how ALLAH has attracted Americans into the Jamaat during the calendar year 1981, now drawing to a close. If you do not act upon this soonest, the effect will be lost. Length is not important; a few paragraphs conveying the story will suffice.

(2) Send the name, address, and phone number of your Jama'at Tabligh Secretary;

(3) Inform us when you have placed in your mosque or meeting place, guest books for every male and female visitor to enter their name, address, and phone number. If you have such books, how many different persons have signed them in 1981? If not, have you now placed them there?

Respond to Yahya Sharif, Nazim Tabligh, PO Box 267, Dover, PA. 17315.

**AHMADI SCOUT BROTHERS RECEIVE AWARDS**

Three Collidge brothers of the York Jama'at were recent recipients of the "In The Name of God Award" presented to outstanding Muslim Boy Scouts by the Federation of Islamic Associations in North America for religious knowledge and Islamic service.

The youth, members of the Jama'at sponsored Troop 53 of York, were Star Scout Khalid Ahmad and 1st Class Scouts Musa Sharif and Harun Rashid. Two other York Scouts and one from Boston have previously received the Award, an intricate cast medal of Arabesque design with the inscription "Glory and Praise to God is Above all" surrounded by eight crescents. The medal is suspended by a green ribbon from a bar inscribed "In The Name of God, The Beneficent, The Merciful."

Among the requirements in the year-long program, the Scouts had to submit to an examination without references, which was submitted for approval to the Ulema of the Federation. One of the questions is, "Is there a prophet after Muhammad? Explain." Our Scouts were prepared to explain in details the claims of Hazrat Masih Maoud so thoroughly that the Ulema passed them on the examination.

**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.

**AWARDS WINNING JAMAATS**

The following Jamaats won the awards of their outstanding activities in various branches:

BRANCH	POSITION	JAMAAT
Religious Education DO	First Prize	Dayton, OH
	Second Prize	Cleveland, OH
Religious Training DO	First Prize	Philadelphia, PA
	Second Prize	Tucson, AZ
Preaching and Propagation DO	First Prize	Dayton, OH
	Second Prize	York, PA
Social Welfare DO	First Prize	Cleveland, OH
	Second Prize	Philadelphia, PA
Finances DO DO	First Prize	Willingboro, NJ
	Second Prize	Pittsburgh, PA
	Third Prize	Philadelphia, PA

Special Prizes Baltimore, MD  
and  
Indianapolis, IND.

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**Chanda Ansaarullah**

For the information of all Ansar members, the following details are given about Ansar chandas.

- (i) *CHANDA MAJLIS* . . . . . One percent of total annual income.
  - (ii) *CHANDA SALANA IJTIMA* . . . . One and a half percent (1½%) of monthly income per annum.
  - (iii) *CHANDA ISHAIT LITERATURE* At least equal to one or two dollars per annum.
2. The distribution of Funds so collected will be as under:

	MARKAZI	COUNTRY	LOCAL
<i>CHANDA MAJLIS</i>	20%	50%	30%
<i>CHANDA IJTIMA</i>	10%	90%	
<i>CHANDA LITERATURE</i>		100%	

Markazi Share of the funds will be deposited in the Bank to be operated jointly by Naib Sadr of the Country and Nazim-i-Aala. It will only be utilized with the prior approval of Sadr-i-Majlis at Rabwah.

3. Well-to-do members of the Majlis are requested to contribute minimum sum of \$100 each for the expansion of Markazi Guest House Ansaarullah at Rabwah. The names of such persons will be engraved in the Marble slate fixed in the walls of the building near main Gate.

4. From Chanda Majlis, 20% of Markazi H.Q. & 50% of Country's H.Q., i.e. all 70% should be sent to National Ansaarullah, 2141 Leroy Place, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20008.

Masoud Ahmad Malik  
Nazim-i-Aala Ansaarullah U.S.A.

