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saw: sallallahu alaihi wasallam  
(Peace and Blessing of Allah be upon him)

as: alaihissalam  
(Peace be upon him)

ra: radhi allah hu 'anhu  
(May Allah be pleased with him/her)

rh: rahimahullahu ta'ala  
(May Allah shower mercy on him/her)

aba: ayyada hullah ta'ala binasrihil aziz  
(May Allah strengthen him with His mighty help)

swt: subhana wa ta'ala  
(Holy and Exalted)

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## Al-Qur'an

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَحْيَىٰ إِنِّي مُتَوَفِّيكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ ۚ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ  
مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ٥

When Allah said, 'O Jesus, I will cause thee to die *a natural death* and will exalt thee to Myself, and will clear thee from *the charges* of those who disbelieve, and will place those who follow thee above those who disbelieve, until the Day of Resurrection; then to Me shall be your return, and I will judge between you concerning that wherein you differ. (3:56)

## Al-Hadith

إِنَّ لِمَهْدِيْنَا آيَتَيْنِ لَمْ تَكُونَا مُنْذُ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ تَنْكَسِفُ  
الْقَمَرُ لِأَوَّلِ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ وَتَنْكَسِفُ الشَّمْسُ فِي النِّصْفِ مِنْهُ وَلَمْ  
تَكُونَا مُنْذُ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ -

For our *Mahdi* there are appointed two signs which have never been manifested for any other claimant since the creation of the Heavens and the earth. They are that at his advent there shall occur an eclipse of the moon on the first of (its appointed nights), and an eclipse of the sun on the middle one of (its appointed days) and both will occur in the same month of *Ramadhan*.

(Sunan Dar Qutni vol 2, p 65, Bab Salatus-Salatulkhususuf)

# SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>as</sup>

The Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> writes about Ahmadiyya beliefs:

"The summary and essence of our faith is that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. Our belief that we profess in this life and with which, through the favor of God Almighty, we shall pass on to the next life, is that our lord and master, Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>, the Chosen One, is the Seal of the Prophets and best of Messengers, at whose hands the faith was perfected and the bounty was completed through which by treading the straight path, a person can reach God Almighty. We believe with absolute certainty that the Holy Qur'an is the last of the Heavenly books and that not a word or vowel point of its laws and limits and commandments can be added to or subtracted from. No revelation can now be received from God which can have the effect of modifying or abrogating the commandments of the Holy Qur'an, or of changing any single one of its directions. Anyone who thinks otherwise is, according to us, not a believer, and is a heretic and *Kafir*. We also believe that even the lowest stage of the straight path cannot attain to any stage of honor and perfection or of nearness to God except through the true and perfect following of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>. Whatever is bestowed upon us is by way of reflection and through the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>."

(*Izala-e-Auham*, pp 69-70)

The Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> further writes:

"The five pillars on which Islam is based are part of our faith. We hold fast to the Word of God, the Holy Qur'an, to which we are commanded to hold fast. Like Farooq<sup>ra</sup>, we announce that the Book of Allah suffices us, and like 'A'ishah<sup>ra</sup>, when there is a difference between the Qur'an and *Hadith*, we give priority to the Qur'an. We believe that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah and that our lord and master, Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>, the Chosen One, is His Messenger and *Khatamal Anbiya*."

(*The Essence of Islam*, Vol. I, pp xiv-xv)

# A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE FRIDAY SERMON OF HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V<sup>aba</sup>

**DELIVERED ON DECEMBER 16 2005**

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> delivered a historic Friday Sermon at the Aqsa Mosque, Qadian. It was the first sermon ever to be broadcast live from Qadian by MTA.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "It is by Allah's grace that He has enabled me to address you in this blessed town as the Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> successor and Khalifa. This day is of great importance for myself and for the Jama'at in two ways. First, because it is the first time that I have come here as the Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> Khalifa; and the second, which is a matter of great joy and spiritual delight for the worldwide Jama'at, is that today a prophecy of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> — which has been fulfilled several times before — is being fulfilled again with new glory and dignity. Today, through MTA, this message is being broadcast around the globe directly from Qadian. MTA is a gift of Allah which has been given to us as a result of the Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> prayers. May it always remain a means of spreading the message of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "Ever since I came to India, I have been repeatedly asked to express my feelings about visiting Qadian. My answer is that since Qadian has the honor of being the Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> home town, every Ahmadi has special love for it. It is not the kind of worldly love which is transitory and merely emotional. On the other hand the feelings of an Ahmadi, who has a true relationship with the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, are not temporary, nor should they be so. This feeling is like a spiritual current which one feels running through oneself. We have to make this spiritual current a part of our lives. Fortunate are the dwellers of this place for its streets have been graced by the feet of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. There are many among you who pledged to sacrifice everything in order to safeguard it, fulfilled your pledge in the best manner and opted for faith in place of worldly advantages. It is, therefore, the duty of every Ahmadi who lives here that the world should not be his sole aim. The *Darweshes*, their descendants and those who have newly come to live in Qadian, should all remember that their relationship with Allah should be visible even to others. This will only happen when you strive in this path, seeking Allah's forgiveness and bringing about a holy change in yourselves. As a result, Allah too manifests signs for such people and He Himself provides for their spiritual and worldly needs."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "There should not be a single person living here who should be a cause for others to stumble. The younger generation should realize the purpose for which their ancestors made great sacrifices. Let them shed love for the world to gain Allah's pleasure."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "Along with fulfilling our obligations to Allah, it is also important that we fulfill our obligations to Allah's creatures. Our worship can only be accepted when we are

also fulfilling our obligations to our fellow beings. Thus worship of Allah, in addition to obligatory prayer, includes performance of one's duties to man, submission to the *Nizam-e-Jama'at* and the fulfillment of personal duties. Let us, therefore, try not to fail in any of these obligations. The way to receive Allah's blessings is through repentance and seeking His forgiveness."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "Let everyone of us examine himself if he earnestly seeks Allah's forgiveness after making a mistake, or seeks His help and promises never to repeat the mistake again?"

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "The Ahmadies of Qadian are full of love and devotion. May Allah further increase their love and devotion. The whole world has its eyes on this village and today the world is watching you live. Therefore, you have to raise the standards of *Taqwa*. May you understand the message of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> better than before and communicate it to others. It is also important that your practical example should bear testimony to the message you convey."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "Many Ahmadies around the world are longing to join us here but some of them are having difficulties acquiring visas. May Allah fulfill their desire and remove all difficulties. Please note that the arrangements and facilities here are limited. Therefore, people coming from other countries should bring their bedding with them. Remember that the accommodation here is limited and visitors will have to bear some hardship."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> prayed that may the visitors arrive safely and may they come with the true understanding of repentance and *Istighfar*. Ameen.

(Iftikhar Ali Qureshi)  
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Rabwah

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## IMAM OF THE AGE

He who dies in a condition that he has not recognized the *Imam* of the Age dies a death of ignorance

(*Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal Vol. 4, p 96; Baharul Anwar, Vol. 13*)

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# A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE FRIDAY SERMON OF HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V<sup>aba</sup>

**DELIVERED ON DECEMBER 23, 2005**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> delivered the Friday Sermon in Qadian.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "By the grace of Allah, Jalsa Salana Qadian will begin in three days time. Ahmadies all over the world will be able to participate in it directly wherever they are, and will partake of the blessings of the Jalsa which was started by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> in this small village in 1891. The purpose of the Jalsa is to remind people that this is a transitory world and that ultimately man has to appear before Allah. It is, therefore, important that, fearing Allah and supplicating for His grace and favor, we should try to ward off satanic assaults, cultivate righteousness and *Taqwa* and create an atmosphere of brotherhood. It is not possible to do justice to our social obligations unless we fear Allah and cultivate piety and *Taqwa*. If we wish to attain Allah's love, it is important that we fulfill our obligations to our kith and kin. And this can only be possible when we set the highest standards in humility, truthfulness and give preference to faith as against worldliness. This indeed is the true aim of Jalsa. The pre-Jalsa excitement and liveliness are already there to welcome the Jalsa. Let us devote ourselves to prayers so that we may be the recipients of the blessings of Jalsa and that the prayers of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> may be fulfilled in our favor."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "Blessed indeed is the journey which is undertaken for religious and spiritual purposes. Let us remember all those who are traveling to participate in the Jalsa and also those who are yearning to come but are unable to do so, for it is because of the love of *Khilafat* that people are flocking to participate in the Jalsa."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "One can't help loving this Jama'at seeing its sincerity and devotion. Let us absorb Allah's blessings during these days and try to attain nearness to our Lord. The atmosphere in Qadian is amazing: people in this small town have offered their houses to accommodate the guests. These scenes bring back to our minds the Jalsas that used to be held in Rabwah. Residents of Qadian have responded to the call of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and are doing their utmost to serve the guests. May Allah reward them."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "Let all the workers of the Jalsa remember that they have to show great hospitality and magnanimity in all situations. The guests should be welcomed and served in the best possible manner, for these are Allah's guests and we have to give them all due respect."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "The workers come from many different places: from Qadian, from South India, from Kashmir and from Pakistan — with completely different cultures and lifestyles. They should all remember the one purpose that has brought them here. Remember that

service is the hallmark of an Ahmadi. Therefore, control your emotions and serve the guests in the best possible manner. The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> has made it incumbent upon us to serve our guests with warm hearts. In this context, Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> also cited incidents from the life of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> which throw light on his great hospitality.”

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: “Try to do justice to your duties in order to attract the pleasure of Allah. Advising the officials of the different departments and their workers.” He further said, “If you carry out your duties with love and affection, you will achieve better results and will win the hearts our guests.”

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: “The visitors too should remember the purpose for which they have come here. Try your best to make these few days the means to attaining Allah's love. Guests should also not make unnecessary demands.”

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: “Ahmadies should always try to do more for self reformation. Let our word and deed become one. Let us remember that mere talk is of no use. Pray to Allah that your word and deed may become one. Let your example lend even greater sanctity to Qadian and prove that you truly act upon the Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> teachings. This is also a way of silently calling people towards Allah. May Allah enable all of us to do so. May Allah protect all Ahmadies from all mischief and may they all be able to gather blessings from this blessed place. Ameen”

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## ADVENT OF MAHDI<sup>as</sup>

When you hear of the advent of the *Mahdi*<sup>as</sup>, it is then enjoined on you to enter his *Bai'at* even if you have to walk on snow by crawling and creeping to reach him, for indeed he is *Khalifatullah Mahdi*.

(*Kanzul Ummal.*, Also footnotes to *Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal*, Vol. 6, p 29-30; *Abu Da'ud* Vol. 2, *Bab Khurujul Mahdi*)

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# A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE FRIDAY SERMON OF HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V<sup>aba</sup>

**DELIVERED ON DECEMBER 30, 2005**

On 30<sup>th</sup> December 2005, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> delivered the Friday Sermon in Qadian.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> recited verse 67 of Surah Al-Zumar, which is translated as follows:

Aye, worship Allah and be thou among the grateful. (39:67)

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "By the grace of Allah, Jalsa Salana Qadian came to its conclusion two days ago. Ahmadies who participated in this Jalsa experienced Divine blessings and saw spiritual light illuminating their souls. The Divine blessings with which the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> started the Jalsa over a century ago, can be seen on the faces of the participants of Jalsa even today."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "MTA is a gift of Allah, through this medium, Ahmadies in every corner of the world are able to experience Allah's blessings descend like rain. The live transmission through MTA is likewise one of Allah's great favors. By 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005, everyone had lost all hope of being able to broadcast the Jalsa live. Nevertheless, we received the go-ahead that very day and the Friday Sermon of the 16<sup>th</sup> was broadcast live. This is a proof of the fulfillment of the promise that Allah had made to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>: 'I shall cause thy message to reach the ends of the earth', and shall set everything right for you."

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "Such Divine support reminds us that we should submit to Allah all the more and try to become His grateful servants. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> made a special appeal for prayers for all those working in MTA. Hazoor said: It is a unique channel run 24 hours a day, mostly by volunteers and without any advertisements. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: No matter where a Jalsa is held, Allah's blessings descend upon it like rain because of the prayers of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. After the Jalsa, the next objective is to offer gratitude. By the grace of Allah, this has been a very successful Jalsa. Only 75 people attended the first Jalsa that was held in Qadian over a hundred years ago. Very few people knew even of the existence of Qadian at that time. But, through the prayers of the Holy Messiah<sup>as</sup> this Jalsa has been attended by over 70 thousand people. Today the voice of Qadian is reaching all corners of the globe. Our minds and our hearts are, therefore, full of gratitude for this blessing."

