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KHALIFATUL MASHIH'S STRONG WARNING TO AHMADI LADIES REGARDING OBSERVANCE OF ISLAMIC PURDAH HISTORIC ADDRESS TO LADIES SESSION AT JALSA SALANA

Rabwah, Pakistan: In his address to the ladies session of Jalsa Salana on December 27, 1982, Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, recited *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, *Sura Fateha* and the following verses of *Sura Annoor*:

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا أَرْوَاحَهُمْ
ذَلِكَ أَزْكَى لَهُمْ إِنْ اللَّهُ حَيُّ ذَكِيٌّ عَالِمٌ ﴿٣١﴾
وَقُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَغْضُضْنَ مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِنَّ وَيَحْفَظْنَ
فُرُوجَهُنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا
وَلْيَضْرِبْنَ بِخُمُرِهِنَّ عَلَى جُجُوبِهِنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ
زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا لِبُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ آبَائِهِنَّ أَوْ بُعُولَاتِ
أَوْ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنَاتِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنَاتِ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ مَا
مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُنَّ أَوِ التَّابِعِينَ غَيْرِ أُولِي الْإِرْبَابِ
مِنَ الرِّجَالِ أَوِ الطِّفْلِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يَظْهَرُوا عَلَى عَوْرَاتِ
النِّسَاءِ وَلَا يَفْرِقْنَ بَأَرْجُلِهِنَّ لِيُعْلَمَ مَا يُخْفِينَ
مِنَ زِينَتِهِنَّ وَتُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

"Say to the believing men that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts. That is

purer for them. Surely, Allah is well aware of what they do.

"And say to the believing women that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts, and that they disclose not their natural and artificial beauty except that which is apparent thereof, and that they draw their head coverings over their bosoms, and that they disclose not their beauty save to their husbands, or to their fathers, or the fathers of their husbands or their sons or the sons of their husbands or their brothers, or the sons of their brothers, or the sons of their sisters, or their women, or what their right hands possess, or such of male attendants as have no sexual appetite, or young children who have no knowledge of the hidden parts of women. And they strike not their feet so that what they hide of their ornaments may become known. And turn ye to Allah all together, O believers, that you may succeed." (24:31-32)

After reciting these verses, he said he had recited these verses because he was feeling that among the misfortunes falling on Islam, the greatest misfortune is that of *Baypurdigee* (going without Purdah). This misfortune is preying upon Muslims in different forms. In many countries, the Muslim woman is being deprived of Purdah. A few days ago, a *Fatwa* (decree) has been issued in some countries that Purdah is not only non essential, it is forbidden (*haraam*), a taboo.

Expressing his sorrow on the condition of these countries, Khalifatul Masih said that when he exa-

mined the state of affairs of Ahmadi women, he found with profound sorrow and grief that a few Ahmadi ladies have even sided with the female violators of Purdah in this field. Hence he realized the necessity of pronouncing Jihad in respect of Purdah among Ahmadi ladies everywhere.

Addressing the Ahmadi ladies, Khalifatul Masih said that if they too deserted this field, which women in the world will uphold the right of Islamic Purdah? Various excuses are being presented in this regard but the major excuse is that of *Chadar*. It is a pity that this *Chadar* is entirely contrary to Purdah. No doubt Purdah could be observed with Chadar, but it is essential to clarify the circumstances in which this could be considered proper Purdah.

After pondering over the Holy Quran, Hadith, and the sayings of the Ummat's divines, it has been concluded that in view of the various conditions and of different urgencies, Islam does expect different kinds of Purdah from its votaries. Giving an illustration, Khalifatul Masih said that in the villages, the Chadar is used for Purdah by drawing a corner of it over the face. It does contain modesty. This is not an exceptional Purdah, rather it is a part of basic Islamic ideology. The Holy Quran explains it, and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) has elaborated it in detail, and the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has also narrated in the translations of the verses that I have just recited:

"One Purdah in Islam is this that the face be covered from both sides including the chin and the forehead completely, and such makeup should be avoided that may instigate an evil-minded person. Those women who come out (of homes) for human necessities with dignity and modesty, without any makeup and adornment, they are observing Islamic Purdah. It is not an exemption. This Purdah is within the law. Therefore, giving this very explanation, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said that this Purdah cannot be cumbersome and a burden upon the Europeans, because in their society women have very well advanced in economic affairs and they have become a part and parcel of their economics. Therefore they have to come out. If that (European) woman observes this form of Purdah, the Promised Messiah says that she is observing the exact Islamic Purdah.

Purdah of the face, Khalifatul Masih said, is part and parcel of the basis of Islamic Purdah. But

for which society? The part of our society which is called rich and wealthy, which is in general terminology called an advanced society, who have lots of means for comfort and luxury, it is this society that has been enjoined to cover their faces and should not put makeup on while going out and observe Purdah of the entire face. Burqa too is a means of Purdah. Nevertheless, it is the duty of the Khalifa to make administrative decisions in accordance with the circumstances. If the adoption of Chadar in place of Burqa does not violate the Islamic Purdah, then it is all right. But if the adoption of Chadar creates any risk of doing away with Purdah itself, then it is not right in any circumstances, and if the Khalifa of the time does not take necessary steps in such a state of affairs then he would have to answer to Allah, the Exalted.

Khalifatul Masih said: We have witnessed among the family of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) Hazrat Amman Jan and her children. The children of Hazrat Masih Mauood and those of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad who were wearing Burqa, yet despite this they were not barred from taking part in the works of the world. They acquired education and enjoyed recreation. But in this period the women using Chadar for Purdah are making fun of it. They observe Purdah in the presence of their acquaintances, but in front of strangers, the Chadar slides to the shoulders from the heads. Who can call this an Islamic Purdah?

In strong words, the Khalifatul Masih exhorted the ladies to adopt *Taqwa*. He said he has been favored with the position to supervise them. He would, therefore, like to clarify explicitly that he cannot take for granted the present day Purdah of Chadar as Islamic Purdah, even if you fabricate millions of excuses for its admissibility. Islamic values are being smashed and no care is taken of the ultimate condition of the future generations. Your coming generation would indulge in music and dancing and such lewdness would prevail that you cannot even imagine it.

There are some societies where shamelessness is common, where the concept of nakedness is entirely different. Women there walk with naked arms, bare faces and go to the extent of exposing such parts of their body that a person is astonished to witness the extent of degradation of the society. In these societies the Muslim ladies adopt Islamic values after accepting Ahmadiyyat. Even if they do not cover their faces, still they observe such

Purdah with Chadar that their virtuous character and nobility are obviously seen by the entire society. Their attitude is not instigative but it repels the evil eyes. In such societies, a Chadar is the exact Islamic Purdah. Hence in various circumstances, keeping in view the different backgrounds, Islamic decisions have to be made and as he has explained, there is possibility of all these matters in Islam.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said: There is another Purdah and that is of *Ahl-Bait* (family of the Holy Prophet, s.a.w.s) which is more strict than the ordinary one. They have been enjoined by Allah the Exalted in the Holy Quran, that it is better for them to remain in their homes as far as possible, but if they go out they have to cover themselves completely.

These three kinds of Purdah, Khalifatul Masih pointed out, are Islamic Purdah and have been in vogue in various circumstances, but the ladies of the Jamaat are not permitted to adopt whatever form they wish to take and violate Islamic Purdah.

Hazoor mentioned the restriction put this year for limiting the stage tickets only to those ladies who observe Islamic Purdah. He said: to sit on the stage is not the prerogative of highly modern society. Its criterion is *Taqwa*. It is the right of those who offer sacrifice. In this respect, wherever Purdah with Chadar is strictly carried out, they are permitted to do so, yet the decision rests with the administration of the Jamaat. Nevertheless, to observe Purdah with Burqa is easier than with Chadar.

Referring to the strict attitude on Purdah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih eulogised one of his female relatives and said: Our Baji Jan had strict attitude regarding Purdah from the beginning, as she observed Hazrat Musleh Mauood all her life and acted upon his directives. Hearing her discourses and witnessing her way of life, a few used to call her very old fashioned and some dubbed her insane. He said he knew only the old fashioned period of Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of God be on him). Anyhow, when our Baji Jan practiced strictness regarding stage tickets, she had to hear harsh things from some women which made her sad and grieved. Hazoor told her not to be sad but pour all her griefs on him and he would bear all these griefs. She should carry out these injunctions fearlessly as he himself was responsible for these directives.

