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When Victory Comes With The Help Of Allah, You Will See Large Multitudes Of People

Entering The Religion Of Allah

You can see that in spite of your utmost opposition and adverse prayers He has never abandoned me and He has been my helper in every field of confrontation

This Year, Allah, The Exalted, Purely Through His Grace And Beneficence, Has Granted Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya Over 20,654,000 New Members

By the grace of Allah, the Exalted, Ahmadiyyat has taken root in 175 countries worldwide to date. During the 18 years of Hijrat (migration from Pakistan) Allah has bestowed upon Ahmadiyyat 84 new countries and 13,065 mosques

The spiritually uplifting and faith enhancing address of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Massih IV (aba) on the Second Day of the 36th Jalsa Salana UK, July 27, 2002

After Ta'shahhud, Ta'awwuzz & Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Ameer-ul-Momeneen (aba) re'ited Surah Al-Nasr, the translation of which is:

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Special Message from Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV aba

November 10th, 2002

O my beloved ones, O ye flourishing branches of the tree of Ahmadiyyat:

Assalamo-aliakum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu

During my illness, the way you all, brethren, ladies and children, have prayed from your hearts for my recovery, and have been enquiring fervently about my health, in your many letters, telephones and faxes, for this I am grateful to all of you. It is one of Allah's special favors that He creates such love of the Khalifah in the hearts of the Jamaat members that they become frantic in their concern at the thought of his pain. They forget all their own troubles, grieves and difficulties and become engrossed in praying for their Khalifah alone. May Allah bestow upon all of you who have been praying for me with His choicest blessings and special favors.

May He shelter you and your loved ones beneath the shade of His mercy forever and ever. May Allah protect you from every grief and every headache and may He gift you with every bliss and every happiness.

Ameen. The sacred and blessed month of Ramadan has started. This is a month of particular acceptance of prayers. In this blessed month, pray to the Lord, who is yours and mine, and pray fervently that He may enable you to walk on the paths that lead to attaining His pleasure. And pray that whatever responsibilities He has entrusted us with and the performance of the obligations He expects of us,

We may be able to fulfill those obligations and expectations. And we should strive to execute our duties with sincerity and with sacrifice. May our Lord accept our humble efforts and sacrifices. May He enable our eyes to witness the fulfillment of the promises He made to the Promised Messiah (as). May He gather the misguided and the lost humanity under the peaceful shadow of the Holy Prophet(pbuh). Ameen.

During my days of illness, along with you, there were many such brothers of yours who have not yet accepted Ahmadiyyat who were praying for my recovery as well. And they have been sending messages to enquire about my health. I am grateful to them as well and I have heartfelt appreciation for their compassion in this regard. May Allah reward them in an excellent manner.

May He remove their troubles and may He bless them with His choicest blessings. Ameen. I hope and expect that you would also remember them in your special prayers. May my Lord always be with you, be with you, be with you. May He always watch over you with eyes of love; with the eyes of His mercy, and with the eyes of His pleasure.

May you always remain in His divine protection and security. And may my Lord never let me see you in any kind of pain whatsoever. Ameen.

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From The Holy Quran

Surely, Allah has purchased of the believers their persons and their property in return for the heavenly Garden they shall have; they fight in the cause of Allah, and they slay and are slain - an unfailing promise that HE has made binding on Himself in the Torah, and the Gospel, and the Qur'an. And who is more faithful to his promise than Allah? Rejoice, then, in your bargain which you have made with HIM; and that is the mighty triumph.

Those who turn to Allah in repentance, who worship HIM, who praise HIM, who go about in the land serving HIM, who bow down to HIM, who prostrate themselves in Prayer, who enjoin good and forbid evil, and who observe the limits set by Allah. And give glad tidings to those who believe. (9:111 - 112)

Sacred Sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad

(Peace and Blessings of Allah be on him)

Abu Hurairah relates that the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, said: "Shield yourselves against the Fire even if it be only with half a date given in alms, and one who cannot afford even that much should at least utter a good word." (*Bukhari and Muslim*).

Abu Hurairah further relates that the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, said: "A good word is charity." (*Bukhari and Muslim*)

Anas relates that the Holy Prophet would repeat his words three times so that his meaning was fully grasped, and when he came upon a party of people and greeted them, he would repeat the salutation three times. (*Bukhari*)

Ayesha relates that the Holy Prophet spoke simply so that all those who listened to him, understood him. (*Abu Daud*)

Jarir ibn Abdullah relates that the Holy Prophet asked him on the occasion of the Farewell Pilgrimage to tell the people to be quiet and then said: Do not revert to disbelief after me, cutting off each other's heads (*Bukhari and Muslim*)

From the Writings of the Promised Messiah

(Peace be on him)

Let it be clearly understood that I have not been sent by God in this age to reform the Muslims only. Actually, the reformation of all the three nations – the Muslims, the Christians, and the Hindus is the object of my mission. God has sent me as the Promised Messiah for the Muslims and the Christians and as an *Avatuar* (Prophet) for the Hindus. For the last twenty or more years I have been proclaiming that I have come to eradicate the sins that abound in the world., not only in the likeness of Masih Ibn-e-Maryam but also in the likeness of Krishna, who was one of the great *Avatars* of Hindus. In other words, spiritually, I am that same Krishna. This claim is not the working of my own thinking or imagination but is indeed a revelation from God Himself who is the God of heavens and earth. He has revealed it to me not once but several times, “*You are the Krishna for the Hindus and the Messiah for the Muslims and Christians.*”

I know that upon hearing it the ignorant Muslims will cry out once: Lo! He has clearly affirmed his

“*kufri*” (infidelity) by taking on the name of a “*Kafir*” (infidel).” But it is a revelation from God and I have to proclaim it and make it public. Therefore, today, for the first time I proclaim it before this big gathering because those who love the love of God. He was a friend of virtue and an enemy of vice. God had promised to send to the Hindus an *Avatar* like him in the latter days, so this promise has been fulfilled in me.