As to how we should offer gratitude, Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: Let us remember the prayer offered by Hadhrat Sulaiman<sup>as</sup>, "O my Lord! Enable me to be grateful for the favors You have done for me and for my parents; and enable me to do the deeds that You love." Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: "You can only be grateful to Allah when, in keeping with the example of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>

you fulfill your obligations both to Allah and to His creatures, raise your supplications to the highest standard, fulfill your obligations to your spouse and your relatives, work towards harmony, and are ready to forgive your fellow human beings.”

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: “At the end of Jalsa Salana, when I visited the portion specified for *Nau Muba’een*, at the insistence of *Nazarat Da’wat Ilallah*, there was some commotion due to confusion and lack of training. The security staff had to try hard to manage things. But even here we have to be thankful that Allah saved us from any mishap.”

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: “Let us begin the new year by offering gratitude to Allah. Let us begin the new year thanking Allah for the favors He has showered upon us in the past year, so that we can receive even further favors in future.”

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said: “This 70,000 attendance is the largest ever seen in Jalsas in Qadian, and of these about 8,000 were from abroad. It is only by Allah's grace that so many people came together and we were able to provide them satisfactory food and lodging. We can never count Allah's blessings and favors even if we tried. Every Ahmadi should go on offering gratitude for Allah's favors, for it is through gratitude that one is granted even more favors. Be grateful, therefore, and inculcate virtue into your lives. Try to bring about a holy change in yourselves and invoke *Durood* (salutations) upon the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>. Move forward and, in order to gather Allah's blessings, fulfill your obligations to Allah and to His creatures. May Allah enable everyone to do so. *Ameen*”

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## THE HOLY PROPHET<sup>saw</sup> SAYS

“The one who recognizes the Promised *Mahdi*, he should convey my *Salam* to him.”

(*Durr-i-Manthur*, Vol. 2, p 445)

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## **Ahmadi Muslims condemn Profanity against Prophet Muhammad**

The worldwide head of a Muslim community has today congratulated the UK media for the responsible response to the cartoon controversy that has shocked the Muslim world.

**Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad** – the Spiritual Head of 200-million strong Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in 182 countries – also said faith leaders should stand united against assaults on religious sensitivities.

Hadhrat Ahmad said that the regard with which Muslims held the Prophet Muhammad is inestimable and they therefore found it incomprehensible why a Prophet of God should be depicted in such a way.

He said: “I would like to condemn unreservedly the behavior of some of the newspapers portraying the Holy Prophet of Islam, Mohammad (peace be on him) in an offensive and uncouth manner.

“It is a sad day when the media – that is supposed to inform, educate and create understanding and harmony among different races and religions – deliberately provokes and aggravates the religious sensitivities by insulting the Founder of the great religion of Islam. Although the freedom of speech has been used as an excuse, the media has a responsibility to respect the spiritual sensitivities of all religions. We live in a multi-religious society in this world and it behooves us all to understand each other, to respect each other’s belief and to live in peace and harmony.

“I am sure my co-religionists will join me in condemning this unnecessary and un-called for provocation. This is the time for all religious leaders to stand together and condemn this profanity.

“I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the British Press and media for the responsible manner in which they have handled this hurtful incident, and the delicate manner in which they have treated this sensitive issue.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has its worldwide headquarters in London, UK and has built Europe's biggest mosque complex in the city. It was also responsible for building the first mosque in London.

# THE SECOND ADVENT OF THE MESSIAH AND IMAM MAHDI<sup>as</sup>

All Muslims believe that in the Latter Days a reformer, a Messiah and *Mahdi* would appear and restore the religion of Islam to its former glory.

Non-Ahmadi Muslims have adopted the belief that as Jesus<sup>as</sup> did not die but ascended bodily to Heaven, he will return as the Messiah in the Latter Days. They also claim that the *Mahdi* (who they believe is a different person and would be from the fold of Islam) will spread Islam with the sword and wage a war on all those who disbelieve.

Ahmadi Muslims reject this interpretation. They believe that Jesus<sup>as</sup> has already died like all other mortals. Therefore, the question of return is irrelevant. They interpret the second advent of Jesus<sup>as</sup> as a spiritual event, similar to that of the second coming of Elijah, as explained by Jesus<sup>as</sup> himself. Just as John the Baptist had come fulfilling the prophecy of the second coming of Elijah, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> has come

fulfilling the prophecy of the second advent of Jesus<sup>as</sup>. Ahmadies believe the *Mahdi* and Messiah are one and the same person, and that person is Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian. He came for the Renaissance of Islam and his sword was his pen, with which he indicated the truth and superiority of Islam.

## Non-Ahmadi Muslim's Concept of the Advent of the Messiah and Imam Mahdi<sup>as</sup>

Non-Ahmadi Muslims believe that Jesus, son of Mary, whom the Qur'an declares a Prophet of the Israelites, will descend bodily from the sky in person. He will immediately set out with sword in hand and will hack all the enemies of Islam! His global sweep shall have three grand objectives. The first objective will be the destruction of the cross. Not figuratively, but literally! He will set about destroying the symbol of the Christian faith with such vigor that no trace of it shall be left out.

There will not remain a single cross to be seen - in Churches or homes or around any neck.

According to them, his next important task will be the extermination of swine of every variety - domestic as well as wild! So, the followers of the cross will then be left with neither a cross for prayer nor a pig for dinner. Thus Christ will deprive the Christians of the articles, not only of their spiritual sustenance, but also of their physical nourishment.

The third task for the Messiah will be the killing of '*Dajjal*', the Antichrist. Now who is this Antichrist? According to the traditions, if taken literally, as some would have it, he will be a one-eyed Colossus who will come riding an ass of extraordinary proportions. He will be so tall that his head will stand higher than the clouds. All Prophets have warned their followers against the evil of this Antichrist. Now, while the Antichrist is busy ravaging the earth the Messiah will descend from the Heavens.

He will engage the Antichrist in battle near Damascus and slay him. He will then conquer the entire world. Having done this, he will hand over its governance to the Muslims.

### **The Correct Interpretation According to Ahmadi Muslims**

Although the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community does not in any way reject the prophecies concerning the descent of the Messiah and the appearance of the *Mahdi*, it does emphasize that to put a literal meaning on them is the height of naivete and ignorance. We believe that it is as a result of not grasping fully the exalted station of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> that such a serious error is made in understanding his deep and philosophical message. Men of insight and wisdom often use parables and allegories to outline subjects of such great importance but the superficial eye cannot perceive their meaning.

The Ahmadi Muslims believe that the whole range of subjects covering the Messiah, the Antichrist and his ass are allegorical. The Messiah, therefore, is not that earlier Prophet who

was sent among the Israelites. The Ahmadies believe that Jesus Christ died a natural death after surviving the torture of the cross. The Messiah of the prophecy was in fact to be a new person who was to be born amongst the followers of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>. Because of some characteristics and qualities he was to share with Jesus<sup>as</sup>, he would be given the title of Messiah, "Son of Mary" in much the same way as a great dramatist is called Shakes-peare. The reference to the cross, too, is a simile. The Messiah will not literally go around wrecking crosses. He will defeat the Christian faith with strong reasoning and powerful arguments. The destruction of the cross, therefore, stands for the ideological rout of Christianity. Similarly, the word "swine" is not to be taken in the literal sense. It connotes the cultural filth of the Western world which turns men into beastly beings. The word swine stands for the so-called sexual anarchy sweeping across America and Europe. It stands for the disgusting debauchery which claim even innocent children as its victims. The *Traditions* most assuredly did not convey that the Messiah would hunt down herds of

wild boar or domesticated pigs. This would be a strange image of a Prophet of God. It would rather remind one of Ajax, a hero from Greek Mythology, who cut to pieces herds of cattle and flocks of sheep in the mad belief that they were the Greek army's chieftains!

The Antichrist, too, like the Messiah, the cross and the swine is symbolic. He symbolizes a great powerful nation which rules not only the earth but also space. The cross and the swine are in fact symbols pertaining to this nation. The *Traditions* say that the Antichrist's right eye will be sightless but his left eye will be large and bright. This is a symbolic description of the fact that though this nation would be devoid of spiritual light yet its material insight and therefore material attainment, would be great.

Lastly, the Ahmadi Muslims consider the Antichrist's ass to be a symbol too - a symbol that was used to describe the means of transportation of the days to come. All the features describing this ass are without exception identifiable with the fuel-powered vehicles invented by the West. Consider the salient features of the ass -

as described in the Traditions - it will eat fire, it will travel over land, over sea and above the air; its speed will be so great that it will cover a journey of months within the space of a few hours; the passengers will travel not on its back but in its belly which would be lit up; it will announce its departure and ask passengers to take their seats. The fulfillment of these things with such wondrous exactness is a glorious testimony of the truth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>.

(*Revival of Religion*,  
Hadhrat Mirza Tahir  
Ahmad, pp 3-6)

### Messiah and Mahdi are the Same Person

Some of the traditions of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> regarding the advent of the Messiah and *Imam Mahdi*, which clearly state that *Masih* and the *Imam Mahdi* are the same person are as follows:

لَا الْمَهْدِيُّ إِلَّا عِيسَى بْنُ مَرْيَمَ

There is no *Mahdi* except  
'Isa.

(*Ibn Majah, Bab Shiddatuz  
Zaman*)

يُؤْتِيكَ مَنْ عَاشَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يُلْقَى  
عِيسَى بْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِمَامًا مُهْدِيًا وَ  
حَكَمًا عَدْلًا يَكْسِرُ الصَّلِيبَ وَ يَقْتُلُ  
الْخَنَازِيرَ

It is just possible that he who lives of you might meet Jesus the son of Mary who is the *Imam Mahdi* and a just judge. He will break the cross and kill the swine.

(*Musnad Ahmad, p 156/2*)

In pondering over the above traditions one is bound to come to the veritable conclusion that the *Mahdi* is no other than the Messiah promised to Muslims. To think that the Messiah and the *Mahdi* are two different persons is wrong as is clear from the above traditions.

The Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> was called "Jesus, son of Mary" because of many similarities between the mission of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and Hadhrat 'Isa<sup>as</sup> (Jesus, son of Mary): neither of them was a law-bearing Prophet; Jesus<sup>as</sup> who appeared 1300 years after Moses<sup>as</sup>, came to rejuvenate Judaism, while Hadhrat Ahmad's<sup>as</sup> mission was to

re-establish the true teachings of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> after 1300 years; both were rejected by the scholars of their Faith and both manifested the "*jamali*", i.e. the gentler aspects of their religion. For shedding the light of Islam in the Christian world he is called Messiah or son of Mary, and for illuminating the hearts of Muslims with pure Islam, he is called *Mahdi*.

The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> has said:

كَيْفَ تَهْلِكُ أُمَّةٌ أَنَا أَوَّلُهَا وَ عِيسَى بْنُ  
مَرْيَمَ آخِرُهَا

How can my followers be destroyed when I am at their beginning and Jesus, son of Mary, is at their end.

(*Musnad Ahmad Kanzul  
'Umal, Vol. 7, p 203*)

Hadhrat Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> writes:

- a. "When the 13th century of the *Hegira* drew to a close and the beginning of the 14th century approached, I was informed by God Almighty, through revelation, that I was the *Mujaddid* (Reformer) for the 14th century."

(*Kitabul Bariyya, p 201*)

- b. "It was disclosed to me through Divine revelation a few years later that the Messiah that had been promised from the earliest time to this nation and that the last *Mahdi* (The Guided Leader) who was destined to appear after the deterioration of Islam, and who was to be granted guidance direct from God, and who was to provide once again the spiritual nourishment, as had been pre-ordained, and about whom glad tidings had also been given by the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> himself 1300 years ago, is none other than me."

(*Tadhkiratush-Shahadatain*, p 1)

- c. "The holy and pure revelation of God has informed me that I have been sent by Him as the Promised Messiah and as the Promised *Mahdi* and as Arbiter for the internal and external differences."

(*Arba'in*)

**Welcome to Ahmadiyyat,  
The True Islam**

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## TEN DISTINCTIVE FAVORS OF ALLAH UPON THE PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>as</sup>

The Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> has described ten distinctive favors which God has bestowed upon him:

1. God has bestowed upon me the understanding of the Qur'an.
2. God has taught me the language of the Qur'an in a miraculous manner.
3. God accepts my prayers more than of any other person.
4. God has supported me with Heavenly signs.
5. God has bestowed upon me signs from the earth.
6. God has promised me that I shall triumph over everyone who comes forward to oppose me.
7. God has given me the good tidings that my followers will always triumph over others through their reasoning in support of the truth, and that they and their progeny will be greatly honored in the world, so that they should see that he who comes to God

never suffers a loss.

8. God has promised me that till the Day of Judgment, He will continue to manifest my blessings, so much so, that kings will seek blessings from my garments.
9. Twenty years ago, God informed me, that I would be denied and that people would not accept me, but that God would accept me and would manifest my truth through powerful assaults.
10. God has promised me that for the purpose of repeating the light of my blessings, a person will be raised from among my progeny into whom God will breathe the blessings of the Holy Spirit. He will be characterized by inner purity and will have a close relationship with God. He will be a manifestation of the True and High, as if God had descended from Heaven.