Hazoor further said that he is the slave of one who initiated Islam and introduced Purdah. He considers himself nothing. He is the slave of the slaves, full of faults and weak, and does not know why this position has been conferred upon him. Whatever he is, whether weak or otherwise, at any rate he has to try to perform the responsibilities connected with this rank. He is afraid of being questioned by Allah the Exalted after his demise.

Elucidating his subject, Khalifatul Masih remarked that various motives are attributed towards the introduction of different injunctions. For instance, when the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) distributed the booty among the *Muhajereen* (immigrants from Mecca) at the victory of Mecca and the *Ansars* (helpers of Medina) were deprived of it, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) clarified his motive by stating that he would not settle in his native town but rather would return among his Ansar brothers.

Hazoor mentioned that the father of a girl, in a letter, had accused him of injustice in this respect. At first he thought of replying to him, but then he reflected that when one is turned against the Khalifa of the time, then the case is with the Master of the Heaven. Hence his reaction was that the decision rested with Allah, the Exalted, alone.

Khalifatul Masih said that he is becoming strict as he is visualising that our generations are entering a very dangerous period. It is so dangerous that if these generations are not rectified, their progeny would go so far away from Islam that the present generation would see them with regret and despite making all efforts they would not be able to bring them back. All these efforts are being launched to purify Islamic society. Allah the Exalted has said in the Holy Quran and these verses of the Holy Quran were forcing him to do so. There are such occurrences before him, particularly taking place in foreign countries that even Pakistani ladies are being affected by them and have violated the law of Purdah. Then a grievous event, like an ulcer, is that an Ahmadi girl has embraced Christianity. This event has upset his heart and made him restless.

Hazoor said that at times even things permitted have to be abandoned for the sake of God. There are going to arise some needs that you have to prepare yourselves for even greater sacrifices than this. Some injunctions may not have any relation-

ship with religion, yet responding to the call of the Imam of the time, Ahmadi ladies have offered such sacrifices which make one wonderstruck. Before the establishment of Pakistan, in support of Muslim league, Hazrat Muslehe Mauood directed that the Muslim league has to be helped at all cost because without this help, Pakistan could not come into existence. Hence on the voting day, a lady insisted on going to vote. She had delivered a baby just a few days ago and her family members told her not to go because of her health. Yet she persisted so her family locked her in the house and left. She screamed and got the neighbors to break the lock and went for voting. Some people, returning from the voting, noticed blood near a bush. They approached near and found this lady bleeding and lying unconscious. She had responded to the call of the Imam even at the expense of risking her life. She was taken to her home on a stretcher.

Khalifatul Masih related another touching incident of sacrifice. Hazrat Muslehe Mauood had exhorted Ahmadies to enrol themselves in the army for the protection of their country. A widow had only one son. When he did not offer himself to enlist in the army, his mother shouted at him and said: Why don't you respond? Have you not heard the voice of the Khalifa of the time? So her son offered himself for the army. This impressed Hazrat Muslehe Mauood very much and he supplicated to Allah, praying: O my Master, this widow has only one son and she is passed the age of childbearing. If Thou hast to take a sacrifice, I pray, do not take the sacrifice of this widow's son. I present one of my own sons as sacrifice.

Narrating this moving incident, Hazoor exhorted the ladies to note that this is a sacrifice worth its name. If the Ahmadi daughters would turn their backs because of these hardships then his sense of honor discloses to him that Allah does not need them; if one will go away, God shall favor us with hundreds who will be more obedient, more protectors of their chastity and more sincere to God and His religion. Khalifatul Masih said, if, God forbid, he had to excommunicate any Ahmadi lady for this reason then the grief of his heart would be on them. Would the Khalifa of the time not feel the pain of this action. The Jamaat of believers is like one body. when one part is in trouble, the whole body supplicates with humility and tears to Allah the Exalted to secure it from that situation. He also prayed against such day when

any one Ahmadi is lost through his hand. Nevertheless, if it is destined then he would not mind the griefs of his heart for it.

In a loud, majestic voice, Hazoor said that he has been entrusted with a position for which Allah is always zealous and shall ever be zealous. There had never been a single day when Khilafat was devoid of Allah's help and support. Hazoor said he is very humble, despised, contemptible, yet the position of Khilafat has been conferred upon him. If you will prove yourselves true in your pledge of allegiance, the angels of Allah shall help you. Just think which servants of God are you the offspring? The protection of grand values has been entrusted to you.

Narrating the early period of Islam, Khalifatul Masih pointed out that the mothers of the faithful, keeping themselves in Purdah had rendered grand services. He also mentioned the heroic incident of Hazrat Khaula as an example who displayed great valor in the battle field. When Hazrat Khalid Bin Waleed, the commander-in-chief demanded the removal of the covering from the face, she disclosed that she was not a man and she cannot show her face.

Hazoor said: It is also true that more warmth is felt in Burqa, but in the early period of Islam, the Muslim women happily bore the most awful persecution under intense heat for the sake of God. This bit of a sacrifice is nothing. Greater sacrifices would be required for Islam. He is visualising the speed of the caravan of Islam is to increase from fast to faster. You should engage yourselves in prayers and seek His forgiveness.

In conclusion, Khalifatul Masih made mention of a girl who had said to one of her female relatives that the strictness in Purdah which Hazoor has embarked upon, shall not last long and this strictness will meet with failure. Khalifatul Masih pronounced majestically that this shall work and must most certainly work. It is the word of Allah. It is the saying of Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of God be on him) and it shall be carried out at all cost and we shall carry it out at all costs. As long as there is the last drop of blood within us, we shall carry it out and certainly it shall be carried out.

KHALIFATUL MASHIH ANSWERS A QUESTION

Q. It is related that a time will come when among Muslims there will be one true sect and 72 other sects. What are the distinguishing features of the true sect?

A. The number seventy-two is very difficult to prove numerically. Many years ago a Muslim scholar counted the number of Muslim sects as 72 but the process of sects appearing and disappearing is a continuous one. So if you enter the maze of 72 sects, it will be difficult for you to get out of it wholly. Even without going into the debate of 72 sects, you can prove the point from this angle. The point is that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) mentions a time when the 72 would stand opposed to one. There would be 72 on one side and one on the other. Whenever this time would appear, the one would be right and the 72 wrong. So it is for them to count. As far as we are concerned, it is very easy to count one. We know we are one and it is a simple number to count.

In the whole history of Islam, only we have been chucked out. Never before has a sect been labelled non-Muslim. Others have been called Kafirs but that is a different terminology. Only we have been declared non-Muslims. We are one against however many they may be. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) was asked how could one find out which was the sect which belonged to him. This was a very difficult question. If in a basket of 73 eggs, one is good and 72 are rotten, then how do you pick the good one? The Holy Prophet's reply was so simple, so logical and apparent that one bows one's head in complete submission to such a Prophet. His answer was that whoever of the 73 is like me and my followers is the right sect. If whatever you see happening to me and my followers happens to that sect and its followers, then they can't be wrong. They will be the sect which belongs to me.

All that happened to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) and his followers is reproduced exactly in the history of Ahmadiyyat. At the time of the Holy Prophet, the rest of the Arabs got together and persecuted him to an extreme degree. The Muslims were not even given the right to call themselves Muslims and were given different names by their opponents; the wives of Muslims were declared to be divorced, their houses looted and it was said that whoever

killed a Muslim would go to heaven.

The beauty of this argument is that it cannot be faked. To go through apparent hell, which Ahmadiyyat has occasionally undergone, is not the job of a fake person or community. No one falsely claiming to be right would gladly accept the situation repeatedly.

When they declared us non-Muslims, it was the one time in the history of Islam when the 72 (or whatever the number may be) got together and declared this one sect as non-Muslims. This is the one sect which is deprived of the right of giving the name to its own religion and the one sect whose property does not belong to its followers. This is the situation which has been described in the tradition of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him).

