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THE YEAR 1999 IS FULL OF BLESSINGS

Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullhi wa Barakatuhu and Greetings
of the New Year to the Jama'at all over the World.

**THE YEAR IS FULL OF BLESSINGS IN EVERY WAY AND
THESE BLESSINGS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE.**

**No power on earth can stop the blessings from receiving
grand tidings when Allah decides to grant them.**

(Summary of the Friday sermon delivered on January 1, 1999)

Hadhrat Khalifatul Mashi IV (ABA) delivered the Friday sermon in Masjid Fazl London. After reciting Tasha'hhud T'awwuz and Surah Fatiha, Huzoor recited the following verses of the Holy Qur'an:

"Surely, only those who follow the Book of Allah and observe Prayer and spend out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, hope for a bargain which will never fail; In order that He may give them their full rewards, and even increase them out of His bounty. He is surely Most Forgiving, Most Appreciating." (35:30-31)

Huzoor said that he has received reports from 75 countries on *Waqfe Jadid*. The actual collection this year is 1.33 million Pounds. On the surface this

seems to be a reduction of 49,000 Pounds from last year. But Allah has bestowed so much from other sources that when I added them to the *Wafe Jadid*, it resulted in an increase rather than a decrease.

The shortfall which occurred was due to a reduction in the subscriptions of *Waqfe Jadid* in USA. This reduction took place because they followed my directives. It is a distinction of the USA Jama'at that they follow as they are directed. But in spite of the reduction there are two ways in which the USA has not fallen short. (1) In spite of the reduction USA is still number one in *Waqfe Jadid*. Pakistan is number two.

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FROM THE HOLY QUR'AN

"O ye who believe! Enter not houses other than your own until you have asked leave and saluted the inmates thereof. That is better for you, that you may be heedful.

"And if you find no one therein, do not enter them until you are given permission. And if it be said to you, 'Go back,' then go back; that is purer for you. And Allah knows well what you do.

"It is no sin on your part to enter uninhabited houses wherein are your goods. And Allah knows what you reveal and what you conceal." (24:28-30)

يَا أَيُّهَا

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ بُيُوتِكُمْ حَتَّى تَسْتَأْذِنُوا
وَتَسَلِّمُوا عَلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ * وَإِنْ
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قِيلَ لَكُمْ ارْجِعُوا فَارْجِعُوا هُوَ أَزْكَىٰ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ
عَلِيمٌ * لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ مَسْكُونَةٍ
فِيهَا مَتَاعٌ لَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا تَكْتُمُونَ *

SO SAID THE HOLY PROPHET

(peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

Narrated Shaddad bin Aus: The Prophet said, "The most superior way of asking for forgiveness from Allah is: *"O Allah, You are my Lord! None has the right to be worshipped but You. You created me and I am Your slave, and I am faithful to my covenant and my promise (to You) as much as I can. I seek refuge with You from all the evil I have done. I acknowledge before You all the blessings You have bestowed upon me, and I confess to You all my sins. So I entreat You to forgive my sins, for nobody can forgive sins except You."* The Prophet added. "If somebody recites it during the day with firm faith in it, and dies on the same day before the evening, he will be from the people of Paradise; and if somebody recites it at night with firm faith in it, and dies before the morning, he will be from the people of Paradise."

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THE DIVINE REVELATION CONCERNING THE MUSLEH MAU'OOD

(Given below is an English translation by Sir Zafrulla Khan of the prophecy regarding the Musleh Mau'ood. Taken from the book *Tadhkirah* (English version), consisting of the prophecies, revelations, and dreams of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him).

In the announcement of February 20, 1886, the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says:

"God the Merciful, the Noble, the High, the 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 supplications. I have heard thy entreaties and have honored thy prayers with My acceptance through My mercy and have blessed this thy journey. A sign of power, mercy, 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 and so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of God's word may become manifest unto the people and so that the truth may arrive with all its blessings and falsehood may depart with all its ills, and so that people may understand that I am the Lord of Power, I do whatever 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 and 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 a bright 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 shall be accompanied by grace (Fazl) which shall arrive with him. He will be characterized with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorder 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 will be 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 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 manifestation of Divine Majesty. Behold! a light cometh, a light anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour our spirit into 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 peoples will be blessed through him. He will then be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. This is a matter decreed."

GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

In the words of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (May Allah strengthen him)

It is common custom that greetings are offered for the new year and gifts are also offered according to one's capacity. So on this occasion, I give a spiritual color to this custom by offering the loving salutation to all friends: *Assalamo alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu*. Peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

I offer this salutation with the prayer that Almighty may make this year better than the previous year, not only for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, but for all humanity. May He avert from us the trials and tribulations that we have experienced in the previous year. The troubles which were born last year, may not be given the ability to gain any strength and be discarded before they yield any fruit and the good deeds which were born last year may gain abundant fruit and they may be a source of good results.

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If we take the reduction in USA, the overall shortfall in Waqfe Jadid should have been 115,000 Pounds; but the actual shortfall is only 49,000 Pounds, because the other Jama'ats have shown increases over previous years. But the most surprising case is that of Pakistan. Everybody knows the state of the currency in Pakistan, still Pakistan was able to increase its payments by nineteen thousand Pounds.

The number of contributors is also a good news. Last year there were 222,200; this year it stands at 273,300.

The UK has increased its contribution from 50,000 Pounds to 100,000 Pounds; although it does not change its standing in the tables, it is a considerable increase. Moreover, the UK has offered 72,000 Pounds for use for Jama'at needs. It will be used in the African countries, where some of the Waqfe Jadid funds are spent.

The USA had reached a level of 900,000 dollars, but 85% of it was paid by 15 members who are affluent. I have directed them to increase the payment by common members. Now 90% of the members are contributing the percentage which was being paid by the 15 members. This is a very good news. Pakistan is Number 2, Germany number 3, UK number 4. Huzoor made a special mention of Burma, which has made an outstanding sacrifice.

Huzoor narrated some excerpts from the writings of the Promise Messiah (peace be upon

him) and advised the Jama'at to eschew extravagance and spend in the way of Allah. All members in affluent countries should take up the flag of fighting extravagance. The money that is wasted in the USA alone can feed all the poor countries.

In the end Huzoor emphasized the importance of the current year. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) received the revelation (in Urdu); I shall carry thy message to the far ends of the world. It was first revealed in 1897, but was repeated several times. In August 1998 (the revelation was also received in August 1898) we were to reserve a new channel for transmitting MTA to Australia and New Zealand where we were unable to reach so far.

In 1999 the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) received a revelation (in Urdu): "Those who are given glad tidings do not suffer a decline; the time for the fulfilment of the prophecies of the Governor General has arrived." Huzoor said that I can clearly see how these prophecies are about to be fulfilled. Huzoor will *Insha Allah* give more details during the Jalsa Salana UK. His attention was drawn to this revelation because of a dream of Masood Ahmad sahib of Delhi. His name is also Masood which means fortunate.

A time of blessings is about to start for Ahmadiyyat. When Allah decides to grant these blessings to the Jama'at, no power on earth can stop them.

HAZRAT MUSLEH MAU'OOD'S OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE PROPHECY

(by Hazrat Ch. M. Zafrulla Khan).

(Taken from *Ahmadiyyat, the Renaissance of Islam*, pp. 288-300)

The attitude of Khalifatul Masih II concerning the series of prophecies of the Promised Messiah that were published in the announcement of 20 February 1886, was that he refrained from making any positive claim that those prophecies had been fulfilled in his person, although he felt that probably that was the case. In June 1937 he wrote in a letter:

I consider that the Promised Reformer must be one of the sons of the Promised Messiah and not someone who will appear in a later age. So far as I have reflected on these prophecies, 90 per cent of them are in accord with the achievements of the period of my Khilafat. As I do not consider that it is necessary for the person who is the subject of these prophecies to claim that the prophecies have been fulfilled in his person or refer to him, I do not deem it necessary to make such a claim. I do consider, however, that God Almighty has fulfilled the purpose of these prophecies to a large degree through me. Yet I would not be surprised if God Almighty should enable one of my brothers to achieve similar or even greater purposes than I have done.