(*Tohfa Golarviyyah*, p 90)

# CONDITIONS OF BAI'AT (INITIATION)

On 12th January 1889, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> issued a leaflet entitled, "*Takmil-i-Tabligh*" in which he set down ten conditions for those who wished to swear spiritual allegiance to him and become an *Ahmadi Muslim*. They are the same conditions which, even today, every would-be initiate pledges to uphold. To join the Community, one must agree to these conditions and swear an allegiance to the successor of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>.

The Words of *Bai'at-e-'ula* (Initiation) which the Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> wrote in his own handwriting are as follows:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the  
Gracious, the Merciful

نُحَمِّدُهُ وَنُصَلِّيْ

We praise Him and we  
worship Him

"I repent, today at the  
hand of Ahmad of all my  
sins and bad habits to which

I was addicted, and most truthfully and solemnly do I promise that, till the last day of my life, I shall eschew to the best of my ability, all manners of sin. I shall give precedence to religion over worldly comforts and pleasures. I shall try, as far as I can, to observe the ten conditions of *Bai'at* laid down in the leaflet (dated January 12th, 1889). I seek forgiveness of God for my past sins.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَأَتُوبُ

إِلَيْهِ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا

شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ

وَرَسُولُهُ. رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي

وَأَعْرَفْتُ بِذَنْبِي فَأَعْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي

فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ.

I beg pardon from Allah, my Lord. I beg pardon from Allah, my Lord. I beg pardon from Allah, my Lord, from all my sins and turn to Him. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and He is One

and has no partner. And I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. O my Lord, my Allah, I wronged my soul and I confess all my sins; forgive me my sins, for there is none else except Thee to forgive.

(*Siratul Mahdi*, Vol. 1, pp 77-78,  
Second Print, 1935)

## The Ten Conditions of *Bai'at* (Initiation) Published by the Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup>

1. The initiator shall solemnly promise that he/she shall abstain from *Shirk* (association of a partner with God) right up to the day of his/her death.
2. That he/she shall keep away from falsehood, fornication, adultery, trespasses of the eye, debauchery, dissipation, cruelty, dishonesty, mischief and rebellion; and will not permit himself/herself

to be carried away by the passions, however strong they may be.

3. That he/she shall regularly offer the five daily Prayers in accordance with the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet; and shall try his/her best to be regular in offering the *Tahajjud* (Pre-dawn supererogatory Prayer) and invoking *Durud* (Blessings) on the Holy Prophet; that he/she shall make it his/her daily routine to ask forgiveness for his/her sins, to remember the bounties of God and to praise and glorify Him.

4. That under the impulse of any passions, he/she shall cause no harm whatsoever to the creatures of Allah in general, and Muslims in particular, neither by his/her tongue nor by his/her hands nor by any other means.

5. That he/she shall remain faithful to God in all circumstances of life, in sorrow and happiness, adversity and prosperity, in felicity and trials; and

shall in all conditions remain resigned to the decree of Allah and keep himself/herself ready to face all kinds of indignities and sufferings in His way and shall never turn away from it at the onslaught of any misfortune; on the contrary, he/she shall march forward.

6. That he/she shall refrain from following un-Islamic customs and lustful inclinations, and shall completely submit himself/herself to the authority of the Holy Qur'an; and shall make the Word of God and sayings of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> the guiding principle in every walk of his/her life.

7. That he/she shall entirely give up pride and vanity and shall pass all his/her life in lowliness, humbleness, cheerfulness, forbearance and meekness.

8. That he/she shall hold faith, the honor of faith, and the cause of Islam dearer to him/her than his/her life, wealth, honor, children and all other

dear ones.

9. That he/she shall keep himself/herself occupied in the service of God's creatures, for His sake only; and shall endeavor to benefit mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities and powers.

10. That he/she shall enter a bond of brotherhood with this humble servant of God, pledging obedience to me in everything good, for the sake of Allah, and remain faithful to it till the day of his/her death; that he/she shall exert such a high devotion in the observance of this bond as is not to be found in any other worldly relationship and connections demanding devoted dutifulness."

(Translated from *Ishtihar*  
"Takmil-e-Tabligh, January 12,  
1889)

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*Hadhrat Abu Huraira<sup>ra</sup> relates that the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> said: "Surely people will be resurrected according to their intentions."*

(Muslim)

# THE ECLIPSES OF THE SUN AND THE MOON

The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> had announced a very clear and definite sign of the appearance of the *Mahdi* which was not in the power of anyone to manufacture or improvise. *Darqutni*, an eminent and recognized authority on *Hadith*, had recorded that the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> said:

إِنَّ لِمَهْدِيْنَا أَبْتَيْنَ لَمْ تَكُونَا مُنْذُ خَلَقَ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ تَنَكَّسِفُ الْقَمَرُ  
لِأَوَّلِ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ وَتَنَكَّسِفُ  
الشَّمْسُ فِي النِّصْفِ مِنْهُ وَلَمْ تَكُونَا  
مُنْذُ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ -

For our *Mahdi* there are appointed two signs which have never been manifested for any other claimant since the creation of the Heavens and the earth. They are that at his advent there shall occur an eclipse of the moon on the first of (its appointed nights), and an eclipse of the sun on the middle one of (its appointed days) and

both will occur in the same month of *Ramadhan*.

(*Sunan Dar Qutni vol 2, p 65, Bab Safatus-Salatulkhusuf*)

In this *Hadith* four conditions have been stated, which if fulfilled will become a sign of the truth of the *Imam Mahdi*:

The eclipses of the moon and the sun occur according to the set laws of nature as related to astronomy. According to these laws, if the *Hijrah* Calendar is used, the dates on which a lunar eclipse can occur are the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> nights of the lunar month. And the dates on which a solar eclipse can occur are the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of the lunar month. The sign mentioned by the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, therefore, was that the moon would be eclipsed on the 13<sup>th</sup> night of the lunar month, and the eclipse of the sun would take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the same month, which will be the month of *Ramadhan*. The sign was to appear after and not before the advent of

the *Mahdi*.

Some have objected that the lunar eclipse should have occurred on the first night of *Ramadhan*. They ignore the laws of astronomy and the established movements of celestial bodies. Further-more, the Arabic word for moon used in the above stated *Hadith* is *Qamar*, which is used for the moon on the fourth lunar night and onward; whereas, the moon of the first three nights is called *Hilal* in Arabic.

The above stated *Hadith* does not mean to say that the lunar and solar eclipses have never occurred in the month of *Ramadhan* before. In fact, according to astronomers they have occurred many times in the month of *Ramadhan* since the time of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>. The crucial point is that there would be a claimant of being *Mahdi* at that time and he will proclaim this occurrence to be a sign for him. This is exactly what happened.

Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> founded the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in 1889, and announced his claim of being the Reformer of the age. Later on, in 1891, under Divine guidance he claimed to be the Promised Messiah mentioned in the prophecies of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, and Jesus<sup>as</sup> in the Bible. The sign of eclipses of the moon and the sun in the month of *Ramadhan* was shown in 1894. An eclipse of the moon occurred on Thursday night, the 13<sup>th</sup> of *Ramadhan*, 1311 *Hijrah* (21<sup>st</sup> March, 1894), and the eclipse of the sun occurred on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the same month of *Ramadhan* (6<sup>th</sup> April, 1894), in exact accord with the prophecy of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>. Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> proclaimed the eclipses in *Ramadhan* of 1894 to be a great sign in his favor. There have been many claimants of being *Mahdi* in Islamic history, but this sign was never shown for any one of them. This sign about the *Mahdi* is found in the books of *Hadith* collected by both Shi'ah and Sunni sects. A great many Islamic religious books mention this prophecy about the expected *Mahdi*.

(*The Promised Messiah and*

*Mahdi*, Dr. Aziz Ahmad Chaudhry, pp 77-78)

These eclipses were visible over a large part of Asia including India. The same phenomenon was repeated in the United States of America in 1895.

(*The Story of Eclipses*, George F. Chambers, p 33, London, 1902)

The sign of the eclipses was beyond the power of any person to show. The Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> considered this sign of the eclipses to be very significant and said that with this sign, the foundation of the victory of Islam had been laid. He also said that mosques will be built and people will join Islam in hordes. The Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> has written about this sign in many of his books. He writes:

"And I also swear by God Almighty that I am the Promised Messiah and I am the same person who was promised by the Prophets. There is news about me and my age in the Torah, the Gospels, and the Holy Qur'an. It is stated that there will be eclipses in the sky and severe plague on the earth."

(*Da'fiul Bala'*, p 18)

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## ISLAM

Islam is a very comprehensive religion. It presents a way of life and gives guidance under all possible situations. Islam covers the entire sphere of human activities. Furthermore, in Islam, the beliefs must be reflected in actions. Islam delivers a message of peace to its adherents in their relationship to fellow human beings as well as in their relationship to God. Islam condemns discrimination based on nationality, color or social class. There can be no master-race, aristocracy or priesthood. The most noble in the eyes of God being the most pious. Thus, Islam is distinct from other faiths in providing a comprehensive code of social and moral behavior. Islam conforms to human nature and fulfills all human needs. Furthermore, Islam is the only religion that accepts previous teachings and their bearers as coming from God. It does stipulate however, that these teachings have been tempered with, and can no longer be relied on as true guidance. Islam teaches that the Holy Qur'an incorporates in itself the true meanings of these previous teachings, and that its own integrity will always be guarded by Allah Himself. This acceptance and incorporation of other scriptures makes Islam a truly universal religion.

# NIZAM-E-WASIYYAT THE DIVINELY ESTABLISHED NEW WORLD ORDER

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*Text of the speech made by Dr. Waseem Sayed at the Annual Convention, USA — 2005.*

My Lord, expand for me my breast; and make my task easy for me; and loose the knot from my tongue, that they may understand my speech [20:26-29]

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدًّا ۚ بَعْضُكُمْ بِبَعْضٍ  
قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ لِوَاذًا ۚ فَلْيَحْذَرِ  
الَّذِينَ يُكَذِّبُونَ عَنْ آمْرِ إِنْ تُؤْيِبُهُمُ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ  
يُؤْيِبُهُمُ عَذَابُ الْيَمْرِ ۝

*Treat not the calling of the Messenger among you like the calling of one of you to another. ... (24:64)*

*Dunya main aik nazeer aaya, par dunya nay uss ko qabool na kiya, laikin khuda usay qabool karay ga aur baray zor aawar hamlon say uss kee sachayee ko zahir kar day ga!*

A Warner came into the world, and the world did not accept him, but God

will accept him and will manifest his truth with great, powerful onslaughts.

[revelation]

These are the words of a revelation with which the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> began his book *Al-Wasiyyat*, the subject of my speech.

When the Berlin Wall fell, and Communism all but disappeared from the world scene, many in the West felt vindicated, and yet – the fact of the matter is that the world order based on the current economic system had in fact already failed, causing, not once, but twice, almost the total destruction of humanity.

What is more worrisome today is that those same dark clouds that signaled the first spectacular failure and gave rise to the coming into being of Communism are clearly visible today.

*The UN 2005 Report on the World Social Situation, just issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> of*

*August, finds much of the world trapped in an "Inequality Predicament" that persists and continues to deepen.*

*The Report said that although China and India had seen considerable income growth, there was a wide income gap.*

*The authors of the Report said that the wealthy nations are the main beneficiaries of economic development.*

*The Report said it would be impossible for the 2.8 billion people living on less than \$2 a day to ever match the consumption levels of the rich....*

The problem, of course, is that without detailing how *individuals* can first be brought into order we can never hope to reign in entire nations, let alone the world and this is not a task any economist dare touch, this is the realm of the Prophets of God.

And how severe is the

problem – it is severe. And it is more a problem with the haves.

In the Feb 28, 2005 issue of Business Week they asked rich people how much they needed to live a worry-free future and they got the following answers:

Those with a net worth of a million plus said they needed \$2.4 million. Those having more than \$5 million said they needed \$10.4 million and those with more than \$10 million said they could live a worry-free life if they had \$18.1 million.

So, clearly we live in a very, very materialistic world.

All material things and what has to do with them are attended to with utmost seriousness.

Anything moral, spiritual, godly, whatever,...is given lip service at best but mostly just simply shunned.

There are so many people who approach you, on any given day, who ask for your brief attention so they can provide you comfort, or peace, or profits, by allowing you to acquire, allowing you to own, this or that – perhaps a better night's rest, or a less bothersome clothes

washing experience - you get the idea.

So subtle, frequent, and well-argued, are these *whispers*, that they reach into one's very heart and mind.