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

1. Sahibzada Mirza Munir Ahmad, a grandson of the Promised Messiah, has arrived in the U.S.A. for the treatment of his cardiac infarction. All the members are requested to pray for his speedy recovery. Aameen.
2. Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar had his hernia operation in a Cleveland hospital by Dr. Syed Jafar Ali. All the members are requested to pray for his speedy recovery. Aameen.
3. Dr. Qazi Muhammad Barkatullah and Mrs. Barkatullah have been blessed with a baby boy and have named him Rizwan. May Allah enable the parents to train the child into a religious person. Aameen.
4. Mr. Nadeem Ahmad Faizi and Mrs. Faizi have been blessed with a baby boy and have named him Adam Shah Faizi. The newborn's maternal great-grandfather was the late Syed Zainul Abideen Waliullah Shah Sahib, and the paternal great-grandfather was the late Malik Barkat Ali Sahib. The grandparents, Mr. Faizur Rahman Faizi and Mrs. Waseema Faizi, have made a special request to the members of the Jamaat to pray that Allah may empower the parents to train the child in the best possible way and enable him to follow the good examples of his great-grandparents. Aameen

AMEER'S LETTER TO MEMBERS REGARDING JUBILEE FUND

Dear Brothers/Sisters in Islam:

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullhe Wa Barakatohu

The magnanimity of Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Fund has been explained to the members of the Jamaat to such an extent that they need no further elucidation. The majority of sincere members, devoted as they are to the cause of Islam, responded with cheerfulness and enthusiasm to the appeal of their beloved Imam, the late Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III (Allah's Mercy be upon him), and made pledges to contribute generously towards this Fund.

It was for the convenience of the members that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III facilitated this financial sacrifice by permitting to redeem their pledges in fifteen years in equal annual instalments.

As the grand scheme was launched in December, 1973, the 9/15 of the total pledge must be paid before the end of the Jubilee financial year—February 28, 1983. Hence you are requested to do your utmost in redeeming the 9/15 of your total pledge as early as possible.

In compliance with the commandment of God: *Wa Zakkir* (and keep on exhorting), Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III once wrote: "Never forget that our ultimate aim is to turn the entire mankind into a single Ummat and gather them together under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). This object can only be achieved through rendering sacrifices and successfully implementing the projects launched by the Khalifa of the time. Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Fund is also a significant branch of these projects."

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, in his recent message to Ahmadies all over the world, wrote: "The campaign for the dominance of Islam demands financial Jihad from you and those who spend in the way of Allah, they and their children are awarded great reward in this world and in the Hereafter as well. I draw the attention of the office holders of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamaat to make the necessary arrangements to examine the pledges of the Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Fund and their payments in their respective areas—whether 9/15 of the pledges, individually and collectively, has been redeemed or not. All the pledge makers must be contacted individually. Likewise, those youth who through the

Grace of Allah, have started to earn their livelihood after the launching of Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Project, should also be asked to make pledges and they should also be included in this sacrifice. Those who have been blessed by Allah with more abundance and easy circumstances should also be advised individually to reconsider their pledges, and in view of the further Grace which Allah has bestowed upon them, they should express gratitude to Him by increasing the amount of their pledges. May Allah accept your sacrifices."

You are, therefore, requested to take immediate steps to respond to the message of Khalifatul Masih and redeem 9/15 of your total pledge before February 28, 1983.

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JAMAAT'S NEWS

Athens, Ohio: The Jamaat Ahmadiyya Athens, Ohio, has increased its activities, by the Grace of God. We used to meet twice a month, but now we are meeting regularly every week on Sundays. One of our members had the good fortune to attend the Jalsa Salana, 1982, and brought back with him tape recordings of all four of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's lectures during the Jalsa Salana. These tapes are being played back in our meetings so that each one of us can hear the voice of our Imam and act upon his injunctions. In addition, latest news from the Daily AlFazl are also reviewed in these meetings. We used to get the AlFazl weekly by air from Rabwah, but now these newspapers are mailed daily from Rabwah by air, to Athens, Ohio.

After the meetings, classes are held for the children in which they study Urdu and Yassarnal Quran or the Holy Quran. In our meeting of February 6, 1983, Mr. Naeemul Haq Khan was elected the local Zaeem for the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. Our number is still small and we only have three Khuddam in our Jamaat.

A hall, approximately 22ft x 60ft in area, located at 57 East State Street, right downtown Athens, is currently being used as a Mosque. Occasionally some non-Ahmadi Muslims also come and participate in our Jumuah Prayers. Some local Americans are under Tabligh. Please pray that God show them the Light of Islam soon. All our brothers and sisters are requested to pray for the rapid advancement of Islam.

PROPHECY ABOUT THE PROMISED REFORMER A SIGN OF MERCY AND A SIGN OF POWER

By

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God Almighty, the Lord of Honor and Glory, Merciful, Benevolent, Exalted, Who has power to do all that He wills (glory be to Him and exalted be His name) has vouchsafed to me the following revelation:

I confer upon thee a sign of My mercy according to thy entreaties and have honored thy prayers with acceptance through My mercy and have blessed this thy journey. A sign of power, mercy and nearness to Me is bestowed on thee, a Sign of grace and beneficence is awarded to thee, and thou art granted the key of success and victory. Peace on thee, O victorious one. Thus does God speak so that those who desire life may be rescued from the grip of death and those who are buried in the graves may emerge therefrom, so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of God's Word may become manifest unto the people and so that truth may arrive with all its blessings and falsehood may depart with all its ills; so that people may understand that I am the Lord of Power and do what I will and so that they may believe that I am with thee, and so that those who do not believe in God and deny and reject His religion, His Book and His Holy Messenger, Muhammad the chosen one, on whom be peace, may be confronted with a clear sign and the way of the guilty ones may become manifest.

Rejoice, therefore, that a handsome and pure boy will be bestowed on thee. Thou wilt receive an intelligent youth who will be of thy seed and will be of thy progeny. A handsome and pure boy will come as your guest. His name is Emmanuel and Bashir. He has been invested with a holy spirit and he will be free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah. Blessed is he who comes from heaven. He will be accompanied by grace which shall arrive with him. He will be characterized by grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of thier ills through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the Holy Spirit. He is the Word of Allah, for Allah's mercy and honor have equipped him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and understanding and meek of heart and will be

filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He will convert three into four (of this, the meaning is not clear). It is Monday, a Blessed Monday. Son, delight of the heart, high ranking, noble; a manifestation of the First and the Last, a manifestation of the True and the High; as if Allah has descended from heaven. His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of the manifestation of Divine Majesty. Behold, a light cometh, a light annointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. He will pour His spirit unto him and he will be sheltered under the shadow of God. He will grow rapidly in stature and will be the means of procuring the release of those held in bondage. His fame will spread to the ends of the earth and people will be blessed through him. He will then be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. This is a matter decreed.

Thy house will be filled with blessings and I shall perfect My favors unto thee and thou wilt have a large progeny from blessed women some of whom thou wilt find hereafter, and I will cause a great increase in thy progeny and will bless it; but some of them will die in early age and thy progeny will spread greatly in different lands. Every branch of thy collaterals will be cut off and will come to an end soon through childlessness, if they do not repent. Their houses will be filled with widows and God's wrath will descend upon their walls. But if they turn to God, He will turn to them in mercy.

God will spread thy blessings about and will revive through thee a house that is ruined and will fill a fearful house with blessings. Thy progeny will not be cut off and will flourish to the end of days. God will maintain thy name with honor till the day when the world comes to an end, and will convey thy message to the ends of the earth. I shall exalt thee and shall call thee to Myself, but thy name will never be erased from the face of the earth. It will so happen that all those who seek to humiliate thee and to cause thee to fail and wish to ruin thee, will be frustrated and will die, being brought to naught. God will bestow every success upon thee and will grant thee all that thou dost

desire. I will cause an increase of thy true sincere friends and will bless their lives and their properties and they will grow in number, and they will always prevail over the other Muslims who are jealous of thee and are hostile to thee. God will not forget thy supporters and will not overlook them and they will have their reward according to the degree of their devotion. Thou art to Me as the prophets of Bani Israel. Thou art to Me as My Unity. Thou art of Me and I am of thee. The time is approaching, indeed it is near, when God will put thy

love in the hearts of kings and nobles, so much so that they will seek blessings from thy garments.

O you who deny and oppose the truth, if you are in doubt concerning My servant, if you deny the grace and bounty that I have bestowed upon him, then produce some true sign concerning yourselves like this Sign of mercy, if you are truthful. But if you are unable to produce it, and be sure you will never be able to produce it, then be mindful of the Fire which has been prepared for the disobedient, the liars and the transgressors.

FEBRUARY 20TH – MUSLIHI MAUOOD DAY

Twentieth February will ever be counted as a remarkable day in the annals of the world-wide Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. It is the day when after forty days of meditation and prayer at Hoshiarpore, India, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be on him) the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement, in a handbill, published on February 20, 1886, made a grand prophecy concerning an illustrious son that would be given to him by God Almighty. This son of the prophecy is the Muslihi Mauood or the Promised Reformer.

