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- sa:** "Sall-Allaho alaihi wa sallam"
- Peace and Blessing of Allah be upon him
- as:** "Alaiha-Salam"
- Peace be upon him
- ra:** "Razi Allah ho tallah"
- May Allah be pleased with him/her
- rh:** "Rahimahu-Allaho Ta'ala"
- May Allah shower mercy on him
- aa:** "Ayyadullah Bin Asrilaziz"
- May Allah strengthen him with His mighty help.

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Hadrat Musleh Mau'ood with Hadrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad (Principal), Professor Habibullah Khan and Professor Masood A. Atif at Talim ul Islam College, Rabwah.

Al-Qur`an



Have they not traveled in the earth that they might see what was the end of those who were before them? They were more numerous than these, and mightier in power and in the marks they left behind them in the earth. But all that which they earned was of no avail to them.

And when their Messengers came to them with manifest Signs, they exulted in the knowledge, which they possessed. And that at which they mocked encompassed them.

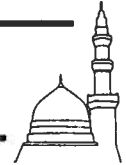
And when they saw Our punishment, they said: 'We believe in Allah alone and we reject all that which we used to associate with Him.'

But their faith could not profit them at the time when they saw Our punishment. This is Allah's law that has ever been in operation in respect of His servants. And thus have perished those who disbelieved.

(40:83-86)

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ
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عِبَادَةٍ وَصِرَ هَذَا كَالْكَافِرُونَ *

Al-Hadith



It is related by Hadrat Abu Hurairah (peace be upon him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that whenever you see, look towards him who is lower than you and do not look at him who is higher than you. (He meant that whenever you see someone who is wealthier than you are, or who is richer than you or loftier than you in status, don't be gloomy and look towards him who is poorer than you or lower in status than you). The same Hadith has been quoted by Bukhari which says, 'Whenever anyone among you sees some one wealthier than him in money or in children, he should think of him who is lesser than him in riches and the children.

(Bukhari Kitab al-riqaaq, Bab, yanzaro ila mun howa asfalo minho; Muslim Kitab al-Zuhd).

— عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى مَنْ أَسْفَلَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَا تَنْظَرُوا إِلَى مَنْ هُوَ فَوْقَكُمْ فَهُوَ أَجْدَرُ أَنْ لَا تَدْرُدُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَفِي رِوَايَةٍ الْبُخَارِيِّ إِذَا نَظَرَ أَحَدُكُمْ إِلَى مَنْ فَقِصَلْ عَلَيْهِ فِي الْعَمَالِ وَالْخَلْقِ فَلْيَنْظُرْ إِلَى مَنْ هُوَ أَسْفَلَ مِنْهُ.

(بخاری کتاب الرقاق باب ينظروا الى من هو اسفل منه مسلم کتاب الزهد)

Sacred Sayings of the Promised Messiah^{as}



The Great Prophecy Of Musleh Mau`ood^{ra}

Following is the prophecy given by God Almighty to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) commonly known as the Prophecy of Musleh Mau`ood, regarding an illustrious son with many wonderful qualities which were fulfilled in the person of Hadrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad^{ra}, who later become the second Khalifa of Jama`at Ahmadiyya also.

I confer upon thee a sign of mercy according to thy entreaties. I listened to your invocations and heard your prayers with mercy and blessed for you your journey (of Hoshiarpur and Ludhiana). A Sign of power, mercy and nearness is given to thee and thou art granted a Sign of grace and favour. You get the key of conquest and victory. O the Victor, peace on thee. Thus God spake that those buried in tombs may come out so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of divine Word may become manifest unto the people and that truth may come with all its blessings and falsehood may flee with all its portents. It will be that people may know that I am the Lord of Power and do what I will and they may believe that I am with thee. It is because those who do not believe in God and deny and reject His religion, His Book and His Holy Messenger Muhammad Mustafa, may see a clear Sign and the way of the guilty may become manifest.

So, glad tidings to thee that a handsome and immaculate boy will be granted to thee. Thou wilt get an intelligent youth who will be of thy seed and thy progeny. A handsome pure boy comes as your guest. His name is Em-

manuel and Bashir. He is invested with Holy Spirit, who will be free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah.

Blessed is he who comes from on high. With him is grace that will descend on him. He will be a man of nobility, grandeur and wealth. He will come in the world and cleanse many of their diseases with his Messianic breath and blessings of the Holy Spirit. He is the Word of Allah, for Allah's mercy and honour has sent him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and brilliant and will be meek of heart. He will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He will make three into four. (Its meanings are not clear). It is Monday, a blessed Monday. Son, delight of heart, high ranking, noble; a manifestation of the First and the Last, manifestation of the True and the high; as if Allah has descended from heaven. His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of the manifestation of Divine Majesty. The light cometh which is anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour Our Spirit upon him and God's canopy will be over his head. He will grow rapidly and will be the means of procuring release of those in bondage. His fame will reach the corners of the earth and nations will be blessed by him. Then will he be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. This is the matter decreed.

(Ishtihaar dated 20th February, 1886, included in the book *Tabligh-i-Risalat-I*)

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} participates Jalsa Salana France

You Should be a Model Ahmadi for People Living Here or Will be Entering Jama`at in Hordes. Love them and Educate Them.

A Brief Report –PART II

MAULANA ABDUL MAAJID TAHIR, ADDITIONAL VAKILUTTABSHIR, LONDON

Sunday 26th December 2004

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V offered *Fajr* prayer in the *Jalsa Gab* adjacent to Baitus Salam, our mission house. Today was the first day of Jalsa Salana France in which he was to address the Ahmadis of Qadian also in their Jalsa Salana in India live through MTA which was starting there.

At 9-30 a.m. there was the flag hoisting ceremony. Hudur un-furled the Jama`at flag while the Amir Sahib raised the French flag and it was shown live on MTA. After the ceremony, Hudur led the audience into silent prayer.

He went to the stage and the proceedings started with the recitation of the Holy Qur`an read by Mr. Faheem Ahmad. This was followed by a poem of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) read by Mr. Muneer Ahmad Nagi. After the recitation of the Holy Qur`an and the poem, Hudur started his opening address. It was the 13th Jalsa of Jama`at Ahmadiyya France and 113th of Qadian. His speech was broadcast live through MTA heard all over the world. Another feat of MTA was that this was the first time in history that the pictures of Jalsa Qadian were shown on the screen during Hudur's address. This was the first time that Hudur addressed the audience at Qadian from France. Thus, this day became historic from many aspects.

After reciting *tashahhud*, *ta`awwuz* and *Surah Fatihah*, he said that the Promised Messiah was sent by God Almighty to raise a righteous Jama`at who should deliver the rights of Allah as well as of His creatures. He was the Mahdi and Messiah for Muslims and he was sent for other religions as well so that he may gather the pious and God fearing souls under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). It is the teach-

ings of the Holy Prophet that Allah has perfected it for the worship of God Almighty on very high standard. Thus, now, the nearness of Allah cannot be attained without coming under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) .

Now it is Ahmadis, the followers of the Promised Messiah, who have to become true *Ibadur Rahman* for which he has repeatedly taught them in different ways. At one place he says that people of my Jama`at who are present here or living at other places should carefully listen to this advice. Those who have entered the fold of this Jama`at and established their relationship with me, its real purpose is that they attain high standard of pious living, good morals and *taqwa*. No corruption, mischief mongering and immorality should come near them. They should be offering five times *Namaz*, (obligatory congregational prayers). They should not tell lies, and should not injure anyone with their tongues. They should not go near adultery and not even think of any wickedness, corruption and immorality.

They must protect themselves from every kind of sin, crime, or unfair deal. They should become the pure hearted, innocent and poor at heart creatures of God. There should remain no venom of anger in them.

Explaining this advice of the Promised Messiah Hudur said that just to take oath of allegiance (*bai`at*) is not at all sufficient. If you have true relationship with me, and offered sincere *bai`at*, then remember that it means to remain steadfast in virtues, a true worshipper of God, and then to maintain high standard of these virtues also. No thought to harm others or corruption should enter in your heads. You should be regular in *Namaz*, as Allah has mentioned that the purpose of life is to worship

God Almighty. Moreover establish high standards of *namaz* also. It will be then that you will be the members of my Jama`at. Your mouths should not utter anything wrong or tell lies. Telling lies is a malady which will bring other diseases and sins for you. Allah has mentioned polytheism and lying together. By telling this Allah has explained that liars go so far away that they quit worshipping God also and try to make partners with him. They can never be the sincere servants of God Almighty due to this polytheism they will be called the followers of Satan. This is a bad disease and no Ahmadi should ever be involved in it.

People think that telling small lies is no lies, but this is their misconception. Telling small lies means that they do not have faith and belief in God Almighty and just to avoid that difficulty, he tells and this is the first step towards polytheism.

