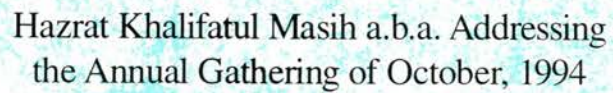




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Two Other Speakers of the Annual Gathering of October, 1994
Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad Amir USA and
Dr. Alhaj M.A. Zafar Naib Amir USA

FROM THE HOLY QURAN

1. In the name of Allah, The Gracious, the Merciful.
2. All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds,
3. The Gracious, the Merciful,
4. Master of the Day of Judgment.
5. Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help.
6. Guide us in the right path —
7. The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings, those who have not incurred Thy displeasure, and those who have not gone astray.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ①
 الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ②
 الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ③
 مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ④
 إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ⑤
 اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ⑥
 صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ⑦

SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PEACE AND BLESSINGS OF ALLAH BE UPON HIM)

Ibn Abbas relates: While Gabriel was sitting with the Holy Prophet a sound was heard from above and Gabriel raised his head and said: A door has been opened from heaven which had not been opened up to this day. Then an angel descended from it and Gabriel said: This angel has descended to the earth and had not descended before till this day. He saluted the Holy Prophet and said: Be glad of the two lights that have been bestowed upon you which had not been bestowed upon any Prophet before you: The opening chapter of the Book and the last verses of *sura Al-Baqarah* (Chapter 2). Whenever you recite even a word of this it will be bestowed upon you (Muslim).

— وَعَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: بَيْنَمَا جِبْرِيلُ عَلَى السَّلَامِ قَاعِدٌ عِنْدَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ سَجَّ نَقِيضًا مِنْ قُوَّتِهِ، فَرَفَعَ رَأْسَهُ فَقَالَ: هَذَا بَابٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَتُفْتَحُ الْيَوْمَ، وَلَمْ يَفْتَحْ قَطُّ إِلَّا الْيَوْمَ، فَتَرَكْنِي مَلَكٌ فَقَالَ: هَذَا مَلَكٌ نَزَلَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ لَمْ يَنْزِلْ قَطُّ إِلَّا الْيَوْمَ، فَسَلَّمَ وَقَالَ: أَبَشِّرْ بِتُورَيْنِ أُوتِيَتْهُمَا، لَمْ يَكُنْ يَوْمَهُمَا نَبِيٌّ قَبْلَكَ: فَاتِحَةُ الْكِتَابِ، وَخَوَاتِيمُ سُورَةِ الْبَقَرَةِ، لَنْ تَقْرَأَ بِحَرْفٍ مِنْهَا إِلَّا أُعْطِيَتهُ، رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ.

Abu Sa'id Rafi' relates: The Holy Prophet said to me: Shall I tell you before you go out of the mosque which is the greatest chapter of the Quran? and he took hold of my hand. When we were about to issue from the mosque I said to him: Messenger of Allah, you had said you would tell me which is the greatest chapter of the Quran. He answered: The opening chapter which contains the seven oft-repeated verses and the Great Quran which has been bestowed upon me (Bokhari).

— عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ رَافِعِ بْنِ الْمُلَيْ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «أَلَا أُعَلِّمُكَ أَكْثَرَ سُورَةٍ فِي الْقُرْآنِ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَخْرُجَ مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ؟ فَأَخَذَ يَبْدِي، فَلَمَّا أَرَدْنَا أَنْ نَخْرُجَ قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّكَ قُلْتَ: «لَأُعَلِّمَنَّكَ أَكْثَرَ سُورَةٍ فِي الْقُرْآنِ؟» قَالَ: «وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ مِثْلَ السَّبْعِ الْمَثَانِي وَالْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ الَّذِي أُوتِيَتْهُ، رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ».

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Announcement of the Promised Messiah (On whom be peace) regarding the importance of attending the JALSA SALANA (ANNUAL CONFERENCE)

JALSA SALANA, Annual Gathering or Annual Convention is an essential feature of all the Ahmadiyy Muslim Jama'ats' calendar in every country of the world. The foundation stone of this purely spiritual assembly of the believers was laid by the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi, the Imam of this age, more than a century ago, in 1891. What was his concept of this gathering and what benefits we should derive out of this exercise, let us read from Ishtihar December 7, 1891.

To all sincere friends,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

On December 27, 1892, a conference of all my loving and sincere friends will be held in Qadian. The most important objective of this conference is to enable all sincere friends to derive spiritual blessings, to increase their knowledge and, with the help and succour of Almighty Allah, to promote a deeper spiritual insight among them. Moreover, the conference will also promote better acquaintance and increased brotherly love among the members. Similarly, an important objective of the conference is to consider ways of expressing increased spiritual sympathy and consideration for the people of Europe and America. It has now become abundantly clear that the rightly guided people of Europe and America are getting ready to accept Islam, but are turned off by the internal divisions and dissensions in the Islamic World. Only a few days ago I received a letter from an Englishman. He said that the Muslims show sympathy and tenderness for all of Allah's creatures, even animals. He added that he has become a Muslim, but needs help in understanding its teachings fully. Dear bretheren! be certain that Allah is preparing these nations to join our Community. Almighty Allah does not cause the sincerity of anyone to go in vain; Insha-Allah these nations will be attracted to the truth of Islam. This is the Decree of God in heaven; no one can change it.

It is therefore essential that all who can afford the journey join the conference, which is filled with many considerations of expenses from undertaking this sacred journey for the sake of Allah and His apostle.

I repeat that the conference should not be treated like an ordinary worldly conference. It is an event based solely on the support of the true faith and propagation of the religion of Islam. The foundation stone of the Community has been laid down by Allah Almighty Himself; He has prepared nations to join it in near future. This has been done by the One Who is All-Powerful. Nothing is impossible for Him. The time is coming—indeed it is very near—that the faith of the Islam will be completely cleansed of the people with tendencies towards worship of nature and superstitious beliefs of those who mix their own ideas with the teachings of the Holy Qur'an. Almighty Allah will firmly establish the straight path for this nation of Islam; the path that is shown by the Holy Qur'an, the path that was demonstrated to the companions of the Holy Prophet, the path which the truthfals, the martyrs, and the righteous have always travelled. This will be so. This will certainly be so. Let him who has ears, listen. Blessed are those who are guided to the right path.

I close this announcement with a prayer that Almighty Allah be with those who undertake this journey solely for the sake of Allah. May He reward them abundantly. May He have mercy on them and relieve them of their troubles, pain, and anxieties. May He fulfill all their noble desires, and may He raise them, on the Day of Judgement, in the company of His servants who have attained His Grace and Mercy. May He safeguard them throughout their journey. O Allah! O Ye with abundant Grace and Bounty! O Merciful! accept all these prayers and grant us a victory over our opponents with glorious signs. Verily Thou has all power and strength. Ameen. (Ishtihar December 7, 1892, Ishtiharat Volume 2 Page 341)

A MIRACLE OF GOD

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement, on whom be peace, passed away on 26th May, 1908.