This prophecy has been fulfilled so admirably in the person of Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II, the son of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) that it deserves the widest publication not merely in refutation of the position of Lahore seceders but also as a proof of the divine connection Ahmadiyya Movement and therefore of Islam, to serve that Movement had been raised by the Hand of God Himself in this age.

There are revealed references (starting with words: Divine Grace) to the birth of a son destined to attain the eminence mentioned in the prophecy. *The Muslihi Mauood* in the revelation is named *Fazl*. His other name is *Mahmud* and his third name is *Bashir the Second*. These words occur in the *Sabz Ishtihaar* (the green handbill) dated December 1, 1888, published by the Promised Messiah in amplification of the original prophecy.

Again, subsequent to the publication of the original prophecy (Feb. 20, 1886) the Promised Messiah in a handbill (March 22, 1886) said: "We know such a son in accordance with the promise of God shall be born within a period of nine years, early or late; he must in any case be born within this period."

These quotations show that the prophecy in

which the Promised son is credited with *Fazl* relates to the *Muslihi Mauood* whose other names would be *Mahmud* and *Bashir the Second*, and that the son must be born within nine years of the prophecy. It should be clear, therefore, that the Muslihi Mauood should be the immediate issue of the Promised Messiah. That son, according to the *Sabz Ishtihaar*, had not been born until December 1, 1888, but was to be born immediately following another son, *Bashir the First*.

In *Sirajun Munir*, page 31, the Promised Messiah says: "In *Sabz Ishtihaar*, in clear words, there was the promise of the birth of a son without long delay. So, Mahmud is born. How marvellous is this prophecy. Ponder with a righteous heart if you fear God."

This Mahmud was Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II, who passed away on November 8, 1965, and about whom there is a reference also in the book *Taryaqul Qolob*, page 40, namely: "My first living son whose name is Mahmud, while he was not yet born, I was informed of his birth by *Kashf* (vision) and I saw his name 'Mahmud' written on the wall of a mosque. Then, in order to broadcast this prophecy, I published a handbill on green paper, the date of publication of which is December 1, 1888."

This clearly connects the son spoken of in the *Sabz Ishtihaar* with the child named 'Mahmud' in the vision and who was born in January 1889, that is Hazrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad, otherwise also called, in accordance with *Ilhaam* (revelation), *Bashir-ud-Din*.

The foregoing references prove that the *Muslihi Mauood* must necessarily be one of the immediate sons of the Promised Messiah and from the achievements and spiritual power of the son who ruled the Community since his election to Khilafat in 1914 to his death on November 8, 1965, it is

clear that the *Muslihi Mauood* was none other than Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II, may God be pleased with him.

The prophecy and its fulfillment should be answer enough to the position and creed of the Lahore group. At the same time with a limited

period of time, who grew and by his extraordinary powers of head, heart and spirit, attained the eminence referred to in the prophecy, in whom qualities set out in the revelation are to be found, is a sign for doubters and skeptics. This shows that the Movement founded by the prophet who made the prophecy was divine.

I AM THE PROMISED REFORMER ANNOUNCEMENT ON OATH

By

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II
(May Allah be pleased with him)

In a meeting in Lahore, on March 12, 1944, which was attended not only by a large number of Ahmadies but also by thousands of non-Ahmadi Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Christians, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

Who can say on his own that a son would surely be bestowed upon him, who can say that such a son would live and grow up, who can say that he would become the leader of a community, who can say that he would become known unto the ends of the earth? Most certainly no one can say these things on his own... In short, the fresh evidence of the support of God Almighty has proved once more that this Movement has been established by God and enjoys His help and support. Today, the prophecy made through the Promised Messiah 59 years ago: *'I shall bestow upon thee a son who will be a sign of My mercy and of My power, of My grace and My beneficence, and through him the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat will be carried to the ends of the earth'*, has been fulfilled with great glory. Today, hundreds of countries bear witness that the name of Islam reached them during the period of my Khilafat and it was during the period of my Khilafat that they heard the name of Ahmadiyyat.

In this meeting today, I call to witness God, the One and Supreme, the taking of Whose false oath is a characteristic of the accursed and one who is guilty of imposture against him cannot escape His torment, that He informed me in this city, in 13 Temple Road, in the house of Sheikh Bashir Ahmad, Advocate, that I am the subject of the prophecy concerning the Promised Reformer and that through me Islam will spread to the ends of the earth and the Unity of God will be established in the world.

God has bestowed upon me the swords that can cut down disbelief in an instant. God has bestowed upon me hearts that are ready to offer sacrifice in response to my voice. If I should ask them to jump into the depths of the ocean, they would be ready to do so. If I should ask them to plunge down from the tops of mountains, they would plunge down. If I should ask them to jump into blazing ovens, they would jump into them. If suicide had not been forbidden in Islam, I would have shown you the spectacle that I would command a hundred members of the Movement to destroy themselves by plunging daggers into their bellies and they would instantly so destroy themselves. God has raised us for the support of Islam. He has raised us to glorify the name of Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him.

O dwellers of Lahore, I convey God's message to you. I call you to the Eternal and Ever-Living God Who has created you all. Do not think that it is I who am speaking at this moment. It is God Who is speaking through my tongue. Whoever raises his voice before me against Islam will have his voice suppressed. Whoever stands up against me will be humiliated and disgraced, he will be ruined and destroyed. God will establish a grand foundation with great honor for the progress of Islam and its support through me. I am a human being and may die today or tomorrow, but it cannot be that I should fail in the purpose for which God has raised me... If the world witnesses at any time that Islam has been vanquished, if it sees at any time that those who deny me have overcome those who believe in me, then you may conclude that I was an impostor. But if that which I tell you is proved true, then reflect what would be your end, in that you heard the voice of God through my tongue and yet you did not accept it (From *Ahmadiyyat, the Renaissance of Islam*)

FULFILMENT OF THE PROPHECY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

By

The Promised Reformer, Khalifatul Masih II

(May Allah be pleased with him)'

While I convey to you the good news that God Almighty has fulfilled the Promised Messiah's prophecy which related to the Promised Reformer, I also wish to draw your attention to the responsibilities that are now placed upon you. You have declared your support of my announcement and it is your primary duty that you should be ready to shed the last drop of your blood to bring about the victory and success of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. You are welcome to proclaim your joy at the fulfillment of the prophecy; indeed, you must proclaim your joy, for the Promised Messiah has himself written: "Be joyful and jump about in joy for now the light will come." I do not, therefore, stop you from proclaiming your joy and jumping with joy. By all means proclaim your joy and jump about with joy. But I do admonish you that you should not forget your responsibilities in this state of joy. As God displayed to me in my dream that I am running forward swiftly and the earth is being compressed under my feet, in the

same way God Almighty had announced that I would go forward quickly. Thus I am destined to advance swiftly in the field of progress. This also imposes a duty upon you that you should abandon your slow speed and should step forward quickly. Blessed is he who matches his step with mine and advances swiftly in the field of progress; and may God have mercy on the one who is slothful and neglectful and does not step forward quickly and instead of advancing in the field, tarries behind like a hypocrite. If you wish to make progress, if you realize your responsibilities properly, then advance and march forward along with me step by step, shoulder to shoulder, so that we might plant the banner of Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him, in the heart of disbelief and wipe out falsehood forever from the face of the world. God willing, it will surely come about. Heaven and earth can pass away but the word of God must be fulfilled.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO RESPOND TO THE CALL OF ALLAH'S KHALIFA

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, in his historic message to the Ahmadies in the USA regarding the construction of five Mosques and Mission Houses was quite right when he said:

"There are scores of Ahmadies who write or who say when they write to me: Take all we own. This life is a burden. This property has no value in our estimation. Accept this and spend it in the way of Allah. Make us paupers, then we will be happy."

Here is the first list of pledges which the sincere members of the Jamaat have made towards this project:

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| 1. Mr. Tahir Abdullah, Philadelphia | \$31,000 |
| 2. Dr. Abdus Sami Janjua (on behalf of his father, the late Ch. Abdur Rahman Janjua) | 30,000 |

REMEMBRANCE OF GOD

It is quite clear from the Holy Quran that the remembrance of God gives consolation to the heart. It says: "Aye! it is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts can find comfort (Malfoozat,

3. Dr. Hameedur Rahman, Los Angeles	25,000
4. Dr. Ehsanullah Zafar, Willingborough	25,000
5. Dr. Mir Mubarak Ahmad, New York	25,000
6. Dr. Shahid Ahmad, New York	25,000
7. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Choudhry, N.J.	25,000
8. Dr. Naseer Ahmad Tahir, Rochester, NY	25,000
9. Dr. Naseer Mahood Raja, Michigan	25,000
10. Dr. Masood Qazi, Stremwood, IL	25,000
11. Dr. Syed Aftab Ahmad, Portland OR	25,000
12. Dr. Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Kenton, OH	25,000
13. Dr. Bashir Ahmad, St. Louis, MO	25,000
14. Dr. Mahmud Ali Khan, Pine Bluff, AR	25,000
15. Dr. Mubarak Ahmad Shah, Philadelphia	25,000
16. Dr. Syed Jafar Ali, Cleveland OH	25,000
17. Dr. Bashir-ud-Din Usama, Cleveland OH	25,000

HADEES

All the creatures are the family of Allah and therefore Allah Likes that person most who treats His family nicely.