Mind this you should not utter bad things about others. Do not injure anyone with your tongue, hand or your action. Your tongue should always utter things that are pleasant. To injure one man means that you have injured the whole humanity. If you claim to have offered true oath of allegiance (*bai`at*) then get rid of all these maladies. You should not maltreat anyone. Your life should be so clean that everyone should say that these are the virtuous people who have offered their true allegiance to the Promised Messiah and Mahdi of the time and they have been transformed. These were unscrupulous people but now they have become virtuous.

It is not only that you are not to injure anyone, but should not take part in any activity to injure others. You should not be cruel to anyone. You should not have the company of those who are corrupt and always avoid their association. You should know that high standards will be established when no evil thoughts come to your mind so much so that such thoughts should not enter your mind even when you are being persecuted by others. You should not think of taking revenge against people who have victimized you. You must exercise full control on yourself so that you may be called pure of

heart and meek who keep away from vices for the sake of God, and reply with kind treatment against rough treatment meted out to them. They never take law in their hands, rather they complain only to God Almighty.

The Promised Messiah had so high hopes of his followers that he said after bearing so many hardships against others that sometimes, one is tired and wants to retaliate and revenge the wrongs done to him. But always remember that you are not allowed to take law in your hands. Thoughts that pollute the heart should be least entertained.

So, this is the teaching which has been imparted to the Jama`at at various places and at different times and he has asked us to follow these advice very strictly. Human psychology is that sometimes by reading these teachings or living in such environment, one is not so much impressed. For this, one needs special training and special environment where people should come from different places to convert themselves and prepare them for these teachings. They should be people of different levels of the society, and of different countries, of different educational standards. They should gather that they have to do their own *tarbiyyat*. They have to listen to the divine commandments. This has more lasting effect and one tries to act on these advice.

This is human nature that it needs to be reminded occasionally. This is Allah's command also to keep on reminding. This was the reason that the Promised Messiah laid the foundation of this Jalsa Salana to create this pious environment for a few days.

In the beginning, these Jalsas were held only in Qadian, but today, this training camp is organized in every country of the world where the followers of Promised Messiah gather to reform themselves and today, it is simultaneously being held in France as well as in Qadian.

It is something brave of Jama`at Ahmadiyya France that they arranged this Jalsa Salana during these very cold days and it was to celebrate according to the tradition of the Jama`at to hold these Jalsas during these days. These Jalsas were held in Qadian as well as Rabwah dur-

ing these days. But the purpose of this Jalsa was that people should get *tarbiyyat* in spiritual environment and return to their homes with clean hearts.

Then Hudur presented a writing of the Promised Messiah. He said that the people, who have come to attend this Jalsa in France or Qadian, have also come from far off places. All of them should bear in mind that the main objective of this Jalsa is to take full advantage of this Jalsa and they must bring about a change in themselves. If it is not so, then there is no use of coming to this Jalsa.

People should come to listen to the teaching sent by God and this should be their main objective. The main purpose of such gatherings is that they should be taught the right teachings of Islam and should be taught how to achieve nearness to God which may enhance their faith and they may develop the capacity of His realization. This will increase their desire to supplicate.

The Promised Messiah prayed for the participants of these Jalsas. Now, to fulfillment of those prayers, the Khalifa of the time is there who prays for them and the participants also offer prayers. These prayers are for their own self as well as for others. Thus such prayers that are so pure and sincere, and bowing before Him, will surely draw His mercy and blessings.

There are new entrants in the Jama`at and those who have come for the first time in this Jalsa, they will be bound with the cord of love and this is also one objective of these Jalsas and every Ahmadi should strive for it.

Here in France, people from different communities have joined the Jama`at and you should bring them closer to you. They have come to us and have left their own relatives. This is their pious nature that has induced them to accept Ahmadiyyat. They should never have the feeling that these Pakistanis mix only with Pakistanis and do not want to absorb us in them.

Remember it well that today, Pakistanis are in majority here and this will not remain so for very long. This is the divine will that

Jama`at Ahmadiyya will grow, prosper and flourish *Insha Allah*. This is the divine promise with the Promised Messiah. These non-Pakistani Ahmadis living in these countries are going to be the models for those hordes who will be shortly joining Ahmadiyyat. Therefore, pay especial attention towards their *tarbiyyat*. Develop good and healthy relations with them. Give them your love and affection. Be a model for them all so that they may deliver the same sentiments of love to those who will come under their *tarbiyyat*.

Similarly, the new converts in India who have joined the Jama`at, may be they are not financially very well off, but their hearts are brighter than the rich. They possess love and fear of God much more than others and this is the reason that they have believed in the Promised Messiah and Mahdi. They deserve more love of the older Ahmadis. They should be taken care of. Hug them and let them know the teaching of brotherhood with your treatment. They also have come from far off places and come with difficulties. Meet them and give them your love.

It should not be that these poor people may be having their own groups of the poor and those who think themselves at a higher platform should pass by them and be roaming in their own affluent groups not even caring to greet them with customary *Assalamo Alaikum*. Greeting with *Assalamo Alaikum* is lot more needed today. This is also a prayer and it is a source of enhancing the environment of prayer.

Now is the time for the office bearers also that they come closer to them to do their *tarbiyyat* and promoting feelings of brotherhood. Similarly, the older Ahmadis who have gone to Qadian from other countries should also make arrangement to see these new brothers. This is a very important objective of the Jalsa mentioned by the Promised Messiah. Apart from these sentiments of love and worship, there will be other benefits which will surface at their own time and they are becoming evident at the time of every Jalsa.

Let me tell those new converts who accepted Ahmadiyyat and still they consider them-

selves "new converts" perhaps this is also the fault of the older Ahmadis who did not assimilate in them. I would like them to understand that they have accepted the Imam of the time that they obey the commandment of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). They did not join Jama`at Ahmadiyya and believed the Imam of the time for the sake of a special person or for some office holder. Now, when everything has been done to win the pleasure of Allah and for the love of the Holy Prophet, then they should not lose heart with the treatment of some individual and should not be disappointed. If you will act on this pious teaching and will overlook these things, then Allah Himself will reward you for these virtues.

Therefore, always try to win the love of God Almighty, of the Holy Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and of the Promised Messiah. I pray that may Allah strengthen the faith of all of you. *'Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after Thou hast guided us and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely, Thou alone art the Bestower. (3:9)* May Allah always keep every heart straight and the truth which he has accepted may not become crooked.

All of you who have come for this Jalsa must remember that you have to spend these three days in worshipping, praying and listening to the pious things which are being told to you. Various scholars will be speaking during this Jalsa, you should listen to them. You will learn some new things and they become the source of enhancing your virtues.

Our opponents keep on criticizing us in diverse ways. They harass Ahmadis. One of their criticism which they used to do during Jalsas in Qadian or Rabwah and now about London because Khalifa is here, that Ahmadis consider their Jalsa equivalent to *Hajj*. Let me make it very clear that *Hajj* is one of the pillars of Islam. By the grace of God Almighty, Ahmadis are Muslims and true Muslims and believe and act on all the basics of Islam. But can our opponents answer has the Promised Messiah explained anything else except worship and doing virtuous deeds as their main objective of Jalsa?

Once the Promised Messiah felt doubtful about the efficacy of the Jalsa Salana and participants did not bring about the desired pious change which he desired and therefore, postponed that Jalsa. This was the line of thought of the Promised Messiah that he wanted a gathering merely for the sake of Allah. If this kind of gathering which has been called for the worship of Allah, or for the love of His creatures and to sympathize with them, then to what kind of gathering can it be compared to except the Hajj. Such religious gathering is Hajj alone. Therefore, this is not a new objection.

I would like to tell such people, that if they guarantee for the safety of Ahmadis going to Hajj and no harm will come to them, you will see a large number of Ahmadis going to Hajj. The day will come, *Insha Allah* when peace will reign and Ahmadis will be going to Hajj

We do not know that due to your mischief and corrupt thoughts, your Hajj is accepted by God Almighty or not, but to strengthen the faith of Ahmadis, Allah keeps on showing signs of the truth of the Promised Messiah to the Ahmadis. This Jalsa Salana is also such a sign. At first, these Jalsas were held only in Qadian, then after the partition of the sub-continent, it started in Rabwah. Then with a cruel ordinance, this Jalsa was banned, then these Jalsas continued to be held in London in the presence of the Khalifa of the time. The devotees from all over the world started coming in those Jalsas in London. Then the time came that the whole world started joining these Jalsas due to MTA. The atmosphere of these Jalsas was created in every city, *mohallah*, even in every home.

Then there are these Jalsas in various countries arranged by the Jama`ats of those countries. Now, see this is the ninth Jalsa of Jama`at Ahmadiyya France in which Khalifa of the time is participating. Similar Jalsas were also held during the tour of Khalifatul Masih IV.