On the occasion of the Annual Gathering of Ahmadis in December 1907, which was the last gathering of his lifetime, he addressed members of the Movement thus.

First of all, I offer my thanks of Allah, Who has guided the hearts of you all to the true path, although thousands of Muslim priests are busy representing me as *Kafir* and as the Anti-Christ. It is a Miracle of God that notwithstanding violent opposition and better persecution the number of my followers has been steadily rising. (They are about 11 million today.)

It is really a great Miracle of God that although a host of opponents are striving day and night to put an end to this Movement and spare no pains to bring about its utter destruction, yet God means that this Movement should prosper, and it is actually prospering and the enemy, notwithstanding his worst efforts, is unable to do it any harm.

Do you know the reason of this?

The first reason is that when God raises a man for the reformation of mankind, that man is bound to prosper and none can prevent it. Those who oppose him perish they are humbled, they are powerless, their efforts come to naught. None can stand in the way of him who has been really deputed by God, for he acts according to His will, and if it be supposed that anybody can thwart the will of God, this means that he can prevail against God Himself, but bear in mind that no one has any power to prevail against God.

The second reason is that concerning the people that are now present in this assembly, God has prophesied about 30 years before, at a time when none of those who are now gathered here ever thought of visiting Qadian. The word of God containing this prophecy is to be found in the *Barahin-i-Ahmadiyya* which was published in Arabia, Persia and India (published in 1880-1884). No Hindu or Christian or Jew or Mussalman can deny this prophecy. Maulvi Mohammed Hussain of Batala, now the greatest

enemy of the Movement, who published a review of the Book, knows that whenever he came to Qadian, he always found me alone. The prophecy published in the *Barahin* is truly a great prophecy. The substance of what God revealed to me is: 'Though thou art now alone, yet there shall come a time when people will come to thee in troops. 'Some provisions were to be made for the accommodation of the promised visitors. So God said: *'Yatika min kulli fajjin amiq.'* 'There shall come to thee presents of money and other gifts from distant places.' (Then God commanded me, saying, *'Wala tusairli khalqillah.'*) ('Be not discourteous to the creatures of God who will visit thee in large numbers.') God informed me of crowds of men coming to Qadian, at a time when this place where the visitors are gathered was desolate like a jungle. The people of this village know, as also the residents of Amristar and Lahore, that I was absolutely alone and that this place was utterly desolate.

What miracle, I ask, can be greater than this? The way in which the prophecy contained in the *Barahin-i-Ahmadiyya* has been fulfilled is a proof of God's power and of the assistance which He vouchsafed to me. Who is there who can say, that at a time when he is leading an utterly obscure life, that there shall come to him thousands of men from distant places? The miracle to which I have referred above is in every respect an established miracle. Only a bigoted man who is devoid of all faith can deny it. In case of religious antagonism men do not refrain ever from lying, nay, they even look upon it as meritorious. Yet I challenge any Hindu to come forward and say on oath whether at the time when the mentioned prophecy was published anybody ever came to pay me a visit from any outside station and whether I used to receive any presents of money as I do now, and which now amount to thousands of rupees. Certainly not. Is it not then the work of God? If anybody says that these events came to pass by chance, let him

name some other similar events which occurred by chance in the same way. Lame excuses are of no avail. But while giving a parallel, it would be necessary to show that the events had been foretold 25 years before this occurrence, and that they came to pass exactly as they had been foretold. If such a plain miracle be denied, then no other prophet's miracle can be accepted. If it can be shown that an impostor and a liar can forge a prophecy like the one which God has vouchsafed to me, I shall renounce my claims and relinquish my work and will accept as true the view that even a prophecy made under such circumstances and fulfilled in such a remarkable way can be no proof of one's truth.

Those who oppose truth always meet with failure. Their attempts to refute it only bring shame upon them. It is true that sometimes things that are about to happen are made known to certain individuals by means of dreams also, but such dreams may be dreamt even by scavengers and *Chamars* and therefore ordinary dreams, even though true are in themselves no evidence of the fact that the individual who dreamt them is really a prophet of God. But the Prophecy to which I have referred above is such that it is impossible to find a parallel to it in the lives of others than prophets. Many Hindus of Qadian, particularly Lalas Sharampat and Malawa Mull, are witnesses to the truth of the prophecy. When they came to see me in those days' when the prophecy was published, they always found me

alone. But now crowds of men flock to Qadian, as had been foretold.

When I published the Prophecy all men turned against me. The Maulvies and the Hindus made a common cause against me. The Ulema issued pronouncements declaring that anybody who would meet me and my followers and give us salutations would become Kafir (heretic). They carried their propaganda against me to such limits that they even waited on the roads to Qadian to prevent visitors coming to see me. Yet in spite of all this opposition God's word was fulfilled. Now consider whether it is in the power of man to overcome all difficulties single-handed. I do not force anybody to believe in me. Let everybody think for himself and see whether what I say is true or not.

Even The opposition which was to be offered to me and also the end of it had been foretold in the word of God published in the *Barahin-i-Ahmadiyya*. God had spoken to me saying '*Ya'simukallahuw lau lam ya, Isimkannads*.' That is: 'People will exert themselves to the utmost of their power against thee, but their efforts will be of no avail and I will show men that My word is fulfilled.' And so He did. Now none can deny the truth of this prophecy except him whose heart is devoid of faith. A faithless man has no religion. Religion has its basis on truth. He who is not true has no religion. (Malfoozat Volume 10, Page 23)

THIS JALSA - WHY WE SHOULD GO

SYEDNA HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH I R.A.

The main thing is that we need united congregation which can only survive through Imam. This congregation is also not sufficient merely at special times. For instance you gathered at Fajr for prayers, then why come at Zuh, Maghrib and Isha. Then why come on Fridays? Again why come on Eid day? Also why on the occasion of Haj? Similarly we eat in the morning then why again in the afternoon? If you need to repeat for this need, you need repetition for gatherings also. I am explaining this so that you may understand that our Imam has passed away

even then we need unity, to be combined, integrated and a spirit of enthusiasm remain in us.

I would like to ask, why is this gathering? Everyone must have thought, why go there? It is winter. People are sick at home. With a little cold wind, sinus trouble starts. At home we sleep on comfortable beds, while in this gathering we sleep on straw floor. In spite of all these hardships, you must be knowing the purpose of coming here.

Did you come to see my pomp and show? There is no doubt that everyone of you knows and realizes the need of this gathering. You understand its importance too. People coming from outside towns also know this. People of Qadian also understand it.