LAJNA SHOULD START A WORLDWIDE PREACHING PROJECT

Lajna of Every Town and Country Should Work—Khalifatul Masih IV

Addressing the 22nd Annual Convention of the Lajna Imaillah Markaziyya, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV told them to work out a worldwide project for preaching. All the towns and the countries should look into their respective needs and chalk out details, Huzur said. The Central Lajna would help them with cassettes in different languages and on different subjects.

At the very outset of his address, Huzur told the gathering that when he was on the tour of Europe, a part of the questions posed to him by the correspondents of the newspapers and other news media centered around the position and status of women in the Islamic society. There were other questions in respect of other teachings and practice of Islam as well. The answers given to the correspondents changed their trends to such an extent that they said it in so many words that the way the Ahmadiyya Jamaat expounded the teachings of Islam, it was quite clear that this was a religion which would live and become supreme in the whole world. One of the correspondents asked: how the Jamaat would deal with the rest of the people when it came to power and this he wanted to know in the light of the fact that the Jamaat had been troubled and tortured in various parts of the world.

Huzur told the gathering that when he heard these kinds of questions he was reminded of a dream of his which he had twenty or twenty five years ago. In this dream he saw that the scholars of the Jamaat and those of the other side (other Muslims) were having a discussion in a very friendly manner. Consequently the members of the other side seemed to be changing for the better. One of them remarked that the Jamaat had been tortured to such an extent that "we fear that when you will come to power you will try all you can to take revenge. That being the case, we will never let you overpower us."

Huzur said: Although the Ahmadi scholars did try to answer them back, I was not satisfied with the way they dealt with the situation and therefore I got up to speak and what I said was that I was one of those arrows of the Lajna Imaillah which are preserved for special situations and special times of great importance. But at times the urgency of the matter demands that the arrows

which are preserved for use in the days to come—distant future—are used before their appointed time. And today is that time.

Even while dreaming it, it was a matter of surprise for me that I was saying what I did say. But after this, I told the non-Ahmadi scholars that there was no confrontation between us and them. It was, as a matter of fact, a dialogue between a lover and the beloved. When the lover wins a victory over the beloved, he really throws himself on the feet of his beloved and begs to be pardoned. He very much wishes that the faults and the shortcomings be overlooked. This is the type of victory a lover has over his beloved and that being the case the beloved has nothing to fear. I could see that the scholars of the other side were quite satisfied with the answer that I had given them and the way I had interpreted the dialogue between the two sides.

I was reminded of the dream during this tour and while I thought of it, many other things also came to my mind. One, that the word Lajna is an Arabic word and it is used for men as well as for women. Two, that the use of this word actually was meant to draw our attention to the fact that women should also be made to join the ranks of those who struggle for the onward march of religion. And until and unless the women are also made to move side by side with men, no achievement would be worthwhile. Three, my mother, Hazrat Sayyeda Maryam Begum, had served the Lajna very sincerely. She was the General Secretary and quite a number of meetings were held in our house. Maybe this is the reason why I had a dream of this kind which made me think of myself as an arrow of the Lajna. I did not mention this dream to anyone in the past, but now I should like to tell you everything about it.

It is a matter of great significance that women must be made to join the ranks of those who are busily engaged in the Jihad, and they should be made to play a full part. They should be helped and given every support for the accomplishment of this task. Since I have recollected this dream of mine during the tour, I have paid a lot of attention to this project getting started. It is a matter of pleasant surprise that even before I left for

Europe, I had started thinking of bringing the women of the Jamaat forward to take part in the spiritual Jihad (preaching).

Huzur further said: the first stage of this project is that the women's section of the Jamaat should, at the level of towns, areas and countries, discuss and decide as to what kind of service can they give to the religion. The planning must be conducted with great wisdom and it must be kept in mind that the women command a respectable status in Islam and this respect must be a guideline in all that is done in their case. They must know—and they must understand well—the circle in which they are expected to move. They have their female friends and they have not to offend anyone and they have not to create misunderstandings. They have to be very courteous while preaching their message. Moreover, it should be remembered that all the women have to take part in this project, whether they are rich or poor.

The Lajna Imaillah Markaziyya will have a central project which will deal with women of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats all over the world. The smaller units should chalk out their own plans and transmit them to the Headquarters for confirmation and guidance for the execution of these plans.

We are Muslims and it is our birthright to put forward this claim. The word Muslim has been defined by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of God be on him, and his definition is that a Muslim is one who does not harm anyone with his tongue or with his hands. Since we are true Muslims, we have to keep this definition in view and we have to see to it that we do not offend anybody, whoever he might be. It must be remembered that this project must be executed in a way that none feels harmed by us. It must be all a display of love and affection. That is the surest way to victory. You should tell others that even if they abuse you, you will be praying for them.

As for the details of this worldwide project, Huzur said that he would like to give them some guidance and leave the rest to a later time. It will be the duty of Lajna to approach Huzur for further details. Huzur told the Lajna Markaziyya to find out from their branches as to what would they like to fix as their target and their means for the execution of their plans. The final approval, Huzur said, would be given by him and, of course, whatever has been approved will not be presented to him for approval for a second time.

Explaining the word *target*, Huzur said that it mostly referred to the number of converts during the prescribed time of one year. In order to make this project successful, Huzur remarked that the Central Lajna will have to come forward to the aid of the branches. Literature as well as audio apparatus will have to be supplied.

Huzur dilated on the benefits of the audio means as compared with printed word. The cassettes will be prepared in different languages and they will include questions and answers to facilitate understanding of the message that we wish to convey. As for the topics, they will be based on the introduction to the holy life of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be on him, some preaching material, moral issues, etc.

Huzur further remarked that the words of the Holy Quran being most effective, some recording of various selected verses of the Holy Quran will also be made. A female who recites the Holy Quran very melodiously would be asked to record those verses in her voice and these records would be supplied to Lajnas all over the world. In addition to the pleasant hearing of these records, they will also help in correct recitation, without any fault of pronunciation.

No exhortation can be better worded than the words of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be on him. Then come the writings of the holy Founder of the Jamaat whose words, through the blessings of the Holy Prophet—his Master and Chief—are extraordinarily effective. Passages from his writings will be translated into various languages and the cassettes containing these passages will be supplied to Lajnas all over the world. They will be in prose as well as poetry. Since these cassettes will be in Urdu as well the local languages where they will be distributed, it will look so nice that an African young boy—say a Yoruba boy—should be singing and reciting these passages in both the languages and he should be moving from street to street and from village to village.

Huzur further said, whatever the occasion of preaching, the Holy Quran has to be made the basis of it. Even if the wording of the Holy Quran is not understood by people, it does impress them and people are moved by it.

We should also like to prepare cassettes for the Hadees which are directly connected with the women and they are meant to train them in the Islamic way of life.

Although this project had been thought of in connection with the activities of Lajna Imaillah, but since it is a matter affecting the whole Jamaat, Huzur told the Khuddam and the Ansar also to go ahead without waiting for the others to start this tremendous task. The projects of all the three organizations will be coordinated at the Headquarters and a Committee will be appointed to look after its collective working.

Huzur exhorted the officials of these organizations who are stationed at the Headquarters that they should be reminding their branches and they should watch over its progress. As for the cassettes for the questions and answers, the plan is that there will be a master cassette prepared at the Center.

VAKILUL MAL'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENTS

Dear President, Jamaat Ahmadiyya:

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

You might have received the directives of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Khalifatul Masih IV, regarding the financial affairs already through your Missionary Incharge.

It is expected that you would have been trying your utmost by carrying out those directives to increase the budget of your Jamaat in each respect ever more than before, for the accomplishment of the Jamaat's needs in the best way.