Among the many revelations, one is: “*Oh Krishna, the eradicator of sins and the patron of the meek, your glory and greatness is recorded in Geeta.*”

Therefore, I love Krishna because I am in his image. And there is another latent truth in this revelation that the attributes of Krishna – eradicator of sins and patron and comforter of the meek – are also the attributes of my humble self. Thus the Promised Krishna and the Promised Messiah are in reality one person, only the national terminology is different. (*Lecture Sialkot, Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 20, pp 228-229*)

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The Philosophy of Salvation Is Truly This, That Those Who Develop A Pure And Consummate Relationship With God Become The Manifestation Of His Perpetual *Noor* (Light)

*Just As Man Is Dependent Upon The Moon And The Sun, So Is He
Dependent Upon Divine Revelation, The Prophets (Of Allah) And
The Revealed Books For Spiritual Guidance*

(The final installment in the series of sermons dealing with the Divine Attribute: Al-Noor)

(Summary of Friday Sermon, 25 October 2002)

Translated by A. Bushra Salam Bajwa,

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(London, 25 October) Sayedna Hadhrat Amir ul Momineen Khalifatul Masih IV (aba) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Fazl Mosque, London today. After reciting *Tashabbud*, *Ta'aw'wuz* and *Surah Al-Fatihah*, Hazoor (aba) recited verse 9 of *Sura Al-Taghaabun* with translation. In this verse, Allah, the Exalted commands us to believe in Him and in His Messenger and in that *Noor* (Light) which He has revealed.

Hazoor (aba) said "Today's sermon, too, is on Allah's Attribute of *Al-Noor*, and is the final installment of the series on this subject. After this, Inshallah, I shall commence upon the subject of other attributes."

Hazoor (aba) quoted a Hadith from *Masnad Ahmad bin Hanbal* in which the Holy Prophet (saw) has said: 'Whoever reads the first and last parts of *Sura Al-Kahf* will be immersed in *Noor* from head to

toe. And whomsoever reads this Chapter (in its entirety) will be granted *Noor* equivalent to (the *Noor* of) everything in existence between the heavens and the earth.

Hazoor (aba) also read from a saying of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (ra) which states that just as man is dependent upon the moon and the sun, so is he dependent upon Divine Revelation, the Prophets (of Allah) and the Revealed Books for spiritual guidance.

At the close of the sermon, Hazoor (aba) read some excerpts from the writings of Hadhrat Masih Maood (as). Hadhrat Masih Maood (as) has said that the philosophy of salvation lies solely in developing a pure and consummate relationship with God. Those who do so become the manifestation of His perpetual *Noor*.

THE BEST AMONG YOU IS THE ONE
WHO LEARNS THE QURAN AND
TEACHES IT.

(THE HOLY PROPHET, PEACE BE UPON HIM - BUKHARI)

The address of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Massih IV (aba)

Continued from page 1 (front page)

Translated from Urdu Text by Dr. Rasheed Sayyed Azam, Research Triangle, NC, USA

“In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, Ever Merciful. When the help of Allah comes, and the victory, and you will see men entering the religion of Allah in troops. Glorify your Lord, with His praise, and seek forgiveness of Him. Surely, He is Oft-Returning with compassion.” (110:1-4)

It would be practically impossible for me to mention, even with extreme brevity, the extensive progress and acceptance of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at worldwide. Hence I shall have to content myself with relating only a few events as a sample.

By the Grace of Allah the Exalted, the Ahmadiyya Jama'at is now established in 175 countries of the world. During the last 18 years, since my Hijrat (migration) from Pakistan, when the opponents employed all their resources and every stratagem with all their might (to hinder the progress of true Islam), Allah, the Exalted, has bestowed 84 new countries upon Ahmadiyyat.

For example, this year, by Allah's Grace, Ahmadiyyat has spread to 5,498 new places, of which 4,485 places have already firmly established a strong Jama'at Organization and full functional system.”

This year, there was an increase of 944 mosques out of which 175 are new ones built by the Jama'at while 769 mosques came into our possession when the communities they belonged to converted to Ahmadiyyat along with their Imam. Thus, in the last 18 years, to date, there has been a total increase of 13,065 mosques. During this year 138 new Tablighi Marakiz (centers for propagation) were set up. This brings the grand total of Tabligh Centers in 85 countries to 958.

Several times in the past, we have seen multitudes of people entering the religion of Allah. This year also, in spite of the unfavorable conditions worldwide as well as the obstacles created as a consequence thereof, Allah the Exalted, purely through His Grace and Beneficence, has blessed the Ahmadiyya Com-

munity with more than 20,654,000 new members and has shown us this scene once again.

Some Faith-Inspiring Events

A delegation from Kazakhstan attended Jalsa Salana Germany last year. Just before the International Bai't, a non-Ahmadi woman member of the delegation told their Missionary that she had a severe headache and fever and wanted to go back to her residence to rest. The Missionary explained to her that this event is anticipated (with much eagerness) for a whole year and encouraged her to wait for a short while. She did so and attended the Bai't ceremony. She herself relates:

“I made a resolve and prayed: ‘O Allah, if this Jama'at represents the True Islam, I shall join it right now but cure my ailment by way of immediate recompense.’ I was still contemplating this when Hazoor (aba) began to recite the words (of the Bai't) so I, too, started repeating those words after him. It seemed that those words were making a direct impact on my heart. Even before the collective prayer had commenced and (even) before the prostration, I had recovered completely. There was not even the slightest trace of any ailment, pain or weariness. Having experienced this transformation, I firmly resolved to become an Ahmadi.”

This sincere Ahmadi woman has now also become a regular participant in the financial sacrifices which are being made by the Jama'at.

The National Ameer of France relates: “The Imam of a mosque, a native of Morocco, was under tabligh. He could not be convinced with our logical arguments in any way. He was given a copy of “*Ejazul Massih*”, a book written by the Promised Messiah alaihisslam, and was told that if he read the book with sincerity of heart, he would himself perceive the truth of the man (the Promised Messiah) since a liar can never make such statements.”

Meanwhile, the Ameer Sahib also wrote to me for prayer. In reply to which I wrote; "May Allah, the Exalted, convince his heart and enlighten him through the truth of Ahmadiyyat."

Ameer Sahib relates that my (Hazoor's) letter had just arrived, when he received word from Imam Sahib: "God has removed all restrains of my heart regarding the truth of the Promised Messiah alaihisslam. I am now convinced of truth of the Promised Messiah (as). I am giving up the Imamatus of the Mosque where I work and I am going to accept Ahmadiyyat."