These are the days of Christmas holidays and then will come New Year too. Instead of remembering God Almighty, people are drunk and intoxicated. But this is the singular Jama`at of the Promised Messiah who is holding this

Jalsa in the most fashionable country of Europe to worship God, obey His commandments and get closer to Him. This is the Jama`at who have no concern with frivolities and merriments of this environment. Their aim is that the Holy name of God be praised. Their objective is to foster the love of humanity and to deliver His message to the corners of the world.

Then the devotees of the Jama`at of Promised Messiah have gathered in the old Qadian to create this very atmosphere where people of many countries have gone and from far flung areas of India as well. Some have come from areas of temperate climate whereas there is severe cold weather in Qadian. There are no central heating arrangements there. They might have been sitting in this severely low temperature under the open sky whereas you who are sitting here, with heating arrangement even inside the marquee. Think their condition that as they come from temperate climate, they do not have enough warm clothing as well. They can not afford them as well because of their poverty.

But the warmth of their faith and belief has overcome all these hardships. See and compare, is there anyone who can face such men of towering faith? These are the people who have believed in the Promised Messiah. They have the true realization of Allah and His Apostle and that is the reason that they are serving under the yoke of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

In India, when groups and parties started going to Qadian for Jalsa, from different parts of the country, our opponents made strenuous efforts to stop them from going there. They even abducted our missionary and our *muallim*. They were in a train and their railway tickets were kept collectively by one person and they were also confiscated by them and as a result of which they could not continue their journey.

But these men of the world, measure faith also in the scale of this baser world. They want to scare these men of God with hollow threats. They should remember that these hollow threats will never scare these men of God who are warmed up with faith and belief. They may

raid one train or a thousand trains, or stop them, but remember well that this train which is running on its track is the train of the sincere and true devotees of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The ideal of its passengers is nothing but to win the pleasure of God Almighty. You will never be able to stop this train. Anyone who will come in its way will be crushed under it. This is the divine will and irresistible.

This is a divine promise given to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). This is going to prevail. I call upon all those who are possessing the warmth of *eeman*, who are traveling with pious motives, due to these hurdles and obstacles bow down before God Almighty. Pray as hard as possible. Decorate your worshipping. Fill the atmosphere of Qadian with the fragrance of *Zikr-i-Ilahi* (remembrance of God)

May every one of you who have come to attend this Jalsa inherit the prayers of the Promised Messiah which he did for the Jalsa participants.

Here ended the opening speech of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih at 11 a.m. and he led the audience into silent prayers

At 11-15, Hudur went for a walk in the outskirts of the mission house and returned after 45 minutes. He came to the Mission House at 12-30 and checked his mail. Afterwards, he inspected the *Langar Khana* and gave necessary instructions about the food. He came to Jalsa Gah at 1 p.m. and led *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers. Again at 5-15, he led the *Maghrib* and *Isha* prayers and came to Mission House and checked his mail. Here met some families and these meetings continued till 9 p.m. at night. In these meetings, 140 members of 35 families of eight Jama`ats of France met Hadrat Khalifatul Masih. Among these family meetings, people from Cyprus, Mauritius, Benin and Belgium had the honour to meet their Imam. After these meetings Hudur retired to his residence.

Monday, 27th December 2004

Hudur led the Fajr prayer in the Jalsa

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He Will be Filled With Secular and Spiritual Knowledge

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Whenever Allah sent prophets to the world, He has given them some clear signs to prove their truthfulness and authority. In this age, He has maintained His tradition with the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) when he asked Him for a sign in his favour. God Almighty revealed to him:

A sign of power, mercy, and nearness to Me is bestowed on thee. A sign of grace and beneficence is awarded to thee and thou art granted the key of success and victory”

This was the prophecy about Musleh Mau`ood.

The basic object of prophecy was:

So that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of God’s Word may become manifest unto the people, and so that truth may come with all its blessings and falsehood may flee with all its ills.

This would result positively in a spiritual revolution and

Those who desire life may be rescued from the grip of death and those who are buried in the graves may emerge therefrom.

All aspects of this prophecy are so magnificent and have been fulfilled in such detail that description of any of them requires a great length of time.

This article addresses briefly the part of this prophecy that states:

He will be extremely intelligent and understanding and will be meek of heart and will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge.

These words of the prophecy about Musleh Mau`ood indicate that Allah would grant him extraordinary intellectual capacities, God will educate him and his knowledge and wisdom will not be due to his formal education.

Allah the exalted fulfilled His prophecy in the person of Hadrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mah-

mud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II (peace be upon him) and blessed him with Quranic and scientific knowledge. So, Hudur declared himself as Musleh Mau`ood in a series of lectures. In one of these lectures at Delhi, India on April 15, 1944, he announced that:

The prophecy of the Promised Messiah about the Musleh Mau`ood, whose fulfillment I want to talk about now, says that he will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. This is so clear a sign that it can be tested very easily. I, whom Allah has named as the same person, challenge all the religious scholars to write an exegesis on any passage of the Holy Qur`an in competition with me. Even if they seek help from any number of people and any number of commentaries of the Holy Qur`an, by the grace of Allah, I shall be victorious.

He further said:

I challenge that even if a thousand scholars compete with me in writing a commentary on any part of the Holy Qur`an, the whole world will admit that it is my commentary that is unique in spirituality, truth and verities.

In March 1906, when he just completed seventeen years of his life, he started the publication of a quarterly magazine, that was named by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) as *Tash heezul Azhan* (Stimulator of Intellect) and was devoted to the exposition of spiritual values. Such zeal for faith and such eagerness in support of Islam are out of the ordinary for youngsters of that age.

He learned translation of the Holy Qur`an from Hadrat Maulana Noor-ud-Din (peace be upon him). He later became the second Khalifa of Jama`at Ahmadiyya. He independently studied religion, history, literature and various other subjects. His formal education was nominal and his whole academic career was shadowed by repeated failure due to his weak

health and came to an end in March 1905 when he failed in the Matriculation (Grade 10) examination. But this failure in formal education became a bright proof of the truth of the prophecy as the knowledge given by God was superior to any formal qualification and there was no comparison between the two. In 1907, an angel taught him the commentary of *Surah Fati-hah*. From then onwards, he was gifted with an unusual knowledge of the Holy Qur`an. In his own words, he mentions this phenomenon.

I was a person who possessed no secular knowledge, yet God, out of His grace, appointed angels for my instruction and by this means, made me aware of such meanings of the Holy Qur`an as were beyond the imagination of a human being. The knowledge that God has bestowed upon me and the spiritual fountain that He has burst in my bosom is not mere guess or imagination. Indeed it is so certain and conclusive that I challenge the whole world that I am prepared to compete at any time with anyone who might claim that he has been taught the Holy Qur`an by God Almighty. But I know that there is no one today in the world beside myself who has been bestowed knowledge of the Holy Qur`an by God. He has bestowed this knowledge on me and has appointed me the teacher of the world for teaching the Qur`an in this age. He has raised me for the purpose that I should carry the name of Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and the name of the Holy Qur`an to the ends of the earth and may vanquish for ever all false religions that are set up against Islam.

He had such a great knowledge of the Holy Qur`an that his arch enemies admitted his extraordinary insight to the Holy Qur`an. Maulana Zafar Ali Khan, who was staunch enemy of Jama`at Ahmadiyya and Hadrat Khalifatul Masih, wrote in his newspaper "*Zamindar*" addressing the opponents of Jama`at:

Listen carefully! You and your cronies cannot compete with Mirza Mahmud. He has Qur`an and the knowledge of the

Qur`an.

This was an extraordinary confession on the part of an opponent who always presented even good things about Jama`at in a bad manner.

On March 4, 1927, in a convention at Lahore chaired by Dr. Sir Muhammad Iqbal, he delivered a lecture on the topic of "Religion and Science" in front of a large audience. After the speech Allama Iqbal remarked as follows:

I have not heard such an informative lecture for a long time in Lahore, especially, interpretation of Quranic verses done by Mirza Sahib was wonderful.

He claimed that God had blessed him with knowledge of the Holy Qur`an through an angel and announced the same in these glorious words:

Specialists of any knowledge of the world, any professor of the world, any scientist of the world may challenge me and attack the Holy Qur`an with their knowledge. With God's blessings, I can give such an answer that the whole world will admit that his objection is turned down and I claim that I will answer him only from God's Word and will turn his objection down with the help of verses of the Holy Qur`an.

His commentaries of the Holy Qur`an have an extraordinary depth of knowledge. For example, the shortest chapter of Qur`an is *Surah Al-Kausar* which has only three verses. Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood has written 157 pages of its commentary which consist of solid knowledge. In that explanation he has given 18 points in favour of the Holy Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) superiority over all other prophets. He also has mentioned the philosophy of five pillars of Islam and has discussed its attributes in a comparative fashion proving that *Innaddeena `indallahil Islam* (3:20) – Surely the true religion with Allah is Islam. He has proved the elegance of Islamic prayers and has discussed 30 points in favour of the divine word about Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): *Innaka la`ala*

kholoquin azeem (68:5) – And thou dost surely possess high moral excellences.