No doubt the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge would have been drawing your attention completely, yet it is not the task of one or two persons only, but rather of every one. Hence, your special cooperation is required in this respect. The entire task is connected with the field and it does particularly need your cooperation and help.

I am confident, you will give your full attention towards it and try your utmost that your Jamaat should surpass all other Jamaats in every aspect. Further, it is hoped that you would be communicating the income and expenditure of your Jamaat regularly every month to your headquarters. Besides, you are requested to supplicate that may Allah the Exalted bless our meager efforts and favor us with success at every moment. Aameen.

(Sd) Mubarak Muslih-ud-Din
Vakilul Mal, Tahrir Jadid
Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Pakistan

IT IS A MOSQUE, PLEASE!

1. The mosque is an Islamic place of worship devoted to the remembrance of God. It may also be used as a meeting place for religious affairs. Nothing should be done there that might desecrate it.

2. None should indulge in gossips in the mosque. One should either be praying there or engage himself in the remembrance of God or talk about religious affairs—but, of course, this talk must not disturb those who are engaged in their Prayers.

3. On entering the mosque you should offer the following prayer:

*Bismilla hissallato wassalamo alaa Rasoolillahi
Allahum maghfirlee zonoobee waftahlee abwaaba
rahmatika.*

4. You may offer two Rakaat Nafl on entering the mosque. It will be something like gratitude to God on enabling you to reach the mosque for a virtuous deed (the Prayers). It will be a means of reward from God the Almighty.

5. If somebody is praying, you should not pass in front of him. Of course you can do so if you pass a little away from the place of his prostration.

6. It is very undesirable that people should talk loudly or do something undesirable. These things disturb others who are engaged in prayer at that time.

7. The mosque must always be kept clean and if possible, some scent should be used to make the place very much agreeable. Nothing dirty should be left there, it should be removed as quickly as possible.

8. You should not eat anything that gives bad smell before going to the mosque. Your mouth odor or your belch will be very disturbing to others.

9. You should not spit inside a mosque or on its stairs.

10. Do not engage yourself in buying or selling things in the mosque, nor should you talk of trade there.

11. It is very undesirable that any announcement be made in the mosque about lost property. Of course, if the missing thing was lost within the mosque then the announcement is permissible to be made within the mosque.

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**THE AHMADIYYA CENTENARY JUBILEE
SCHEME**

LAUNCHED BY KHALIFATUL MASIH III

In 1973, in the eighth year of his Khilafat, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih drew the attention of the Jamaat to the fact that the Ahmadiyya Community shall complete one hundred years of its life in 1989; and he gave the glad tidings given to him by Allah the Exalted that the next century in the history of the Jamaat shall be the century of Islam's promised dominance over all other religions. Therefore, he announced to get prepared to give a befitting welcome to the next century. In that respect, he presented to the Jamaat a grand project which is called Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Scheme. The ultimate aim of this project is that we should work for the dominance and supremacy of the religion of Allah that is, Islam; and to get ready to wave the banner of Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa s.a.w.s; all over the earth. The next century of Ahmadiyya shall be the ultimate victory of Islam and we must make all the necessary preparations to receive this great occasion. Hazoor elaborated some of the targets to be achieved under this great project and said, "Under this scheme, we intend to build mosques and mission houses in various parts of the world. We have also to establish Printing Presses for the publication of Islamic literature which is so greatly needed by the seekers after truth. This literature must be nicely printed and it must also be cheap enough to suit every pocket—especially the common man on the street.... What we have to do is to offer fervent prayers and humble ourselves and then continue moving forward to accomplish our plans.... our wealth does not consist of the money that is contributed by the members of the Jamaat. Our wealth lies in the sincere and loyal hearts of the members of the Jamaat—and these hearts are throbbing in the enlightened breasts of our people.... We should always try to get rid of our shortcomings and maintain, rather enhance, the standard of sincerity and sacrifice. God will, then, surely continue to bless our efforts and produce the best of the results."

The start has already been made and through the Grace and Mercy of Allah the progress is satisfactory and gratifying. For example, the first mosque built under this plan was constructed in Sweden. This is the first mosque ever made in the country that has been totally Christian for the last 800 years. The first brick that was laid down in the foundation was half a brick from the Promised Messiah's mosque

at Qadian on which Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud, may Allah be pleased with him, had also prayed. The local press fully covered that historical event.

It is very important to note that from the very beginning, the true spirit behind building a mosque was always kept alive by Khalifatul Masih, and he reminded the community afresh on these historic occasions. For example, when he went to Norway to lay down the foundation of another mosque under the Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Scheme, he made it very clear by saying, "The Scandinavians, as compared with other European nations took very long time to join the fold of Christianity. I am sure when you will build the mosques here and along with them you will also build the mosques in the hearts, these nations will not take long to join Islam. You have to win the hearts of the people through love and good example and you have to build mosques in the hearts. Unless you do that you cannot win their hearts. Islam is so beautiful and charming religion that its power of attraction is hundreds and even thousands of times more than the power that magnet has to attract iron. But you will attract people only if you show the beauty of Islam in your lives. You should therefore try all you can to live Islamic lives—and make your wives and children also do the same. Let all of you be living examples of Islam.... Everyone of you will have to live the kind of lives that were lived by the male and female companions of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him."

In 1980, another extremely significant step was taken under the grand project of the Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Scheme. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih laid down the foundation stone of a mosque in Spain. Now, this achievement has an historical significance. In early Eighth century, Islam had entered Spain victoriously when Tariq ibne Ziyad crossed the Strait of Gibraltar from North Africa, and within the short period of eight years the entire peninsula was conquered, except for the mountainous region of the North which survived as Christian Kingdoms. The power of the Muslims was centered on the city of Cordoba, in the fertile region of Al-Andalus. The superiority of Islam was kept for next six centuries and its benevolent effects were felt throughout the Europe that was coming out of the darkness of the Dark Ages. "At the time when

London could not boast of a single street lamp, the streets of Al-Andalus were paved and lit Students from France and England came to sit at the feet of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish scholars to learn philosophy, science and medicine.”* Religious tolerance was the order of the day. But by the end of the 13th century, Spain was lost to Christianity again, and a strict Catholic orthodoxy and an obsession with racial purity became the hallmark of the new Christian Spain, which led in 1478 to the foundation of the Spanish Inquisition—a court entirely controlled by the Christian Kings, whose purpose was to root out so-called heresy. This followed by the cruel expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492. But with the Grace and Mercy of Allah, after the lapse of 744 years, once again Islam is stepping forward in Spain—but this time in the hearts of the people. The beginning of the Reconquest of the Hearts has started by the Ahmadiyya Movement under the spiritual leadership of our beloved Imam. We hope and pray that the heart-winning and heart-warming sounds of “Allaho Akbar, Allaho Akbar; Ashhaddo alailaha illillah; Ashhaddo ana Mohammadur rasulullah” shall be welcomed by the silent domes of “Masjid-e-Qurtabah,” the grand mosque of Cordoba—the symbol of past glory of Islam, but which is now changed into a cathedral.

The Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Scheme is also flourishing in other directions. The publication of Islamic literature on a very large scale has started. The translations of the Holy Quran in various languages are being prepared. To give the message of Islam to millions of tourists visiting different countries, folders and flyers are being printed in different languages and are being distributed. Many other similar projects will soon mature. But among all these plans, there are two special plans that I would like to make specific comments.

The first is a very important educational scheme for the preservation of students’ rights. Hazoor has informed us on many occasions that the time is changing rapidly and the nations of the world that are running a crazy race of materialistic advancement devoid of any spiritual insight, will turn towards Islam. Hence, our coming generations, our children must prepare themselves for that time. This demands highly intelligent and competitive children in thousands who should lead in academic fields as well as spiritual realms. Those students who are hard working and are gifted must be looked after to complete their educational undertakings up to the highest levels. No child should become a victim of so-called

circumstances or financial situations. Each and every talented child must be taken care of by the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. The whole community has to shoulder this responsibility. The top most students who prove their brilliance in securing distinct positions in their respective examinations are encouraged by worthwhile awards. All Ahmadi students are expected to sit in examinations pertaining to scholarships. Gold Medals are being awarded to top Ahmadi students. Moreover, one hundred genius students are prayed for within ten years time and we are certain that Allah Alhakeem will bless our Jamaat with one hundred or more of Dr. Abdus Salaams and Sir Zafarullah Khans. Hazoor has appealed time and again to each and every male or female member of our Jamaat to turn to Allah the Exalted with earnest supplications for the continuity of Allah Favours upon us.