Excellent work is being done in Benin and Allah, the Exalted, is bestowing upon them rewards far exceeding their efforts. It is quite clear that angels are constantly attracting the hearts of people and bringing them in the fold of Ahmadiyyat. When the Imams and the Kings in Benin talk with our missionaries, they most cheerfully acquiesce and accept the truth when they perceive it. They then offer large parcels of land to the Jama'at for mosques and so forth.

The city of Save is situated in the center of Benin. The King there came to know that the Commissioner wanted to donate two acres of land to the Jama'at. He summoned him and told him to give the Jama'at more than two acres of land within the city limits, so that it is available to the Jama'at for whatever it might want to do in twenty or twenty-five years time.

By the Grace of Allah, the Jama'at is continuously making progress in Gambia and is being strengthened through His incredible signs of support.

The Ameer of Gambia writes: "A few of our opponents conspired together with a local Chief of Maka' Maseera' village and demolished the Ahmadiyya mosque. A law suit was filed in the court. The opponents offered charity and sacrificed animals and prayed hard that the court should decide in their favour. They were confident that this would indeed come to pass. However the verdict of the court was that those who had participated in the demolishing of the Ahmadiyya Mosque should rebuild it within sixty days, otherwise they would be required to serve nine months in prison. The people who had demolished the mosque rebuilt it and handed it back to the Jama'at. God Almighty showed this Sign in favour of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at and this has indeed become a sign for the whole area."

Steadfastness of New Ahmadi

By the Grace Allah the Exalted, those who convert to Ahmadiyyat offer many sacrifices. Abdul Khaliq Sahib, Missionary-in-charge Nigeria, writes that: "Pa Abu Bakr had the honour of being the local Chieftain of the area. People started opposing him when he joined Ahmadiyyat, so much so, that even his children turned against him. The Supreme Chief of the area, who had given him the title, withdrew this honor from him. He (Pa Abu Bakr) said that he did not care at all about the title, but he could never leave Ahmadiyyat. Since then he has donated a parcel of land to the Jama'at out of his property for the construction of a mosque and remains a staunch Ahmadi"

Hazrat Massih Maood alaihisslam says: "You can see that in spite of your utmost opposition and adverse prayers, He has never abandoned me and He has been my Helper in every field of confrontation. He protected me with His Hand by taking every stone that was flung at me. (He has bestowed honor on me each time attempt was made to degrade and insult me. And He vindicated my innocence when false accusations and were hurled at me). Every arrow that was aimed at me, He returned that same arrow back on to my enemies. (The means and plans that were designed to kill or ruin me, killed and ruined the perpetrators themselves by His intervention). He gave me refuge when I was helpless. He took me under His protection when I was alone. I was absolutely nothing; He made me renowned and honored the world over and he made millions of people my followers. He provided financial assistance which no one could have ever dreamed of. Hence, 'O you who are my opponents, May God have mercy upon you and open your eyes. Just think for a moment: 'Can these (really) be the designs of mere mortals?'" (Braheene-Ahmadiyya, Part V, Roohani Khazain, Volume 21, page 79)

Now please join with me in prayer.

After this Hazoor (aba) raised his hands and led the silent prayer.

With this, the second day's proceedings of the Jalsa Salana came to a closure.

Almighty Allah Manifests His Splendor - No Matter What!

Summary of Friday sermon of July 26, 2002

Translation by A. Bushra Salam Bajwa, Translation Committee, Lajna Imaillah, USA.

Before the Friday sermon, Hadhrat Amir-ul-Momineen, Khalifatul Masih IV (aba), hoisted the flag of Ahmadiyyat near the convention site to inaugurate the 36th Annual Convention of the United Kingdom at Islamabad, Tilford. He then formally opened the Convention with the Friday sermon.

Hazoor's Friday sermon was broadcast worldwide by Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA), and translated simultaneously into 11 languages at the convention site.

Hazoor (aba) continued with the current topic of the attribute of Almighty Allah, *Al-Noor* (the Light); Hazoor further expounded upon this attribute through the verses from the Holy Quran, sayings of the Holy Prophet (saw), writings of previous commentators, as well as the writings of the Promised Messiah (as).

At the outset of the sermon Hazoor (aba) recited from Surah *Al-Saff* (Chapter 61), verse 9, the translation of which is as follows: *"They desire to extinguish the light of Allah with the breath of their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, even if the disbelievers hate it."*

Hadhrt Masih-e-Maood (as) says: "The opponents of Islam will intend to extinguish Allah's *Noor* and employ several kinds of stratagem to do so, but Allah, the Exalted will perfect his *Noor* conclusively. The imprudent (people) have not appreciated the worth of this community but Allah, the Exalted will effect completion of His design and this community of His will prosper. The Holy Prophet (saw) is the *Noor* (Light) of Allah – hence cherish this *Noor* and have reverential respect for it in your hearts and love

it at all times.

Hadhrt Masih-e-Maood (as) further says: "Allah, the Exalted, reassured me repeatedly. The "water" (revelation) which He has given to me to drink will also be given to my sincere and true followers. In the same way that He has supported me so will He help and support my followers. None can change the intention of the All-Powerful God. The religion of God will most definitely prevail and Islam, alone, will be instrumental in establishing peace in the world. I have come to show the real and authentic face of Islam. Remember, a truthful one is never a coward.

Hazoor (aba) also related several revelations of the Promised Messiah (as). Excerpts of some were as follows: "We support you", "People (the votaries of darkness) would like to extinguish

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Allah's *Noor* but Allah will perfect it"; "When the help of Allah comes, then will people be inclined towards you." "You will see the signs." "You will be given a great country and the earth will be illuminated through the *Noor* of its Creator." "I shall bestow infinite blessings on you so that kings will seek blessings from your garments." "The Mercy of Allah is near you." "I shall send a group from each nation and illuminate you (vindicate your truth)."

Hazoor (aba) ended his sermon with the following words of prayer of the Promised Messiah (as): 'O Powerful God, draw people in towards your Unity and spread your name through the East and West, and blessed be that time when the splendors of your *Noor* will be manifested.'

The Best Among You Is He Who Treats His Wife The Best

The Holy Prophet (saw) Is The Excellent Exemplar In Every Way

His life demonstrates his exemplary conduct towards women

Address of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV (aba) to women at the U.K. Annual Convention on July 27, 2002.
(Translation by A. Bushra Salam Bajwa, Translation Committee, Lajna Imaillah, USA).