In the last chapter of the Holy Qur'an we are taught to seek God's protection against these evil whisperings.

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ ۝

مَلِكِ النَّاسِ ۝

مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَفِيِّ ۝

إِلَهِ النَّاسِ ۝

الَّذِي يُوسِسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ ۝

مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ ۝

[114:2] Say, 'I seek refuge in the Lord of mankind,

[114:3] 'The King of mankind,

[114:4] 'The God of mankind,

[114:5] 'From the evil whisperings of the sneaking whisperer;

[114:6] 'Who whispers into the hearts of men,

[114:7] 'From among jinn and men.'

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> says: *Glad tidings! The field of attaining nearness to God lies completely vacant. Each and every nation is in love with the world and the world is paying no attention to the things with which God can be pleased. Those people*

*who wish to enter through this gate with full vigor, have, therefore, an opportunity to show their mettle and win a special reward from God.*

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> was sent into the world for the purpose of bringing into being a Jama'at, the members of which would not be devoted to the life of the world but who would be preoccupied with the life of the Hereafter, so they would be involved in the doing of such good deeds as would be pleasing to God and earn them a good end.

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> devoted every instant of his life to the achievement of this objective and succeeded in establishing a Jama'at of people who truly gave precedence to the needs of the faith over their worldly needs.

Towards the end of 1905, in December, Allah repeatedly told him of his impending demise. He was shown a grave that shone brighter than silver, indeed the whole grave was made of silver, and he was told that this was his grave.

He was also shown a place that was named 'Bahishti Maqbarah', or the 'Heavenly Graveyard'.

So, based on Divine hints, he set forth the making of a Graveyard in which only those holy persons of the Jama'at would be laid to rest who, in truth, could be said to have given the needs of the faith preference over their own material needs and who had forsaken love of the world and had become wholly devoted to God and had adopted the ways of righteousness and brought about such holy changes in their lives as to become the likenesses of the *Sahaba* of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> in their loyalty and truth.

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> prayed repeatedly and fervently for those who would find their final abode in the *Bahishti Maqbara* and wrote:

*"I have been given great tidings about this graveyard. God has not only said that it is heavenly, He has also said:*

**'Unzila feeha kullo  
rahmatin'**

*i.e. every kind of Grace is descending upon it. There is no kind of grace which the people buried here will not partake of.*

So through subtle revelations, God has made my

heart inclined to imposing certain conditions for burial here.

... only such shall be buried in this Graveyard who shall make it their Will that at least one tenth of all that they leave behind shall be given over to this Movement for use in the dissemination of Islam and preaching of the Teachings of the Holy Qur'an."

In this way the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> brought into being a *Nizam*, a System, that at once became:

**ONE:** a means of purification for the members of his Jama'at; and

**TWO:** a means of propagation of the religion of Islam; and

**THREE:** a way of discharging the obligation incumbent upon the righteous, of serving humanity.

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> writes:

*"These funds shall also be used to help those orphans, the poor, and the new converts into the Ahmadiyya Community who do not have sufficient means to support themselves."*

And when we read the Promise of God in the Holy Quran regarding *Khilafat*, we see that:

**A FOURTH GRANDIOSE OBJECTIVE IS ALSO ACHIEVED THROUGH THIS ONE BLESSED NIZAM-E-WASIYYAT.**

From this verse it is clear that, so long as the Jama'at members fulfill the demands of this Blessed Nizam they would continue to be blessed with *Khilafat*.

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفْنَا الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِمْ وَيُزَكِّيَنَّهُمْ لَكُمْ وَيُؤْتِيَهُمُ الْغِنَى الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ  
وَلَيُزِيدَنَّهُمْ قُرْبَانًا بَعْدَ قُرْبَانًا تَعْبُدُونَنِي  
وَلَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ  
هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

[24:56] Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will, surely, make them successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will, surely, establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will, surely, give them in exchange security and peace after their fear; They will worship Me and they will

*not associate anything with ME. Then whoso disbelieves after that, they will be the rebellious.*

So we get the added benefit of having the faith made firm - a Divine Promise, no matter who comes against us - whether it be the misguided mullahs and those who follow them blindly, or **whether it be one or many governments**, God promises: *that He will, surely, establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them.*

Having explained this all, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> writes:

*Finally, it needs to be reminded that the days of calamities are near and a severe earthquake that will turn the earth upside down is imminent.*

*Hence those who prove that they have abandoned the world before witnessing this Divine chastisement and shall also prove how sincerely they have obeyed my commandment, such alone shall, in the sight of God, be the true believers and only they will be written in His register as those who are the first and foremost in spiritual rank.*

*And I say to you, very, very, truly, that the time is near when a hypocrite who, having loved the world, evaded this commandment will, at the time of chastisement, cry out in great anguish, 'I wish I had given all that I possessed—all my movable and fixed assets—in the way of God and been saved from this calamity.'*

*Remember, after witnessing this punishment, faith will be of no use and alms and charity will be in vain.*

*Look, I warn you of an imminent chastisement. Make haste and stock up on your [spiritual] provisions so that they may serve you.*

*As for me, I have no intention to take possession of your wealth. Rather you shall give to the Anjuman your wealth for the propagation of the Faith and shall be rewarded with a life in Heaven.*

*There are many who, for their love of the World, shall ignore my commandment but they shall soon be separated from the world—then at the last hour they shall cry out:*

*'This is what the Gracious God had promised and the Messengers spoke*

*the truth.'* (Yasin 36:53).

So, in the concluding part the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> refers to his desire for all Ahmadies to join this blessed *Nizam-e-Wasiyyat*, as his command, order, **THREE TIMES.**

And he describes those who obey him and forsake the world as those who shall be written down in the REGISTERS of God as the *sabayqoon awwaloon*, the first and foremost.

And those who do not join, he declares that they have love of the world mixed up with their love of God ... he describes them as being guilty of this hypocrisy, these would soon regret their inaction - but those who obey him would earn God's favor and gain admittance to His Paradise!

**§ The cynics ask: Is Paradise something you can purchase?**

They forget the answer the Holy Qur'an has already given.

*Innallaha-shtara minal mo'may neena anfosa-hum wa amwala-hum bay anna lahumul jannah*

[9:111] *Surely, Allah has purchased of the believers their persons and their*

*property in return for the heavenly Garden they shall have;*

**§ The Promised Messiah (as) also foresaw another objection and dealt with it forthrightly. He says:**

*It is possible that there may be persons, who are overborne by the element of suspicion and make me, with respect to this project, a target of objections and regard this arrangement as based on selfish reasons or judge it as a Bid'at. But keep it in mind that these are the Works of God, the Mighty, and He does what He wishes. Indeed He has willed that by this scheme He shall distinguish between the hypocrite and the believer...*

At a meeting, when I read this, a friend asked:

**§ Does this mean that joining Nizam-e-Wasiyyat is obligatory?**

Several replies were given but nothing seemed to be making an impact.

So I went very close to the friend and grasping the collar of his shirt rather sternly, I said to him, imagine this is your mother on her death bed saying to you

that she is about to die and is leaving your sister in your care and admonishing you to arrange her marriage suitably and all.

I asked him: Is fulfilling the last wish of your dear mother an obligation or is it voluntary?

All the questions that come to mind are easy to answer when we understand the context - and the context of all calls to sacrifice in the way of God is *love of God*.

Why, after all, does a mother sacrifice so for her children?

Would she sacrifice so much if she had gotten her children from a mail-order catalogue?

Is it not likely that she would, in such case, love them about as much as she loves her washer and dryer?

This link of sacrifice to win God's nearness and love is succinctly summarized by the Holy Qur'an:

لَنْ تَمْلُؤُوا إِلَهًا حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَمَا تُنْفِقُونَ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٩٣﴾

[3:93] *You cannot attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend,*

*Allah surely knows it well.*

▪ **A young man asked recently: Look, I thought this idea of joining the Nizam-e-Wasiyyat was a personal issue of righteous conduct for which the heart has to be moved, and the desire has to well up from the inside, not from the outside – so what is behind all this emphasis, why so much push?**

And this question goes to the heart of the matter. And it relates to everything that is to do with God sending Messengers to the people.

Actually this is a very broad question.

Who is to determine whether the people should be called to God or not and who should be in charge of making the call? And how often? And how forcefully?

I referred to the situation of the world earlier. How intense, frequent, and subtle, are the calls to us to acquire, to own, this or that.

How much effort, and how huge the resources, that are devoted (and ultimately paid for by us) to selling us everything from junk food to artificially

worn-out, tattered, torn up jeans, to expensive cars and bigger and bigger houses – much bigger than we can afford..

And that is just the start – every time we acquire something there comes added enslavement.

A new car, well you better be ready to service it, I mean, worship it, now that you own it.

After all you do want to look after your investment, no!

Do we own these things or do they own us?

How beautifully the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> sums this up in this same booklet:

*You can in no way attain the pleasure of Allah till, giving up your own desires, and pleasures, and honor, and wealth, and even your life, you become prepared to bear such extreme hardships as are tantamount to death. But once you take on such hardships, you will come into the lap of God like a beloved child. And you will be made the heirs of those pious persons who have preceded you and the doors of every blessing will be opened to you.*

Is it not plainly written in the Holy Qur'an?

فَذَكِّرْ إِنْ نَفَعَتِ الذِّكْرَىٰ

[87:10] *So keep on admonishing people. Surely, admonition is, indeed, profitable.*

Yes, the desire to do good has to well up from the inside, but Allah has sent His Messenger and has mandated that the people be reminded and try and cause these good desires to well up in the hearts of the people just as everyone else is dedicated to waking the desires for the world in the hearts and minds of the people for their own material gains – only these Godly people do their calling to God purely for the sake and love of God – and THIS IS WHY THEY ARE SO HUGELY SUCCESSFUL!

I ask again is it not written in the Holy Qur'an?

وَلَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

[3:105] *And let there always be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness, and enjoin virtue and forbid evil. And*

*it is they who shall prosper.*

What is stated here is that the people among whom there are such as remind people to adopt goodness they are the ones who shall succeed.

§ **Then there are those who simply say we are not righteous enough – to join the Nizam-e-Wasiyyat**

Well, the short answer for them is that this is precisely why they need to join this Blessed *Nizam*.

Reading the booklet *Al-Wasiyyat*, the Will, it becomes abundantly clear that the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> is prescribing for us the remedy that will cause righteousness to grow within us and that if we obey him and follow his directions and become committed to making the sacrifices and changes he demands of us in this, his Last Will, then we will actually begin our journey on the road to goodness.

§ **There are some who say we are thinking about it.**

What is there to think about?

What is the worst that

can happen if you rush into complying with the wish of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>?

You may be guilty of having done some good? No?

Look, the *Sahaba* [ra] of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, their characteristic was to rush to do every good thing he asked them to do.

And this is what the Holy Qur'an directs that we do:

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٣١٣﴾

[3:133] *And obey Allah and the Messenger that you may be shown mercy.*

وَسَارِعُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمُوتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣١٤﴾

[3:134] *And hasten towards forgiveness from your Lord, and the Paradise whose value is the heavens and the earth. It is prepared for the God-fearing.*

And is this not what we say we do, every night when we offer the *dua'-e-qunoot*, when we offer the vitr prayers, and say: *wa ee-laika nasa'a* – and we run to thee.

## § The case of Newton and other discoverers of great Laws Nature

It is sometimes hard for people to grasp the immense benefits to which the paths identified by the Prophets lead –

The great discoverers of the laws of nature, the great discoverers of truths underlying the workings of nature, they also identify for people paths based on their painstaking work and even though the vast majority of people never fully understand their equations etc. – yet those who follow these paths leave those who dilly dally and procrastinate far, far behind..

And the truths revealed to the Prophets of God are far, far, far, superior and more promising and lead their followers to far greater successes, as history bears witness ..

Last night, a Christian friend said this all sounds utopian. I said to him what Jesus<sup>as</sup> was telling those who for centuries had been accustomed to exacting an eye for an eye must have been really utopian – yet three centuries later it was his followers who were triumphant – yes, the time scale of the Prophets is not

the timescale of the politicians or the worldly people, I admit.

So we, who have recognized the Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup>, must run to fulfill his every wish, desire and command.

This then is the content and meaning, in brief, of the Will of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>.

Its ending *paras* contain his repeated call to us to obey his command – but it would be amiss not to mention the opening words of The Will – for they contain a dire warning to all of mankind.

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> began his Will by writing down the revelation from God:

*Dunya main aik nazeer aaya, par dunya nay uss ko qabool na kiya, laikin khuda ussay qabool karay ga aur baray zor aawar hamlon say uss kee sachayee ko zahir kar day ga!*

A Warner came into the world, and the world did not accept him, but God will accept him and will manifest his truth with great, powerful onslaughts.