The last aspect of the Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Scheme that I would like to mention is the holding of International Conferences for “KASRE SALEEB,” that is, to let the World in general and the Christendom in particular know the Ultimate and the Universal Truth of the Unity of God. Through these conferences, Ahmadiyya Jamaat is presenting the Truth about God and is exposing the invalid doctrine of Trinity as presented by the Church. Today the Symbol of Cross stands for equal partners and associates to God Almighty and this false symbol has to be smashed. We give due respect to Jesus son of Mary, may peace of God be on him. We believe that Jesus son of Mary was one of the great prophets of God, but like all others he lived and died like a man and his body is buried in Sirinagar, Kashmir. He never claimed to be an equal with God or called himself God Incarnate in flesh and he never taught the doctrine of Trinity. The myths manufactured by the Church fathers need a serious exposition. The Promised Messiah has revealed the Truth through the Divine Help, and the Unity of God is to prevail over all myths and fictions, and the Ahmadiyya Community is destined to break the Cross. The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, has equipped us with the winning arguments along with love and compassion for all mankind with complete submission to the Will of God. Therefore, we have to go ahead and complete this task of universal proportions. To enhance the function of “KASRE SALEEB,” an International Conference was conducted in 1978, and it succeeded making many Christian brothers and sisters to re-examine their belief in Jesus’ death on the cross and his alleged ascension towards heavens with human

body...Irrefutable arguments were forwarded by many scholars of international repute, and the whole Christendom was challenged for a dialogue to find out the truth. "Many individual Christians and clergymen attended during the three days, including a Representative of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Hume, and two official Representatives of Roman Catholic Church in Poland, who came specially for the Conference." In this Conference the basic reality of the Universe, that is—The Unity of God—was declared on Universal Level by our courageous and beloved Imam. He announced loud and clear that "GOD IS ONE—HE ALONE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP BY ALL WHO ARE ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN." *MUBASHER AHMAD, M.A.*

ALL IN ONE

"If Adam was the "Deputy of God," Noah, "The Saved One," Abraham, "The Intimate Friend," Ishmael "The Sacrificed One," Joseph, "The Beautiful One," Moses, "The Mouthpiece," and Jesus, "The Spirit of God," Muhammad was all in one.

In the Mosaic dispensation, Prophet after Prophet made his appearance to serve as a model in one particular line, but the most illuminating Star of Arabia, before whose majestic splendour, every other twinkling star pales into insignificance, combined in his person and in a much higher degree the collective virtues of all the Israelitish prophets. The manliness of Moses, the tender-heartedness of Aaron, the generalship of Jashua, the patience of David, the grandeur of Solomon, the simplicity of John, and the humility of Jesus, all merged in one.

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12. It is not desirable to come in the mosque with shoes on. Of course, if the shoes are quite clean, as a matter of principle, one can do so.

13. Those who come late should not jump over the heads of others to go to the front lines.

14. Small children who might make noise or who might urinate there should not be brought to the mosque.

15. When the Imam is delivering Friday Sermon, the audience must maintain silence. No talking should be carried on even if somebody has to be told to be silent. He should not be told by word of mouth. One should just point to him that he should keep silent.

16. When you come out of the mosque, you should pray in the following words:
Allahumma Innee As'aloka min fazlika wa rahmatika.

CALENDAR 1983

February 20	Muslihi Mauood Day
March 20	Masih Mauood Day
April 24	Meeting on Seeratun Nabi Day
May 29	Khilafat Day
June 12	First of Ramadhan (Subject to appearance of moon)
July 11	Eidul Fitr (Subject to appearance of moon)
August 12-14	General Council Meeting and National Convention.
August 21-27	Atfal and Nasirat Summer Schools
Sept. 18	Eidul Azhia (Subject to appearance of moon)
Sept. 25	Religious Founders Day
November 20	General Council Meeting — Budget
Dec. 25-26	Children-Parents Day

Regional Conferences are at the discretion of the Regional Missionaries and in their absence, of the Regional Executives.

Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Ansarullah and Lajna Imaillah Ijtema'as (rallies) are at the discretion of their National Qa'id, Nazim A'ala and National President, respectively.

UPBRINGING OF AHMADI CHILDREN

All the Ahmadies are reminded that no nation can make any progress and no nation can escape degeneration if its members do not leave behind their children in circumstances better than their own. In the Holy Quran, the injunction "Slay not your children" hints at the truth that if you ignore the inculcation of good moral qualities among your children and neglect their educational equipment, you will be virtually committing their murder. Hence, all the Ahmadies are requested to do their best in upbringing their children.

The following books for children are available at the Washington Headquarters:

1. Lessons on Islam (set of four books).....	\$3.00
2. Islamic Teachings for Ahmadi Muslim Children.....	1.00
3. A Book of Religious Knowledge	2.00
4. The Muslim Prayer Book.....	2.00
5. Yassarnal Quran.....	1.00
6. Golden Deeds of Muslims.....	2.00

HAZRAT MIRZA BASHIRUDDIN MAHMUD AHMAD

Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, the eldest Son of his father Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, was born on 12th January, 1889 at Qadian Punjab, India, in fulfillment of a Prophecy foretold and published by his holy father on 20th February, 1886.

The Promised Son of the prophecy otherwise known as Muslehe Mauood or the Promised Reformer Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad was elected Khalifatul Masih II, the Supreme Head of the Movement in 1914 at the age of 25 and held this post up to his death and thus served as leader for more than 52 years. He was indeed a divine gifted person whose acceptance of prayers, fulfillment of foretold events through revelation and his performances in the religious field as well as in the welfare of down-trodden people are indeed remarkable.

The Architect of the Harmony

As the architect of the harmony among the people of different denominations, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Quran introduced a Day known as Religious Founders Day, the main purpose of which is the conducting of Public Meetings of all denominations to hear tributes paid to the Founders of different religions by the speakers of various creeds. Similar to this is the inviting of non-Muslim scholars to the Holy Prophet Muhammad's Day meetings to speak on the life and teachings of the Holy Founder of Islam, and thus, he did create peace and harmony among the followers of different religions.

Missions

As a champion of Islam, he made strenuous efforts day and night to convey the message of Islam to almost all the countries of the world through a scientific missionary approach. And thus he established Ahmadiyya Muslim Missions that are gaining considerable converts in many countries of the world.

Literature

To equip the established Missions with appropriate literature, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II has written voluminous commentary of the Holy Quran in which he has disclosed from the Quranic text innumerable gems of new truths as the only satisfactory solution for the ills of the modern world. The gist of this commentary in English Language covers nearly 3000 pages.

Besides the one in English under the able leadership of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, the translations of the Holy Quran have been published in Dutch, German, and Swahili. Translations of some parts have been published in Danish and four languages of Africa viz. Luganda, Kikuyu, Yoruba and Mende. Translation in French is in Press. Translation in Russian and Indonesian languages is under preparation while the Fante translation is being revised.

In addition to these translations under the direct supervision of the deceased, a host of other books in support of Islam have been published and various libraries of the world presented with this literature.

Mosques

During his Caliphate, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad paid great attention to introducing Islam to non-Muslims by building Mosques, and these Houses of God have been constructed; one in England, two in Germany, one in Holland, one in Switzerland, three in America, sixty in Indonesia, two in Malaysia, two in Ceylon, one in Burma, three in Borneo, six in Mauritius, twenty in East Africa, forty each in Sierra Leone and Nigeria and one hundred and sixty-one in Ghana.

Press

The deceased, realizing the importance of the press, started a monthly magazine when he was only seventeen years old and initiated the 'Daily Alfazl' at the age of twenty-four which has never ceased publication except for an interval of a year when it was substituted with another Daily "Almuslih."

Besides the Daily Alfazl, eight monthly quarterly Magazines of which one is Review of Religions in English and Albushra in Arabic are published from the Headquarters alone at Rabwah Pakistan. There are two weeklies from India, one weekly from Nigeria, and twelve monthly from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Mauritius, Ceylon, Indonesia, Israel, Switzerland, England, Holland, and Denmark.

Education

Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II did his best in the establishment of Educational Institutions. When he was elected Khalifatul Masih II the Supreme Head of the Movement, though there was a High School for boys and Arabic School at the Headquarters, but the girls were without a High School. Hence he established a Girls School which later on developed not only

into a High School but to a Degree College. He also developed the Boys High School into a Degree College. Besides the schools and colleges at the Headquarters, it was through his far-sightedness that more than fifty Elementary and Secondary Schools have been established in Africa alone.