About me I would like to tell you that I know the art that I can very well earn my livelihood very respectably. Still I left all of it and migrated here. I came only to understand The Holy Quran. The thirst of Quran brought me here. Quran is my sustenance. If I do not get it every day, I may die. This was the only purpose that brought me here. Otherwise, when God granted me the best subsistence for many years, why would He not give me for some more time.

I have told you these things that you be firm on Prayer and be perservering. Love the Holy Quran. Try to please God. If He is happy with you, everything will be alright. If He is pleased, all

your works will be done properly. A saint among the Soofis has written that many phases come over a Salik (spiritual wayfarer). At a time God tells him not to beg. Then a time comes when He tells him to ask from others. But every angel puts in the mind (from whom he is asking) not to give him. This is to tell that you should pin all your hopes in God alone.

First of all I pray for you that Holy Spirit assist you. You may remain immune from physical and spiritual ills. You may succeed here and in the Hereafter. This anguish is given to me by Him Who blessed me with this high status. For me, I pray (O my Lord, open my heart) and I also pray that I may have my Viziers who may strengthen my flanks. But they should be such that their goal is to please God Almighty. I pray that there may be among you who may teach and I pine for it. They should be sincere and they may not be indolent and lazy. (Badar 7th January 1909, page 4-5)

MESSAGE FROM HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

- ★ “Your obligation of Da’wat Ilallah, i.e., calling people towards Allah”.
- ★ “Believe firmly in the Unity of Allah”.
- ★ “Display true love and tenderness towards each other”.

A message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV which was received for the 42nd Annual Convention of USA Jama'at in June 1990.

My dear brothers, sisters, and children

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

I am pleased to learn that the Ahmadiyya Community, U.S.A., is holding its Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) from June 29 to July 1, 1990. *Alhamdo Lillah*. May Allah fill this Convention with the blessed results of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and may He grant to all who join this Convention abundant goodness, spiritual and temporal. May He make this Convention a source of educational, practical, moral, and spiritual progress for the Community.

It is a great favor of Allah the Exalted that He guided us to accept the Promised One who was being awaited by all nations of the world. Through

him, Allah has united us in a bond of Love. This is a miracle which is granted to the Prophets. Allah the Exalted says in the Holy Quran:

وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً
فَأَلْفَ يَوْمٍ قُلُوبُكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا

“And remember the favor of Allah which He bestowed upon you when you were enemies and He united your hearts in love, so that with His Grace you became as brothers”.

(3:104)

Allah the Exalted raised the Promised Messiah in this age to establish the same environment of brotherhood and fraternity. The Promised Messiah says:

“My message is two-fold. First, believe firmly in the Unity of Allah. Second, display true love and tenderness towards each other. Set such an example as would serve as a sign for others. This

was the proof of the truthfulness of Islam which was shown by the companions.”

Allah the Exalted has, once again, through the Promised Messiah, united the Arabs and the non-Arabs, the colored and the white, in a Community which is destined to make Islam victorious over all other faiths. The concept of victory immediately reminds us of the unity, the singleness of purpose, the mutual love and tenderness which have been mentioned in the verse quoted above. An army which is itself in disarray cannot be victorious. To tread the path which is destined to bring about the victory of Islam, you have to cast off the burdens of mutual differences and disagreements. You have to march forward on the path of goodness in a positive way with unity, singleness of purpose, sincerity and firm faith. Speed up your activities with cheerfulness and a spirit of sacrifice. Try to excel your neighboring countries in goodness in accordance with the commandment of Allah in the holy Quran.

An important matter to which I have drawn your attention many times and will continue to do so in the future is the fulfillment of your obligation of *Da'wat Ilallah*, i.e., calling people towards Allah. The Ahmadiyya Community in the U.S.A. is making some efforts in this respect, but the results are not satisfactory. All the members do not participate in carrying out this responsibility...only a few have shouldered it. If every one of you had kept in mind that you are accountable to God and had served with that spirit, the number of people who regularly call others towards Allah would have been much higher. Through them, the number who have been guided towards Islam would also have been much higher.

Allah the Exalted informed our beloved Master, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that “I deal with each of My servants in accordance with what he expects from Me.” In this regard I want to express my dissatisfaction with the U.S.A. Jamaat. They do not show high resolve and determination in their aims and objectives. Their expectations from Allah indicate lack of full faith in Him. Raise your standards and march forward. Allah will grant you the results Himself. Let your

expectations from Allah fly high. Allah will assist you accordingly with strong winds of His support.

Blessed be those who are endeavoring to fulfill the objectives of the Promised Messiah in accordance with the will of Allah. May Allah bless their souls, their faith, and their properties. To fulfill this obligation, you do not require much knowledge, but you need an abundance of prayers. Prayers provide support during all needs and difficulties. All blessings are achieved through the path of prayers. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) says about prayer:

“It is a magnetic force which attracts the mercy of Allah. It amounts to a death; but in the end, it raises the dead to life. It is a hurricane; but in the end, it becomes a life-boat. All affairs which have gone wrong are straightened by it. Every poison is turned into a panacea through it.” (Lecture Sialkote)

May Allah be with all of you. May He bless you with the spirit of mutual love and brotherhood. May He grant you the ability to excel each other in the activities of the Community. May He grant you all the qualities which a caller towards Allah needs. May He create in all of you an enthusiasm for calling towards Allah. May He grace your prayers with acceptance.

Please convey my loving Assalamo Alaikum to all brothers. May Allah be with all of you.

Wassalam,



Mirza Tahir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih IV

Doctors, Scientists, Engineers, Writers, Attorneys, Businessmen, Students

Saturday: June 24

4:00 AM Salat-e-Tahajjud Masjid Baitur Rahman
4:30 AM Salat-e-Fajar
4:45 AM Dars: "Importance of Salat in Congregation"
 Syyed Shamshad Ahmad Nasir
5:15 AM Dars Ends

7:00 AM to 8:30 AM Breakfast

Morning Session

Dr. Ahsan U. Zafar, Naib Amir II, Presiding

10:00 AM Talawat-e-Quran Waseem Haider
 Translation Harun Asad (Washington, D.C.)

10:15 AM Poem Rashid Ahmad Bhatti (Philadelphia)
 Translation Nasrullah Ahmad (Milwaukee)

10:30 AM Welcome Resolutions:
 Coordinator: Martin Rashid Ahmad (Washington, D.C.)