MISSIONARIES ASSIGNMENT



**Mufti Ahmad Sadiq**  
*Detroit, Mich.*



**Inaamul Haq Kausar**  
*Washington, D. C.*



**Ch. Munir Ahmad**  
*St. Louis, MO.*



**Mirza Muhammad Afzal**  
*Chicago, Ill.*



**Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, President of Dayton Jamaat** receiving the first prize from **Alhaj A.U. Kaleem Ameer** and **Muballigh-in-Charge U. S. A.**



**Br. Yahya Sharif, President of York Jamaat** receiving Second prize from the **Ameer and Muballigh-in-Charge**



**Br. Munir Hameed, President of Philadelphia Jamaat** shaking hands with the **Ameer and Muballigh-in-Charge** before receiving the first prize

IMPORTANCE OF CENTRAL JALSA SALANA IN THE WORDS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH



ANNOUNCEMENT

“Be it known to you, my sincere followers, that the object of your initiation into the Ahmadiyya Movement is that you should abandon worldliness and replace it by love of the Benevolent God and of the Holy Prophet (on whom be peace and the blessings of God). Your existence here should be so detached that when your end approaches you may have no horror of death.

“In order to attain this object, however, it would be necessary for you, to have the benefit of my company, and to devote a part of your time to the pursuit of this aim. Perchance you may witness (if God wills it so) some convincing heavenly sign which may serve to sweep away the sloth and weakness of spirit, and replace them by certainty of conviction and fervency of love. It should be your anxious concern, therefore, always to look out for such an opportunity. As long, however, as it does not fall to your lot to be constantly in my company you should keep it in mind to be occasionally with me. If you fail in this, your initiation would be nothing but an empty ceremonial totally devoid of grace.

“For various reasons, moreover, it may not be possible for all to have the benefit of a prolonged company, or for all to come to pay me an occasional visit. Inherent want of enthusiasm, poverty, or the sheer impediment of distance, or unwillingness due to absence of zeal to suffer inconvenience or discomfort, might deter a person from paying me a visit. I have decided, therefore, to set apart 3 days in a year on which God willing, all my sincere followers might present themselves here, with the exception perhaps only of those who may be sick, or who may have other unavoidable preoccupations.

“in my judgement it would be appropriate for the purpose to fix the three days from the 27th to the 29th of December every year. All of us, therefore, who will be living on the 27th day of December next, should make it a point to pay visit to Qadian

on that date with a view solely to listen to divine addresses and to join in mass prayer. There shall be held in this Jalsa (gathering) discourses on religious subjects which would be the means of strengthening their faith. Special prayers for grant of righteousness shall also be offered on behalf of those who participate in the Jalsa so that they might attract the grace of heaven, and the sincerity of their faith might be accepted of the Compassionate God. The Jalsa shall also furnish, as a secondary advantage, an opportunity to those who may have joined the community as new members during the expiring year, to introduce themselves to the fraternity, and thus to strength mutual bonds of love and friendship. Prayers shall also be said for the repose of the souls of those who might have passed away in the course of the year; for unity of spirit among all members of the fraternity and for elimination from them of strangeness, hypocrisy and curtness of manner. The Jalsa will be accompanied by other advantages which will be apparent as they come along.

“It would be better for persons of limited means to make provision for the Jalsa beforehand. There would be no difficulty in finding the necessary expenses at the last moment if they make it a habit to save small sums of money to be kept apart for this purpose. It would then be as if they had performed the journey without any expenses....

“I pray that for every step of their journey they may have a handsome requital hereafter. Amen!”



**ALL THE PRESIDENTS ARE REQUESTED**

To remind the members of their Jamaats to redeem this year's instalment of their pledges towards the Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Fund. Advise those who have not so far taken part in this blessed scheme to make pledges towards it.

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”قرآن شریف ساری صدائتوں کا جامع ہے“  
(ازمذہب شیخ مولانا عبد السلام)

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

مجلس خدام الاحمدیہ مرکزیہ رابوہ

20.10.81

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Assalamo Alaikum

I hope by the grace of Allah you are all well.

Alhamdo Lillah the first phase of building two mosques in Europe and North America by Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya has been completed as we have now collected 90% of the total amount required for the project.

Land is being purchased in Italy. A proper piece of land has been selected and the legal procedure is underway. A comprehensive report about Brazil has also been forwarded to Hazrat Amirul Momineen for his perusal.

Throughout this period you have given me your full co-operation and have made exemplary sacrifices towards the payment of your contributions for the erection of these mosques. By responding to the call of Khalifatul Masih and by paying generously you have indeed performed a noble deed for which I am grateful to all of you. May Allah reward you abundantly. My heart is full of gratitude and I do hope you will remember me in your prayers.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

Mirza Farid Ahmad, Naib Sadr  
Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Markaziyya.