Three years later he stated in the course of a Friday sermon:

People have tried that I should claim that I am the Promised Reformer, but I have never considered this necessary. It is said that my followers affirm that I am the Promised Reformer and yet I have not made any such claim. I do not see the necessity of making any claim. If I am in truth and in fact the Promised Reformer, my position is not affected by my failure to make such a claim. I believe that it is not necessary to make a claim in respect of a prophecy that relates to

a person who has not been commissioned by God. How many of the Reformers whose names are entered in a list published after the approval of the Promised Messiah, made such a claim? I have heard the Promised Messiah say that he thought Emperor Aurangzeb was the Reformer of his age. Did he put forward any claim? Umar bin Abdul Aziz is revered as a Reformer. Did he make any claim? Thus it is not necessary for a non-commissioned one to make a claim. A claim is necessary only in the case of prophecies relating to a commissioned one. In the case of a non-commissioned one his achievements should be looked at, and if they show clearly that a prophecy was related to him, it is not necessary for him to make a claim. In such a case even if he disclaims being the subject of the prophecy, we would say that the prophecy has been fulfilled in his person. . . Thus I do not consider it necessary to make any claim that I am the Promised Reformer.

He did on one occasion state: 'I have no doubt that the prophecy relating to the Promised Reformer mentioned in the green announcement is related to me'; yet he did not put forward a positive claim that he was the Promised Reformer till in the beginning of 1944 it was revealed to him in a dream that he was the Promised Reformer. In view of the grandeur of the dream he decided to make a public announcement that he was the Promised Reformer.

On 28 January 1944 he related his dream in detail in the Friday sermon and announced that he was the Promised Reformer. He prefaced his description of the dream with the observation:

'I wish to state something today which I

find it difficult to set forth having regard to my temperament, but as some prophecies and Divine decrees are involved in making this exposition I cannot refrain from making it despite my reluctance.' In his dream it was clearly conveyed to him that he was a reflection of the Promised Messiah and his Khalifa.

At the end of his exposition of the dream he stated:

I wish to mention that when I woke up after the dream I kept thinking over it and my thoughts were formulated in Arabic. The end of my thinking was that God had clearly determined that truth had arrived and falsehood had vanished, falsehood was bound to vanish (17:82). Today, when I was reading the announcement of the Promised Messiah of 20 February 1886, I found the same words set out in it. Thus, God Almighty has revealed the reality to me and I can affirm without the least hesitation that the prophecy of God Almighty has been fulfilled, and that He has laid a foundation through the Tahrik Jadeed in consequence of which the prophecy of Jesus that the virgins will accompany the bridegroom into the citadel will one day be fulfilled in a grand manner. The reflection of the Messiah will lead the virgins to the presence of God Almighty and the nations who will have been blessed through him will proclaim joyously: 'Hosanna, hosanna.' They will then believe in Muhammad, peace be on him, and will have true faith in the first Messiah. At present they proclaim him the Son of God, which amounts to reviling him. But it is decreed that the seed sown by me will one day grow into such a splendid tree that the Christian peoples will gather under it in order to seek blessings from the reflection of the Messiah and will thus enter into the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of God will arrive on earth as it is in heaven.

In the course of his opening speech in the

session of the Advisory Council of 1944, he stated:

Every member of the Movement should realize that the revelation received by the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, concerning me that I would grow up rapidly did not mean that I would stand alone before the enemy hosts, but that, having regard to the importance of the work to be done, it would be my duty to advance rapidly against the enemy, and when I do so, God Almighty will enable those who believe in me also to advance rapidly. In the same way when God manifested to me that the earth was being compressed under my feet and that I was running rapidly ahead, it meant that when I go forward rapidly God Almighty will enable my sincere companions to traverse the earth quickly and to arrive speedily at the ends of the earth. So, you must create an extraordinary change in yourselves and should prepare yourselves quickly to make great sacrifices. Do not wait too long, for the prophecies indicate that the time has come when you will not have to wait for long. Great changes are about to manifest themselves in the world which are very important in God's estimation. God alone knows what will now happen but it is clear that the foundations of certain great changes will be laid soon and the heart of him who does not keep company with me in these great events and does not advance rapidly will be rusted and he will run the risk of losing his faith.

Thereafter, he put scheme after scheme before the Community and the Community made an eager response to every one of them.

The Khalifatul Masih personally announced the purport of his dream in meetings called for the purpose in Hoshiarpur, Lahore, Ludhiana and Delhi. He addressed a message on 14 February 1944, stressing the purpose of the meeting to be held at Hoshiarpur on 20 February 1944. In this letter he stated:

Brethren, peace be on you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings. You have read the announcement about the meeting to be held in Hoshiarpur. The only purpose of the meeting is that at the place where the Promised Messiah, in the face of very adverse circumstances, had announced a sign of divine mercy, whereby his name would be carried to the ends of the earth, an announcement should be made that the prophecy has been fulfilled in grand style. This is an occasion for the display of the fear of God and of righteousness and not for worldly celebration. I, therefore, announce that only such people should attend this meeting as are given to supplications, *istighfar*, and praise of God, and who remember God constantly. They should be determined that during this sojourn at Hoshiarpur they would not speak without purpose, nor indulge in vain talk, or laughter, or ridicule, but would maintain a serious mood and would throughout be occupied in prayers and *istighfar*.

It should be kept in mind that boys and raw youths and those who are unable to exercise full control over their tempers and those who soon begin to be restless when they have to sit in silence, should not go to the meeting. Only those should go to the meeting who are determined to observe silence throughout and to devote their time to the remembrance of God or to the discharge of such duties as are assigned to them. I admonish those who intend to participate in the meeting that if they act in accordance with my advice, their participation will be acceptable to God. Otherwise, all their effort will be vain, and they will risk incurring God's wrath.

This admonition was taken so much to heart by those proceeding to Hoshiarpur for the purpose of participating in the meeting that Maulvi Sanaullah Sahib of Amritsar, a bitter opponent of the Movement, was moved to comment in his paper, the *Ahle Hadees*, of 10

March 1944: 'It appeared as if a host of the Companions of the Holy Prophet was proceeding to the conquest of Mecca.'

In the meeting at Hoshiarpur the Khalifatul Masih opened his address with the recitation of the Fatiha, repeating some of the verses in a voice steeped in emotion and followed it up with several supplications from the Holy Quran. The audience was deeply affected and repeated the supplications after him with streaming eyes and convulsed hearts. Thereafter, he described the background of the prophecy of 20 February 1886 and explained how every part of it had been fulfilled in a wonderful manner despite adverse conditions. He then set out his dream in great detail. He concluded with the declaration:

I call to witness the One and Supreme God Who has full control over my life that the dream that I have just described was seen by me exactly as I have put it, except possibly for some slight verbal involuntary inaccuracy. I call God Almighty to witness that in a state of vision I announced: 'I am the Promised Messiah, his reflection and his Khalifa.' In the same state, under divine command, I said: 'I am the one for whose appearance the virgins had been waiting for nineteen centuries.' I therefore announce, under divine command, on oath, that God has appointed me the Promised Son of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, according to his prophecy, who has to convey the name of the Promised Messiah to the ends of the earth.

I do not say that I am the only Promised One and that no other promised one will appear till the Day of Judgment. It appears from the prophecies of the Promised Messiah that some other promised ones will also come and some of them will appear after centuries. Indeed, God has told me that at one time He will send me a second time to the world and I will come for the reform of the world at a time when association with

God will have become widespread. This means that my soul will, at some time, descend upon someone who will possess faculties and capacities like mine and he will, following in my footsteps, bring about a reform of the world. Thus, promised ones will appear in their due times according to the promise of God Almighty.

What I wish to say today is that the prophecy of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, which was revealed to him at Hoshiarpur in the building in front of us, in which he announced in this city and concerning which he said that the Promised Son would be born within nine years, has been fulfilled in my person, and no one else can claim that he is the subject of the prophecy.