The man-made solutions to the problems of humanity have led humanity twice

before to the brink of disaster and the signs are all there for anyone who cares to see that a third such disaster is in the making.

The only way to save ourselves, and the world, from this is by responding to the call of the Messenger of God.

### RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE MES- SENGER

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا  
قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ لِوَاذًا فَلْيَحْذَرِ  
الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ  
يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٤:٦٤﴾

[24:64] *Treat not the calling of the Messenger among you like the calling of one of you to another. ...*

This verse has immense value and relevance for us – yes for us who are honored to be the followers of the Messenger raised by God in this age to bring mankind back to Him.

We are the inheritors of the blessings reserved by God for His Messengers and those who accept them – but with these innu-

merable blessings come responsibilities.

How did the fortunate people who accepted the Holy Prophet of Islam honor the demands of this verse?

In the time of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, as mentioned already by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, in this booklet itself, they proved with their actions how sincerely and completely they responded to this Divine commandment.

At the time of Badr, when they were faced with impossible odds, they stood by the Messenger of God when he called on them to defend Islam.

Look how wonderful was their response: 'O Messenger of Allah, we shall not say to you like the companions of Moses: *Fazhab anta wa rab-boka fa qatayla, in-na ha hona qa'edoon!* [5:25]

'Go thou and thy Lord and fight, and here we sit.'

O Messenger of Allah, we will fight to your right and to your left and in front of you and behind you and the enemy shall not reach you unless it is by trampling over our dead bodies.'

Then in our own times the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> bore testimony to how his Companions responded to his call.

In the Victory of Islam, he writes:

*Here I cannot refrain from recording and thanking God Almighty that with His grace and mercy I have not been left alone.*

*Those who have forged a filial relationship with me and entered this fold created by God Almighty by His own Hand are imbued with a strange kind of love and devotion for me. There is nothing I have done to deserve this. God Almighty out of His own special beneficence has gifted me with such sincere spirits.*

*First of all, I feel greatly moved to mention a spiritual brother of mine whose name, like the Noor (light) of his sincerity is Noor Din (Light of the Faith).*

*The services he is rendering in the cause of the spread of Islam out of his pure earned money make me envious. Would, that I also could render such services.*

Then we come to the time of our parents – and

about them also we have the testimony of one bestowed with the Mantle of *Khilafat*.

In a meeting in Lahore on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1944, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup> made this wonderful announcement:

*"God has blessed me with such hearts as are willing to offer every sacrifice at my command.*

*If I were to tell them to jump into the depths of the sea they would be prepared to do so.*

*If I were to order them to jump from the highest mountaintops they would do so instantly. If I were to tell them to throw themselves into blazing ovens they would show their compliance by so doing."*

[Al-Fazal 18 Feb 1958  
Musleh Mau'ood Number]

**So now we come to ourselves.**

Today, the 5<sup>th</sup> Successor to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> calls us to take on this jihad of joining the *Nizam-e-Wasiyyat*.

And he waits for our reply.

## RECOGNIZE WHAT YOU ARE CALLED TO DO TODAY

There are some who wish the Battle of Badr to again take place and again wish to find themselves on the right or left of Hadhrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf<sup>ra</sup> and then they would show their mettle.

But in each age Allah sends His messengers to tell the people the sacrifices needed in that age and those who fail to realize this and continue to dwell in the past always fail to benefit from the admonitions of the Prophets.

So Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> calls us to make the sacrifices contingent on joining the *Nizam-e-Wasiyyat*.

## NIZAM-E-NAU/ NEW WORLD ORDER

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup> spoke extensively on the subject of *Nizam-e-Wasiyyat* in 1942 and this address was subsequently published as a book under the title: *The New World Order of Islam*.

There he presented a detailed analysis of the then

prevalent ideologies and he predicted that all attempts at creating new world orders by men would fail.

At that time Communism or Bolshevism was much in debate and only 50 years later it vanished from the face of the earth as **this man of God had predicted it would.**

He announced in unmistakable terms that the world orders that survive and flourish, under whose shade humanity finds peace and security, **are only those that are established by the Prophets of God.**

He stated:

*Things always move slowly at first, but soon gather speed and momentum. It is true that the funds collected by means of Wills are at present not very large, but as Ahmadiyyat goes on spreading faster and faster, these funds will also grow. By a natural process they will go on multiplying, so that the day of the complete establishment of the New Order will come nearer and nearer....*

*When this system attains maturity, it will provide not only for missionary work, but will also help to abolish want and distress by making adequate provision for*

*the needs of all individuals....*

*Under this system, not by means of compulsion or coercion, but out of real affection and goodwill, a brother will be eager to help his brother.*

*Nor will such sacrifice be in vain.*

*Every giver will be recompensed many times over by God.*

*The rich will not suffer loss nor will the poor suffer privation.*

*Nation will not fight nation, nor class will contend against class.*

*The system will put everyone under an obligation.*

*I assure you that the New Order will not be inaugurated by Mr. Churchill or Mr. Roosevelt.*

*Declarations like the Atlantic Charter will accomplish nothing. They are full of defects and shortcomings.*

*New Orders are always established in the world by Prophets raised for the purpose by God.*

*They have no bitterness against the rich, and no bias for the poor.*

*They are neither of the East, nor of the West.*

*They are the Messengers of God and proclaim the teachings, which furnish the foundations of true peace.*

*Today also, peace will be established only through the teachings of the Promised Messiah [as] the foundations of which were laid in Al-Wasiyyat in 1905.*

*He then concluded his address by saying:*

*Those of you who have already made Wills in accordance with the directions contained in Al-Wasiyyat are participating in laying the foundations of the New Order, the Order which is to afford security for every person who participates in it, for his family and descendants. ..*

*The world seeks a New Order by destroying religion... you will construct a much better New Order while preserving the integrity of religion....*

*All of you should, therefore, make your Wills under this system, so that the New Order may come as early as possible, and the blessed day may dawn when everywhere the banner of Islam and Ahmadiyyat will be seen flying.*

*To those who have already made their Wills I offer my congratulations and*

*pray that those, who have not, may be enabled by God to do so, so that they may also gather for themselves blessings, material as well as spiritual.*

*Today we hear the Khalifa say to us the time has come for mass enrolment in this Blessed Nizam – so the time has come for this New World Order to be established.*

*And how beautifully and prophetically had Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> captured this in his couplets, early in his Khilafat, in 1986:*

*He wrote:*

*Bisatay dunya ulat ra-  
hee hay, haseen aur  
payedaar naqshay;  
Jahanay nau kay ubhar ra-  
hay hain, badal raha hay  
Nizam kahna*

*Kaleeday fatho zafar  
thamayee tumhain Khudaa  
nay ab aasman par, Nis-  
hanay fatho zafar hay likha  
giya Tumhary hee naam  
kahna*

*The world is being turned upside down, beautiful and lasting maps off the New World are rising up.*

*The System of the World is changing – tell them, in the Heavens, God has thrust the Keys of Victory and Success into your*

hands.

The signs of Success and Victory have been written down in your name – tell them.

The condition of humanity in the last days is well captured, as I said in the beginning in *Sura An-Nas*.

Let us pray that Allah protect us from the whisperers that take us away from God – but PRAYER, for it to be effective, has to be matched by action, and that demands that we adopt the ways that Allah's Messenger has prescribed for us... only then will Allah respond to our calls as He says:

وَرَأَىٰ سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ لِجِبِّ دَعْوَةٍ  
الَّذِينَ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلَيْسَ يُجِيبُوا لِي وَلِيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ  
يُرْسَلُونَ ﴿٢٠٠﴾

[2:187] And when My servants ask thee about Me, say 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.'

Our last word is that all praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds!

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## THE REVIEW OF RELIGIONS

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> started the publication of the *Review of Religions* in 1902 from Qadian, India. The purpose of this English monthly magazine was to spread the message of Islam to the West. This is the only journal of its kind that is being published continuously for over a century. During this span of time, it has enlightened millions of hearts. At a critical juncture of time, when a closer look at religious ideologies has once again become crucial, the magazine can serve as a very useful source of information.

In addition to regular features from the writings of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and his Khulafa, spiritual and intellectual articles on current topics are published in the magazine.

The articles published in the *Review of Religions* present the true Islamic teachings as compared to other religious magazines. Alexander Dowie and his Zion, The Immaculate Conception, Economic Justice, and Who are the Amish?, are a few of the many interesting topics, which have been recently published in the Magazine.

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> wished to have 10,000 subscribers of the *Review of Religions*. The *Review* is now printed in Islamabad, UK and distributed in the United States from New York. Members of the USA Jama'at are urged to subscribe to the magazine. Furthermore, they are requested to increase circulation of the magazine by promoting its subscription at the local libraries and other institutions.

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# HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V'S<sup>aba</sup> VISIT TO INDIA - 2005

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Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> led the *Fajr* prayers at 6:10 am in the Bait-ul-Hadi mosque. At 9:00 am he proceeded to meet the Speaker of the parliament Lok-Sabha Hon. Samnath Chatterjee at the Speaker House, where he arrived at 9:55 am. The speaker in his discussions with Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> characterized the Jama'at's motto of 'Love for All Hatred for None' a message with universal appeal which if adopted would cleanse the world of strife and intolerance. He also praised the book of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>rh</sup>, Islam's Response to Contemporary Issues, which he had the opportunity to read. He commented on the need for the respect of other's faiths in society. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> praised the honorable speaker on his open-mindedness and presented him with a commemorative shield. The meeting was very cordial and lasted for fifteen minutes. The speaker then accompanied Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> to his motorcade to bid farewell.

From the Speaker House Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> proceeded for sight-seeing to the famous *Qutub-Minar* and the accompanying *Quwatal-Islam* mosque. *Qutub-Minar* in red and buff sandstone is the highest tower in India. It has a diameter of 14.3m at the base and about 2.75m on the top with a height of 72.5m. One has to climb 379 steps to get to the top. *Qutb-u'd-Din Aibak* laid the foundation of *Qutub-Minar* in AD 1199. It was completed by his successor *Shamsud Din Altamish*. It was built to celebrate the capture of Delhi. Masjid *Quwatal-Islam* is the first mosque in Delhi built by a Muslim ruler. Close to the mosque is one of Delhi's most curious structures, the Iron Pillar, dating back to the 4th century A.D. The pillar, which is made almost entirely of iron, has stood 1,600 years without rusting or decomposing. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> asked several questions of the guide and also took pictures.

At 11:35 am Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> proceeded to pray at the grave of Hadhrat Khawaja Qutubuddin Bakhtiar Kaki. Born in Iraq in 569 Hijri, he traveled to Ajmer in 587 Hijri and later settled in Delhi.

In his 1905 visit to Delhi, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> also went to the mausoleums of the saints including Hadhrat Bakhtiar Kaki, Hadhrat Nizamuddin Aulia and Hadhrat Shah Waliullah. The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> said that the living of Delhi did not wish to see him and nor were they in a position to do so, whereas he could always meet the ones who had passed away and in this way his visit to Delhi would not be without meeting its people. He considered it a matter of spiritual excellence of the saints that they lived among people with closed hearts yet gained greater acceptance among them than what had been his share thus far.

(Malfoozat Vol 4,  
page 499)

On Nov 1, 1905 the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> prayed on the grave of Bakhtiar Kaki and said that such places were blessed and he visited them because the people buried there were exalted; that he had prayed for them and also for himself. He said the visits to the few graves were over and expressed sorrow at the state of the people of Delhi describing them as hard of heart. At this time when he was occupied in such thoughts he had the following revelation in Persian:

*"Dast-e-tu, Dua'-e-tu, tu  
tarham az Khuda"*

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> had distributed alms among the needy usually found around these mausoleums. Exactly a hundred years later his fifth successor also went to the grave of Khawaja Bakhtiar Kaki and distributed alms among the hundred or so needy there. This visit was not pre-planned; it was suggested to Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> after his arrival in Delhi among other places of interest there. Until after the visit to the grave no one in the entourage realized that a similar event had taken place a hundred years ago when the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> visited Delhi in 1905. Without doubt this was a manifestation of Divine destiny.

By the grace of Allah the Jama'at today is well established in Delhi. The Jama'at is well known at governmental levels, which was kind enough to provide a security cover during Hazoor's<sup>aba</sup> stay. The Delhi mission is vibrant and effective and is progressing day by day, *Alhamdolillah*.

After praying at Hadhrat Bakhtiar Kaki's grave Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> proceeded to the Tughlaqabad Fort where he arrived at 12:20 pm and received a guided tour. The crumbling ruins of the *Tughlaqabad* Fort convey a sense of lost grandeur. The massive ramparts, battlements, and the stonework of this fort speak highly of the engineering skills of the workers who constructed it. The fort of *Tughlaqabad* was completed in a short span of four years (1321–25) during the reign of Ghiasuddin Tughlaq. The fort has massive battlements and bastions some as high as 15–30 m, built of enormous blocks of stone and walls 10 m thick in places. Within its high walls, double-storied bastions, and towers were housed palaces, mosques, and audience halls. The city of *Tughlaqabad* lay on the eastern outskirts of the fort. It is located on an eminence

from which one gets a panoramic view of Delhi. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> took some pictures here.