Hazoor started his address by reciting Tashah'hud, Ta'av'vaz, Surah Al-Fatiha and verse 22 of Chapter 30 (Al-Rum).

"And one of His Signs is this, that He has created wives for you from among yourselves that you may find peace of mind in them, and He has put love and tenderness between you. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect." (The Holy Quran, Chapter 30, verse 22)

After marriage what should the nature of the relationship between husband and wife be, according to the commandment of Allah and His Messenger? This is the subject I have selected for this address today, so that I may share some wholesome maxims with you, the adoption of which will result in your being able to live pleasurable lives and will make your home a Paradise.

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (saw) said: "The most perfect believer in respect of faith is he whose morals are the most excellent. And the best of you in morals is he who behaves the best and shows exemplary conduct towards his wife." (*Tirmidhi, Kital-ul-Nikah, Baab: Haq-ul-Murrah Al-Zawbeh*)

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (saw) said: "A believer should not harbor any hatred or malice towards his wife. Should he dislike one quality in her, he would surely find another which is pleasing." (*Muslim, Kitab-ul-Nikah, Al-Wasiyyat bil-Nisaa*).

The Holy Prophet (saw) said: "The best of women is she who pleases her husband when he looks

at her, who obeys him when he commands her and who is careful not to do anything concerning her person or belongings that would be displeasing to him." No woman should deem that this kind of obedience constitutes cruelty. Hadhrat Masih-e-Maood (as) says: "Women should not think that they have been mistreated in any way, since they have been granted many rights over men. In fact women have been put up on a pedestal and men have been commanded to take

care of them. Men are responsible for all their needs, including food and clothing." (*Malfoozat* Vol. 8, pp. 421-423)

Hadhrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (saw) said: "A woman who offers five daily prayers,

fasts during the month of Ramadhan, abstains from doing bad deeds, and is loyal and obedient to her husband will be granted the right to enter Paradise through whichever door she pleases. (*Musnid Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal*)

Hadhrat Thauban (ra) a freed slave of the Holy Prophet (saw) relates: "The best expenditure is that which a man makes for his wife and children." (*Muslim, Kitatul Zakat Baab Fazalul Nafaqata Ala Al-Ayyalwa Al-Mumluk*)

It is related in one Hadith that the Holy Prophet (saw) said: "(A wife) should safeguard her husband's property and take care of herself for his sake in his absence and, keeping in mind unforeseen needs, should maintain control over expenditure."

A companion of the Holy Prophet (saw) asked

*Pray abundantly if you
desire that your homes
become an abode of
peace*

him: "What is the right of a wife over her husband?" The Holy Prophet (saw) replied: "You should discharge your obligations keeping the needs and desires of women in view, and be mindful of fulfilling them."

The Holy Prophet (saw) has said: "A woman should not give any of her husband's wealth to charity without his permission. If she does so the reward will go to her husband and a sin will be on her head. In addition, she should not leave her home without her husband's permission." Hadhrat Mu'awiah bin Haidah (ra) relates: "I asked the Holy Prophet (saw): 'O Messenger of Allah! What is the right of a wife over her husband?' The Holy Prophet (saw) replied: 'Feed her as you feed yourself, clothe her as you clothe yourself, do not strike her on her face nor disfigure her. If you are compelled to distance yourself from her due to some mistake on her part, then do so inside your house, that is, do not turn her out.'" (*Abu Daud, Kitab-ul-Nikah Baab Fee Haq'ul Mura'h Alaa Zowjabaa*)

One the occasion of the Farewell Pilgrimage, the Holy Prophet (saw), while urging kindness towards women, also said: "Women are like prisoners in your hands. They are dependent upon you; hence it is your duty to take care of them, to fulfill all their needs and be gracious and kind towards them."

Hadhrat Masih-e-Maood (as) has said: "The Holy Prophet (saw) is the most excellent exemplar in every way. In my opinion, a man who engages in confrontation with his wife is unmanly and a coward." (*Malfoozat* Vol. 4 p. 44)

It has been said about the Holy Prophet (saw) that when he visited his wives, his behavior towards them showed that he was the most gentle, the most generous, the most charming and affable person, always laughing and smiling. He would share in numerous household tasks with his wives with his own blessed hands; for example, if they were kneading dough, he would fetch water for them; he would add wood to the stove; in effect, he would help his wives with domestic chores and converse with them in an informal, relaxed manner.

Hadhrat Masih-e-Maood (as) says: "It is women who are the primary witnesses regarding the excellence of a man's moral character, and his relationship

with God. How can a man make peace with his God if his relationship with his wife is strained?" The Holy Prophet (saw) has said: "The best of you is he who treats his wife the best." (*Al-Hakam*, p. 12, May 17, 1902.; *Al-Badr*, p. 137, May 22, 1902)

"Women are weak and fragile and have been placed in the care of men. God observes how each man behaves towards his wife. One should be gentle and always bear this thought in mind: 'My wife is a dear guest whom God has entrusted to my care. He (God) is vigilant over how I fulfill my responsibilities as a host. I am His Creature and she, too, is His Creature and I have no superiority of any kind over her. One should not behave like a savage.' Rather, one should be compassionate towards wives and instruct them in matters of religion." (*Fatawa-e-Ahmadiyya*, Vol. 2, p. 38)

Hadhrat Masih-e-Maood (as) further says: "One who does not treat his wife and his family with kindness and benevolence does not belong to my Jama'at." (*Kishti-e-Nooh, Roohani Khazain*, Vol. 19, p. 19)

He goes on to say: "In the process of effecting a pious change and praying, you should keep up prayer for your wives and your children as well because most of the trials one is put through come about on account of one's offspring." (*Malfoozat* Vol. 5, p. 452)

In addition, Hadhrat Masih-e-Maood (as) says: "If you want to live in safety and desire that peace should prevail in your home, it is necessary to pray abundantly and to suffuse your homes with prayer. Allah, the Exalted, never destroys a home wherein prayer is unceasing." (*Malfoozat*, Vol. 3 p. 232)

And now, I request permission to take my leave of you with this prayer: May Allah Almighty enable you to follow this advice with sincerity of heart so that our Ahmadi society becomes the most beloved and accepted society (on the face of the earth) in the eyes of Allah Almighty. In His eyes may we be among those of His servants who are well pleased with Him and with whom He is well pleased. Now please join me in silent prayer.