11:00 AM Speech: "Our Paradise is Our God"
 Munir Hamid (Philadelphia)

11:30 AM Speech: "Every Blessing is From Muhammad (peace be on him)"
 Inamul Haq Kausar (Los Angeles)

12:00 NOON Speech: "Muslims Living in Multicultural Society"
 Azher Haneef (Chicago)

12:30 PM Lunch

2:00 PM Salat-e-Zuhar and Asr

Saturday Afternoon **(Men's Session)**

Dr. Muzaffar A. Zafar, Naib Amir I, Presiding

2:30 PM	Talawat-e-Quran	Maulana Syyed Shamshad A. Nasir (Missionary South Region)
	Translation	Saleem Mohaiman (York)
2:45 PM	Poem	Mohammad Ahmad, Dr. Naeem Ahmad & Fauzan A. Pal (Washington, D.C.)
	Translation	Abdur Razzak Momen (Tulsa)
3:00 PM	Speech: "Zikr-e-Habib"	Falahud Din Shams (Chicago)
3:30 PM	Speech: "Services of Early Missionaries in America"	Dr. Fazal Ahmad (Philadelphia)
4:00 PM	Speech: "Islam's Message of Peace and Tolerance"	Abid Haneef (Boston)
4:30 PM	Session Ends	

Saturday Afternoon **(Women's Session)**

Salma Ghani, Sadr U.S.A. Lajna Imaillah, Presiding

2:30 PM	Talawat-e-Quran	Amtul Majid Chaudhry (Philadelphia)
	Translation	Atiyya Zafr (Dayton)
2:45 PM	Poem	Asiya Ahmad Mahmood (Chicago)
	Translation	Jameela Ali (Milwaukee)
3:00 PM	Speech: "Championing the Cause of Islam"	Naima Latif (Chicago)
3:20 PM	Poem	Nasiraat Group (Philadelphia)
3:35 PM	Speech (Urdu): "Ahmadiyya Women: A Role Model for our Youth"	Shamim Azam (North Carolina)
4:05 PM	President's Address	
4:25 PM	Lajna Awards	
4:30 PM	Dua and Conclusion	

7:00 PM DINNER

8:45 PM Salat-e-Maghrib and Isha

Evening Session

In the Baitur Rahman Mosque

9:00 PM Testimonials Coordinator: Ali Murtaza (New York)

10:00 PM **Auxiliaries Meet.** Ansaarullah (men's prayer hall)
Lajna (women's prayer hall)
Khuddamul Ahmadiyya (men's main marquee)

Sunday: June 25

4:00 AM Salat-e-Tahajjud

4:30 AM Salat-e-Fajar

4:45 AM - 5:15 AM Dars: "Attributes of Allah"
Mirza Mahmood Ahmad (Dayton)

7:00 AM to 8:30 AM Breakfast

Final Session

Maulana Naseem Mahdi, Amir Canada Jamaat, Presiding

10:00 AM Talawat-e-Quran & Translation Abid Hanif (Boston)

10:15 AM Poem Athar B. Malik (Washington, D.C.)

Translation Yusef A. Lateef (Boston)

10:30 AM Speech: "Dawate Illallah in U.S.A."
Nasir Mahmood Malik (Detroit)

11:00 AM Speech: "Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Service of Humanity"
Abdul Hakim Shahid (St. Louis)

11:30 AM Speech: "MTA: A Revolutionary Phase in Ahmadiyya History"
Anwer Mahmood Khan (Los Angeles)

12:00 Noon Concluding Address and Dua
Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad, Amir U.S.A. Jamaat

1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM Salat-e-Zuhar and Asr



Few Guests from Bosnia and Exhibition Scene

Baitur Rahman Mosque



THE ISLAMIC VEIL

(Maha Dabbous)

(From the Review of Religions October, 1992)

Islam has always suffered from many false charges against it due to the misunderstanding of its true teachings. One example of this is the wide spread false notion that Islam in general deprives women of their rights and forces them to go behind the veil.

The Islamic veil is condemned by non-Muslims and regarded as a sign of backwardness and a thing of the past which is no longer practical in the daily way of life today. They think that it is a burden and a restriction which has been imposed on Muslim women to deprive them of their freedom; they see it as if it was a chain with which the cruel Muslim man has tied his poor wife or daughter or sister or any other woman under his rule, because of his selfishness or jealousy.

But if one looks with a deeper glance on this subject, it will be found that the veiling of women is not something that Islam has invented. The previous revealed scriptures also contain some traces of similar teachings and Islam came only to complete and perfect them.

The revealed religions teach women to be modest in clothes and actions. If we study the Bible we will find that it teaches that modesty and reverence demanded the veiling of the face of the woman and that the veil was used by ladies of high rank.

In the Old Testament we read about what Rebekah did before Isaac in the following passage:

When Re-bek'ah raised her eyes, she caught sight of Isaac and she swung herself down from off the camel. Then she said to the servant 'who is that walking in the field to meet us?' and the servant said 'It is my master' And she proceeded to take a headcloth and to cover herself. (Genesis:24:64 and 65)

In the New Testament we also read:

But every woman that prays or prophesies with her head uncovered shames her head for it is one and the same as if she were a (woman) with a shaved head. For if a woman does not cover herself let her also be shorn; but if it is disgraceful for woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. (1 Corinthians:11:5, 6)

From the above, it is obvious that the Bible regards the veiling of women as a pious act. But the present day commentators of the Bible, in their efforts to prove that its teachings do not in any way deprive women of their freedom, have denied this fact because they thought that it is a burden on women.

Similarly even some of the modern day Muslims have also followed the same course for the same reason, and they have tried to prove that even Islam does not put this restriction on Muslim women. But they were not successful because, unlike the Bible, the text of the Quran is preserved in its original form and hence it is impossible to get away by twisting the meanings of its verses. Yet this reveals that the lack of the proper knowledge of the wisdom behind the Islamic veil prevails even among the Muslims.

The majority of Muslim women misunderstand the teachings of their own religion and they do not recognize its implications nor its benefits. Admiring the modern societies, they have followed blindly the false notions regarding the liberation of women and they have adopted some wrong ideas and consequently many of them rebelled against the teachings of Islam relating to the observance of the veil, and they went on indulging in the way of life of the modern society with all its false glitter.

Some other Muslim women, as a reaction to the rebellion of their ignorant sisters, have adopted the opposite course and they observed these

Teachings of Islam in such a manner that they have put on themselves some burdens that Islam did not prescribe and by so doing, they became a cause for more rebellion against the Islamic veil and they pushed the non-Muslims farther away from seeing the beauties of Islam.

Today it is a well known fact that many non-Muslims who can see the truth of Islam, refuse to enter its fold because of this so-called *restriction*. They feel that they cannot give up their habits and modern way of living and sacrifice their freedom to mix with the other sex as they wish.

Islam, however, can neither be blamed for what non-Muslims think of it nor can it be accused on account of the notions and practices of its ignorant followers. The fact remains that Islam has given women rights which have no parallel in any other religion.

As for the Islamic veil, far from being a burden on women, it is a blessing for them.

The true concept of the Islamic veil can be understood and judged correctly by studying the source of all the Islamic teachings, The Holy Quran.

The Holy Quran has preserved the teachings of Islam in its original form and it does not only prescribe the correct commandments but it also explains the reasons and the wisdom behind them and it points out the benefits which can be gained by following them.