At 1:15 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> offered joined *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers at the Bait-ul-Hadi mosque following which he retired to his residence. At 3:20 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> departed for the Tomb of the Emperor Humayun. Built in 1556, Humayun's tomb is known as the first example of the large scale that would characterize subsequent *Mughal* architecture. The tomb sits at the center of a plinth, about 21 feet (7 m) high. The top of its central dome reaches 140 feet from the ground. The dome is double-layered; the outer layer supports the white marble exterior facing, while the inner one defines the cavernous interior volume. The rest of the tomb is clad in red sandstone, with white marble ornamentation. In addition to the sarcophagus of Humayun it also houses the tomb of his wife Hameeda Begum and several later *Taimuri* Kings and princes. The last noteworthy event associated with this structure is Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar's capture by the British, thus bringing an end to the *Mughal* dynastic rule of India. The gardens surrounding it also contain the tomb

of Isa Khan Niyazi, which was built at the time of Sher Shah Suri. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> went to its external gate and took pictures. He also signed the visitor's books and in his comments praised the upkeep of the historic site. The local Jama'at had made arrangements for refreshments which everyone enjoyed. The party returned to the mission house at 5:40 pm, following which individual and family *mulaqats* commenced. On this day visitors from seven provinces (Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, Haryana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Kashmir) had the honor of meeting Hazoor<sup>aba</sup>. This was a total of 84 individuals from 10 families coming from the Jama'ats of Hyderabad, Aligarh, Kanpur, Delhi, Kolkata, Meerut, Chennai, Karnal, Rishi Nagar, Kalikat, Jind, Bass, Malikpur and Lone. There were also visitors from Lahore, Pakistan. Some of the visitors had traveled for days from thousands of miles away to gain the audience of their beloved leader. At 7:30 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> led conjoined *Maghrib* and *Isha* Prayers in the Bait-ul-Hadi mosque.

**Dec 13, 2005**

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> led the *Fajr*

Prayer at 6:10 am in the Bait-ul-Hadi mosque. As per plan this day the destination was the city of Agra. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> appeared from his residence at 7:45 am and led collective *dua* before departing. Agra is in Uttar Pradesh. When traveling from Delhi one has to travel through Haryana, which is straddled by UP on one side and Delhi on the other. Before too long the motorway entered Haryana. The first stop was taken after covering a distance of 110 km at Rajasthan Motel in a place called *Hodal* which is a kilometer from Haryana's border with Uttar Pradesh. It was a break that lasted for about an hour and breakfast was also taken here. The journey was resumed at 10:25 am. On the way the convoy passed through the city of *Mathura*, which is known as the birthplace of Hadhrat Krishna Jee<sup>as</sup>, and contains many temples in his name. With only one additional short stop, the journey continued unbroken until arrival at Agra at 1:50 pm. Here Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> was the state guest of Uttar Pradesh and was provided VIP honor and protocol. Just prior to entering Agra at a place called Sikandara, which is where Emperor Akbar is buried, Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> was received by state and

security officials. They accompanied the convoy in their three vehicles.

Agra is world famous for the incomparable Taj Mahal. To preserve its beauty from damage by the corrosive effect of pollution a gasoline free zone is enforced for a kilometer around the Taj Mahal. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> and Hadhrat Begum Sahiba were driven from the periphery of the zone in a special electric powered vehicle that is used by visiting heads of state and VIPs. The rest of the entourage took electric buses to gain access to the complex. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> then proceeded to tour various parts of the Taj Mahal and took pictures.

On the bank of the river Jamna, the Taj Mahal is considered one of the most beautiful structures in the world. The Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan commissioned it for construction for the tomb of his queen Mumtaz Mahal. Its construction started in 1631 and took a monumental effort of 22 years and twenty thousand artisans and laborers to complete. The Taj Mahal rises on a high red sandstone base topped by a white marble terrace on which rests the dome flanked by four tapering minarets. It is the largest

white marble structure in the world. The towers are tilted two degrees off the vertical away from the central structure so in the event of an earthquake it would not be damaged by the falling towers. The external walls are adorned with *pietra dura* patterns, flowers and Qur'anic inscriptions. After his death Shah Jahan was also buried here.

Hazoor-e-Anwar<sup>aba</sup> graciously took the pictures of the convoy members and then also joined them in a group photograph. At 3:30 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> arrived at the Taj View Hotel where lunch arrangements were ready. At 4:45 pm conjoined *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers were offered at the same hotel. After *namaz* Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> met the security officials and hotel management in the lobby and honored them with his pictures with them. Some western tourists also approached Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> and took pictures. Several members of the Agra Jama'at were also delighted to meet Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> and presented him and Hadhrat Begum Sahiba with flower bouquets. At 5:30 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> lead the collective *dua* and with that the convoy departed on the return journey to Delhi. On the way back there was short stop taken at the Ra-

jasthan Motel in Haryana where *Maghrib* and *Isha Namaz* was offered. The convoy reached Delhi at 10:30 pm.

## Dec 14, 2005

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> led the *Fajr* prayers at 6:10 am in the Bait-ul-Hadi mosque. At 9:30 he came to his office for the family *mulaqat*. A total of 42 families comprising 223 individuals coming from the Jama'ats of Delhi, Amroha, Kashmir, Kerala and UP met Hazoor<sup>aba</sup>. In addition he also met 42 workers of the *Khidmat-e-Khalq* department and 110 office holders of the Delhi Jama'at. These meetings continued until 12:30 pm.

Thereafter Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> proceeded to the Bait-ul-Hadi mosque where group photos were taken with the workers. All present shook hands with Hazoor<sup>aba</sup>. He also went to the ladies section, where group photos were taken with the *lajna* workers. Some young girls sang poems in chorus on this occasion.

At 12:45 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> returned to his office for a press conference. Correspondents of the following media outlets attended: Ennadu TV, Malayala Manorama, The Mathrubhumi,

Aajkal, Daily Thanthi, Decan Herald, Manipal Times, Electronic Media Agency, Print Agency Hindustan, Samachar Delhi, Print Agency Dillegnt. In answer to a question Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that the main purpose of religion is to bring man close to God. This is our message which we are spreading all over the world through words and practice.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that compassion for the fellow man is the prerequisite for the establishment of peace. Religion brings man closer to God and teaches him compassion. All prophets brought the same message. It is the need of the time that man tries to emulate his creator and treats God's creation with kindness and benevolence.

In answer to another question Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> condemned terrorism as being fundamentally against all religious values. The Qur'an in particular forbids such acts. He further said that faith being a matter of the heart, a person should be free to practice whatever he deems correct.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> also replied to some theological questions and referred the questioner to the book *Da'wat-ul-Ameer*. In answer to another question

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that the expected world reformer had already arrived and that he would unite all peoples of the world. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that Hinduism despite its plurality of sects also supports the notion of the Unity of God. He stressed the need to follow the true teachings in one's religion. He said that diversity of religions is a man-made phenomenon. It is our mission to spread the true and peaceful message of Islam all over the world. *Inshallah*, one day we shall succeed in winning the hearts of the world. He said that he had given the same message to the people of Scandinavia on his trip there. Allah knows best when this will happen, but it is our conviction that indeed it will.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that in 1984 when Pakistan Government promulgated the Anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance, the Jama'at was established in only 75 countries. Today this number had increased to 181 countries. This progress is owed to the blessings and favors of Allah.

In answer to another question Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that one does not need a government issued legal document to prove one's faith; religion being a matter of the heart.

edy, Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that when a Government Minister offered financial aid to the victim's families, they declined to accept it and asked him to instead distribute it among the earthquake survivors. We as a Jama'at are committed to serving mankind.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> related his days of imprisonment on false charges, which were later found to be baseless and were ultimately dropped. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said the Jalsa Salana held in Britain is local to the British Isles and it is wrong to characterize it as international. African countries, for example, individually hold their annual conferences. Only recently Mauritius held its annual conference where delegates from 14 countries participated. Other countries also hold annual conferences. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that the purpose of the Qadian Jalsa is the same as the mission of the Jama'at, which is to bring about the spiritual rejuvenation of the Ahmadies. It is not an event to seek entertainment in the material sense. Its program consists of speeches on spiritual matters as to how one may attain nearness to God.

In response to another question Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that

there is a pattern where every two months or so an Ahmadi is murdered in Pakistan. With the help of Allah we bear such atrocities with fortitude and patience, and that day will surely come when this will be a matter of the past.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> was impressed with a young journalist and asked his age, which was only 21 years. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> praised him and said that he had the ability to rise in his profession. The press conference lasted until 1:35 pm. At the end Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> shook hands with the correspondents and pictures were taken. At 1:45 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> offered the *Zuhr* and *Asr* Prayers.

At 3:45 pm Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> departed for sight-seeing to the Red Fort and reached there by 4:30 pm. Police provided a security escort. The convoy was given access to the main gateway of the fort. Mughal Emperor Shahjahan started the construction of the fort in 1639, and work was completed in 1648. It has halls of public and private audience, domed and arched marble palaces and elaborately designed gardens. The other attractions enclosed within this monument are the *hamams* or the Royal Baths, the Shahi Burj and the Moti Masjid built by Aurangzeb.

This mosque is built with white marble stone and is not available for public access yet for Hazoor's<sup>aba</sup> viewing it was opened. The Fort gets its name from the color of its external red wall. The outer circumference is over a mile and a half. On three sides it has a trench that is 75 feet wide and 30 ft deep. Its two main gates are called *Lahori Gate* and *Delhi Gate*. The river Jamuna flows to the east.

Later in the evening Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> attended the sound and light show which brought to life the several hundreds years of history and it felt as if one had been transported to those times. The fort has been almost completely denuded of its riches by the British, except that some of the marble structures still possess a portion of their old grandeur. This fort however does allow one a glimpse into the extraordinary opulence that was the lifestyle of the Mughal kings.

The show completed at 7:00 pm after which Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> departed for the Delhi mission and arrived there at 8:00 pm. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> led conjoined *Maghrib* and *Isha* Prayers and retired to his residence.

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## THE CALL OF KHALIFATUL MASIH V<sup>aba</sup> FOR THE EAGER VOTARIES

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih's<sup>aba</sup> call in his own words:

It is my ardent desire that in the year 2008 on the centenary of the establishment of Khilafat in Jama'at Ahmadiyya (Insha Allah), there should be at least 50% of the subscribers (Chanda paying) from among the earning member of every Jama'at of every country of the World who would have joined in this grand system of Hadhrat Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and would have arisen to such high standards of spirituality and sacrifices. This would be a modest offer to Allah the Almighty in thankfulness, which the Jama'at would be offering on the occasion of the centenary of Khilafat."

*(Address of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>  
on the occasion of Jalsa Salana 2004 UK)*

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## *Bahishti Maqbara*

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> prayed repeatedly and fervently for those who would find their final abode in the *Bahishti Maqbara* and wrote:

*"I have been given great tidings about this graveyard. God has not only said that it is heavenly, He has also said:*

***'Unzila feeha kullo rahmatin'***

*i.e. every kind of Grace is descending upon it. There is no kind of grace which the people buried here will not partake of.*

## WAQFE ARZI SCHEME

### Spiritual Correction and Advice is the Responsibility of Every Ahmadi

**Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III<sup>th</sup> States:**

“There is a great need for a Waqfe Arzi (*Short term or temporary devotion*). The fact is that a section of the Jama’at has forgotten that the members of the Jama’at are also the Mu-rabbis or Missionaries, themselves, and the little increase in the number of Missionaries is not sufficient. The Jama’at conceives that the responsibility for guidance and advice rests with the missionaries. In fact, every Ahmadi must discharge the duty of guidance and correction diligently. I have introduced the scheme of Waqfe Arzi for the purpose of drawing the attention of the Jama’at towards this duty, and to develop a desire for Islah-o-Irshad. In this are both spiritual as well as physical benefits.”

(Report of Majlise Mushawarat, Al-Fazl: November 3, 1966)

### Every Ahmadi Should Join the Waqfe Arzi Scheme

“The Missionaries, the office-bearers, in fact every Ahmadi should join the Waqfe Arzi Scheme and should encourage his brother to do so, as well. Undoubtedly, this is a path of sacrifice. In fact it is a very narrow path. Also, it is also a fact that we cannot seek the pleasure of Allah without walking on the path of sacrifice.”