At the end of this commentary, he has demonstrated Holy Prophet being *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*. This commentary of *Surah al-Kausar* is an unfathomable sea full of pearls of knowledge and bathing in its pounding waves confers a heavenly peace to one's soul.

During his Khilafat, he supervised and published translation of the Holy Qur'an in 16 languages.

A salient aspect of "He will be filled with Secular and Spiritual Knowledge" is that his pen has produced great literature. He has written about 200 books and articles covering diversity of topics from hard core religious topics like the "Proof of existence of God"; "Blessings of *Khilafat*" and "Recognition of God" to the political subjects like "Commentary on Nehru Report and solution of political problem", while he created some great books on the historical topics like "Beginning of the differences in Islam" and "Life of Muhammad". He has touched scientific facts also and his books "Religion and Science" is a masterpiece of his pen.

When we examine his poetry, each verse is so great in content and is perfect on the standards of Urdu poetry that reader gets convinced that this poetry – full of God's love - cannot be produced by an ordinary person.

The literature he has left behind is a treasure of precious knowledge and is a clear proof of the fulfillment of the elegant prophecy, "*He will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge*"

He was extremely intelligent as was prophesized and that is also manifest from his role in politics during the partition of Indo-Pak sub-continent. If Muslims did not have his wise advice it would not have been possible for them to obtain a country for themselves. It may take hundreds of pages just to highlight his outstanding achievements and services. Yet I would like to mention his favour to Jama`at by establishing the organizational structure, and a formal plan and missionary structure to facilitate

the propagation of the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat to the corners of the earth. All manifestations of his extreme divine intelligence and his quest was for service to humanity and Islam.

An asset that God Almighty furnished to Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood (peace be upon him) was his keen intelligence not only concerning spiritual matters but also of matters relating every aspect of individual, communal and national life. In the spiritual sphere he was blessed with a deep and profound knowledge of the Holy Qur'an which was manifested continuously in his speeches and writings and more particularly in his two commentaries on the Holy Qur'an, i.e. *Tafseer-i-Sagheer* and *Tafseer-i-Kabeer*.

While in the economic and political spheres he displayed a penetrating intelligence and a faculty of appraisal that were astonishing.

Every bit of his work is a masterpiece, yet his service to the Holy Qur'an is outstanding and most prominent among all of his works. Mentioning about his services, he also gives us the good news about Islam and Holy Qur'an's bright future. He said:

Whenever any teaching or doctrine contained in the Qur'an is made the target of criticism on the basis of some new scientific development, God reveals to me the true answer contained in the Holy Qur'an. We have been chosen as the instrument for elevating the banner of the dominion of the Holy Qur'an. Deriving faith and certainty from the words and revelations of God, we are demonstrating the superiority of the Holy Qur'an to the world. Compared with the resources of the world, our resources are pitiful. Yet we are assured that in spite of the severest opposition, the dominion of the Holy Qur'an will be firmly established. The sun may move out of its course, the stars may leave their appointed places, the earth may stop in its revolution, but nothing and nobody can now obstruct the victory of Islam and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The dominion of the Holy Qur'an will be es-

established once more. Men will turn away from the worship of other men and of gods which they have fashioned with their own hands and will bow down in worship to the One God. In spite of the fact that the trend of human society appears to be in directions opposed to the teachings of the Holy Qur`an, the sovereignty of Islam will be established again and so firmly that men will find it impossible to shake its foundations.

The fulfillment of such a glorious prophecy in such a perfect way fills our hearts with joy and praise of God, yet at the same time puts lot of responsibility on our shoulders. Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood (peace be upon him) mentions the responsibilities of his followers.

You who are attestators of my announcement, your foremost duty is to bring about a change in you. You should be prepared to shed even the last drop of your blood for the supremacy of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. You may rejoice that God has fulfilled this prophecy. Rather, I say that you must rejoice because the Promised Messiah himself has written to rejoice and romp with joy that after this, light will come. Therefore, I neither stop you from rejoicing nor from romping. Do rejoice and romp with joy. But I say that you do not neglect your responsibilities in these rejoicings.

As God Almighty showed me in the vision that I am running fast and the earth is shrinking under my feet, in the same way, He has said about me that I shall grow very fast. Therefore, it is also destined for me that I should move fast in the field of progress. Simultaneously, it is your duty also to quicken your speed and shed all indolence.

Blessed is he who keeps pace with me and runs along with me in the field of progress. May Allah have mercy on him, who is sluggish and does not move fast due to neglect. Instead of moving fast, he lags behind like hypocrites. If you fully understand your responsibilities and want to

make progress, then move with me foot by foot and shoulder by shoulder so that we may plant the standards of Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) the Messenger of Allah in the hearts of disbelief and wipe out the falsehood for ever from the face of the earth. God willing that will surely come about. Heaven and earth can pass away but the word of God must be fulfilled.

Let us take account of ourselves that how we are coming up with our responsibilities and what changes we need to bring in our behaviour. Let us give up all the lethargy right now and march forward to follow the footsteps of Musleh Mau`ood. Let us pledge to ourselves that:

We shall surely propagate the truth of Islam, come what may;
We shall go, wherever we are asked to go.
Mahmud! We shall surely prove what is true;
For this, we may move the earth if desired of us.

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa}

participates Jalsa Salana France

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Gah and he remained busy looking after his official business. At 11-45, he went for a walk at St. Prix, the adjacent area with the Mission House and returned to the Mission House at 12-5 p.m. and looked after his official business. At 1-10 p.m. he led *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers and afterwards, bai`at was taken in which five brothers from Tunis, Yugoslavia, Martinique Island, Madagascar, and Philippines had the honour to join Jama`at Ahmadiyya. Apart from them about 900 people also joined in the bai`at of the new converts.

At 5-15 p.m. Hudur led *Maghrib* and *Isha* prayers and he came to the office at 6 p.m. where he had some official meeting and afterwards, family meetings started which continued till 8 p.m. in which 124 brothers, sisters and children of 26 families of nine Jama`ats of France had the honour of meeting Hudur.

Paying Respects

A Unique and Unforgettable Incident

LT. COL. (R) SARDAR MOHAMMAD HAYAT QAISRANI

The following incident of historical importance has been related by Lt. Col. Sardar Mohammad Hayat Qaisratni mentioning a unique way of paying respect to Hadrat Khali-fatul Masih II, al-Musleh Mau'ood by Sardar Imam Bakhsh Khan Tumandar, a powerful chief of Baluchistan, Pakistan. Incidentally, we may mention that the writer of this article, Lt. Col. ® Sardar Mohammad Hayat Qaisrani, himself a Baloch who belongs to powerful tribe of Balochistan and has to his credit the meritorious services of being the Colonel Commandant of the renowned Furqan Force, a voluntary contingent provided by Jama`at Ahmadiyya at the special request of the Government of Pakistan. He remained at the head of this Force till it was disbanded after meritorious services actively serving in Kashmir for a number of years. This incident has been published in International Al-Fazl Weekly in their issue dated January 21, 2005)

It was the year 1922, when a royal Darbar was held at Delhi by the then Governor General and Viceroy of India in honour of the eldest son of Emperor of India, King George V, the Prince of Wales. The princes of India and other dignitaries had gathered at that auspicious occasion and all of them were dressed in their ceremonial and glittering dresses and were seated in their proper places allotted for them. The Prince had not yet arrived and all of them were still waiting for his arrival.

The Viceroy stood up and viewed all the dignitaries to check if everything was alright. But he felt that in that august court, among the audience, a Baluch Chief, Sardar Imam Bakhsh Tumandar Qaisrani was sitting in a way that his back will be towards His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and it was against the royal etiquette and protocol.

On the instruction of the Viceroy, the Governor of the Punjab came to the Sardar and said to him that his sitting in that posture was

against the royal etiquette. The Sardar heard the Governor's remark and said, "I fully realize the rules of etiquette but Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Mahmud Ahmad, son of Hadrat Mrza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani is sitting behind him. That is the reason that he was sitting in that position and he did not want that he should sit with his back towards him.

The Governor of the Punjab felt the pique of the Sardar's answer and said that at that time, the dignity and high status of the Prince was going to be observed and the main purpose of the Darbar was to pay homage to the Prince alone.

In principle, the Sardar very well knew the high status of Prince of Wales. But he was on the horns of dilemma at that time. He had revived some past memories. He remembered very well when he was sent into exile by the British rulers some years ago. He roamed the land along with members of his family without a support and help from anyone. After a long time, he came to the door of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and requested for his prayers.