After this, Hazoor (aba) raised his hands and lead the collective, silent prayer.

How Is Internet Affecting Us?

The Other Side of e-Technology

By Khaled Ahmad Ata

Internet is yet another manifestation of fulfillment of a grand prophesy of the Holy Quran about the latter days: 'And when books are spread abroad' (81:11).

The unprecedented invention gives instant access to information, touching almost every aspect of life. The Internet has affected people from all walks of life and ages either directly or indirectly. Thus, many juveniles and young children find Internet a useful tool, for instance, to complete homework or play games. Others are using it for communication, remaining updated on various global issues, improving life standards or increasing knowledge, etc.

The overwhelming pinnacle of IT (information technology) is however, not without harms, some of

which are already sounding alarms. Cost of being on line for long hours, medical problems due to prolonged staring at the screen, addictive usage resulting in anti-social behavior, volume of junk/unwanted emails, easy access to obscene and incorrect material from some sites, computer viruses, blocked phones, cost of extra phone lines, rising debts due to home shopping are some of the potential risks for many new/existing users that warrant a careful and balanced approach towards an otherwise wonder of modern technology.

Social Consequences

As Internet use grows, Americans report they

Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award

Mohammad I. Bhatti, associate professor of physics and geology, was awarded the Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award during the Fall Convocation for the year 2002. Dr. Bhatti received State Wide Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award during the UTPA Fall Convocation 2002. The Chancellor's Award is a prestigious award presented to one faculty member from each of the academic institutions in the UT System. Later, he was interviewed by the local TV channel 5, KRGV, which was aired on Sunday September 29, 2002 during 10:00 PM news.

Dr. Bhatti is an associate Professor with the Physics and Geology Department at The University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg. He has 18 years teaching experience in physical science, physics, and physics education. He has also received numerous grants to continue his research as well as numerous invitations to present his research findings and journal articles. Dr. Bhatti is interested in the area of Computational Science applied to Atomic and Molecular Physics. He seeks to develop new powerful techniques for solving fundamental problems of physics. His newly developed symbolic techniques will apply to linear and non-linear problems in optics, nano-technology, and quantum computers. Dr. Bhatti had an opportunity to work with Dr. Abdus Salam at his institution in Trieste, Italy, 1982. During Dr. Bhatti's stay at the Abdus Salam Center, he received guidance from Dr. Abdus Salam and came to the United States to pursue a Ph.D. in physics. Dr. Bhatti holds a Ph.D. in Atomic Physics from the University of Notre Dame (1987), a Master's in Solid State (M. Phil) and a Master's in Applied Mathematics from Quaid-I-Azam University and a Bachelor's in Physics from T. I. College Rabwah, Punjab University.

Members are requested to remember Dr. Bhatti in their special prayers. May this honor motivates our youth to excell in their educational and professional careers. Amin.

spend less time with friends and family, shopping in stores or watching television, and more time working for their employers at home - without cutting back their hours in the office.

The key finding of a study sample of 4,113 adults in 2,689 households suggests that "the more hours people use the Internet, the less time they spend in contact with real human beings."

This is an early trend that, as a society, we really need to monitor carefully.

People spend more hours on the Internet the more years they have been using it.

Up to a quarter of the respondents who use the Internet regularly (more than 5 hours a week) feel that it has reduced their time (in person or on the phone) with friends and family or attending events outside the home.

A quarter of regular Internet users who are employed say the Internet has increased the time they spend working at home without cutting back at the office.

Sixty percent of regular Internet users say the Internet has reduced their TV viewing, and one third say they spend less time reading newspapers.

The least educated and the oldest Americans are least likely to have

Internet access, but when they do use the Internet, their use is similar to others.

About two-thirds of those surveyed who have Internet access said they spend fewer than five hours a week on the Internet, and most of them did not report large changes in their day-to-day behavior. But the others who use the Internet five or more hours a week do report significant changes in their lives. The largest changes are reported by those who spend more than 10 hours a week on the net - individuals who currently account for only 15 percent of all Internet users but are likely to be a much larger fraction in the future.

As of today, heavy Internet users are still a small fraction of the total population, but that fraction is steadily growing. Moreover, time spent on the net also grows with the number of years a person has been connected.

Social Isolation Up

Internet time is coming out of time viewing television but also out at the expense of time people spend on the phone gabbing with family and friends or having a conversation with people in the room with them.

Most Internet users use e-mail, and undoubtedly have increased their "conversations" with family and friends through this medium. E-mail is a way to stay in touch, but you can't share a coffee with somebody on e-mail or give him a hug.

The Internet could be the ultimate isolating technology that further reduces our participation in communities even more than did automobiles and television before it.

For the most part the Internet is an individual activity. It's not like TV, which you can treat as background noise. It requires more engagement and attention.

Of regular Internet users who use the net 5 or more hours per week about one quarter indicated spending less time with family and friends, either in person or on the phone, and eight percent say they spend less time attending social events outside the home.

Those who use the Internet most also report spending fewer hours caught in traffic, fewer hours in shopping malls, and especially, less time watching television.

Work Invades Home:

The Internet is entering the mainstream of American society with about half of the population having access somewhere, 38 percent in their homes, and another 17 percent elsewhere, mostly offices and schools.

Everybody is going to be a user soon, and access is growing by successive birth cohorts. That means we can expect to see large changes for communities and society as a whole.

Once people have access to the Internet, there are more similarities than differences in terms of how much they use it and the activities they use it for. Once people have access, blacks look like whites, the college-educated look like the non-college educated, and age groups tend to be more homogeneous than we might have thought, except for those above age 65.

E-Mail Popular, Not Chat Rooms:

The most common Internet activities for each demographic group are sending and receiving electronic mail and searching for information.

On average, users use it for six to seven different activities. A majority have started to use it as a consumer resource e.g. between 50 and 60 percent use it for travel and product information.

A little more than one-third of Internet users report having made an online purchase. Online stock trading, banking, or auctions remain marginal activities, barely reaching 15 percent, and only approaching 23 percent even among veteran netizens who have been Internet users for more than five years. Still, one in four regular Internet users say they spend less time shopping in stores, and 15 percent say they spend less time in traffic since they gained Internet access.