In the end he said:

I draw the attention of those who have not yet joined the Movement to the fact that we are carrying the message of Islam to the ends of the earth, in the West and in the East. We earnestly wish that you should reflect on the significance of the Movement and should take advantage of the signs of God Almighty that have already been manifested. . . . It is our duty to put forth every effort for the propagation of this message and we shall continue to discharge this duty. You should not be misled into thinking that you can stop the divine decree from being fulfilled. It is bound to be fulfilled one day and this Movement will spread all over the earth. There is no one who can obstruct the spread of this Movement. I call upon heaven to bear witness and call upon the earth to bear witness and call upon every brick of Hoshiarpur to bear witness that this Movement is bound to spread. If the hearts of the people are hard, angels will massage them with their hands till they are softened and no course is left open to them except to join the Ahmadiyya Movement.

In the meeting in Lahore on 12 March 1944, which was attended not only by a large number of the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement but also by thousands of non-Ahmadi Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Christians, the Khalifatul Masih observed, in the course of his speech:

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.

He announced:

In this meeting today I call to witness God, the One and Supreme, taking 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 Shaikh 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.

Continuing his speech, he observed:

God has bestowed upon me the swords that cut down disbelief in an instant. God has bestowed upon me hearts that are ready to offer every 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 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.

He concluded with the words:

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 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 imposter. 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.

The meeting at Ludhiana was held on 23 March 1944. On this occasion there was very turbulent opposition to the holding of the meeting. Processions were taken out and all sorts of derisive speeches were made and slogans were shouted against the Khalifatul Masih and the Movement. In the course of his speech he stated:

We are not angry with those who have mocked at that which God Almighty has said. We supplicate God for them and pray: 'Whatever these people have done, they have done out of ignorance and lack of knowledge, forgetting the teachings of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him. Forgive them, Lord, and guide them, and open their hearts to the acceptance of the truth so that as they have ridiculed the faith today, I may be privileged to see them pressing forward to make sacrifices for the faith.' . . . People of Ludhiana, you have opposed me and I pray for you. You have desired my death, and I desire life for you. I have before me the example of my master, Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him. When he went to Taif to convey the divine message to the people of Taif, he was pelted with stones and was expelled from the town while his body was bleeding at several places. In this situation an angel approached him under divine direction and said: 'I could overturn this town if you would so desire.' But my master, Muhammad, the Chosen one, peace be on him, may my father and mother, and my soul, and every particle of my body be his sacrifice, said: 'No, not so. These people are foolish and ignorant and that is why they persecute me. If they were to be destroyed, then who would be left to believe?'

So people of Ludhiana, who have desired my death, I have brought the message of eternal life to you; the message of a life after which there is no death. I have

brought you the message of the pleasure of God Almighty, after winning which man experiences no suffering. I am sure that today's opposition will open the hearts tomorrow and the world will see that this city, God willing, will be illumined with divine light and will become my supporter and helper in the fulfillment of my task. I supplicate God Almighty in these terms and hope that through His grace it will so come about.

In the course of his concluding speech he observed:

Even if our opponents do not believe they should at least admit that whatever we say we say out of sympathy for them and as proof of our goodwill. We shall continue to say it, however great might be the suffering that they might impose upon us. They might cut us down, throw us to the lions, stone us to death, drop us down from mountains, throw us into the ocean but as we have stood up in the name of God, we cannot desist from discharging our responsibilities. So long as we have breath left in our bodies we shall continue to raise our voices. We believe that this teaching is bound to spread, and even if the strongest nations stand up against us they will be frustrated. They can, no doubt, destroy our bodies but our souls will continue to rise and this message will not be obstructed. Then it is best for you to lend your ears to our voice so that your end may be good. Listen carefully to the voice that is being raised on behalf of God Almighty and try to understand it.

Lord, I beseech Thee to open the hearts of the people and to provide the means of carrying this voice to the whole of the world. As we are Thy creatures, so are those who have not yet recognized Thy beloved Muhammad, the chosen one, peace be on him. Do Thou guide them and gather everyone under his standard. Do Thou wipe out from the world the spirit of disorder,

faithlessness, injustice, disobedience, viciousness, devouring each other's property, and mutual discord, and create the spirit of peace and friendship.

The meeting at Delhi was held on 16 April 1944. In Delhi, the opposition to the holding of the meeting was much severer than it had been in Ludhiana, but the meeting was held successfully and the Khalifatul Masih repeated his announcement that he was the Reformer whose advent had been promised in the announcement of the Promised Messiah of 20 February 1886, and concluded with the declaration:

If I am true in making this announcement, and the God of heaven and earth is indeed witness to my truth, then remember that one day, through me and my disciples, the whole world will repeat the credo of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, and a day will come when the rule of Islam will be established over the whole world in the same way, and even more gloriously, as it was established in early centuries of Islam.

In concluding his second speech in the last session of the Conference (Jalsa Salana) on 29 December, he observed:

God Almighty through His revelation has intimated to me that by His grace and mercy, the prophecy whose fulfillment had been awaited for a long time has been fulfilled in my person. Now it has been made clear to the enemies of Islam that Islam is God's true religion, that Muhammad, peace be on him, is the true Messenger of God Almighty and that the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, is a true envoy of God. False are the people who call Islam false, liars are those who give the lie to Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him. Through the fulfillment of this grand prophecy God has furnished a living proof of the truth of Islam and of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him.

Who had the power fifty-eight years ago, in the year 1886, to announce on his own that within nine years he would be blessed with a son who would grow up rapidly and would be known unto the ends of the earth; that he would spread Islam and the name of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, throughout the world, that he would be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge; that he would be a means of the manifestation of Divine Glory and that he would be a living sign of the power, nearness and mercy of God Almighty? No man could have made such an announcement on his own. It was God Who gave this intimation and it was He Who fulfilled it through a person concerning whom the physicians did not expect that he would grow up and live long.

I enjoyed very indifferent health during my childhood and on one occasion Dr. Mirza Yaqub Beg Sahib advised the Promised Messiah that I was suffering from tuberculosis and should be sent to some hill station, out of the heat of the plains. Accordingly I was sent to Simla, but felt lonely there and soon returned to Qadian. In short a person who never enjoyed good health for a day was kept alive by God so that His prophecy might be fulfilled through him, and the people might be confronted with proof of the truth of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Then I was a person who possessed no secular knowledge, yet God, of His grace, appointed angels for my instruction and by this means made me aware of such meanings of the Quran as were beyond the imagination of a human being. The knowledge that God has bestowed upon me and the spiritual fountain that has burst in my bosom are not mere guess or imagination. Indeed they are so certain and conclusive that I challenge the whole world that I am prepared to compete at any time with anyone who might claim that he has been taught the Holy Quran by

God Almighty. But I know that there is no one today in the world beside myself who has been bestowed knowledge of the Holy Quran by God. He has bestowed this knowledge on me and has appointed me the teacher of the world for teaching it the Quran in this age. He has raised me for the purpose that I should carry the name of Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him, and the name of the Holy Quran, to the ends of the earth and may vanquish for ever all false religions that are set up against Islam.

Let the world exert itself and gather all its strength and its hosts. Let all Christian sovereigns and their governments combine, and let Europe and America join together, and let all wealthy and powerful nations combine and unite together to frustrate me in the achievement of this purpose, even then I state, in the name of God, that they would fail completely against me. In response to my prayers and plans God will frustrate all their projects and plans and machinations, and, through me and my disciples and followers, God will uphold the honor of Islam for the purpose of establishing the truth of this prophecy on account of the name of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him. He will not leave the world alone till Islam is established once more in the world in its full glory and till Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him, is accepted as the living Prophet of the world.

My friends, I do not seek any honor for myself, nor do I hope for longer life, unless God Almighty should disclose anything to me in that context. I am, however, hopeful of the grace of Almighty God and believe with certainty that in upholding the honor of Islam and the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, and in re-establishing Islam once more upon its feet, and in crushing Christianity, a great part will, God willing, be played by my past and future work, and that one of

the heels that will crush the head of Satan and will put an end to Christianity, will be my heel.