The Sardar was not only promised of prayers, but he was welcomed by the Promised Messiah to stay with him in his own house and thus he got some respite and respect. Now, he was in the spiritual domain under the canopy of the spiritual prince. He was fascinated by the wonderful morals of the Promised Messiah and entered the fold of Ahmadiyyat and became the recipient of the blessings of his prayers. The glad tidings that had been given to Sardar Imam Bakhsh during his exile was fulfilled and all his estate, honour and respect was restored to him and once again, he became the *Tumandar* (chief) of Qaisrani tribe and was called Sardar of the tribe. Thus, the subservience of the Promised Messiah blessed him with the throne of chieftom of his tribe once again.

Thinking all the past events, Sardar Imam

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Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood^{rt}

Magnanimous Treatment with Friends and Foes

BARAKZAI

Study the life of the people of God. They come to reform the lives of the people of their time. They pass long time in hardships, trials and travails. But on the other hand Allah grants them courage, manliness and chivalry to bear all these trials. They are granted strength of a hundred brave hearts because they cannot cover this long journey of travails without it.

The writer of these lines has spent more than two decades under his benign personality. I can myself relate my personal experiences. But I would like to quote more impressive events recorded in history. They will show how broad minded, generous and caring he was not only for his friends but for his foes too.

1. Jemadar Fazaldin an employee of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya was sent from Rabwah to Lahore for the purchase of some building material for the construction of Anjuman's buildings under construction at that time. For this purpose, he was given 8,000.00 rupees. Mr. Fazaldin was an old man but very honest, sincere and hard working also.

It was his bad luck that while roaming in the corridors of Government offices for the performance of his duty, he somehow dropped 5,000 rupees somewhere. He immediately arranged to borrow the lost amount from someone and purchased the material and came back to Rabwah with the goods he had purchased. He gave a receipt of the loan to the lender, saying that he will himself pay back the amount and if in the meanwhile he dies, his sons will be responsible to pay that money. He never mentioned the accident to anyone.

But Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood somehow came to know of the tragedy. He immediately called the concerned official and enquired of him if he sent some younger person with old Jemadar Fazaldin for his help and safe custody of the large amount he was being entrusted. The answer was obviously in the negative. Hadrat

Musleh Mau`d immediately instructed Wakil-i-A`ala (head of the concerned department) that the lost amount should not be recovered from Jemadar Fazaldin.

About this Jemadar Fazaldin later commented that it was so great a favour to him that he will never forget it nor his children and friends. (*Mujallatul Jamia No. 14, p. 171*)

2. The following incident has been related by Hadrat Maulana Abul Ata

Probably, it was the year 1929, that Hadrat Musleh Mau`d had gone to Sri Nagar (in Kashmir) and I had gone to Murree for a debate. While I was still in Murree I received a telegram from Hadrat Musleh Mau`d to proceed to Sri Nagar immediately for a debate with *Paighamis*. It was rainy season and I stayed in the same house boat in which Hudur's party was staying. The debate took place and it was very successful.

Hudur stayed after the *Namaz* and we used to discuss the debate for some time. One day, Hudur said to me that Khwaja Kamaluddin is in Sri Nagar these days and is sick and if I have gone to see him or not. At my negative answer, Hudur said that I must go and visit him. These are the people who have rendered valuable services to the Promised Messiah during his life time. At this, I visited Khwaja Sahib twice during my stay there. (*This is worth mentioning that Khwaja Kamaluddin was one of the heads of the ring leaders who had opposed Hadrat Musleh Mau`d at the time of his election as Khalifa and never retreated and died as a staunch opponent of Hudur. These people were later called Paighamis*)

3. Another incident has also been related by Hadrat Maulana Abul Ata as follows:

When Khwaja Kamaluddin (mentioned above) died, Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood prayed for his *Maghfirat* (forgiveness of

sins) and said, "Although, Khwaja Sahib has bitterly opposed me, but they have rendered valuable services also during the days of the Promised Messiah also. Therefore, when I heard about his death, I immediately said, 'I forgive him for all the opposition he did for me. May God also forgive him'"

(Al-Fazl, Qadian 1st January 1933)

4. Two sons of Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen (peace be upon him) did something very undesirable against Hadrat Musleh Mau`ud. At last his sister, Hadrat Nawab Mubarak Begum Sahibah, wrote to him, that there is a limit to everything. Now, you must take some action." At this, Hudur replied to her:

Hearing the complaints against Koka, Emperor Akbar had said. 'Between me and Koka, a river of milk flows. But between me and them there are seven rivers of milk flowing. I shall go on bearing all this and remain patient as long as I could, till circumstances force me to take any action.

(The Monthly Khalid, December 1964, p. 128)

5. A famous Urdu poet who was a bitter opponent of our Jama`at came to Qadian to read some poems to Hudur. To get his works published, he had no money. After hearing him, Hudur ordered the Department of Books, to pay him in advance, the price of 100 copies even before publishing and helped him who was an opponent of the Jama`at in this way.

(Al-Fazl Qadian 12th November 1929)

6. While I (the writer of this article) was studying in Talimul Islam College doing my post graduate degree, our teacher, Soofi Bashaturrahman, the late Head of the Arabic Department of Talimul Islam College related to us the following story:

Once, Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood went to Dalhousie (a hill station in Punjab) and I was accompanying him as the tutor of his children. During those days, Sardar Saawan

Singh, the Head of Radhaswami sect of Sikhs was also vacationing in Dalhousie. One morning he was holding his prayer gathering and speaking to his congregation. I also went and stood among the audience. When he finished his discourse, I started criticizing his lecture and put some tough questions to him. Hearing them, he curtly asked me, "Have you gone inside?" By this, he meant that "Have you gone into the halls of spiritual domain?" To this I answered him but he became more annoyed. I came back and at the time of *Zuhr* prayer, Hudur came for *Namaz* and afterwards when he sat down for some talk with the brothers gathered there, I related to him the morning's visit to Sardar Saawan Singh's meeting. I thought that Hudur will be glad to hear my adventure, but he did not like my story. He asked me, "Would you like that some Sikh comes to our meeting and starts raising objections to my discourse? Sardar Saawan Singh is a leader of that sect and he deserves respect from others. You should not have done this."

Imagine, how he taught to respect the leaders of other faith.

7. Once, a notorious opponent scholar of the Jama`at was speaking to a large gathering, when a young Ahmadi started asking questions during his speech. As the speaker could not reply to his questions, he wound up his lecture and went away. The young man wrote the detail of his criticizing the scholar to Hudur and was expecting kudos from him.

In reply Hudur wrote to him that the scholar was a respectable person in that town. Our religion does not permit to ridicule anyone. I am not happy with you and will not forgive you until and unless you will go to him and apologize to him. At this, the young man started for the scholar's home and knocked at his door. When the scholar came out, he told him that he had come on the order of his Imam to apologize for criticizing his speech. Hearing this, the scholar's eyes became moistened and said, "I was under the impression that these high morals have been finished in the world but there are

still some ones who command such morals.”

8. Once, a bitter opponent of the Jama`at, but a close relative of Umm-e-Nasir, (wife of Hadrat Musleh Mau`ud) came to Rabwah to see Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood. So he went to Hadrat Umme Nasir and requested her to get some time from Hudur for him. But she replied, ‘You blast my husband, and when you want some recommendation, you come to him. Not only that I will not give him your message, I do not like him to see you even’.

The gentleman, when disappointed headed towards the office of his Private Secretary and was successful in getting some time for his meeting with Hadrat Musleh Mau`ud. After some time, Hudur came to Hadrat Umme Nasir and requested her to prepare an extra dish for the gentleman. Hadrat Umme Nasir related to him the message of the relative and her answer. Hudur said that you have exhibited your *ghairat*, but now, he is my guest and the Holy Prophet has given great respect to the guests and asked us to respect them. They exhibit their treatment by abusing me but I have to exhibit my treatment by treading the *Sunnah* of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

(The monthly Khalid Rabwah, February 1987).

9. In 1937, there was some internal corruption created by Maulvi Abdul Rahman Misri. There was one, Fakhruddin Multani, a bookseller in Qadian who was taking front row place in this row. He used abusive language in his talk and writing also against Hadrat Musleh Mau`ud. In this respect, he had gone to the extremes. After he died, his wife came to Hadrat Musleh Mau`ud and mentioned about her woes of poverty and starvation and requested for help. Now, imagine a man who had gone to extremes in abusing and opposing him, his wife comes begging to help her and her children. Taking pity on them, Hudur sanctioned some stipend for her and granted some provisions to be given to her.