One of the verses of the Holy Quran which deals with the subject of the veil is found in Sura Al Noor where God, The All-Mighty says:

And say to the believing women that they restrain their looks and guard their private parts and that they display not their beauty or their embellishment except that which is apparant thereof, and that they draw their head coverings over their bosoms, and that they display not their beauty or their embellishment 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 brother or the

sons of their brothers or the sons of their sisters or women who are their companions or those that their right hands possess or such of male attendants as have no desire for women, or young children who have not yet attained knowledge of the hidden parts of women. and that 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 prosper. (24:32)

This verse directs the believing women to restrain their eyes when they happen to face men and to guard their chastity and also not to display their beauty and embellishment, whether it is natural or artificial.

The believing men have already been given a similar commandment, from God in the verse that preceeded this verse where we read:

Say to the believing men that they restrain their looks and guard their private parts. That is purer for them. Surely, Allah is well - aware of what they do. (24:31)

So it is clear that both men and women share equally the responsibility of observing this injunction. They should both restrain their looks when facing each other or, in other words, they should observe the *Veil of the eyes*.

Now we need to understand the benefits which can be achieved by following these directions. God never gives orders to his servants without a reason. Behind every commandment of God there is great wisdom.

The words that is purer for them at the end of one verse and the words *that you may prosper* at the end of the other verse indicate that these directions are meant for the well being of the believers and to enable them to purify themselves and to safeguard themselves against moral stumbling.

The Promised Messiah has clarified this point in a comment on these verses:

We can confidently claim that this excellent

teaching with all its devices that is set forth in the Holy Quran is peculiar to Islam. It should be kept in mind that as the natural condition of man, which is the source of his passions, is such that he cannot depart from it without a complete change in himself, his passions are bound to be roused, or in other words put in peril, when they are confronted with the occasion and opportunity for indulging in this vice. Therefore, God Almighty has not instructed us that we might freely gaze at women outside the prohibited degrees and might contemplate their beauty and observe all their movements in dancing etc. but that we should do so with pure looks. Nor have we been instructed to listen to the singing of these women and to lend ear to tales of their beauty, but that we should do so with a pure intent. We have been positively commanded not to look at their beauty, whether with pure intent or otherwise, nor to listen to their musical voices or to descriptions of their good looks, whether with pure intent or otherwise. We have been directed to eschew all this as we eschew carrion, so that we should not stumble. It is almost certain that our free glances would cause us to stumble sometime or the other. As God almighty desires that our eyes and our hearts and all our limbs and organs should continue in a state of purity. He has furnished us with this excellent teaching. There can be no doubt that unrestrained looks become a source of danger. If we place soft bread before a hungry dog, it would be vain to hope that the dog would pay no attention to it. Thus God Almighty desired that human faculties should not be provided with any occasion for secret functioning and should not be confronted with anything that might incite dangerous tendencies.

This is the philosophy that underlies the Islamic regulations relating to the observance of the veil. The book of God does not aim at keeping women in seclusion like prisoners. This is the concept of those who are not acquainted with the correct pattern of Islamic ways. The purpose of these regulations is to restrain men and women from letting their eyes rove freely and from displaying their good looks and beauties, for therein lies the good both of men and of women. It should be

remembered that to restrain one's looks and to direct them only towards observing that which is permissible is described in Arabid by the expression **ghadde basar** which is the expression employed in the Holy Quran in this context. It does not behove a pious person who desires to keep his heart pure that he should lift his eyes freely in every direction like an animal. It is necessary that such a one should cultivate the habit of **ghadde basar** in his social life. This is a blessed habit through which his natural impulses would be converted into a high moral quality without interfering with his social needs. This is the quality which is called chastity in Islam.

(The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam: pp 23-25)

As the Quran is a book meant for the spiritual progress of the soul, the question arises: How can these teachings help the development of the spiritual state of the soul? The answer to this question is also found in the writings of the Promised Messiah:

As the natural urges of man become very dangerous when they are roused and often destroy the moral and spiritual qualities, they are described in God's Holy Book as the self that incites to evil. It may be asked what is the attitude of the Holy Quran towards the natural state of man, what guidance does it furnish concerning it and how does it seek to control it?

The answer is that according to the Holy Quran the natural state of man has a very strong relationship with his moral and spiritual states, so much so that even a person's manner of eating and drinking affects his moral and spiritual states. If the natural state of a person is subjected to the control of the directions of divine law it becomes his moral state and deeply affects his spirituality, as is said that whatever falls into a salt mine is converted into salt. That is why the Holy Quran has laid stress on physical cleanliness and postures, and their regulation in relation to all worship and inner purity and spiritual humility. Reflection confirms that physical conditions

deeply affect the soul. For instance, when our eyes are filled with tears, even if the tears are artificially induced, the heart is immediately affected and becomes sorrowful. In the same way, when we begin to laugh, even if the laughter is artificially induced, the heart begins to feel cheerful. It has also been observed that physical prostration in prayer induces humility in the soul. As a contrast when we draw ourselves up physically and strut about with our neck raised and our breast pushed forward, this attitude induces a mood of arrogance and vain glory. These instances establish clearly that physical conditions certainly affect spiritual conditions. (The philosophy of the teachings of Islam: pp 3-4)

He also added:

As the soul is affected by physical conduct, the same way sometimes the soul affects the body. For instance, when a person experiences sorrow his eyes become wet, and a person who feels happy, smiles. All our natural actions like eating, drinking, sleeping, waking, moving about, resting, bathing etc., affect our spiritual condition. Our physical structure is related intimately to our total humanity. If a certain part of the brain is injured memory is immediately lost. An injury to another part of the brain causes loss of consciousness. Poisonous air affects the body and through it the mind, and the whole inner system, to which the moral impulses are related, is impaired and the unfortunate victim passes out quickly like a madman. Thus physical injuries disclose that there is a mysterious relationship between the soul and the body which is beyond the ken of man. Reflection shows that the body is the mother of the soul. (The philosophy of the teachings of Islam :p. 4)

From the above we can see clearly that the body and soul are two interlinking things. Each one of them affects the other and the uplift of one will raise the other. We can understand the wisdom behing the teachings of Islam concerning the veil and the spiritual benefits which can be gained by both men and women if they follow

them. It is also now very clear that observing the veil is not a duty for women alone but it is an injunction equally binding on men and women alike.

But God has prescribed these commandments to the believing men and the believing women separately and there must be great wisdom behind this. One of the obvious reasons behind this is to point out clearly that each of them is responsible for his or her own behaviour when carrying out and obeying these injunctions. So this proves that the Muslim man has nothing to do with forcing the woman to obey this order, out of any love for domination on his side.

Also comparing the two verses, emphasizes the fact that in this respect, due to the physical differences between men and women, the nature of the way it can be observed is different. The woman has an additional responsibility of hiding her beauty and embellishment.