I set forth this verity most clearly before the world. This is the voice of the God of heaven and earth. This is the will of that God. This verity will not be set aside, will not be set aside, will not be set aside. Islam shall prevail in the world and Christianity shall be vanquished. There is no support that can safeguard Christianity against my attacks. God will defeat it at my hands and will either so crush it in my lifetime that it will no longer be able to raise its head, or a tree will rise from the seed sown by me in contrast with which Christianity shall wither like a dry weed, and the standard of Islam and Ahmadiyyat will be seen flying on the heights.

While I convey to you the good news that God Almighty has fulfilled the prophecy of the Promised Messiah 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 upon 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 standard of Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace be on him, in the heart of disbelief and wipe out falsehood for ever from the face of the world. God willing, that will surely come about. Heaven and earth can pass away but the word of God must be fulfilled.

ADDRESSES REQUIRED

Addresses of the following Moosies are needed urgently.

1. Rashida Begum Sahiba, wife of Aminur Rahman Sheikh Sahib.
2. (The late) Amtus Saeed Begum Sahiba, wife of Abul Fazal Mahmood Sahib. She has passed away and the address of her heirs is needed.

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LIFE SKETCH OF HAZRAT MUSLEH MAU'OOD, THE PROMISED REFORMER

(by Kenneth Moakan)

We are indeed very happy and we render thanks to Allah for having given us this opportunity of observing Musleh Mau'ood Day. This day is a very auspicious one in the history of Ahmadiyyat, for it marks the anniversary of the announcement of the revelation of the prophecy by the Promised Messiah, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community in Islam, about the birth of a son to him who would be the Musleh Mau'ood or the Promised Reformer.

It gives me great pleasure to be afforded this opportunity to be able to say a few words about the life of this great personality whose advent was not only prophesied by the Promised Messiah but also by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, on whom be peace, and the saints of Islam who lived before the advent of the Promised Messiah and in the scriptures and traditions of the past.

Whatever I would be saying would have been appreciated already by most of you, who might have been fortunate to have lived in his era and in his company, sitting at his feet and drinking yet absorbing all the knowledge which fell from his lips. Whatever I shall be saying may serve only as a reminder in order that we may take stock of our lives and see how we fare.

A great English poet once wrote:

*The lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time* (Longfellow)

Born on January 12, 1889, Hazrat Musleh Maud started his education in early 1895 with the simple reading of the Holy Quran. He attained fluency in reciting the Holy Quran within the short period of two years and an Ameen function was held to mark the happy

occasion on June 7, 1897. For this memorable achievement, the Promised Messiah composed a poem in the form of a moving prayer in acknowledgment of the grace and favor of Allah.

He was then enrolled in the District Lower Primary School and then later joined the Talimul Islam School. Due to his constant ill-health and weak eyesight he did not achieve any degree of success in his secular studies. The Promised Messiah was very much concerned about his son's illness to the degree, that in the last days of his life, he called one of his attending physicians and told him to take greater care of Mahmood's health and should be more attentive to his treatment.

His teachers were not altogether satisfied with the educational progress he was making in his studies, so they complained to the Promised Messiah who had him undergo a hand-writing test and found that his handwriting corresponded almost to his own. In his Matriculation examination he could only secure passes in Arabic and Urdu.

Subsequently, Hazrat Maulana Nuruddin took over the duties of his religious education.

At the early age of fourteen, he composed his first poem in which he addressed Allah in the following words:

*I seek Thy pleasure all the time. If I am
favored with it, I shall feel that I got all that
there is to get.*

This was the state of the heart that was to revolutionize the world and we find that it was his guiding theme throughout his life which led from success to success.

In 1903, he married Syyeda Mahmooda Begum who later became known as Hazrat

Syyeda Umme Nasir. In May 1914 he married Hazrat Syyeda Amatul Hai, the daughter of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I. Then in 1925 he married Hazrat Syyeda Sara Begum. He subsequently married Hazrat Syyeda Umme Tahir. The first mentioned wife bore him Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad who was Khalifatul Masih III, while the last mentioned wife bore him our present beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. Among his other renowned sons are Mirza Mubarak Ahmad and the late Dr. Mirza Munawwar Ahmad.

In March 1906 he started the publication of a magazine known as *Tash-hizul Azhan* of which he was the editor. His first editorial covered fourteen pages. In the Jalsa Salana (Annual Gathering) of the same year, he delivered his first important lecture which was highly appreciated by the audience and which was later published as a book.

At the age of nineteen he started giving lessons on the Holy Quran after Maghrib (evening prayer). In 1913, with the permission of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I, he started *Al-Fazl* newspaper from Qadian on a bi-weekly basis but it has since been converted into a daily newspaper. This newspaper has always maintained a very high standard in all respects. In the meantime, he also organized an association called *The Anjuman Ansarullah with the objective of raising the Community to greater activity in pursuing its objectives.*

Also when he was nineteen his illustrious father, the Promised Messiah, died and standing by him, he made the following historic statement:

Even if everybody deserted you and I were left alone to battle against the whole world, yet will I stand against the whole world and shall not heed any opposition or hostility.

During the years from 1909 to 1911, he took lessons in English from Hazrat Maulvi Sher Ali and on the very first page in his notebook he wrote a very remarkable prayer which runs as

follows:

O Lord God help me in learning this language and bless every word that I learn from my teacher and have mercy on me and my teacher and help us in breaking the power of the cross and in slaying the swine, for man has no power without Thy aid.

During the latter part of the Khilafat of the first Khalifa who succeeded the Promised Messiah, there arose some controversy headed by Maulvi Muhammad Ali and Khawaja Kamaluddin who were trying to undermine the authority of the Khalifa. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood took no part in the controversy, since his attitude was one of complete and total obedience to the Khalifa, upholding at all times the supreme authority of the Khalifa.

In March 1914, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I became seriously ill, so he appointed Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood to lead the prayers. It may here be noted that Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood was only 25 years old at that time and to be appointed Imam for prayers by the Khalifa of the time shows what qualities must have been observed in him.

In this context it may be pointed out that an old and very respected companion of the Promised Messiah whose name was Pir Manzur Muhammad, after studying the works of the Promised Messiah on the subject of Musleh Mau'ood concluded that Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad combined in himself all the qualities which mark him out very clearly as the Musleh Maud of the prophecy, he wrote a paper on it deducing fourteen points and applied the prophecy to Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad. He presented the paper to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I and having written a gist of the discussion between himself and Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I, he presented it to him, requesting his signature for confirmation. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I wrote the following on the paper and signed it:

We have known this for a long time.

Haven't you noticed that in our personal attitude towards him there is a deep inner shade of deference? I confirm that I said this in the course of a talk with Brother Pir Manzur Muhammad.

On Friday March 13, 1914, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I passed away and the following day Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad was acclaimed as Khalifatul Masih II at that young age of 25.

According to the prophecy announced by the Promised Messiah about the Musleh Mau'ood, two of the qualities mentioned are that he would be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. During more than half a century of his Khilafat, Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood demonstrated these qualities in an exceptional manner.

In 1924 he traveled to England to present a paper at *The Conference of Living Religions of the Empire*. The natural outcome of the Paper is his book Ahmadiyyat or *The True Islam*. On October 19, 1924, he laid the foundation stone of the London Mosque.

During the early thirties, he played an important role in the Kashmir situation and was unanimously acclaimed as the first President on the All India Kashmir Committee, a duty which he performed meritoriously. The results of the All India Kashmir Committee were nothing but miraculous.

He initiated *Jalsa Seeratun Nabi* and some years later he launched *All Prophet's Day*. With the combined efforts of the Ahrar and the Mullahs to undo the Community, Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood initiated the scheme of *Tahrik-i-Jadid* which roused the members of the Jama'at to respond admirably with great sacrifices.

For greater ease and facility he created organizations within the framework of the Community. Through these organizations he was successful in promoting literacy among the members of the Community.