Further, his son came with the request that if Hudur agreed to announce the *Nikah* of his sister, then some Ahmadi match may be pos-

sible for her, otherwise no Ahmadi will be ready to marry the girl. Those were the days when Hudur had announced that due to his extraordinary engagements, he would not be able to find time for *Nikah* of anyone except a *Waqif-i-Zindagi* or his own close relative. But Hudur granted his request and announced the *Nikah* of the daughter of Fakhruddin Multani and showed that he had an ocean of sympathy, tenderness and mercy for those who asked him for help.

(The monthly Khalid, Rabwah, February 1986)

10. After the partition of Indian sub-Continent, Hudur was still staying at Rattan Bagh, Lahore. Jama`at was passing through period of extreme financial stringency. During those days, a son of Shaikh Mohammad Husain Batalvi, the most bitter enemy of the Promised Messiah came in a dilapidated condition. When Hudur learned about him, he issued orders that he should be well fed, new dress should be prepared for him and a new bedding be arranged for him. But it is a pity that he lived there for about two weeks and went away. He took his dress and bedding along with him, but he deprived himself from a comfortable living and good food.

(Tarikh-i-Ahmadiyyat Lahore p. 537)

11. Once while Hudur was still in Qadian that he learned about the indigenous drug shop of Pundit Malawa Mal was not running good. He was facing financial stringency. Hudur knew that these Hindus may not request for financial help, so, he instructed his office that the medicines which were not being sold may be purchased up to five hundred rupees at the prices which they had fixed and no discount be demanded. This will be a sort of help for them and they will not have a feeling of being helped. This was done and he was secretly helped and they did not even know about the help provided to him.

(Mujallaltul Jamia No. 14 p. 164)

12. Qadian is a village surrounded by Sikh villages. Before the partition of the sub-

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Jalsa Salana Bangladesh 2004

By the grace of Almighty Allah, the Three Day 80th *Jalsa Salana* of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at Bangladesh ended on January 18, 2004 with great zeal, enthusiasm and by paying gratitude to *Rabbul Aalameen*. Despite various obstacles and strong anti-Ahmadiyya movement by a section of mullahs and the Government's recent order on banning Ahmadiyya publications, the *Jalsa* was a very successful event... About three thousand participants from different local Jama`ats attended the *Jalsa*. The morale and spirit of each and every member of the Jama`at was very high.

Nawab Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Wakilut-Tabshir attended the *Jalsa* as the Special Representative of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V. Brother Zinda Mahmood Bajwa, the National Secretary of external Affairs, and Brother Hasan Hakim, the Publication Secretary of our USA Jama`at, and Advocate Mujibur Rahman from Rawalpindi also attended the *Jalsa*. Brother Hakim is the President of Zion Jama`at, the place of Alexander Dowie, the fulfillment of the grand prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). Their presence gave an extraordinary impact to the *Jalsa*.

The inaugural session started after *Juma* prayer on January 16. This session was very memorable event. About ten distinguished guests spoke in the sessions and expressed their good wishes, all-out support and sympathy to the Jama`at. They condemned the ongoing anti-Ahmadiyya movement and the Government decision for banning Ahmadiyya publications and demanded immediate withdrawal of the decision. The President of Bangladesh Workers Party, Rashed Khan Menon, President of Bangladesh Socialist Party Mainuddin Khan Badal, General Secretary of communist party of Bangladesh Mujahidul Islam Selim, Retired Justice and Human Rights Activist K.M. Sobhan, Writer-Journalist Shahriar Kabir, Chairman of the Department of World Religions of University of Dhaka Dr. Kazi Nurul Islam, Human Rights Activists Barrister Sara Hossain, Dr.

Faustina Pererra and Advocate Sultana Kamal were among them.

Brother Z.M. Bajwa and Brother Hakim from U.S. Jama`at expressed their solidarity and said that two hundred million Ahmadi brothers and sisters of 180 countries are with the suppressed Ahmadi of Bangladesh with their prayers and all out support. Brother Hakim also delivered a very wonderful speech on the fulfillment of the grand prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) on the subject of Alexander Dowie.

The three-day *Jalsa* was also addressed by: Mukarram Nawab Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Wakilut Tabshir, National Ameer Mubasherur Rahman, Former National Ameer Ahmad Taufiq Choudhry, Naib National Ameer Professor Dr. Tarik Saiful Islam, Naib National Ameer-II Professor Meer Mubasher Ali, Murab-bian-e-Silsila Maulana Abdul Awwal Khan Chowdhury, Maulana Saleh Ahmad, Maulana Bashirur Rahman and others on the following subjects:

1. Khulafa-i-Ahmadiyyat; 2. Khataman Nabiyyeen; 3. Ahmadiyya Jama`at, Islam and other religions, Tolerance in Islam, Spirit of sacrifice, The Financial System in Islam etc.

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- f. He can keep track of all eligible boys and girls
 - g. He should be able to regularly communicate with national Markaz.
3. Prepare a list of all boys and girls of marriageable age and check with parents if they are looking for a suitable match.
 4. Regularly send detailed report of activity in this department.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 416-560-7933

My Allah help us in effectively carrying out our responsibilities. *Ameen*.

Turin Shroud 'Older Than Thought'

Tests in 1988 concluded the cloth was a medieval "hoax"

(BBC NEWS – 27 JANUARY 2005)

The Shroud of Turin is much older than suggested by radiocarbon dating carried out in the 1980s, according to a new study in a peer-reviewed journal. A research paper published in *Thermochimica Acta* suggests the shroud is between 1,300 and 3,000 years old. The author dismisses 1988 carbon-14 dating tests which concluded that the linen sheet was a medieval fake. The shroud, which bears the faint image of a blood-covered man, is believed by some to be Christ's burial cloth.

The radiocarbon sample has completely different chemical properties than the main part of the shroud relic. (Raymond Rogers)

Raymond Rogers says his research and chemical tests show the material used in the 1988 radiocarbon analysis was cut from a medieval patch woven into the shroud to repair fire damage.

This was responsible for an invalid date being assigned to the original shroud cloth, he argues.

'The radiocarbon sample has completely different chemical properties than the main part of the shroud relic,' said Mr. Rogers, who is a retired chemist from Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, US.

Fire damage

He says, he was originally dubious of untested claims that the 1988 sample was taken from a re-weave. "It was embarrassing to have to agree with them," Mr. Rogers told the BBC News website.

The 4m-long linen sheet was damaged in several fires since its existence was first recorded in France in 1357, including a church blaze in 1532. It is said to have been restored by nuns who patched the holes and stitched the shroud to a reinforcing material known as the Holland cloth. "(The radioactive sample) has obvious painting medium, a dye and a mordant

that doesn't show anywhere else," Mr. Rogers explained.

The shroud first surfaced in France in 1357. "This stuff was manipulated – it was coloured on purpose." In the study he analyzed and compared the sample used in the 1988 tests with other samples from the famous cloth. In addition to the discovery of dye, microchemical test – which use tiny quantities of materials – provided a way to date the shroud. These tests revealed the presence of a chemical called vanillin in the radiocarbon sample and in the Holland cloth, but not the rest of the shroud. Vanillin is produced by thermal decomposition of lignin, a chemical compound found in plant material such as flax. Levels of vanillin in material such as linen fall over time.

'Older date'

"The fact that vanillin cannot be detected in the lignin on shroud fibers, Dead Sea scrolls linen and other very old linens indicate that the shroud is quite old," Mr. Rogers writes. "A determination of the kinetics of vanillin loss suggests the shroud is between 1,300 and 3,000 years old." In the 1988 study, scientists from three universities concluded that the cloth dated some time between 1260 and 1390. This ruled it out as the possible burial cloth that wrapped the body of Christ. The shroud is stored at the Cathedral of Turin, Italy. That led to the then Cardinal of Turin, Anastasio Alberto Ballistrero, admitting the garment was a hoax. Michael Minor, Vice-President of the American Shroud of Turin Association for Research commented: "This is the most significant news about the Shroud of Turin since the C-14 dating was announced in 1988. The C-14 dating isn't disputed. But (the new research) is saying that they dated the rewoven area."

Tribute to *Sahaba*^{rt} of The Promised Messiah

Preserve their Sweet Memories and Golden deeds

NABEEL A. RANA

Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada plans to record the brief life stories of the sincere, pious, and devoted *Sahaba* of the Promised Messiah along with their pictures in our magazine. An announcement was made earlier in our Gazette and we have started receiving such accounts from brothers and sisters. We know that there are a good number of Ahmadi families living across Canada who are scions of these shining stars of Ahmadiyyat. We will appreciate if they send us their heart warming accounts, loyalty, sacrifices, devotions and stories of their life, some recorded and some heard from their parents or their friends.