In the near future, people may be able to view a television program on the same screen where they are working on the Internet simultaneously. It is too early to tell if people will do this sort of multi-tasking as part of their daily routine, but even if they do, their attention will be fragmented, because Internet use demands more concentration.

Home Alone And Anonymous

While many commentators have expressed concerns about invasion of privacy on the Internet, few have focused on the potential ethical psychological and emotional effects of "more people being home, alone and anonymous."

The Internet connects us with people we might otherwise never meet—and may be leaving us lonelier than ever.

Technology has allowed people to keep in closer touch with distant family members, find information quickly and develop friendships with people from around the world. However, it is also replacing vital day-to-day human interactions. A computer monitor can not give you a hug or laugh at your jokes. And some psychologists worry that the Internet's widening popularity will lead to further isolation among a population that, although gravitating toward virtual

communities in cyber-space, seems to have lost a genuine sense of belonging and connection.

Greater use of the Internet leads to shrinking social support and happiness, and increases in depression and loneliness. What is a social technology, unlike the television, has kind of antisocial consequences.

Learning From Mistakes

169 individuals from 93 diverse households in Pittsburgh were studied during their first two years online. Each participant's Internet use was recorded by employing custom-designed logging programs. And using self-report measures, each participant's level of social involvement and psychological well-being was assessed before he/she went online, and again a year or two later.

A direct correlation was found between participants' level of Internet use and their reports of social activity and happiness. As their use of the Internet increased, the participants reported a decrease in the amount of social support they felt and in the number of social activities they were involved in. They also reported being more depressed and lonely.

A Poor Substitute

Psychologists have yet to pinpoint the reasons why Internet use can hamper psychological well-being, but they have plenty of theories. Many users, caught in the allure of connecting with a global array of people with similar interests, seem to be substituting weak online friendships for their stronger real-life relationships. But national survey data show only 22 percent of people who had been using the Internet for two or more years had ever made a new friend on the Internet. And those friendships tend to be of low quality.

Avoiding The Same Mistakes

Like many technologies, the Internet has lulled people with its novelty and convenience, which will create a sense of dependency and some troubling social consequences. The car e.g. allowed people to travel far greater distances but it also created suburbs and highways all over the place. So the positive advan-

Feelings of a Waqifa-e-Nau

By Lacey Muzaffar, Islamabad, Pakistan

I am a waqifa-e-nau and I feel proud about it. When I grow up I could help the Ahmadiyya jammats in numerous ways. We, (the waaqfeen-nau), also study at school but we have special classes for studying religious sayings that can help us afterwards during Dawat-e-Lillah. We, the waaqfeen-e-nau, have to help the Jammats in converting the non-ahmadis to Ahmadiyyat. We all, (the waqfeen-e-nau), have to work hard to satisfy, and gratify Allah.

The waqfeen-e-nau are sacrificed to the jammats, and when we get above 18 we would be asked by Huzoor whether we still want to be waqfeen-e-nau or not. I would say yes. My ambition is to help Huzoor. Huzoor said that the waaqfeen-e-nau have to be doctors or teachers. I desire, rather prefer to be a doctor. Actually I want to be a doctor. To me this profession is rather interesting; studying about the body and different diseases, and the cures to the diseases. Doctors can save people from dying. And this I think is

saving tears flowing from the people's eyes. When I become a doctor, Huzoor will send me to any country where there are not enough doctors to cure the people's diseases, and I will cure them. And then I will also teach them about Ahmadiyyat. And they will InshaAllah one day become Ahmadi. And this is the only goal the waaqfeen-nau should have.

One day the waaqfeen-e-nau (InshaAllah) will succeed in their lives. Not me, not the present waqfeen-e-nau, the next generation of waqfeen-e-nau will InshaAllah convert the entire world to Ahmadiyyat. The entire world will be praying to Allah, and Satan would be forgotten and no one will ever know who he was. One day in the entire world before the rise of dawn, Azan would be echoing (InshaAllah). The tree of Ahmadiyyat will spread in the entire world. If we water the plant, then it will grow, and if we act as Huzoor wants us to, then we would be able to spread Ahmadiyyat in the entire world.

tages also caused huge social changes, such as traffic jams, pollution and people moving further away from each other.

The Right Balance

We're so excited about the advantages [of technology] that we quickly dismiss what is actually happening. As a psychologist, one may ask some very good questions about what is the difference between talking on the phone and talking face to face. We have assumed there is none!

Like any other technology, the World Wide Web can also lead to good or bad behavior. Nevertheless there should not be an overemphasis on the negative aspects of Internet. It provides some vital societal benefits also, such as the large number of online self-help groups that exist today.

Public Electronic Network (PEN), set up in Santa Monica, California in 1989, is another example of the Internet's social utility by facilitating grassroots

organizing. This system allowed scores of residents to access the network, develop civic projects and accomplish a service center for job-seeking homeless people.

Many psychologists feel that behavioral research should demonstrate ways to find a healthy balance between time spent online and time spent talking with family and friends in person.

Plenty of companies are doing research on the Internet, but it is mostly about buying behavior of the populace. We need to look much broader than that to contribute to a public discourse as we build this powerful new technology, and to help formulate better public and private policies and decisions.

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Miraculous Knowledge of Arabic

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The Promised Messiah claimed that the source of his learning was no other than the All-Knowing God Who had graciously endowed him with knowledge of His Holy Book and of the Arabic language. "The Gracious Lord taught the Quran". This was a Divine promise supplemented with another gift in the shape of a perfect knowledge of 40,000 root-words of the Arabic language. I have been granted the miracle of eloquent and elegant speech in the likeness of the Holy Quran and there is none who can compete with me" said the Promised Messiah. (*Zaruratul Imam, page 25*).

Even the leading luminaries of the Arab world dared not take up this challenge which came from an inhabitant of a village of the Punjab where Arabic was neither spoken nor written as a living language but was treated as a classic language. No doubt it was held in great reverence, but it was far from being the medium of education anywhere in the entire subcontinent.

Ijazul Masih was his first book in choice Arabic language on the excellencies and exegesis of the Holy Quran that carried his challenge to the ulema of the Arab and non-Arab world. The prominent Egyptian writer Allama Rashid Raza, Editor of the Almanar (Cairo), was especially invited to pick up the gauntlet. The Promised Messiah said that if anyone would come up with a comparable performance he would burn his manuscript. He observed:

Even if their fathers and their sons and their helpers and their learned and their wise and their jurists put their heads together they will not be able to produce a commentary like it.