Women are by nature the delicate sex, and they need special care and protection. Thus Islam treats women as a precious treasure that should be guarded and protected from being startled at or molested or inconvenienced by other people in any way. So, far from depriving women from their rights or freedom, these injunctions show the high status of the Muslim women. Islam is even protecting the inner feelings of women.

To understand the implication of this point fully we need to understand the true nature of the role of men and women in the society.

Man and woman differ physically in nature and capabilities. Man is physically stronger than woman and this is why his natural role in the family is to go out and provide the family with its means of sustenance. He is also the protector of the family from the outside dangers. But this does not in any way degrade the position of the woman because she has her own sphere of responsibilities as well. With her loving and caring nature she is more capable of looking after the members of the family. In this aspect she has more to offer than man. She acts as the protector of the family from the internal dangers and she is responsible for the education and training of the children. The combined efforts of both man

and woman are needed to produce the perfect family. As the man needs the help of the woman to protect his house and look after it in his absence while he is away carrying out his duties, similarly the woman needs the protection of the man from the outside dangers to provide her with the peaceful atmosphere, that will enable her to perform her duties inside the house in the best possible way.

The Islamic society can be likened to one big family where the women represent its spiritual body and the men represent its soul. As the Promised Messiah (may the peace and blessings of God be upon him) has explained, there is a deep relationship between the body and the soul and therefore, in a way similar to what was mentioned above, both the men and women depend on one another to produce a perfect society. The men are responsible for the outside affairs and the protection of the community from external dangers while the women are responsible for the internal welfare of the society and the education and training of the members of the community. The protection provided by men does not mean their superiority over women but on the other hand it emphasizes the importance of the role of women in the society. Women need to be fully protected from outside dangers so that they can give full attention to carrying out their sacred duties.

The Islamic veil symbolizes the spiritual protection of the Muslims. As the women represent the spiritual body of the Islamic society, this veil takes a palpable form in the case of women while it remains intangible in the case of men. Women need protection from external dangers and this is why their veil is manifest because it represents their external protection while for men the veil is concealed because it represents their internal protection. But it must always be remembered that observing the veil is an obligation for both men and women alike, even if it assumes different forms.

We notice that in the above quoted verses, after the mention of the commandments to men and women separately, the Quran ends this by saying:

And turn ye to Allah all together, O believers that you may prosper.

This emphasizes the fact that for the achievement of the sought results, both men and women need to carry out their share of responsibilities in connection with these injunctions. Or, in other words, like the soul and body, men and women compliment one another and they will have to work together to act upon these commandments for the sake of the prosperity of their society as one unit. It is a sort of a blessing which can only be acquired by the joint efforts of men and women.

Yet comparing the two verses reveals another point of interest. The directions concerning the believing men ends with the words: *that is purer for them. Surely, Allah is well-aware of what they do* which means that if the believing men obey this command, they will be able to purify their souls. God knows well their intentions and the results of their actions, so they should do their best to observe this command and if they are sincere in their efforts, God will bless these efforts and will grant them success. But the order concerning the believing women does not end with a similar statement.

This is to hint to the believing women that there are still some more requirements that they will need to fulfil before they can achieve fruitful results. These requirements are mentioned separately in the verses that directly follow the above verses because they can only be complied with by the combined action of the men and women together. Those verses instruct the believers to arrange marriages for the women having no husbands. This emphasizes the fact that the real duty of the woman in the society can only be carried out fully after she becomes a housewife. This point will be further clarified when one understands the true role of the woman in society.

The directions in the previous verses were meant to be only the first steps for the believers in their journey towards God and the commandments in them were meant for the control of the natural human desires and passions which the Promised Messiah has called the self that incites evil. This is the first stage of the human development that differentiates human beings from animals.

(To be continued)

THE BLESSED JALSA SALANA AND OUR OBLIGATIONS

(From the desk of Dr. Masoud A. Malik Afsar Jalsa Salana)

By the grace of Allah, the 47th Jalsa Salana of USA Jama'at (June 23, 24, 25, 1995) is forthcoming. We must approach our Jalsa Salana in the spirit of making the most of it, in terms of receiving the spiritual and moral uplift, and learning more about Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

We should supplicate and beseech Allah's blessings and His help for the success of the Jalsa Salana, and His favors in enabling us to make the best possible use of this spiritual experience. We should also strive to achieve all those spiritual goals and objectives of Jalsa Salana, which are enunciated by the Promised Messiah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). I remind all the participants of Jalsa to observe the following points:

1. Jalsa Salana must enable us to feel a definite improvement in our personal relationship with God.
2. We must devote full attention to the timely observance of all prayers and pass most of our time in remembrance of Allah.
3. We must eagerly seize this opportunity to enhance our understanding of Quranic verities and Islamic teachings.
4. We should listen to all the speeches and derive the maximum benefits from them.
5. We must maintain a high standard of mutual affection among the members of the Jama'at and improve our ties of fraternity.
6. As we are going to receive many guests of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), we should work hard for the comfort and convenience of our guests and everyone else.
7. We should give particular attention to observing cleanliness, especially, in the meeting place, dining area and washrooms and observe the Islamic etiquettes while taking food.
8. We should be punctual, obedient to organizers and cooperative in making the jalsa a great success.
9. We must be vigilant all the time, and conscious of security matters especially if our beloved Imam Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih is among us.

Pray Almighty Allah to be our helper in all our undertakings. Ameen!

ISLAMIC SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF "AIDS"

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There is an uproar all over the world about this horrible disease called AIDS. It has become a major health problem worldwide. Physicians and giant pharmaceutical companies are feverishly busy in finding cure for this deadly disease. Billions of dollars have been allocated by the governments of various countries for research on AIDS. AIDS has been declared 'Plague of the Century' by some medical authorities. There is no cure. Anyone can become infected: men, women, children; rich and poor alike. Today, more than 12 million people worldwide are infected with AIDS. It is spreading so rapidly that it has surpassed all previous estimates. It is estimated that AIDS will hit peak in mid-1990's and by the year 2000 the number of its victims will be beyond 40 million worldwide. Presently, in France alone, one person dies of AIDS every 3 hours.

What is the Disease 'AIDS' and How does it Spread?

The word 'AIDS' stands for ACQUIRED IMMUNO-DEFICIENCY SYNDROME. It is caused by a tiny germ known as HUMAN IMMUNO-DEFICIENCY VIRUS or HIV. This virus destroys the body's natural ability to fight against all infections, thus clearing the way for various opportunistic infections which lead to the disease AIDS.