We would like to put on record such stories and in this regard, we shall require the following to be kept in view while writing accounts and stories about them:

1. Name of the Sahabi
2. Parentage
3. Date and place of birth
4. Date of bai`at
5. Date when passed away
6. Significant items from the lives of Sahaba, including the circumstances of their initiation into Ahmadiyyat, love for the Promised Messiah, Jama`at and Khilafat, sacrifices for Jama`at, their piety, their acceptance of prayers and other worthy incidents as examples for today's youth should be included and summarized.
7. Picture of Sahabi if available (high resolution - original will be returned)
8. Coloured picture of their younger generations now residing in Canada. (age 10 or less)
9. The article should preferably be in English, and 1000 words or less.

It is the desire of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V also which he expressed in his Friday sermon dated 17th October 2003 encouraging members of Jama`at to pay attention to this subject. He said:

There are hundreds of thousands of models scattered all around in this dear Jama`at of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) who established shining exam-

ples of their loyalty, sincerity and wonderful sacrifices. There are large number of incidents which have not yet been recorded because these pious people quietly came and quietly went away writing accounts of their sincerity and loyalty with their golden deeds on the pages of history of Ahmadiyyat. Now, it is the duty of their children, and grand children that they write accounts of their sacred and pious ancestors and preserve them with the Jama`at. Along with that, they should introduce those traditions in their families and keep on telling their coming generations about these wonderful models and that we have to preserve them.

We shall be awaiting an early response from the concerned readers whose ancestor was a Sahabi. The articles along with the above mentioned photographs should be sent to:

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Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada
10610 Jane Street,
Maple, ON L6A 3A2
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WINNIPEG JAMA`AT HISTORY

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number has not substantially increased. The current President, Mr. Khalid Mahmood reports that one long time resident of the city of Portage La Prairie, Mr. Niaz Ahmad is still continuing his food business along with his family. Recently, Dr. Shafiqul Alam, a medical doctor has come to the Winnipeg Jama`at.

Let us pray that the Jama`at continues to grow and flourish in Winnipeg which is the geographical centre of North America.

Winnipeg Jama`at History

ABU TAHIR, MISSISSAUGA

The following small but interesting article by Abu Tahir is an introduction of a small Jama`at (which is no more small now) but a flourishing Community. All the Jama`ats are small in the beginning and if their histories are not preserved or neglected, the coming generations never know about their inception, progress and difficulties they had to face in the beginning. We invite the pioneers of the Jama`at to send us such articles, so that our brothers and sisters may know how the small seed was sown which has grown today in a big tree. It will preserve Canada Jama`at's history also.

Since early 1970s, two families are known to have settled in Winnipeg; one of Dr. Ijaz Ahmad Qamar and the other of Mr. Khalid Mahmood. Just by coincidence, both of them purchased houses next to each other on Avaco Drive in the Valley Gardens area of East Kildonan. Soon after, Mr. Khalid Mahmood's two brothers also joined to settle in Winnipeg.

These families used to meet for prayers weekly in their houses on a rotational basis when in mid 1970s, Winnipeg Jama`at was formally constituted and Ijaz Ahmad Qamar was elected President and Mr. Khalid Mahmood, the Secretary.

During these years, our pioneer missionary in Canada, Maulana Syed Mansoor Ahmad Bashir visited Winnipeg Jama`at a number of times for tarbiyyat and tabligh purposes. During his time, Canada Jama`at instituted national evaluation for excellent overall performance of Jama`ats. Twice in a row, Winnipeg was placed in second position, winning shields each time. Most of the strength for the Jama`at came from their outreach activities particularly through the media and public relations.

When Canada Jama`at started its magazine, The Light in late 1970s, Ijaz Ahmad Qamar was placed on its editorial board. He contributed in the development of the magazine

and through writing editorials and articles for it.

In 1980s and 1990s, some other families moved to Winnipeg including that of Commander ® Chaudhry Muhammad Aslam (presently on a post-retirement Waqf and stationed in the headquarters of the Canada Jama`at, at Maple) and his three sons. At one point, the number of the Winnipeg Jama`at reached to 55 members including men, women and children.

In 1980, an international Conference on the history of World Religions was held at the University of Manitoba. Winnipeg Jama`at arranged a lecture by late Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir, Professor of Political Science (New York State University) and a former missionary of the Jama`at in Washington D.C.) who read his scholarly paper on theocratization of politics in Pakistan and Ahmadiyya Community. His paper was highly appreciated.

As the number increased, Winnipeg Jama`at started collecting special contributions towards purchasing a Jama`at property of their own, as they could not be accommodated in respective homes all at one time. After a long search we purchased a very conveniently located office building located at 525, Kylemore Avenue in the Fort Rouge area. As this property was in a residential area, Winnipeg Jama`at had to face a zoning battle in the community at large. After six months of intense struggle, the building was approved as a place of worship and a community place. The Centre and some other Jama`at contributors financially assisted the Jama`at in purchasing the building as well as the community places program of the Manitoba government.

The Winnipeg Ahmadiyya mosque was officially opened on November 23, 1990 with Maulana Naseem Mahdi, Amir and Missionary In Charge, Jama`at Ahmadiyya Canada as the

chief guest. A visiting Indonesian Ahmadi, Irwin Boditobias, was the first person who called Adhan in this mosque. On that occasion, city dignitaries, elected officials from all levels of government, academics and neighbours joined in the festivities. Later, Winnipeg Jama`at activities were featured in the local media, including the major newspaper The Winnipeg Free Press on a number of occasions with pictures. During all these years, Ijaz Ahmad Qamar and his wife, Bushra, made a number of contributions in the press by writing features and letters which had a significant effect on the Winnipeg Jama`at.

In 1985, Jama`at started a unique TV program on the community channel (Video cable). This program, produced and hosted by Ijaz Ahmad Qamar. It was started as a monthly program but later changed to twice a month schedule. This program continued for nine years and the TV company awarded the producer/host a commemorative plaque for his uncommon contributions. In all, over 160 episodes were produced with a range of topics on spiritual, religious, moral, social, cultural, ethnic and multicultural matters. During these years, a number of Jama`at scholars and members, academics (including Professor Antonio R. Gualtieri, the author of *Conscience and Coercion: Ahmadi Muslims and Orthodoxy in Pakistan* and well-known scientist of Pakistan Dr. Ghulam Ullah Chaudhry), community leaders, multi-faith leaders, social workers, government representatives etc. were interviewed on a range of topics. Moreover, some selected books of the Jama`at, particularly written by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), were also featured and literally read in the episodes. This TV program had a very great impact in the City of Winnipeg as a major Tabligh activity.

Another major activity of the Winnipeg Jama`at, was the staging of twelve multi-faith symposia from 1986 to 1994 in the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg and the Manitoba Legislative Assembly Building. Again, these public events had a great impact on the Winnipeg community at large as these were widely covered by the media. The news of one of the symposia on family values held in 1994 was published in the United Nations publication of the

International Year of Family in Vienna, Austria. Topics of these events were:

- Human rights and freedom of conscience in religion
- Nature and concept of God
- Directions and prospects of world religions beyond 20th century
- The Second Advent of Messiah: its meaning and significance
- The status and role of woman (this was an all women symposium including the moderator, Dr. Marsha Hanen, President of the University of Winnipeg)
- Combating racism: a phenomenon incompatible with religion
- Islam on war and peace
- Multiculturalism: consistent with religion?
- Life and character (Seerat) of the Prophet Muhammad
- Unity in diversity
- Sustainable way of life: conservation of natural resources
- Relevance of family values in the contemporary world

The year 1989 was a landmark in the history of the Winnipeg Jama`at as was the case all over the world. Jama`at Winnipeg held two events for that occasion. One was the Centenary Open House on March 23, 1989 at the University Of Manitoba Students Union Building, a whole day event with a display of Jama`at literature produced in the last 100 years, Jama`at banners, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV's Centenary message video and opportunities for questions/answers.

The second event to celebrate the Ahmadiyya Centenary was a dinner reception held in a major hotel in downtown Winnipeg. All levels of Government, opposition benches and various communities were well represented with a message from the then Premier of the Province of Manitoba Gary Filmon. Maulana Naseem Mahdi and Maulana Mubarak Nazir were on hand for the occasion. Mayor of the City of Winnipeg at the time, Bill Norrie issued a proclamation on the occasion with the following historic words:

“...I William Norrie, Mayor of the

City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim March 23rd, 1989 as AHMADIYYA MUSLIM DAY AND the week of March 20 to 26th, 1989 as AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM WEEK”.

This proclamation made its way to overseas particularly to Pakistan. One of the Jama`at members in Lahore distributed its copies among the Lahore High court Bar Association membership that became a news item there.

The proclamation became a prototype of proclamations that were issued in other major cities of Canada during that year.

The last but not the least achievement of the Winnipeg Jama`at was that Ishaq Fonseca joined our Jama`at through the Winnipeg branch. His nobility and inquisitiveness brought him to our mosque after he had read the Holy Qur`an published by the Jama`at that were placed in Winnipeg bookstores. He has also seen some of the TV program mentioned above. Soon after he joined the Jama`at in Winnipeg, he was accepted as a Missionary-in-training and is currently serving in Hamilton as missionary with dedication. He has taken crash courses in missionary work when Jama`at sent him to Qadian and Rabwah in early 1990s.