In 1944 he announced publicly that it was revealed to him that he was the *Musleh Mau'ood* (Promised Reformer) mentioned in the prophecy of the Promised Messiah who was the recipient of Divine revelation from his very youth.

It was on Monday, November 8, 1965 that he breathed his last.

He wrote more than two hundred books and pamphlets and his most famous work was the *Tafseer-i-Kabeer* which is a veritable storehouse of knowledge. All his writings and speeches display a very high scholarship in both the religious and secular fields and they stand second to none.

In every aspect of his life and action was fulfilled in every detail the prophecy about him being the Musleh Mau'ood.

Such was Ameerul Mominin Khalifatul Masih II, Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood. May Allah shower His choicest blessings on him and cause his memory to be an everlasting inspiration for us. Ameen.

And our last prayer is *All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds. Ameen.*

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna

Ilaihi Raje'oon

We are sad to report that Mr. Farooq Chughtai of Detroit Jamaat, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 46 on December 5, 1998.

Inna lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raje'oon

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. We request our readers to pray that Allah gives him a place in Jannatul Firdaus and give his immediate family members fortitude and solace to bear this tragic loss. Ameen!

FULFILL THE COVENANT OF KEEPING FAITH ABOVE THE WORLDLY AFFAIRS

A Friday Sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul Mashi II (Allah be pleased with him)
dated October 24, 1913.

After reciting *Surah Al-Ikhlās*, Huzoor said:

Almighty Allah has granted great capacities upon man. He has granted such powers that man rules over other creations even though others are more stronger in physical strength. He has such abilities that even if he does not have wings, he can still fly. He has even gained control over the bacteria that he cannot see and has the capacity to destroy them. The Sun, the Moon and the stars are located at millions of miles, yet man benefits from them. He uses the sun light and the electricity and the ether. In short he benefits from everything in the world. In spite of being so powerful, man is so weak that he cannot be sure for even a minute that he will stay alive for a minute.

Such strength on one hand, and such weakness on the other, shows that there is a Being Who rules over all. The King in Whose kingdom the sun never sets.

Although man has been given great powers, he has not been permitted to exceed the limits. He makes very tall claims; but he suffers such trouble that he has to admit that he has a King. Once the people of an area asked the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) to pray for a mosque. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said: If our Community is true, we will get this mosque. Some times are special times of acceptance. After that the proceedings of the case started. One of the judges, who was a Muslim opposed the Community and wrote a verdict against the Ahmadies. Then he proceeded to get ready to leave for his home. While he was still putting on his shoes, he breathed his last. The judge who was appointed to replace him, granted the mosque to the Community.

Such are the works of Allah. He enforces His

will in a manner that no human can interfere in it. No matter how high is the status of someone, whether he is a viceroy or a Nawab or king, or an emperor according to the worldly definition (the real Emperor is Allah Alone). One day they are all buried under the dust. Such is the condition of the Kings, but there is another group, against whom the kings always are defeated. These are the prophets, but even the prophets are nothing in comparison with Allah.

A man like Hazrat Musa challenged the great powerful king who called himself the great lord. But he was defeated in front of him and was drowned in the sea. When the angel of death came to him, he could not do anything. Some of the prophets, like Krishna and Ram Chander, have been deified. They suffered many calamities, which makes it clear that they are under the jurisdiction of an All-Powerful Being.

In short, the matter is "He is Allah, the Only One" is very clear; yet some people have been so degraded that they have adopted stones, trees, rivers, or snakes, as their gods. Some worshiped wealth as their god, and others worshiped their friends. They did this, even though Allah had proved the frailty of all these things; if he depended upon a friend, Allah caused him to die many times at the time of need.

Many people heed after they have suffered a loss. Blessed is he who heeds without suffering a loss, and believes Allah to be the One, and trusts in Him alone. When Hinda took the pledge of allegiance and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) asked her to pledge that "we will not make associates with Allah" she said: How can we now associate anyone with Allah. We fought so

hard. There we were thousands on one side and a few on the other. But our strength was of no avail to us. Our idols provided no help; so it is quite obvious that Allah is One. Hinda and her nation understood this after suffering a great deal. But how fortunate is the person who understands it from the beginning and put full faith in it.

Allah is to be worshiped and He is One. He has no partner. He has no competitor. He Alone can be called *Samad* (Self-Sufficient and Independent). The word *Samad* is applied to a being without whom nothing can be accomplished. Do not cause that True God to be displeased with yourselves. Imagine! When the government is displeased with someone, all his friends leave him alone. When the government was displeased with Lala Lajput Roy, the Arya Samaj (whom he had supported so much and continues to do so) passed resolutions to the effect that they had nothing to do with him.

Then how unfortunate is the one with whom the Lord of all the lords is displeased. Make Him pleased with yourselves. Worship Him as He should be worshiped. You can safeguard

yourselves from apostasy only if you follow the commandments of Allah in every matter. If He is pleased with you, all will be pleased with you.

If you devote your efforts to pleasing the creatures, what benefit can you gain. Make the Creator pleased with you, and all will be pleased. Keep praying. Associating partners with Allah is a matter that enters through secret paths. The greatest of these was the dependence on worldly resources. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) broke that with the pledge: I will keep my faith above all worldly affairs. Fulfil that covenant. If there are among us some who are not true to their trusts, or who steal, take bribes, or tell lies, then what is the difference between us and the others.

During the time of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) we were learning. Now is the time for us to act. Let us devote ourselves to the obedience of Allah with fervor and let us call people to Him so that we may be delivered from the tribulations which are spreading from every direction.

SAYINGS OF HAZRAT MUSLEH MAU'OOD

(Allah be pleased with him) Founder of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya

To awaken the youth of the nation and to develop alertness in them it is necessary that Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya be established everywhere. Such youth should join it who are willing to reform themselves in practice and who become a living example for others. (Friday Sermon, April 15, 1938)

The day is fast approaching when those who devote themselves to the affairs of the Ahmadiyya Community will be treated with great honor and respect. But the progeny of those who do not take any interest in Jama'at activities at this time will be rejected when that time comes. When the governments of great powers like England and America will send

their representatives for consultation, the children of such people will say: include us also in your deliberations. But they will be replied; Go away! Your fore-fathers had turned their back on this consultation in their time and had paid no attention to Jama'at activities; therefore you cannot be included in these deliberations.

Give up indolence. Cultivate the feeling that even the membership of the American Congress is insignificant in comparison to it. So anyone who has the opportunity to attend, should do so even if he suffers some loss as a consequence. If he does not, he will do no harm to the Community; but he himself will be the loser.

PERSECUTION OF AHMADIES IN PAKISTAN

NEWS-REPORT NOVEMBER 1998

Yet Another Ahmadi Murdered

Malik Ejaz Ahmad, Ahmadi, fell victim to assassin's bullets at Wazirabad in the forenoon on 1 December 1998. He was 50.

It is learnt that after the morning rush at his cement shop, when most of the clients had left, two men came there and inquired if he was Malik Ejaz. He replied in the affirmative. At this, one of the visitors took out his revolver and fired three shots at him. Having fired the shots they fled from the scene of the crime. They were given a chase by an employee who managed to grab the assassin at a distance of about one furlong. The killer was handed over to the police. At the same time Mr. Ahmad was rushed in a wounded state to the hospital where he expired.

The murderer, Imran Jafri son of Javed Jafri, is approximately 25 years of age and member of the Majlis Tahaffuz Khatame Nabuwwat. Maulvi Manzoor Ahmad Chinioti, the Mulla MPA of the Punjab Provincial Assembly is the General Secretary of the Worldwide Majlis Tahaffuz Khatame Nabuwwat. He was the prime mover behind the Resolution in the Punjab Assembly whereby it was decided to change the name of Rabwah town. Majlis Tahaffuz Khatame Nabuwwat has consistently undertaken terrorism to achieve its aim and objects.

It may be mentioned that Malik Ejaz Ahmad hails from the same twin village of Dhoneki-Dhoenki, where Mr. Nazir Ahmad another Ahmadi, was murdered in cold blood last year in October. The assassins were arrested. The trial has still to commence. Had the government punished them and allowed the law take its just and expeditious course, the present murder could have been avoided.