Organisation and Administration

As the leader was a divine gifted man he had excellent ability in administration and organisation. He established a strong Secretariat of various departments such as Finance, Reformation and Guidance, Common Affairs, External Affairs, Agriculture, Justice, Education, etc. at the Headquarters.

Later on when the preaching activities in the foreign countries were enhanced under Tahrik Jadid or the New Scheme a separate Secretariat on the pattern of the existing one was established to administer the work outside Pakistan.

It was in 1922 that he constituted an Advisory Council elected from various constituencies on the basis of Islamic democracy to run the affairs of the community. Regarding organisation of the community, the Supreme Head played a wonderful role when he organised the Community in different organisations according to sex and age, such as Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya Boys Association), Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya Youth Association), Majlis Ansarullah (Ahmadiyya Men Association), Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya Girls Association), and Lajna Ima-ullah (Ahmadiyya Women Association).

Rehabilitation

When the sub-continent of India was partitioned and Muslims in India particularly in East Punjab were evicted by force and the Ahmadiyya Community too was affected, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, with the importance of a central place for the Community in view arranged for a piece of land declared barren in the Government documents to be bought and then concerted his efforts in the rehabilitation of Ahmadies who migrated from Qadian, India. And within a short space of 11 years he turned the uninhabited land into a flourishing town with schools, colleges, Offices, Printing Press, equipped with all facilities of electricity, water, Post and Telegraph, rail and road and various kinds of industries.

His Tours

Thrice he went out of the country on pilgrimage and for the propagation of Islam, and thus visited Middle East and European countries. It was in one of these tours that his treaties were read to the Religious Convention of the Living Religions of the then British Empire held in London in 1924 under

the auspices of the Wembley Exhibition Organisation. Availing himself of the opportunity of this visit he laid the foundation stone of the London Mosque.

THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD KHATAMAN-NABIYYEEN

Belief of Ahmad about Khataman Nabiyyeen

(We reproduce here the belief of Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in his own words regarding the Master Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) as Khataman Nabiyyeen-the seal of the Prophets. Ed.)

"I swear by the glory of God and His Majesty that I am the faithful, a Muslim and I believe in Allah, the High, in His Books, and in His messengers and in His angels and in life after death. And I believe that our Prophet Muhammad, the Elect of God (peace of Allah be on him and His blessings) is the most eminent of the prophets and the Seal of Apostles." Hamamatulbushra, page 8.

He again says:

"The charge made against me and my community that we do not believe the Messenger of Allah (peace be on him and His blessings) to be the Seal of Prophets is a big falsehood. The faith, the conviction, certitude and the utterness that characterize our belief in the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as the Seal of Prophets, are markedly absent in the belief of these people (those who level this charge at us)" Al-hakam, 19th March 1905.

Elaborating this solemn affirmation, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) says:

"We believe that the Quran is the last book and the last law and after it there is no prophet till Doomsday in the sense of a law-giver or recipient of the Word of God independent of subordination to the Holy Prophet (peace of Allah be on him and his blessings). To be more explicit, as God Almighty has promised that the Holy Prophet (Allah bless him) is the Seal of Prophets, He has been further pleased to impliedly say that the Exalted One is, because of his spiritual eminence, like father unto the pious whose inner perfection is under-taken through subordination to him and who are honoured with the Favour of Divine Word and revelation. In accord therewith says the Lord of all Honour: MAA KAANA MUHAMMADUN ABAA AHADIN MIN REJAALE KUM WA LAAKIN RASOOL ALLAH WA KHATAMAN NABIYYEEN.

"Muhammad (the blessed Prophet of Allah) is father unto none of your males but he is the Mes-

CALCULATION OF NET INCOME FOR CHANDA WASIYYAT & CHANDA AAM

INCOME FROM SALARY/WAGES/PENSION ETC

- A. Gross Income From:
- (i) Salaries/Wages
 - (ii) Pension/Old age Benefits
 - (iii) Coaching, etc.
 - (iv) Soc. Sec. aid for dependents, etc.
 - (v) Other Regular Income
- TOTAL A:
- B. Deductions Allowed
- (i) Income Tax
 - (ii) Any Other Govt. Tax on Income
 - (iii) Social Security Tax
 - (iv) Any Insurance compulsory under law
- TOTAL B:
- NET INCOME: $C = A - B$

LAND/PROPERTY/AGRICULTURE INCOME

- A. Gross Income From:
- (i) Land
 - (ii) Property
 - (iii) Real Estate
 - (iv) Agriculture
 - (v) Any other such source
- TOTAL A:
- B. Deductions Allowed:
- (i) Property Tax, local/Municipal Rates
 - (ii) Maintenance & Repair Charges of property
 - (iii) Revenue or Agricultural Land Tax
 - (iv) Expenses incurred on production (other than cost of seed), e.g., wages, fertilizers, tractors, etc.
 - (v) Expenses incurred in earning income, e.i., fees paid to assistants, etc.
 - (vi) Any insurance compulsory under law.
- TOTAL B:
- NET INCOME: $C = A - B$

**INCOME FROM VOCATION/TRADE/BUSINESS/
LEGAL OR MEDICAL PRACTICE**

- A. Gross Income From:
- (i) Vocation, trade, business or practice
- TOTAL A:

- B. Deductions Allowed:
- (i) Any tax levied by Government
 - (ii) Expenses incurred for income, e.g., workshop expenses, electric bills, car/vehicle running, rent on premises, wages/fees to assistants, etc.
 - (iii) Any insurance compulsory under law.
- TOTAL B:
- NET INCOME: $C = A - B$

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

- A. Any other Income:
- TOTAL A:
- NET INCOME: $C = A$

Net Total Income is the sum of Net incomes C in all the above categories

NOTES:

- a. Car and vehicle running expenses are to be deducted only by businessmen, traders, practitioners and vocationers, because this is an expense incurred for earning income.
- b. Conveyance expenses from home to place of work is a normal expenditure and is not to be deducted from income.
- c. Allowance of a compensatory nature, e.g., camp allowance, separation allowance (from family) amount of bills received for tours, travelling and daily expenses for a particular tour or journey are deductible from income.
- d. Any fees, dues, etc., paid to associations, clubs or unions is a normal expense and not deductible from income. However, if membership of a union is compulsory, this compulsory subscription is deductible.
- e. Stipends and scholarships to students are exempt from chanda. However, social security payments for incapacitation, invalidation or unemployment and other benefits are definitely to be included in income.

FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE COMPANIONS

By

*Hazrat Muslihi Mauood, Khalifatul Masih II
(May Allah be pleased with him)*

I urge you to follow the example of the Companions of the Holy Prophet, may Allah be pleased with them. They presented in their persons and conduct the result of the prayers and perfect instruction of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be on him. After his death, the second consensus that took place was on the setting up of the system of the truly guided Khilafat. If you study the history of Islam and reflect upon it, you will find that the progress made by Islam during the time of the rightly guided Khalifas, began to decline when the Khilafat took on the form of kingship, and Islam and the Muslims were progressively reduced to the condition which you observe today. After an interval of 1300 years, God Almighty raised the Promised Messiah with the rank of Prophet, according to the prophecies of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, and after his death the system of the rightly guided Khilafat was initiated once more. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, Maulana Nurud-Din Sahib was the first Khalifa in this dispensation. May Allah raise him to the highest rank in heaven and bestow millions of His mercies and blessings on him. May Allah join him to the company of the Holy Prophet and the Promised Messiah, peace be on them, whose love filled his heart and coursed through his veins. We took the oath of allegiance to him on the basis of this very doctrine. Therefore, so long as this system continues in force, Islam will continue to progress materially as well as spiritually.

Our first duty is to propagate Islam. We must make a united effort to win the favor and grace of God. I urge you repeatedly that having established a relationship with me, after the Promised Messiah, you must fulfill the obligations of that relationship loyally and remember me in your prayers. I shall continue to remember you in my prayers. I have never made any supplication in which I have not prayed for the members of the Movement. From now on, I shall do it still more. Be warned that you must do nothing contrary to your covenant with God Almighty. Our supplication should be that we should live as Muslims and die as Muslims. Aameen.

THE PROMISED REFORMER DAY (YAUMI MUSLIHI MAUOOD) FEBRUARY 20, 1983

All the Missionaries and the Presidents of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in the U.S.A. are reminded that the 20th of February is the day when the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) about the illustrious son was published and it was declared to be a great sign of his truthfulness. Hence, the meetings connected with the day should be held on Sunday, February 20, 1983 and this prophecy and its fulfillment in the person of Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) should be explained to the people in detail.

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