(Al-Fazl: August 27, 1969)

### A Source of Self-correction

“The second major benefit of the Waqfe Arzi Scheme is that those who wish to join this scheme will have to examine their own souls in certain aspects. Before they embark on this scheme, their attention is directed towards their own weaknesses. Thus, they are immediately inclined towards prayers. This implies that one of the important preparations for those joining this scheme is their devotion for prayers. They should start increasing their religious knowledge. And they should take some books along when they start off for the scheme. They should think and ponder over their weaknesses. They should have a desire that when they go to a new place they should set a good example and should not be source of defect. That is why the Waqfe Arzi groups have benefited from the blessings of prayers.

(Al-Fazl: February 12, 1977)

All those, who are interested in serving the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat under the banner of the blessed scheme of Waqfe Arzi, should contact: **Dr. Zaheeruddin Mansoor Ahmad, National Secretary Talimul Qur’an and Waqf-e-Arzi: 162 Penwick Cr., Frederick, MD 21072**

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# Merits of Monetary Sacrifice

## Summary of Friday Sermon

### Delivered by the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih<sup>aba</sup> announced the beginning of the 49th Year of Waqf-e-Jadid in his January 6, 2006 *Khutba*. A summary is being published herein and the full *Khutba* may be heard through [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)

*Alhamdulillah*, the US Jama'at maintained its No. 1 position in this blessed field of financial sacrifices.

In his *Khutba*, Hazoor<sup>aba</sup>, emphasized the importance of making financial sacrifices in the way of Allah for our own self improvement and spiritual progress. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> also informed us of the importance of this Blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme. He stated that we have to provide teachers to every mosque of every town, city, village and hamlet - and this requires huge efforts and sacrifices towards this blessed Scheme - not just financial but also of righteous people.

I, therefore, humbly request everyone to please listen to this *Khutba* and make their pledges and make regular payments towards their promises throughout the coming year. *Jazakallah*.

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Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> gave a discourse on the merits of monetary sacrifice in his Friday Sermon delivered at Qadian. Citing verses 11 and 12 of Surah *Al-Saff* (61:11-12) Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> began by wishing the worldwide Ahmadiyya Community a happy New Year. Referring to his last sermon Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said each Ahmadi should start the New Year with a sense of gratefulness for all the blessings and grace of Allah and turn to Allah further making endeavours to one's best capacities to act on Divine commandments. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said if we were sincere in our worship, piety and monetary sacrifices then each year would bring tremendous blessings for us.

Keeping with tradition Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> announced the new Waqf-e-Jadid year in the first sermon of January. With reference Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said monetary sacrifice is significant for reformation of the 'self' and to gain Divine nearness. The Holy Qur'an enjoins it repeatedly and mentions destruction for those who do not act upon it. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said all monetary schemes and *Tehriks* of the Community are made in accordance to the commandments of Allah and each Ahmadi should be mindful of this in terms of preserving their faith. With the grace of Allah, Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said a big majority of the Community participates in monetary sacrifice but there is room for improvement.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said in this age of rampant materialism and commercialism when the public, especially in the Western world, is bombarded with enticements to purchase merchandise, the Holy Qur'an guides us, setting forth the contrast of a "bargain" of striving in the way of Allah with one's wealth.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said in the Indian sub-continent a large number of people from our Community are not financially stable, when anyone among us makes a monetary sacrifice they are performing Jihad of the self.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said in the time of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and by means of the direct impact of his holiness, his companions made extraordinary feats of monetary sacrifices, however, even in this materialistic age, and with the remoteness in time, Allah exhibits the fulfillment of the promises made to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> through amazing sacrifices made by the young people of the Community. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> cited the example of a young woman who donated the price of her dowry to meet the target of last year's Waqf-e-Jadid for Lajna Lahore. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> prayed that may Allah grant her with blessings and vast bounties.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said that the system of the Community should promote awareness of the merits of monetary sacrifice and in failing to do so in Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> eyes they would be errant, sinful in depriving people of a virtuous act. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> made a specific mention that the new converts should be encouraged to participate in monetary sacrifices. He said the traditionalists in the Community need to pay great attention in training the new comers in this matter. In India and in Africa a great number of 'new' people have come in the Community in recent years and we need to work towards actively involving them in terms of monetary sacrifices. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said perhaps Waqf-e-Jadid should be a stepping stone for them in this matter.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> related a few *Ahadith* to elucidate the subject and remarked on the outstanding sacrifices made by the Companions of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> and spoke of the way in which Allah turned their fortunes around and blessed them immeasurably.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> read a few extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and said that those who freely spend in worldly matters but not in the way of Allah are those who are in a state of loss. He said it is not possible to have a love for wealth and to love Allah as well. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> recounted examples of great sacrifices made by the companions of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and said that if even a penny is spent in the way of Allah with true spirit and zeal, it is valued.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said those who are well off should consider if the donations they make are real sacrifices. In terms of Waqf-e-Jadid resources used to sponsor missionaries Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> said somehow it is imagined in the Indian sub-continent that we have sufficient missionaries. He said it was not so; time demands that we have a missionary in each village each city and for this the Community has to make monetary sacrifice; they would also have to offer their children for *Waqf* (as devotees).

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> specifically prayed that may all our missionaries be those who uphold excellent standards of *taqwa*. Next Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> announced that the total Waqf-e-Jadid contributions for 2005 stood at £ 2,142,000. The biggest contributor in Waqf-e-Jadid 2005 was USA, followed by Pakistan and then UK while the total contributors were in excess of 400,000, of which 51,000 were new converts.

Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> concluded with prayers for excellent standards of *taqwa* for the missionaries of the Community and monetary sacrifice for the Community on the whole. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> added that the reason for the slight delay in the sermon today was due to an electric problem in Qadian giving rise to a satellite signal problem, he assured those who had expressed concern that he was well and was not the cause of the delay!

## EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> has stated that an Educational Advisory Committee should be formed. This committee will guide the students towards the careers most suited for them taking into consideration the requirements of the Jam'at for trained people in various professions. Respected Ameer Sahib has appointed the following as members of the Advisory Committee:

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3.	Prof. Muhammad Abdul Khaliq, Ph.D.	507-345-3653
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5.	Ahmad Nawaz Chaudhry, MD, DDS	516-459-8653
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7.	Saboocha Zafar, MD	609-466-9014

Students are urged to contact the Advisory Committee members to discuss their future educational plans.

**National Educational Secretary**

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*The Daily Times, Lahore, Pakistan*

### Religious Intolerance

During the month of Ramadhan, the Ahmadiyya mosque in the village of Mong Rasool, Mandi Bahauddin, Punjab was attacked by religious extremists, killing eight Ahmadies and seriously injuring 20 others. So far religious extremists in different parts of the country have killed more than 300 Pakistani Ahmadies. It is tragic to note that not a single killer has been arrested and punished by the courts and law enforcement agencies. However, it was heartening that for the first time the Mandi Bahauddin massacre was strongly condemned by the press and leaders of the country.

Religious intolerance took yet another turn, when Christian churches were attacked by religious fanatics in Sangla Hill and burnt to ashes. Most of the students studying in this Christian missionary school were Pakistani Muslims. Yet the government claims that the law and order situation in Punjab is satisfactory and under control.

The Punjab Government paid a sum of Rs 1.6 million to the heirs of the Ahmadies martyred in the Mandi Bahauddin massacre as well as the injured. The victims donated the entire sum to the President's Earthquake Relief Fund. This was a very noble gesture on the part of the affected families and the nation must thank the members of the Ahmadiyya community for this act.

**NASIR A KHALID**

# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## CONFERENCE CALL SERIES

Is is your son or daughter considering a career in medicine or the sciences but you don't know what advice to give?

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association USA (AMMA) invites anyone to join our conference call series where we are providing free school and career counseling to anyone interested in the field of medicine. This monthly call features different AMMA members who describe their experiences relating to medicine followed by an open discussion. Students of all ages are especially invited as these are designed to foster and stimulate their interest. This also allows them to interact with other students who are ahead and behind them. *Al-hamdolillah*, we have already been providing individually tailored advice for all the participants who have been calling in. *Jazakamullah*.

Please remember this effort in your prayers.

Upcoming calls:

8 PM EST, March 6, 2006

641-696-6600, Access Code: D-O-C-T-O-R

8 PM EST, April 3, 2006

641-696-6600, Access Code: D-O-C-T-O-R

8 PM EST, May 1, 2006

641-696-6600, Access Code: D-O-C-T-O-R

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*The article entitled, "Some Thoughts About the Eye and Healing Power of Prayers" which was published in the January — February 2006 issue of the Ahmadiyya Gazette was submitted for publication by Mr. Khalil A. Akhtar. Somehow, during the setting of the article in the Gazette, the author's name was inadvertently omitted. Editor*

# QADIAN

**Dr. Yusef A. Lateef**

*(By the grace of Almighty Allah, on the 5th of December 2005, my wife and I left the USA, to attend the Annual Jalsa in Qadian, India. By Allah's grace, we arrived in Qadian on the 7th of December, 2005 and departed from Qadian on December 30th, 2005. The following poem is a result of our sojourn.)*

**Qadian, the abode of the Prophet of God  
And the permanent center for Ahmadies**

**Qadian the city where seemingly the sounds of Heaven  
Are heard throughout the day, evening and night.**

**Qadian, the city where Allah's humble servants busy themselves with prayers and  
selflessness.**

**Servants of God, who display sympathy for fellow human beings and all of Allah's  
creation.**

**Qadian, the city where Ahmadies may be seen humbly disseminating their Islamic  
Teachings, so that values of goodness are established in the world.**

**Qadian, the city where the foundations of Islam have been strengthened.**

**Qadian, where compassion, tolerance and values of good behavior are presented by  
the Ahmadiyya Community.**

**Qadian, the city where God Almighty has created love for you in the hearts of the  
rich and the poor.**

**Five times daily, from Masjid Aqsa heart-felt calls are made for  
Prayer, Ahmadies hasten to the remembrance of Allah, and leave off all business, as  
if prompted by the Qur'anic phrase: "That is better for you, if you only knew."**

**Qadian, the city blessed with Allah's radiant energy by which  
One may learn to see with one's heart—Insha Allah.**

**Qadian, the city, where at times, Allah may allow one to see deeply into one's own  
thoughts and feelings.**

**In Qadian, the existence of God and manifestation of His attributes and qualities are presented in various ways -**

**Sometimes directly, and sometimes with reference to other Entities that Allah has created.**

**In Qadian, I frequently found myself, wishing and praying that all of my wishes, hopes and desires would merge into God's will.**

**Hoping that at all times, in success or failure that I remain in humble prostration at Allah's door, and to be kind and merciful to all, to realize that all are Allah's creation.**

**In Qadian, thinking to not process anyone with one's tongue, or hands in any other way.**

**In Qadian, remembering to be humble in spirit, kind and compassionate.**

**In Qadian, remembering to be pure on the outside and Within one's heart.**

**In Qadian, one comes to realize, Insha Allah, that in all Circumstances, it is God's will that will be done.**

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## ***Darweshan-e-Qadian***

On the partition of India and the creation of Pakistan in August 1947, many of the Muslims living in India moved to Pakistan. *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup>* also decided to move the administrative center of the Ahmadiyya *Jama'at* from Qadian to Pakistan. Under the directive of *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup>*, 313 Ahmadies stayed behind in Qadian to look after the holy sites in Qadian, the birth place of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup>, and the starting place of Ahmadiyya Muslim *Jama'at* in Islam. These 313 Ahmadies are called "*Darweshan-e-Qadian*".

## ***Baitul Fikr***

Most of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi's<sup>as</sup> early literary work was undertaken in this room (*Baitul Fikr*). He also wrote his book "*Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya*" here. Allah mentions this room in one of the revelations to the Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup>:

***"Have We not made everything easy for you, the place of contemplation"***

The Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> used to enter the *Mubarak* Mosque through the small window in this room.

*Bismillah* *Al-Rahman* *Al-Rahim*

## Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc., USA

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January 22, 2006

MISSIONARY INAMUL-HAQ KAUSAR SAHIB

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

ASSALAMO ALAIKUM WA RAHMATULLAH

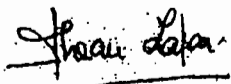
I am asking that you assume the responsibility and action of collecting funds for the Tahir Heart Institute starting immediately. The assignment is nationwide and cooperation is to be sought and received from all individuals and office holders.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has expressed the desire for us to collect \$3.5M in the next three months. In the spirit of Hazur's expectation I would encourage that Ahmadies in the USA Jamat rise to the occasion and give you checks as payment because of the urgency and timing – where necessary a post dated check is preferable to a pledge. It is The Right action when Khalifa of the time asks us to join in the Tehrik of his as a National undertaking, and then we Respond.

The fact that Tahir Heart Institute would help many, many underserved people and is a Sadiqa-Jariya is another reason for participation and support.