He further declared that 'this is a book which has no equal and whoever attempted to prepare its answers would be humbled and put to shame. The Promised Messiah prepared a number of scholarly works since then in Arabic of unique charm and wonderful artistic beauty and overflowing with enthralling exposition of the subtleties of the Holy Book.

1. *Minanur Rahman*; 2. *Khutba Ilhamia*; 3. *Najmulhuda*; 4. *Tuhfatul Baghdad*; 5. *Nurul Haq*; 6. *Ijaz-*

e-Ahmadi; 7. *Hamamatul Bushra*; 8. *Lujjatun-Nur*; 9. *Hujjatullah*; 10. *Mowabibur Rahman*; 11. *Albalagh*; 12. *Tarhibul Momineen*; 13. *Sirrul Kbilafa*; 14. *Istifta*; 15. *Sirat-ul-Abdal*; 16. *Karamat-us-Sadiqeen*; 17. *Al-Anzar*; 18. *Itmamul Hujjat*; 19. *Alhuda* etc.

The Promised Messiah published a eulogy *Al-Qasidah* in Arabic, a fascinating piece of literary gems and invited the ulema to produce a similar performance and offered a reward of rupees 10,000 for the successful competitor. He challenged the entire body of ulema to a joint comparable effort and made it the deciding factor in the issue of his claim to the office of Messiah saying that if they succeeded in their effort then take me as finished and my whole order a spurious affair. In that event my followers should forsake me and cut off all connection with me.

The eulogy related to the proceedings of a long and bitter argument held earlier between Hazrat Sayyed Muhammad Sarwar Shah, the Ahmadiyya spokesman and Maulvi Sanaullah Amritsari, at Mudd, a village in Amritsar District. The Promised Messiah composed the eulogy in Arabic with its Urdu translation in less than a week. It reflected not only his unexcelled mastery over the Arabic language, but also comprised precious pearls of spiritual wisdom and constituted remarkable evidence of the Divine source of the Promised Messiah's knowledge. He addressed the rival ulema in the following terms:

Look, I cite the earth and the heavens as witnesses that from today I make this sign as decisive if I am truthful and God the Great knows I am truthful. It will never be within the range of possibility for Maulvi Sanaullah and all their ulema to compose the like of this eulogy together with its Urdu text in the course of five days. For, God the Almighty will break their pens and their minds deft. And Maulvi Sanaullah cannot have ground to suspect that the eulogy had been composed much earlier, for, if he would read it with his eyes open, he will find that it relates to the controversy. If I had, therefore, composed it before the event then surely he must credit me with fore-

knowledge of the hidden.

(Ijaz-e-Ahmadi. p. 37)

By far the most eloquent and magnificent miracle that bears high and unimpeachable testimony to the Divine source of his inspiration, is the *Khutba Ilhamia* - the revealed sermon - delivered by the Promised Messiah at Qadian on April 11, 1900, before a large gathering of his votaries consisting, among others the renowned divine Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin and the great Hazrat Maulvi Abdul Karim, Sialkoti. Never before had the Promised Messiah made a speech in Arabic nor was it customary among the Indian ulemas to address gatherings in Arabic. It was under Divine command that the Promised Messiah delivered the sermon which is a vast treasure-house of sublime excellencies of pure wisdom couched in powerful language of surpassing beauty, and in a charming style of elegant grace. When the Promised Messiah embarked on delivering the address, it seemed that some unseen hand held him in its grip, and it was a voice from the unknown that had made him its mouthpiece.

Since the Promised Messiah's assignment consisted of rebutting the criticism the deprecators of Islam had levelled against the Holy Quran, it was necessary therefore that he should be inspired with deep insight into the eternal truths, abounding wisdom, and the curative properties and transforming qualities of the Quranic teachings so that he might effectively combat the current philosophies and creeds that tended to undermine faith in the hereafter, in angels, in a final reckoning and in an ultimate Divine purpose behind the creation of the universe and in the goal of human life. He came forward with the claim that God had, through His special benign Grace, granted him clear insight into the fundamentals of the Holy Quran and armed him with requisite knowledge of His attributes, of His purpose and of His Word and that as an advocate of His faith, he was divinely inspired to reinterpret the Quran in consonance with the prime purity of its transcendence. For him it was a living book brooking no change or amendment, self-explanatory, a life-giving miracle which embodies cures for the maladies of every age and is a compendium of all the moral and spiritual truths vital to the welfare and salvation of mankind. His exposition of the excellencies of the Holy Quran

attracted a large number of votaries who took up the study of the Holy Quran with great avidity and making it their practical guide, found a new life of spiritual vigour. For them the Quran became a living message and Allah a living God. Angels, Day of Reckoning, life after death, ordinances of God, Divine revelation and Divine pleasure were no longer empty names nor His signs ancient history. They relived the first-hand experience of early Islamic life.

None took up the Promised Messiah's challenge to compete with him in expounding the meaning and the philosophy of the Quranic commandments.

This claim was repeated by his son, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II, and remains a standing challenge. Again none came forward to demonstrate a comparable degree of spiritual truths and eternal wisdom or Divine knowledge in rival scriptures. The challenge is still here. It has been repeated over and over again.

The Promised Messiah had such absorbing love for the Holy Quran that he was as a reward granted the knowledge that Arabic was the original language of human speech and root of all the languages. His book *Minanur Rahman* on the subject created a stir in literary circles and was read with keen interest. His thesis rests on a scientific enquiry with sound reasoning, having originated from a single source - Arabic, have, through passage of time, undergone super-structural changes, due to a variety of factors that usually shape language and dialects.

No reformer worth his salt, can ever dare to ascribe his spiritual gifts to his own genius independent of a devotional allegiance to the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him, the central medium of Divine bounty and grace. The Promised Messiah claimed the honour of his high office through the interceding grace of the Holiest of the Holy. Said he. 'All blessings are because of Muhammad' (*Haqiqatulvahi* p. 71). He said, 'There was a time when I was wholly engrossed in invoking God's blessings on the Holy Prophet (peace and grace of Allah be on him), for, I believed that the ways of access to God were too subtle and were not open but through the medium of the Noble Prophet, as God says 'Seek ye the means of approach to Him'. Then, after a while, I saw in a state of vision two water-carriers enter my house, one from the inner passage and the other from the outer passage, bearing on their backs skins full of light, They said 'This is what you have been invoking on Muhammad (peace be on him)'.