Another Leap Backward

The Punjab Assembly on November 17

unanimously passed a Resolution recommending that the name of Rabwah be changed. *The Daily Nation* of November 18 reported the event as follows:

"On the Private Member's Business Day Tuesday, the House also passed another unanimous resolution passed by some 67 MPAs, proposing renaming of Rabwah city. However, Punjab Revenue Minister Shaukat Daud on point of order said that a committee be formed which would decide a new name for the city."

It may be observed that the Assembly has passed the Resolution in total disregard of the opinion of the residents of Rabwah. The Ahmadiyya Community developed Rabwah from a barren tract into a veritable town over the past 50 years. In fact the town is an Ahmadiyya property through purchase. At present more than 95% of its population comprises Ahmadis, and they cherish its present name. However the fundamentalists lobby, none of whom belongs to Rabwah, has insisted upon a change in the name in order to score still another point in depriving Ahmadis of their Basic Rights. It is indeed highly unbecoming for a democratic institution like the Provincial Assembly to pass a unanimous resolution about a town, that is entirely against the will and wishes of 95% of its inhabitants. It is indeed gross violation of human rights and of the democratic principal.

The *Daily Jang* of Lahore reported on 19 December widespread resentment of the local population, including Non-Ahmadi and Christian inhabitants, against the unjust Resolution. Recently elected Muslim and Christian councilors for the Rabwah Town Council have condemned the Resolution as immoral, undemocratic and anti-people, and declared it unacceptable for being violative of human rights.

This Resolution was passed by the treasury

benches as well as the opposition. No discussion took place; and the foul Resolution was passed within minutes. It belies the repeated claims of the present government that they are mindful of the fundamental rights of minorities. They do not do what they say.

Maulvi Manzoor Ahmad Chinioti, the mulla MPA of the Punjab Assembly, who was the prime mover of this Resolution, betrayed the strong support of the top political brass to his unworthy efforts. In his address to the Madrassa Haqqania Sahiwal (District Sargodha), reported in the *Daily Jang*, Lahore of 30 November 1998, he "paid tribute to Mohammad Rafiq Tarar, the President of Pakistan and Mian Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, for their personal interest in this matter". Earlier he disclosed that Mr. Rafiq Tarar and Raja Zafrul Haq, the Federal Minister of Religious Affairs, are themselves members of the advisory Council of the Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwah, the foremost anti-Ahmadiyya Organization in Pakistan (*The Daily Din*, Lahore, 27 Nov. 1998). From the above statements it is not difficult to see the hidden hands behind this Resolution.

The intelligentsia in Pakistan has condemned the Resolution.

Anti-Terrorist Courts, the Blasphemy Law and Ahmadis

Umarkot, Sind; 3 November 1998: Mullas and the authorities in Pakistan are pastmaster in concocting devious ways to implicate Ahmadis in most serious legal entanglements for imaginary and unsupportable accusations. Fifteen Ahmadis were arrested at Umarkot a few weeks ago. Among other charges, they also accused them of Blasphemy for displaying the *Kalima* (Islamic creed) in their mosque. Having wrongfully charged these Ahmadis under PPC 295-C, for which the punishment is nothing but Death, the authorities passed this case to an Anti-Terrorist court for speedy disposal. How is 'terrorism' involved here, one may ask. The defense took the plea before the judge that ATA

court was not the right forum to hear this case as per directive of the Supreme Court. The judge, however, rejected this plea. An appeal has been moved now in the Sind High Court against the judge's decision. The victims continue to remain and suffer in Hyderabad jail.

Victims of Chak 20, Ghugh-Update

Chak 20 Ghugh, 18 November 1998: Four Ahmadis were arrested at Ghugh for no reason except the religious prejudice of Mullahs against Ahmadis. These were charged for Blasphemy as they were reported to have written the Kalima in their mosque. In fact, the Kalima has been there for many decades. The fundamentalists claim that one of the accused was seen writing it, the other was holding the paint for him, while two more Ahmadis were also present there to provide support. On this basis the clerics would like these four to be hanged. Ahmadis applied for release on bail. The Session Judge, Shorkot, however, rejected their plea. He is apparently more mindful of Mullahs' sentiments than the demands of justice. It is now intended to approach the High Court for some relief to the poor victims who continue to suffer the hardship of a Pakistani prison at Jhang. One of the accused is a septuagenarian.

Bullet in an Envelope

Faisalabad, 3 November 1998: Khawaja Masud Ahmad, Ahmadi, is a resident of Mustafabad, Faisalabad City. A few days ago, some unknown person telephoned him and threatened him with 'dire consequences in case he tried to be clever'. On 3 November when he arrived at the factory at 08:30 hr, he was delivered an envelope by the gatekeeper who stated that two persons had visited him at about 06:15 hr; one of them was well-built while the second was a youth in his early 20s, bearded and short statured. Khawaja Masud opened the envelope; it contained a threatening letter and a Klashenkof bullet. He forwarded these contents to the Superintendent of Police and requested him to provide security and initiate legal action.

Ahmadi cannot teach the Quran

Baldia Town, Karachi: Munir Ahmad, Ahmadi, provided gratis instructions to volunteer children of the neighborhood on recitation of the Quran. Mullas of the Khatme Nabuwat came to know about it and got very angry. How dare an Ahmadi teach the Quran to non-Ahmadi children? Immediately they issued leaflet copies on their letter-head pad warning all Muslims of the neighborhood to desist from sending their children to Munir Qadiani, otherwise be prepared to burn in hell. The leaflet also warned Munir and other Qadianis like him to stop this activity or face charges under PPC 295-A and of treason against the Constitution of Pakistan. The leaflet was issued in the name of Maulanas Nazir Ahmad Taunsvi and Muhammad Anwar Faruqi. For good measure they added the threat in manuscript on the margin: 'Beware: Don't do it again, otherwise.....?'

Rabwah a Victim of Authorities' Indifference

Lahore; November 14, 1998: A news dispatch by the correspondent of the Daily News is reproduced below. It overlooks the religious, political and human rights deprivations of the citizens of Rabwah but mentions only the manifold civic problems caused by the authorities indifference to this town, which has been denied the participation of its 95% inhabitants in its local government.

RABWA A VICTIM OF AUTHORITIES' INDIFFERENCE

The News International, Saturday, November 14, 1998: Faisalabad Division: Chiniot: Rabwah is a sub-tehsil of Chiniot with a population of more than 60,000 persons. It is situated on the right bank of the river Chenab and its residents are facing manifold problems due to the civic authorities' indifference.

Except a few main roads, the city streets and roads are in a dilapidated condition due to the lack of a proper sewerage system.

The sewage water remains stagnant on

roads, causing their dilapidation. Choked drains emit bad smells and are causing spread of epidemics.

The sanitation staff is seen on work after intervals of many weeks. The citizens have to clean their streets themselves.

The stray and mad dogs are also on rampage in the town. The Town Committee launches anti-dog drives every year but to no avail. During the last few weeks dogs bit dozens of citizens.

Although Rabwah is a sub-tehsil yet it lacks facilities. The locals have to go to tehsil headquarters Chiniot and district headquarters Jhang for getting domicile certificates, for judicial cases, etc.

The Chenab bridge, which joins the town with its tehsil, district and divisional headquarters, has been declared dangerous and the district administration has banned the passage of heavy traffic there. However some policemen allegedly allow heavy trucks to pass through after getting bribery. The heavy vehicles often cause traffic blockades for hours.

In short, the town needs the immediate attention of the authorities.