The World Health Organization (WHO) maintains that the major mode of transmission of the disease AIDS is through sexual contact with the infected persons. The disease, therefore, can be transmitted from woman to man, man to woman or from man to man. Homosexuality, one of the worst forms of sexual permissiveness, and sexual promiscuity, which is rampant in Western societies, are the main causes of the spread of this disease. It can also be transmitted through blood by transfusing the blood of HIV-infected persons to others. Similarly, the disease is common among drug addicts who share infected needles and syringes.

AIDS - A Heavenly Curse

The disease AIDS is a living sign of the truthfulness of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammed (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) whomade a prophecy about it 1400 years ago. He said:

لَمْ تَطْعَمُوا النَّاجِشَةَ فِي تَوْبَةٍ حَتَّى يُعْلِنُوا بِهَا إِلَّا فَشًا فِيهِمْ الطَّاعُونَ
وَالْأَوْجَاعُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَكُنْ مَشَتْ فِي أَشْهُلِهِمُ الَّذِي مَضَوْا
(سنن ابن ماجه بكتاب الفتن)

'Whenever unlawful sexual conduct prevails with a society to the point that they feel no shame in disclosing it and doing it openly, then they shall suffer the Plague and such painful illnesses that their ancestors have never experienced.' (Sunan ibne-Majah, Book of Fitan': Chapter on Punishment)

How precisely has the prophecy been fulfilled in our time. The scientists of today have not only described AIDS as 'the Plague of the Century' but have also observed that the virus causing AIDS becomes more aggressive and highly dangerous when it is travelling rapidly through a population. That exactly is the case in a highly promiscuous society. This clearly proves that AIDS is a heavenly punishment for immorality and sexual perversities. Moreover, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (alaihis salam), Promised Messiah and Mahdi, founder of the worldwide Ahmadiyya movement in Islam, who attained this lofty spiritual position through his total obedience to the Holy Prophet of Islam, also made a prophecy about a plague-like disease. The prophecy reads:

'A plague-like disease will spread in Europe and other Christian countries which will be very horrible' (Tazkirah, Urdu, p. 705, March 17, 1907)

It has been established scientifically that AIDS took its start in the Christian part of the world. This event also bears a resemblance with the plague that broke out approximately 100 years after the advent of Jesus Christ when it affected mostly the areas where Jesus Christ was rejected. Once again, it is almost 100 years since the time of the appearance of the Messiah of this age, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who founded the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat in 1889. It is, therefore, a proof of the truthfulness of both the Holy Prophet, Muhammad (s.a.w.) and the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi.

Solution to the Problem

Solution to this problem lies in observing the Islamic teachings. When we look at the causes of AIDS, it becomes absolutely clear that it is the un-Islamic practices that are responsible for this disease. Huge sums of money are being spent by various governments and other agencies to find a cure. Amazingly, the conclusions that the scientists have drawn are exactly those what Islam has taught us:

- i) A renowned AIDS researcher, Dr. Ron Bayen of New York says:

"Only a change in sexual behavior and a war against drugs can stop the progress of the disease."

- ii) Another WHO report reads:

"In the absence of effective vaccine or drug, only intervention that successfully changes people's behaviour can slow further spread of HIV, which is transmitted for the most part through sexual intercourse.

- iii) Yet another booklet entitled "FACTS ABOUT AIDS", giving advice to the public says:

"Stick to your faithful partner or partners. Avoid casual sex or multiple partners."

The aforementioned 'change in sexual behaviour' is nothing but to observe Islamic ways concerning sexual relations. Similarly, 'the faithful partner' is none but a God-fearing spouse.

In Surah 'AL-MU'MINUN', while describing the required standards and qualities of true believers, Allah, the Almighty says:

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِفُرُوجِهِمْ حَافِظُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

And who guard their chastity —

إِلَّا عَلَىٰ أَزْوَاجِهِمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ غَيْرُ مَلُومِينَ ﴿١١﴾

Except from their wives or what their right hands possess, for then they are not to be blamed;

فَمَنْ ابْتَغَىٰ وَرَاءَ ذَلِكَ نَأْوِيكَ هُمُ الْعَادُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

But those who seek *anything* beyond that are the transgressors —

The above-mentioned verses provide a clear guidance for one's sexual relations and prohibit all sorts of pre-marital, extra-marital or casual sex, which are the characteristics of a sexually promiscuous society.

Islam requires all men and women to get married when they are capable of doing so. For guarding one's chastity before the time of marriage, the Prophet of Islam (s.a.w.) has advised 'Nafila fasting'. Moreover, Islam also permits a man, if need arises and circumstances permit so, to have more than one wife, but not to exceed 4 at any one time because it is beyond human capacity and doing so has always led to unmanageable difficulties on both sides.

The institution of marriage, which furnishes a basic solution to the problem of AIDS, is a sacred institution in Islam. On one hand, a normal marriage leads to procreation, sustenance of human race, which is the cardinal reason for the institution of marriage, while on the other hand, it lays heavy responsibility on the parents regarding training and modelling of future generation. The Holy Quran and Ahadith provide detailed guidance about the institution of marriage. For example, Islam advises its followers to give preference to righteousness and chastity of a woman while selecting one's wife. That is to lay a firm foundation of an ideal healthy family.

Similarly, we are provided with adequate guidance, admonition and counselling in the Holy Quran, Sunnah and Ahadith about our moral conduct which, if faithfully followed, would eliminate any possibility of deviation which can, in any remote way, lead to sexual perversity or AIDS. We read in the Holy Quran:

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا أَرْوَاحَهُمْ
ذَلِكَ أَزْكَىٰ لَهُمْ إِنْ اللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

'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. (Ch-24, v.31)

وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّوْجَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَاحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ﴿٣٣﴾

'And come not near unto adultery; surely, it is a foul thing and an evil way'. (Ch-17, v. 33)

This is such an excellent code.

It is a universal phenomenon that drinking leads, inter alia, to such a loss of senses which accelerate sexual perversity. The Holy Quran guides us that:

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ قُلْ فِيهِمَا إِثْمٌ
كَبِيرٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ وَإِنَّهُمَا الْكُفْرُ مِنْ نَفْعِهِمَا

'They ask thee concerning wine and the game of hazard. Say: "In both there is great sin and also some advantages; but their sin is greater than their advantages"'. (Ch-2, v. 220)

In short, the excellent teachings of Islam provide such a perfect code of conduct for human beings which preclude any possibility of moral degradation. Once this moral degradation is averted, it would be a natural and real solution to the problem of AIDS, which is haunting human fancy today and in our posterity. Without this Divine code of conduct, the world is doomed for perdition, its only solution is the teachings of Islam. May Allah enable the world realize the dangers it is exposed to and may He guide them to the real sanctuary of peace, i.e. Islam. Amen! (Monthly Al-Islam May/June 1993)

ANNOUNCEMENT

(From the desk of Dr. Col. Fazal Ahmad, Sec. Publication USA)

1. The worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's recent publication, Al Fazl International (in the Urdu language with some articles in German) has brought our global community even more close together. It is extremely useful for keeping up with the news of the rapid progress of our dynamic Movement. Through the regular feature articles of this weekly newspaper you can drink deep at the spiritual fountain of the Holy Quran, the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him and contemporary research conducted by Ahmadi scholars all over the world. You will enjoy and cherish for years to come the written rendering of the Friday Khutba of our Beloved Imam Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ABA). The annual subscription is \$90.00.