I hope and pray Allah sends His Ruh-ul Quds to help you in this endeavor: and those who help you and those who participate. Ameen.

Wassalam,



Ahsanullah Zafar

Copy to private secretary sahib for Hazur's favor.

My dear and respected:

Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa BarakatoHu

May Allah shower His Blessings and Mercy on you, your family and your Jamaat.

Enclosed you will find herewith the letter of our respected Amir Sahib in which he has assigned me to collect \$3.5 million for Tahir Heart Institute, a truly blessed scheme of our beloved Huzur Ayyadahullah. This institute would be a beacon of service to the ailing humanity and a great source of Tabligh in Pakistan. . It is our duty to enthusiastically say "LABBAIK" to the call of our beloved Imam and do our best in this regard.

As time is running out and very short, Respected Amir sahib has suggested that at the time of pledge I may request you to give us a "Post Dated Check" which would be deposited after its confirmation.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

A humble Servant of Ahmadiyyat,

I.H. Kauser

## **Let us contribute for Tahir Heart Institute & reap the blessings.**

**Kindly Make your Check Payable to: - Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam (A.M.I)**

Name: - -----

Jamaat: - -----

Address; - -----

Pledge: -----

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Payment: -----

Post Dated Check Amount: -----

To be deposited on: -----

Please write Tahir Heart Institute  
In the memo area of the check  
Jazakomullah

Phone #     (-----) -----

Code# -----

**Thank you very much for your contribution and May Allah Bless you, your family and your Jamaat.**

Kindly send your Checks to the following address: -

**Tahir Heart Institute  
c/o Bait-ul Tahir  
1477 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street , Brooklyn, NY 11204**

*Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim*

**AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM - USA**  
**NATIONAL TARBIYYAT DEPARTMENT**

Tel: 248-348-7678

e-mail: [ntsusa@yahoo.com](mailto:ntsusa@yahoo.com)

Fax: 509-696-3011

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL TARBIYYAT CLASS – 2006**

**Purpose:** Train the participants to learn and live Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam.

**Date/Loc:** 3:00 PM July 9 – 5:00 PM July 21, in Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD.

- General:**
- Students shall be over 14 years old, unless accompanied by an adult.
  - Students (jama'ats) will be responsible for transportation to the class.
  - Students will be expected to abide by the Class Rules and Regulations.
  - Limited 'Need Based Assistance' will be available on a first come basis.
  - Students will be expected to stay at the class site for the full class duration.
  - Students will share the daily cooking, serving, and cleaning responsibilities.
  - Students will be expected to bring their own sleeping bags, pillows, toiletries, etc.

**Schedule:** Over 50 hours of classroom activities (tentative schedule attached).

**ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

*Please return this information, by 09Jun06, to Mr. Junayd Latif at  
[qald\\_zion@yahoo.com](mailto:qald_zion@yahoo.com) or 2101 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Zion, IL 60099*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Jama'at: \_\_\_\_\_

Waqf-e-Nau (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attending (circle all dates you will be attending):    7/09    7/10    7/11    7/12

                    7/13    7/14    7/15    7/16    7/17    7/18    7/19    7/20    7/21

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveling to the Class By (please circle one):    CAR    AIR    BUS    TRAIN

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Jama'at President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tarbiyyat Class – 2006

Day Date	5:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	NOON	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	8:00 PM
Sun 7/09							Registration	Orientation	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Mon 7/10	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Religion	Articles of Faith	Pillars of Islam	Lunch/ Salaat	Existence of God	Seerat-un-Nabi (saw)	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Tue 7/11	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Memorization	Holy Qur'an	Salaat	Lunch/ Salaat	Attributes of Allah	Seerat-un-Nabi (saw)	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Wed 7/12	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	SITE SEEING/PICNIC (Weather Permitting)						Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Thu 7/13	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Memorization	Holy Qur'an	Salaat	Lunch/ Salaat	Zikr-e-Ilaahi	Khilafat-e-Rashidah	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Fri 7/14	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Memorization	Holy Qur'an	Juma Preparation	Lunch / MTA Khutba / Juma		Zikr-e-Habib (as)	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Sat 7/15	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Tilawat-e-Qur'an	Hadith	Fasting	Lunch/ Salaat	Peer Pressure	Modesty (Haya)	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Sun 7/16	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Tilawat-e-Qur'an	Hadith	Haji/Zakaat	Lunch/ Salaat	Modern Lughwiyat	Career Choices	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Mon 7/17	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Memorization	Hadith	Haji/Zakaat	Lunch/ Salaat	Zikr-e-Ilaahi/Dua	Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Tue 7/18	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Memorization	Roohani Khazain	Conditions of Bai'at	Lunch/ Salaat	Taqwa	Marriage in Islam	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Wed 7/19	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	SITE SEEING/PICNIC (Weather Permitting)						Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Thu 7/20	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Memorization	Nizam-e-Jama'at	Islamic Virtues	Lunch/ Salaat	Status of Parents	Islamic celebrations	Snacks	Asr/Sports/ Personal Break	Dinner/ Salaat
Fri 7/21	Fajr/ Dars	B/Fast	Memorization	Nizam-e-Waqf	Juma Preparation	Lunch / MTA Khutba / Juma		Concluding Session	Snacks		

*Bismillah hir Rahman nir Raheem*

## **AHMADIY'YA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM - Detroit**

8218 Wyoming Avenue, Detroit, MI 48204

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# **Detroit Mosque Project**

**My Dear Ahmadi Muslim:** *Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatohu.*

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, we have begun constructing the new Detroit Mosque. This mosque was first envisioned by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>rh</sup> and announced in the 1982 Jalsa Salana in Rabwah, Pakistan, as one of the 5 New Mosques in the US (New York, Los Angeles, Washington, Chicago, and Detroit).

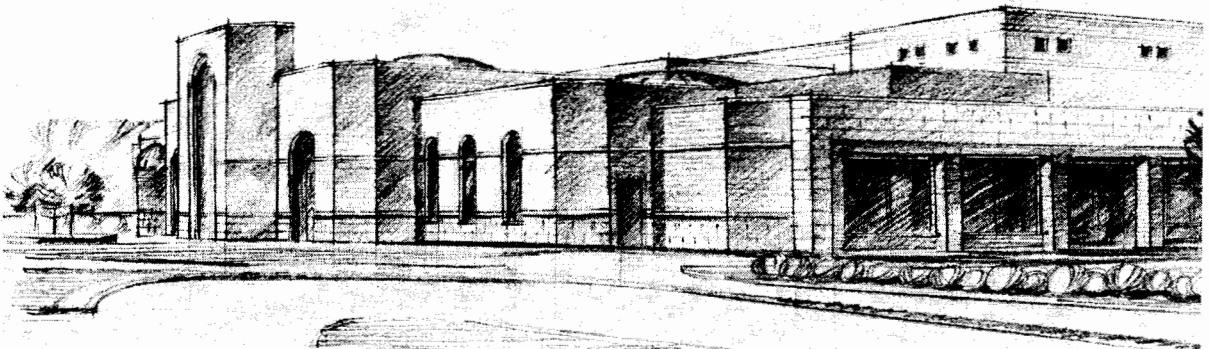
In May 1984, we bought a parcel of land for our new mosque. On October 17, 1987 Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>rh</sup> laid down the Foundation Stone of the new Mosque/Mission House. However, we could not proceed with the construction at that time. In March 2002, we had to sell the land because of the state's plan to build a freeway ramp on that site.

In September 2002, we purchased a new parcel of land. On June 25, 2005, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> graciously prayed on the Foundation Stone for the new site. On December 17, 2005, Mohtaram Ameer Sahib USA laid the Foundation Stone at the new site. Thus, construction of this mosque (the first Ahmadiyya Muslim 'Community Center' in the US) finally got underway.

To complete this construction in a timely manner, we need to urgently raise the requisite funds. While we are leaving no stone unturned locally, Mohtaram Ameer Sahib has kindly allowed us to raise \$250,000 nationally. Therefore, I humbly urge you to generously donate for this historic House of Allah. Please send your kind donation to "The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam - Detroit, 24100 Tottenham Court, Novi, MI 48374" by **30April, 06**. *Jazakamullaho Ahsanal Jaza.*

Wassalam. Sincerely,

Naşir M. Malik  
Sadr, Detroit Jama'at





نَحْمَدُكَ وَنُصَلِّي عَلَى رَسُولِكَ كَرِيمٍ وَعَلَى عَبْدِكَ الْمَسِيحِ الْمَوْحُودِ

Dear Brothers,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

I have the honour to make an important and urgent announcement with the permission and blessings of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V عليه السلام.

In his book "The Will" the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him, says:

"I am a personification of His (that is Allāh's) Power. And after I am gone there will be some other persons who will be the manifestation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Power [of Allāh]."

In fulfilment of this prophecy of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, Hadrat Maulana Nooruddin رضي الله عنه was, after the death of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, elected as his first successor and Khalifa and at his election the members of the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya made a solemn commitment to him that they would remain loyal and faithful to him and that any command of his would be for them no less than the command of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام himself. Thus the Khilāfat was established in the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and by the grace of Allāh with the passage of time and at every turn of history Khilāfat Ahmadiyya continued to gain strength and got established more firmly. The hundred years of the Khilāfat will be completed in 2008. For this infinite Favour of Allāh, the Mighty and for the innumerable blessings and beneficence which were showered by Allāh on the Jamā'at as well as for the substantial progress which Jamā'at Ahmadiyya has made under the guidance of Khilāfat, it is incumbent upon us that we express our sincerest gratitude to Allāh both in our hearts and in our actions.

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V عليه السلام has decided that in 2008 Jamā'at Ahmadiyya should celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Khilāfat Ahmadiyya all over the world. And for this Huqūr عليه السلام has approved a plan which has already been sent to all the Jamā'ats of the world.

At the completion of the first 25 years of the Khilāfat of Hadrat Mirzā Bashīr-ud-dīn Maḥmūd Aḥmad, the Muṣliḥ Ma'ūd رضي الله عنه, the Silver Jubilee of Khilāfat Saniya was celebrated in 1939. On that occasion Jamā'at Ahmadiyya presented to their beloved Imām a sum of about Rs.

300,000 as a token of its thanksgiving with a request to Ḥuḍūr that he should kindly accept it and spend it as he deems fit.

Now on the occasion of the coming Centenary to be celebrated at the completion of 100 years of Khilāfat Ahmadiyya, it shall be appropriate, that, in keeping with our tradition, and showing our gratitude to Allāh practically, we should, on behalf of the Jamā'at, present to Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ a befitting amount of money as a token of our thanksgiving to Allāh with a request that this humble present to Ḥuḍūr by the Jamā'at is made as an expression of gratitude to Allāh and that Ḥuḍūr may accept it and spend it as he likes.

The central committee for Centenary of Khilafat Ahmadiyya, appointed by Ḥuḍūr رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has proposed that the amount of this token of our thanksgiving should be no less than one million sterling pounds. With the permission of Ḥuḍūr this humble one on behalf of the central committee of the Jubilee makes this appeal to the worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamā'at that we should raise this fund to be presented to Ḥuḍūr as token of our thanks to Allāh. I hope that Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, who, by the grace of Allāh, fully realizes the blessings of Khilāfat, and in view of the love which every member of the Jamā'at has for Khilāfat, shall positively respond to this appeal. The members of the Jamā'at can contribute to this fund individually, or they can participate in this scheme at Jamā'at level. The representatives of various countries who are present here are requested to make this appeal to the members of the Jamā'at when they return to their respective countries.

والسلام

Yours sincerely,

*Hammedullah*

Chairman

Central Committee

Centenary Khilafat Ahmadiyya

*Radian. December 27, 2005.*

# MTA USA

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MTA International was started in 1992 from London. It now provides transmission around the world and around the clock. This means that a lot of programming needs be prepared and presented. We all know that all MTA programming is made by the volunteers of Jama'at Ahmadiyya all over the world. The USA Jama'at has been lagging behind in this category of sacrifice. MTA USA is now preparing to live up to this responsibility. Volunteers are needed to make programs for MTA. Programs in the following categories are needed:

- 1) All programs must be in the English language.
- 2) Subject of the program should be :
  - a) See America (Visits to various places of interests such as parks, museums, monuments, cities etc.)
  - b) Children's programs
  - c) Health and medical sciences
  - d) Other disciplines such as home improvement, building, sports etc
  - e) Programs based on local Jama'at functions and events are not accepted
  - f) All programs should be in a documentary format.

*We realize that most people are not familiar with the process of film making. Therefore training will be provided to willing participants. The most important need is for volunteers to go out and video tape the material. All Jama'at members are invited to participate, young and old, men and women.*

If you are interested please call the 24 hour help line:

**(615) 390- 6775**

Suggestions are welcome but workers are really appreciated.

Lutf ur Rehman  
Incharge Programming USA