AHMADI MUSLIMS MURDERED RECENTLY

1. Chaudhry Ateeq Ahmad Bajwa Advocate VEhari, Punjab, EX-AMEER of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya Vehari, was shot dead on June 19, 1997. He was traveling in his car when two person riding a motor bike fired at him.
2. Dr. Nazir Ahmad of DHONEKI district Gujranwala was abducted from his house on 26th October 1997 by some opponents. He was shot dead and his dead body was thrown in PALKHU NALA (stream) the same night.
3. Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad Sharma Advocate s/o Mr. Abdul Rashid Sharma Ameer Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Sukkur, was shot dead by an opponent on December

- 12, 1997 while he was traveling on his motor bike to see off his niece at the railway station.
4. Mr. Muhammad Ayub Azam age 62, resident of WAHCANTONEMENT, District Rawalpindi was shot at close range by three assailants on 7th July 1998, while he was strolling near his house. He was rushed to the local hospital but could not survive.
 5. Mr. Naseer Ahmad, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community VEHARI, was shot dead on August 4, 1998, by some unknown assailants while he was traveling in his car to offer his Fajr Prayer at the local Ahmadiyya Mosque.
 6. Mr. Nazeer Ahmad Bhagio of Nawab Shah Sindh, a retired Headmaster, age between 65 to 70 was shot dead on October 10, 1998 while he was having his morning walk after the Fajr Prayer.
 7. Malik Ijaz Ahmad age 50, s/o of Malik Inayatullah resident of village DHONEKI district Gujranwala was shot dead on December 1, 1998 while he was working in his shop (a cement agency) situated at Wazeer Abad town.

JALSA SEERATUN NABI BY LAJNA IMAILLAH, NEW ORLEANS

(by Naeema Shah - President)

Lajna Imaillah and Nasirat of New Orleans held Jalsa Seeratun Nabi (Life and Teachings of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) on December 6, 1998 at the residence of Sheikh Tahir Ahmad Sahib. Besides all Lajna and Nasirat 25 non-Ahmadi Muslims attended the function. The proceedings of the Jalsa started at 12:30 PM. Mrs Ruby Sheikh, Vice President, welcomed the guests and explained the purpose of celebrating this occasion, i.e., to know the life, character and teachings of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) and to send Darood to him.

Proceedings started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Amatul Bari Zaheer. She recited a ruku from chapter Al-Baqara. Maliha Ahmad, a young Lajna member, presented its translation and brief commentary. After that Mariam Sadia Shah read a Hadith about "a comprehensive prayer" of the Holy Prophet (SAS). Then young Lajna and Nasirat Sonia Shams, Madiha Ahmad, Saadia Ahmad and Shehzeen Shams recited Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood's (RA) poem "*Hey daste Qibla Numma La Ilaha Illallah*".

Our first speaker was Noreen Shams. She spoke on "the importance of darood sharif". She quoted the verses of the Holy Quran to invoke

Allah's blessing on the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) and to salute him with the salutation of peace. She also quoted some sayings of the Promised Messiah (a.s.). Next, Noshaba Butt recited Naat *Salle Alla Nabiyyena Sale Alla Mohammadin*. After the Naat, Madiha Ahmad, a young Lajna delivered an eloquent speech on the Personality and Character of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.). From "the Philosophy of the teachings of Islam" she quoted two phases of the life of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.). The phase of adversity, hardships and sufferings and the phase of victory, triumph and prosperity and how the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) exhibited the highest moral qualities in both the periods. Her speech was followed by recitation of some verses of Arabic Qaseeda written by the Promised Messiah (a.s.) by Sonia Shams and Shehzeen Shmas. Sadia Ahmad presented translation of the verses. Our next speaker was Mariam Sadia Shah. Her speech was on the topic "Greatness of the Holy Prophet as opined by the Non-Muslims". Nina Jawaaid recited "*Garhdia Tauheed ka Parcham Sallallaho Alaihey wa Sallam*" written by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. Rabia Solangi delivered the last speech. The topic of her speech was superiority of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) over all other prophets.

As we had invited the non-Ahmadi guest to speak, so Ghazala Ahmad spoke on the life and personality and character of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.). She also read out the Last Sermon of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.). Program's last item was recitation of *Salam ba Hazoor Sayyedul Anam*, a Naat by Hazrat Mir Mohammad Ismail Sahib (RA) by Amatul Bari Zaheer.

Mrs. Ruby Sheikh then thanked respectable

guests and after the silent prayer invited them all to enjoy a tasty luncheon prepared by Lajna.

We were able to celebrate this very sacred function by the collective efforts of Lajna and Nasirat and very special efforts and cooperation of Mrs. Shehla Tahir Ahmad and her family. May Allah bless them with His rewards. Please remember us in your prayers.

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY -- Nov 97 to Oct 9 8

Overview:

The entire country is distributed into Eight Regions with a Regional (Elaqa) Qaid assigned to each region. There are approximately 1560 Khuddam and 514 Atfal in the United States.

General Activities:

The National Ijtema of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA was held on August 7th, 8th and 9th, 1998 in Cheyney, PA with an attendance of over 450 participants.

The Best Majlis award was given to Houston Majlis and the second Best Majlis award was given to Dallas Majlis. The Best Khaddim Award was given to Bashir Malik of Philadelphia Majlis.

The ninth meeting of National Majlis-e-Shura Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA was also held at the occasion of the National Ijtema on August 7th-9th, 998. Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA held its Fourth National Annual Tarbiyyati class on August 2nd - August 6th, 1998 at Willingboro, NJ. Over 60 students participated in this class.

Khuddamul Ahmadiyya provided over 350 volunteers at the Jalsa Salana 1998. The third Annual Qaideen Refresher Training Course was held in February 1998 at Baitul Zafar Mosque in New York. Over 75% Qaideen and 90% National Amila members participated.

Through review and training of the constitution, understanding of all National programs was accomplished. Regional Teleconference calls were regularly held throughout the year to maintain a strong communication link between Sadr Majlis, Regional Qaideen, Local Qaideen and certain Amila members. Assignments were consistently reviewed and action was regularly deployed.

Tabligh

A very comprehensive Tabligh program was put together by Motamim Tabligh and the Tabligh sub-committee of Majlis-e-Shura. A total of 2021 hours of Tabligh were recorded in the reporting period and a total of 3736 books/Tabligh related material was distributed. In the reporting period there were 26 Baits recorded through the participation of Khuddam.

Over 10 Majalis Seminars were held in Universities by Khuddam with large participation of guest/students through the USA and over 15 book stalls were organized.

Three National Tabligh Teleconferences were held to organize all local and Regional Tabligh Nazimeen, National Motamim National Secretary Tabligh, and Sadr Majlis also attended these teleconferences to motivate and organize the local Tabligh Nazimeen.

Taleem-o-Tarbiyyat

A very comprehensive Taleem and Tarbiyyat program was implemented last year which was based on a Track System. Progress of each Khaddim was to be closely monitored in the area of Taleem through this Track System. This syllabus will remain implemented for next year, as it is a progress-based system and enough material is organized for each level of Khuddam.

A Tarbiyyat program to make Khuddam regular in Salat was launched last year. Halqa Nigrans were appointed in each Majlis to follow up on the learning and performance of Salat. A baseline was established and progress was monitored and reviewed quarterly. Two Regional and One National Tarbiyyati class was organized.

25 Majalis are presently holding regular classes.

Finance

Collection this year dropped by 1.4% over previous year. A total of \$108,864 were collected compared to \$110,476 in 1997. A comprehensive audit program is presently being launched to ensure all Khuddam are paying the Chanda in accordance with the prescribed ration.

Khidmat-e-Khalq and Waqar-e-Amal

Over 859 hours of Khidmat-e-Khalq were recorded last year. Mostly the work was done in the areas of food drives, clothing drives, Helping the Homeless Shelters and Blood drives. A total of 48 such drives were organized.

A program "Helping our Neighborhood" was being launched last year along with a drive towards focusing on our neighborhood around our mission houses. Over 1460 hours of Waqar-e-Amal were recorded last year. 86 major activities were reported last year.

Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya

A very comprehensive Taleem and Tarbiyyat program was deployed for Atfal last year to prepare Atfal for the test in the following levels: Sitara-e-Atfal, Hilal-e-Atfal, Qamar-e-Atfal and Badr-e-Atfal. A routine test for these levels has been taken by the National Motamim Atfal and improvements are being made.