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“... This Jalsa must not be taken like other ordinary gatherings. This is an affair that has been based on help from God”.

(The Promised Messiah^{as} in Ishtihar 7th December 1891)

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MTA News
TechTalk (Part 10)
July 4, Tuesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Meet Our Friends: Peter Meffe, Counselor, City of Vaughn (Replay)
Life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him)
Homoeopathy Class #28
MTA News
Medical Matters - Mother & Child Pt.1
July 5, Wednesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Liqaa Ma'al Arab - Huzoor's Audience with Arabs
Holy Qur'an Class
MTA News
TBA
July 6, Thursday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #19-2
TechTalk (Replay - Part 10)
Holy Qur'an Class
MTA News
Food For Thought (Part 8-2) - Fertilizer and How Plants Use It

July 7, Friday
Friday Sermon at 1-2 PM (ET)
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Basics of Religious Education (Book-Section 1, Part 6)
Children's Special from MTA Pakistan
Friday Sermon (Replay)
MTA News
TBA
July 8, Saturday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Children's Corner
Question & Answer Session with Hadhrat Khalifat-ul-Masih IV on May 20, 1995 (Part 1)
MTA News
Meet Our Friends: Ms. Joyce Frustaglio, Counselor, City of Vaughn, Ontario, Canada
July 9, Sunday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Food For Thought (Replay - Part 8-2)
TBA
Friday Sermon (Replay - July 7)
MTA News
Interview with Muhammad Azim Akseer
July 10, Monday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #20-1
Life of Hazrat Amma Jan, Nusrat Jehan Begum, Wife of Hadhrat Promised Messiah (AS) - Part 2
Homoeopathy Class #29
MTA News
TechTalk (Part 11)
July 11, Tuesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Meet Our Friends: Ms. Joyce Frustaglio (Replay)
Life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him)
Homoeopathy Class #30
MTA News
Medical Matters - Mother & Child Pt.2
July 12, Wednesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Liqaa Ma'al Arab - Huzoor's Audience with Arabs
Holy Qur'an Class

MTA News
TBA
July 13, Thursday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #20-2
TechTalk (Replay - Part 11)
Holy Qur'an Class
MTA News
Food For Thought (Part 9)
July 14, Friday
Friday Sermon at 1-2 PM (ET)
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Basics of Religious Education (Book-Section 1, Part 7)
TBA
Friday Sermon (Replay)
MTA News
Opening Address by Ameer Sahib Canada at Jalsa Salana Canada 1995
July 15, Saturday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Children's Corner
Question & Answer Session with Hadhrat Khalifat-ul-Masih IV on May 20, 1995 (Part 2)
MTA News
Meet Our Friends: Mr. Greg Sorbara, Ex-Minister of Labor, Province of Ontario, Canada
July 16, Sunday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Food For Thought (Replay - Part 9)
TBA
Friday Sermon (Replay-July 14)
MTA News
Closing Address by Ameer Sahib Canada at Jalsa Salana Canada 1995
July 17, Monday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #21-1
Story of Hazrat Amma Jan, Wife of Hadhrat Promised Messiah (AS)
Homoeopathy Class #31
MTA News
TechTalk (Part 12)
July 18, Tuesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Meet Our Friends: Mr. Greg Sorbara, Ex-Minister of Labor, Ontario (Replay)
Life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad

(Peace be upon him) by Syed Mir Mahmood Ahmad Nasir, Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya, Rabwah
Homoeopathy Class #32
MTA News
Medical Matters - Mother & Child Pt.3
July 19, Wednesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Liqaa Ma'al Arab - Huzoor's Audience with Arabs
Holy Qur'an Class
MTA News
TBA
July 20, Thursday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #21-2
TechTalk (Replay - Part 12)
Holy Qur'an Class
MTA News
Food For Thought (Part 10)
July 21, Friday
<i>Friday Sermon at 1-2 PM (ET)</i>
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Basics of Religious Education (Book-Section 1, Part 8)
Early Pioneers of Lajna - Mohtarma Saira Khatoon
Friday Sermon (Replay)
MTA News
TBA
July 22, Saturday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Children's Corner
Question & Answer Session with Hadhrat Khalifat-ul-Masih IV on May 20, 1995 (Part 3)
MTA News
Meet Our Friends: Her Worship Hazel McCallion, Mayor of City of Mississauga

Ontario, Canada
July 23, Sunday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Food For Thought (Replay - Part 10)
MTA Specialty: Hon. Judge Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes, Member of International Criminal Tribunal for War Crimes in former Yugoslavia
Friday Sermon (Replay-July 21)
MTA News
TBA
July 24, Monday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #22-1
Early Pioneers of Lajna - Life History of Mohtarma Ustani Memoona
Homoeopathy Class #33
MTA News
TechTalk (Part 13)
July 25, Tuesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Meet Our Friends: Her Worship Hazel McCallion (Replay)
Life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him)
Homoeopathy Class #34
MTA News
Medical Matters - Mother & Child Pt.4
July 26, Wednesday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Liqaa Ma'al Arab - Huzoor's Audience with Arabs
Holy Qur'an Class
MTA News
MTA Specialty: Hon. Judge Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes, Member of International Criminal Tribunal for War Crimes in former Yugoslavia (Replay)

July 27, Thursday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #22-2
TechTalk (Replay - Part 13)
Holy Qur'an Class
MTA News
Food For Thought (Part 11)
July 28, Friday
<i>Friday Sermon at 1-2 PM (ET)</i>
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Basics of Religious Education (Book-Section 1, Part 9)
Friday Sermon (Replay)
MTA News
Jalsa Salana UK 1995
TBA
July 29, Saturday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Jalsa Salana UK 1995
MTA News
Meet Our Friends: Honorable Judge Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes, C.C., Ex-Chief Justice of Province of Quebec
July 30, Sunday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Food For Thought (Replay - Part 11)
Friday Sermon (Replay-July 28)
MTA News
Jalsa Salana UK 1995
TBA
July 31, Monday
Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
Learning Languages with Huzoor #23-1
TBA
Homoeopathy Class #35
MTA News
TechTalk (Part 14)

* Recitation of the Holy Qur'an begins precisely at 8:00 PM (ET). The Classes and Replays of Friday Sermon will be at 9:00 PM (ET). MTA International News will be at 10:00 PM (ET). (These times are approximate.) TBA-To Be Announced. Programs may change without notice.

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