A letter from Syed Waseem Ahmad, Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid, USA

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

I am very grateful for this opportunity to say a few words regarding the Blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme to the members of Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA. I only wish to quote an incident from the life of a Companion of the Promised Messiah (as) because it contains a very important message for both chanda collectors and chanda givers:

Hazrat Babu Faqeer Ali Sahib (ra) was once approached for chanda by Hazrat Mir Nasir Nawab Sahib (ra) [father in law to the Promised Messiah (as)]. At the time he had absolutely nothing with him. But Hazrat Mir Sahib(ra) continued appealing to him: **Give something.** This happened for a while and time came for Hazrat Babu Sahib(ra) to go home from work and upon arrival he brought out from his house the tin can in which there was about a pound of flour and showing this to Hazrat Mir Sahib(ra) said: **I swear to you that this is all I have in the house.** Hazrat Mir Sahib(ra) accepted this same flour as Hazrat Babu Sahib's(ra) contribution and left. **The household went to sleep hungry - but left all of us with fresh examples of the sacrifices of the Companions(ra) of the Holy Prophet (saw).**

I have quoted this (in my own words from the third volume of Ashab-e-Ahmad) for the purpose of motivating us all to sacrifice in the cause of Allah by participating in this Blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme even if we are encountering hard times or difficulties.

The needs of Waqf-e-Jadid are growing astronomically each year so I want to appeal to each member of the US Jama'at to try their best to contribute their maximum towards this Blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme and do so immediately.

The US Jama'at was led by our Beloved Late Amir Sahib, of blessed memory, to become pre-eminent in the world in total contributions towards the Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme.

Please help to keep US Number One in the World in this field of sacrifices. This would be a wonderful tribute to the memory of our Beloved Hazrat M. M. Ahmad Sahib, may Allah grant him a lofty station in His Paradise. Aameen!

May Allah enable all of us to follow the examples of the Companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) Aameen!

The current fiscal year of Waqf-e-Jadid is to end on December 31, 2002.
 Please make sure that every member of your household has participated in this blessed program.

Khuddam Corner

Farewell Message to Khuddam from ex-Sadar, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA

I hope this short note finds you in the best of health. It was indeed an honor and a great opportunity to serve as Sadr Majlis-e-Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya for the last 3 years. I enjoyed every second of those 1095 days. I was extremely fortunate to have the guidance of Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib and Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar Sahib (our current Amir) at every stage of my tenure as Sadr Majlis.

I was also blessed with a terrific team. Every member of the team did a remarkable job in their respective capacities (Naib Sadraan, Amila Members, Regional Qaideen and Local Qaideen). From the very beginning, we had made up our minds that our work is going to stand for quality. We are going to stamp a superior quality upon everything that goes out of our hands. Whatever we do shall excel the hallmark of excellence.

We have:

- Organized our Tabligh Efforts Regionally and evolved a good team
- Improved our Chanda Collection and assisted several majalis with grants
- Improved our Tajneed by capturing critical information
- Built www.mkausa.org (Automated Reporting and Communication)
- Built www.mkaprofessionals.org (Organized several professional groups)
- Built www.muslimwriters.org (Created a good writers group)
- Held two Summer Camps for older Atfal and younger Khuddam (2001 & 2002)
- Held Entrepreneur Conferences (2001 and 2002)
- Initiated Flu Shot drives and Blood Drives
- Provided renewed focus on Atfal Classes
- Assisted Local Chapters and other Auxillaires in making their events successful and nurtured a good relationship with every National Office, Auxillary and President..

The list goes on....

However, there are still several challenges on our hand and they are:

- To improve participation of Khuddam in activities
- To enhance our Taleem and Tarbiyyat Activities
- To deliver services to local Jamaats and build good communities

As our new Sadr, Naseem Waseem Sahib will take the office on November 1, 2002. I hope and pray that he and his team will stay focused on building MKA and providing excellent services to everyone.

In closing, I want to thank you for your kind cooperation in strengthening MKA USA. We did our best, if there were any shortcomings I would take responsibility of them and I hope you will forgive us and extend your help to the new Sadr so that he could lead MKA effectively.

May Allah enable us to do our best for sake of our Faith, Country and Nation.

Yours Sincerely,

Shukoore Ahmed (Sadr MKA USA)

Welcome Message from Sadar Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA

I would like to thank previous Sadr Abdul Shakoor Sb, He has done a lot for Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA. Although the task was very tough, due to his determination and best management capabilities he made that task very easy. He achieved many successes. He guided his Amila very well at all the occasions. I remember, he never said no to any caller seeking his help during day or night, although he was very busy in his daily life. Now I am standing in his shoes and my eyes are getting wet for prayers for him that how he guided us on different occasions and how smiling his face was in all the situations however difficult. May Allah reward him the best for his sincere services. Jazzakum'Allah Sadr Sahib. I request all the members to remember him in your special prayers.

On this Occasion I would like to convey my Asalaam-o-Alikom Wa Rahmatullah-e-Wa Barakatahu to all the members of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya and Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya. Please remember Hazoor in your special prayers. Please remember All Jamat members in your prayers. Please make sure Salaat will be your number one priority. Give respect to elders. Please remember me and my Amila members in special prayers as we have very hard task ahead of us and hope we can accomplish that with your prayers and cooperation.

JazzakumAllah

Naseem A. Waseem

Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, USA

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We have planned to dedicate the July-August 2003 issue of the Ahmadiyya Gazette and Alnoor to the memory of late, Hazrat Mirza Muzafar Ahmad (M. M. Ahmad), ex-Amir Jamaat Ahmadiyya USA. We request our regular contributors as well as those who have had an honor and privilege to know Hazrat Mian Sahib on personal and/or professional basis to send articles, anecdotes describing their experiences about his exemplary personal and professional life and historical photographs to us by April 30th 2003. We request that you send an electronic copy of your articles to GazetteUSA@Yahoo.Com. Please make sure that you include your complete Name, Address, Phone Number and eMail address with your articles. Photographs should also be properly captioned describing the event or function complete with date and place of the event. Please send your contributions to:

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