Atfal Level 1 and Level 2 Exam Results

In 1997 and 1998, Level 1 (Sitara-e-Atfal) and Level 2 (Hilal-e-Atfal) exams for the Atfal in different Majalis was conducted. These exams were also held at the National Ijtemas during 1997 and 1998. The results of these exams are summarized as follows:

NOTE: Under all circumstances, Atfal are required to pass the Level 1 exam before they become eligible to take the Level 2 exam. So a Tifi's name under the Level 2 section of this report implies that he has already passed Level 1. The passing score for the Level 1 exam is 85 or more and for Level 2 is 80 or more.

Statistics for All Exams Conducted During the past two years (In Ijtemas and in Local Majalis):

Total number Level 1 exams administered*: 399

Total number Level 2 exams administered*: 62

Total number Level 1 exams passed: 124 (31%)

Total number Level 2 exams passed: 46 (74%)

*These figures represent the total number of exams

that were administered during the past two years. They DO NOT represent the total number of Atfal who took the exam since many Atfal took the same exam multiple times until they were able to pass it.

Statistics for All Exams Conducted during the 1998 National Ijtema

Total number of Atfal who took Level 1 exam: 70

Total number of Atfal who took Level 2 exam: 25

Total of Atfal who passed Level 1 exam: 19 (27%)

Total of Atfal who passed Level 2 exam: 8 (32%)

Establishment of Ahmadiyya Associations in Universities

All the Qaideen were advised to activate Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association (AMSA) in all such universities and colleges which have three or more Ahmadi students. Further they were instructed to start Tabligh activities including holding seminars, taking part in exhibitions and writing articles in the school papers and magazines.

Report of the Tarbiyyat Class 1998

The Tarbiyyati Class of 1998 (August 2-6) was held in the Willingboro Mosque, NJ, starting around 10 am on Sunday August 2, 1998, with the recitation of the Holy Quran, a poem and introductory remarks by the Sadar Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Munum Naeem who shared his Hujj experience. At 11 am, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V's speech on the 3rd day of the UK Jalsa was broadcast live on MTA.

Besides some students who attended the classes from time to time without registration, the following were registered attendees who benefitted by regularly attending the class for at least 2 days.

MD Jamaat: Khalid Ahmad, Mansoor Ahmed, Malfoozul Ali, Maksudul Ali, Ali Chaudhry, Imran Khan, Aamir Zubair, Assim Zubair

MI Jamaat: Ahmad Malik, Athar Malik

NJ Jamaat: Nameer Bhatti, Safeer Bhatti, Ibrahim Elmore, Hashim Malik, Nadim Syed, Raheel Syed

NY Jamaat: Farhan Ahmad, Mubarik Ahmad, Salman Ahmad, Tahir Ahmad, Adil Chaudhry, Shajar Cheema, Hamid Ehsan Janjua, Sabat Khan

PA Jamaat: Anwar Ahmed, Arif Ahmad, Niaz Ahmad, Momin Bhiatti, Salam Bhatti, Adnan Malik, Nauman Shah, Jariullah

VA Jamaat: Harris Ahmad, Nameed Arshad, Rauf

NJ Jamaat: Nameer Bhatti, Safeer Bhatti, Ibrahim Elmore, Hashim Malik, Nadim Syed, Raheel Syed

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VA Jamaat: Harris Ahmad, Nameed Arshad, Rauf Akhtar, Usman Chaudry, Sabah Din, Asadullah Mohammed, Naveedullah Mohammed, Omar Raja, Rashad Waqas

Class activity started by everyone attending the Fajr prayer that was followed by Darsul-Quran. All students participated by reciting a verse, reading its translation, explaining his

understanding, asking a question and/or making a comment. One day one child also woke up on his own and joined the teacher in Tahijjud prayer. The 50 minute classes covered areas including Study of the Holy Quran, Hadeeth, History of Islam, Ahmadiyyat, Morals of a Muslim.

Students were also tested several times, announcing results, recognitions and rewards after each test. They spent several hours daily in sports activity of their own choice, including basketball, soccer, etc. They were mailed Certificates for having attended 1998 class.

It was by the grace of the Almighty Allah that the turn out of the class was so successful, notwithstanding shortage of preparatory time and teaching staff.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Ahmadiyya Gazette has learnt that Miss Bushra A. Azad, daughter of Malik Abdul Rasheed Azad and Dr. Salma Aftabof Detroit, MI, has successfully graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, on December 5, 1998.

Miss Bushra is the first Ahmadi Muslim girl to graduate from this prestigious Law School of the University of Michigan, which is one of the oldest universities in the USA, established in 1817.

Miss Bushra Azad is the grad-daughter of our National Secretary Rishta Nata, Mr. Aftab Ahmad Bismil. Prayers are requested for her success in life and her future career, specially because she intends to serve the community in connection with Immigration and Asylum cases.

A SAD DEMISE

It is reported with great sadness that a young boy, Shiraz Parvez Aslam, son of Mr. Parvez Aslam Chaudhry and Mrs. Bshra Chaudhry, passed away on December 25, 1998, at a tender age of only 7 years.

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raje'oon

Young Shiraz dies in a car accident. He was one of the young Waqifeen Nau.

Shiraz Parvez Aslam was buried in the Ahmadiyya Cemetary near Baltimore, MD on December 29, 1998. The Jinaza prayer was led by Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad and he also led the silent prayer at the grave site just after the burial was complete.

All the members of the Ahmadiyya Community are requested to pray for the deceased and for his parents and other relatives he has left behind in a state of shock.

REVELATION, RATIONALITY, KNOWLEDGE AND TRUTH

In 1880 the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) initiated the publication of his epoch making book *Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya*, which challenged all opponents of Islam to come forward and present arguments for the truth of their faiths even to the extent of a fraction of what he had done in *Barahin Ahmadiyya*. For more than 100 years the challenge has remained a living testimony to the supremacy of Islam and the Divine support to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

Now Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ABA) has written a book which raises the same flag and proves the supremacy of the Word of God. The book is very broad in its contents and can be presented to different groups by pointing out its different aspects. For example:

For all Ahmadies, the book presents the same theme as was presented by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in the *Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya*, but uses modern evidence and language. It is a wonderful introduction to the subjects of *Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya*.

To Muslims, who are concerned about the spread of agnosticism in the children, it can be pointed out that the clear prophecies of the Holy Qur'an which are described and explained in great detail prove the truthfulness of Islam and the Holy Qur'an.

To Scientists, the bridging of the gap between Science (the work of God) and Religion (the words of God), can be pointed out as the unique contribution which will be of interest to all scientists.

For Philosophers and Social Scientists, the new perspective on the teachings of Socrates, Zoroaster, and many other philosophers will certainly be of great interest.

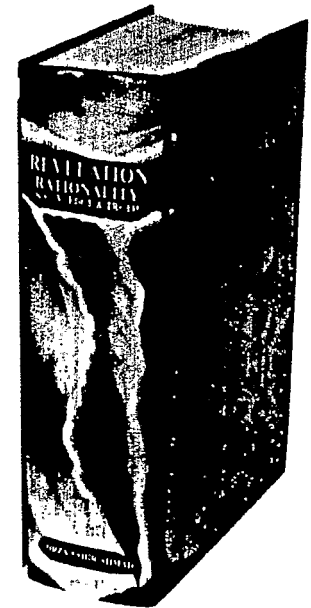
For all who are concerned about Aids, Nuclear Holocaust, and the Fear of a Third World War, the Qur'anic prophecies about them and (how to safeguard against them) will be of great interest.

Please read the book and distribute it among your friends and colleagues.

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Page 62	Line 26	For 'then' read 'than'.
Page 154	Line 14	For 'a shadow a doubt' read 'a shadow of a doubt'.
Page 213	Line 30	For 'them' read 'then'.
Page 306	Line 12	For 'scrolls' read 'written scrolls'.
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Page 398	Line 29	For 'bought' read 'brought'.
Page 400	Line 10	For 'opponents' read 'opponent's'.
Page 450	Line 32	For 'it is not to impossible' read 'it should be possible'.
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Page 583	Line 15	For 'an end' read 'on end'.
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