A Malaysian student, Miss Jorlah Salleh, at the University of Winnipeg became connected with the Jama`at through an Ahmadi student from Brunei, Mr. Munir.

She started attending Winnipeg Jama`at functions and soon became an Ahmadi by signing the Bai`at form in or around 1992. By doing this, she landed herself into difficulty with other Malaysian students and the Government of Malaysia who discontinued her scholarship. As a result of social boycott, from other fellow students, Jorlah Salleh had to leave her apartment she was sharing. Winnipeg Jama`at arranged her residence with an Ahmadi family and also arranged a short-term scholarship from the Canada Jama`at so that she could complete her studies. Later she returned to Malaysia and married an Indonesian Ahmadi.

One renowned scholar of Jama`at Giani Ibadullah, who had served as a missionary and Manager of daily Al-Fazl, visited Winnipeg Jama`at in the mid 1980s. Being a scholar on Sikhism, he was invited by all the four gurdawaras of Winnipeg where he delivered lectures of interest to Sikhs and Muslims alike. Giani Sahib was highly honoured with gifts and honorariums by these four gurdawaras. He was also granted interviews to Ahmadi Muslims and Sikh community TV programs in Winnipeg.

Our Jama`at beliefs and perspectives were prominently published (1991) in a book, entitled *Our Emerging Religious Heritage – A Report on Non-Judeo-Christian Religions in Manitoba*. The author is Professor Mary Ann Beavis of the Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg.

Our Jama`at Khadim, Dr. Tahir Ijaz authored a small book entitled *Jesus in Islam*. This was published by our national headquarters in Toronto and became important tool in our tabligh activities across Canada. (Incidentally, this may also be mentioned that Dr. Tahir Ijaz is the son of Dr. Ijaz Ahmad Qamar). Dr. Tahir Ijaz has also contributed many articles in *Review of Religions* surrounding the subject of Jesus according to Islam.

Hadrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV's short visit to Winnipeg is a part of history. Hudur while traveling from Montreal to Calgary, he made a stop over at the Winnipeg airport on September 8, 1986. This was the day when Winnipeg Jama`at was holding their first ever symposium on human rights. (This event was held against heavy odds as Jama`at opponents had tried to sabotage it by all possible means). The time of Hudur's arrival was exactly the same as that of our symposium, which prevented the Jama`at from seeing Hudur at the airport. However, a delegation of Lajna with Bushra Qamar's leadership met Hudur at the airport.

In 1986, Dr. Ijaz Qamar's family left Winnipeg after 23 years and has settled in Mississauga. Since then, some new families and single students have arrived in Winnipeg but the total

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Department of Rishta Nata Canada

As our brothers and sisters know that *Rishta Nata* Department is functioning in Canada and every effort is made to suggest suitable match as far as possible to the parties concerned.

A *Hadith* of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is given below as guideline for the people concerned:

Hadrat Abu Hurairah^{ra} relates: The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that there are four reasons to marry a woman. Either it is for her wealth, family background, her beauty or her righteousness. You should prefer righteous woman.

This golden advice is equally applicable to women for selecting their spouses. The National Secretary *Rishta Nata* has requested that the parents may give the particulars of their sons/daughters and benefit from *Jama`at* system.

Following information is required:

1. Full name
2. Age, with date of birth
3. Education
4. Height
5. Nationality
6. Marital Status
7. Telephone Number
8. Current address
9. Profession

It may be informed that the exchange of information is kept highly confidential. The Department is working under the guidance of Respected Amir Sahib, *Jama`at Ahmadiyya Canada*. For any further information, please contact: Comd. Mohammad Aslam Ch. National Secretary, *Rishta Nata*. Tel: 905-303-4000 ext. 238 OR 416-743-2191 (Residence)

Col. Mohammad Amjad Khan Assistant Secretary Tel: 905-303-5297 OR Write to *Rishta Nata* Department.

10610 Jane St., Maple, ON, L6A 3A2

In a recent letter written by Dr. Aslam Daud, National General Secretary to all

Jama`ats, some instructions have been given to be followed by them. We are giving below the letter for the information of our readers.

In a recent directive, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} has indicated that in many *Jama`ats*, the department of *Rishta Nata* is not as active as it should be and it is not playing an effective role in match making.

There are many complaints that the Ahmadi girls are getting over age due to lack of suitable proposals from Ahmadi boys. Hudur Anwar has instructed that Ahmadi boys should find match amongst Ahmadi girls and should not send proposals to non-Ahmadi girls.

Hudur Anwar^{aa} has asked that this directive should be widely publicized and Ahmadi boys should be educated on this issue. Hudur has further instructed that some solid work should be done in this regard and report of activity should be regularly sent.

In the light of the above instructions, you are requested to do the following;

1. If you do not have Secretary *Rishta Nata* in your *Jama`at* then, propose three suitable names for this department.
2. In the past, we have received names for this department a number of times, however, no names were approved due to suitability for this department. While proposing names, please ensure that:
 - a. The person is generally suitable for this department
 - b. He should have an aptitude for match making
 - c. He has ample time available for this important responsibility
 - d. He should be comfortable to deal with parents with compassion and understands their requirements
 - e. He should be able to maintain the confidentiality

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Appointment of Officers Jalsa Salana Canada 2005

MAULANA NASEEM MAHDI, AMIR & MISSIONARY
IN CHARGE, CANADA AND OFFICE RABITA

I am pleased to confirm the appointment of the following Officers for the 29th Jalsa Salana Canada 2005:

- 1 Naib Officer Rabita Barrister Abdul Aziz Khalifa Sahib (Naib Amir I)
2. Officer Jalsagah Lal Khan Malik Sahib (Naib Amir II)
3. Officer Jalsa Salana Nasir Ahmad Khan Sahib (National Secretary Ziafat)
4. Officer Khidmat-i-Khalq Shahid Mansoor Sahib (Sadar Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada)

May Allah enable them to carry out their duties efficiently - *Ameen*

HADRAT MUSLEH MAU`OOD^{RT}

MAGNANIMOUS TREATMENT WITH FRIENDS AND FOES
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continent, on a number of occasions, they had adopted a rough treatment with the Jama`at. But it is strange that whenever Sikhs asked for help individually or collectively, Hadrat Musleh Mau`ud never disappointed them. He contributed generously in building their Gurdawaras. Once a Sikh party came to him and told him that they need some funds and due to World War II, they cannot get construction material also. With his help, they got sanction for the material and they were financially assisted also. After the construction, whenever Ahmadis passed by that shrine, Sikhs would tell them that the Gurdawara had been constructed with the kind help of Mirza Sahib. No polytheism is observed in that temple. In this Gurdawara only unity of God is hailed.

During his meritorious Khilafat of 52 years, such incidents are galore. We have just presented a mere sampling and they demand from us to pray for him more and more. May Allah grant him high status in heaven.

Paying Respects

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Bakhsh suddenly got up and put his shawl on his shoulder and addressed the governor thus: "I fully understand your resentment. Once before, the British Government had been angry with me as a result of which, I was sent into exile. During that exile, it was only the home of Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani where I and my family was offered refuge. I am the recipient of those favours.

It is impossible for me to sit in this *Darbar* with my back towards his son and successor. Honouring the favours is proverbial among we Baloch people. How can I sit in this *Darbar* like an ungrateful wretch? If it is possible, please give me a seat behind the chair of Hadrat Sahibzada Sahib. If it is not possible, please permit me to leave the *Darbar*. I shall live even without this worldly honour.

Other Baloch Chiefs when saw one of their Sardars standing, also stood up. When the Viceroy saw all this spectacle, he himself hurried to the scene and requested all the Sardars to please take their seats. But, Sir Nawab Meer Bahram Khan Tumandar Mazaari (the grand father of Meer Balakh Sher Mazari) resisted. At last all the Baloch Sardars (chiefs) agreed to sit on the condition that the chair of Hadrat Sahibzada Sahib be placed in front of those Baloch chiefs.

Apparently it was not possible to make eleventh hour changes in Royal *Darbar* and also it was against the traditions of British rulers. But it was a delicate hour, there was no way left for the Viceroy himself. Therefore, he himself came forward, requested Hadrat Sahibzada Mirza Mahmud Ahmad Sahib to please come forward and sit in front of Baloch Sardars where his chair will be placed.

So, the handsome Sahibzada Sahib came forward and everyone saw that young man come and sit in front of the Baloch Sardars. It was no doubt an odd step of a Baloch Chief, honouring the favours of a benefactor but it puts a deep stamp of the favours of the Promised Messiah bestowed on the Baloch Sardar.