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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  
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# Al-Qur'an

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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 is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.

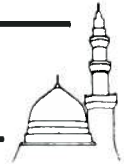
(Al-Nur: 24:56)

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفْنَا الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِمْ وَيَسْكِنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ  
وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي  
وَلَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ  
هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

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# Al-Hadith

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Hazrat Ibn-I-Omar (peace be upon him) related that I heard the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say that whoever held back from the obedience of Allah, will meet Him on Doomsday while he will have neither any argument nor any excuse. He who died and did not pledge allegiance (to the Imam of the time) died death of ignorance.

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ  
اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ، مَنْ خَلَعَ يَدًا مِنْ طَاعَةِ  
لِقَى اللَّهَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَا حُجَّةَ لَهُ، وَمَنْ مَاتَ وَلَيْسَ فِي  
عُنُقِهِ بَيْعَةٌ مَاتَ مِيتَةً جَاهِلِيَّةً، وَفِي رِوَايَةٍ، مَنْ مَاتَ  
وَهُوَ مُقَارِبٌ لِلْجَمَاعَةِ فَإِنَّهُ يَمُوتُ مِيتَةً جَاهِلِيَّةً.

(مسلم كتاب الامارة باب الامر بلزوم الجماعة عند ظهور الفتن)

There is another narration of this Hadith. It goes on to say that he who dies while he is away from the Jama`at, dies the death of ignorance.

(Muslim Kitab al-Imarah, Bab al-amr bil-luzoom al-Jama`at `inda zahoor al-fitan)

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# Sacred Sayings of the Promised Messiah Peace be upon him

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## Khilafat – The Second Manifestation of The Power of God

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It has always been the way of God for doing things, a way He has followed ever since the day He created this world, that He comes to the help of His Apostles and Messengers and makes them dominant – as he has said in the Holy Quran: *kataballahu la`aghlabanna ana wa rusulee* (Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers'. (Mujadilah:22) The meaning of dominance in this context can be explained in the following manner. It is the desire and aim of the Prophets that the truth of the Way of God should come to be fully established on earth, to the extent that no one can resist its force. Similarly Allah manifests with powerful signs, the truth of their claim, and sows the seed of righteousness at their hands, which they want to spread. But He does not fully complete this mission at their hands, causing them to die in conditions, which bear a colour of failure, and apparently gives to their opponents an opportunity to heap ridicule, mockery and sarcasm on them. When they have had their laugh, then He shows another manifestation of His powerful hand, creating set of circumstances, which work for full attainment of aims, which were not fully achieved before.

In short, He shows two manifestations of His power: firstly at the hand of His prophets; secondly at a time following the death of the prophet when obstacles show up and the enemies gain power, and think that the mission of the Prophet had been fatally injured. They believe that the community will now be exterminated. Even some members of the movement entertain doubts with regard to their future and begin to despair, as if their backs were broken. Many unfortunates among them go so far as to

apostatize. Then Allah once again shows a strong manifestation of His power and saves the falling community.

Thus, whosoever perseveres unto the last, witnesses this miracle, as happened at the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr <sup>ra</sup> when the death of the Holy Prophet <sup>sa</sup> was considered to be untimely and many stupid nomads apostatized, and the *Sahaba* <sup>ra</sup> were also un-nerved by deep grief. At that critical hour, Allah made Abu Bakr <sup>ra</sup> stand up firmly, showing His powerful hand a second time to save Islam from extinction, and fulfilled the promise He had made in the following words:

*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.*

(24:56)

... So, my dear brothers, when this has always been the way how the will of Allah works, showing two manifestations of His power, so that He should demolish two false joys of the opponents, it is impossible that now He will alter this long established Divine practice. Therefore, be not grieved of what I have told you and your hearts may not be dejected, because it is important that you see the second manifestation also and its coming is lot better for you because it is everlasting whose chain will not snap till Doomsday. This second manifestation cannot come till I go. But when I shall go, God will send second manifestation for you, which will remain with you for all times to come.

(Al-Wasiyyat pp. 6-7, Roohani Khazaain vol. 20, pp. 304-305)

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# Friday Sermon

4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2005

*The following sermon was delivered by Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V on March 4, 2005 at Baitul Futuh Mosque, Morden, London about the greatness of the Holy Qur'an and un-bounded love of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) for this holy book. Its summary has been kindly sent to us by Chaudhry Hameedullah, Vakil-i-A'ala, Rabwah, Pakistan.*

After *tashahhud*, *ta'awwuz* and *Surah Fatihah*, Hudur recited the following verses of the Holy Qur'an:

A Messenger of Allah, reciting unto them the pure Scriptures, wherein are lasting commandments.

(Al-Bayyanah:3-4)

Allah Himself bears witness that the Holy Qur'an which was revealed to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is a pure and immaculate book. Not only is it free from every possible error, but it also comprises all the beautiful and magnificent teachings of which we find no parallel. It has been endowed with all the excellences; which were missing in previous scriptures and today it is the only teaching that can bring about true piety and goodness in the world. It guarantees true reformation and peace, makes people Allah's servants, and protects the rights of every class of society. It is indeed a complete and comprehensive book and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to whom it was revealed that he was *Khatam al-Nabiyyeen* – the seal of the prophets. No room is left for any new teaching after it. Man cannot even imagine how perfectly the Prophet to whom this teaching was revealed practiced it. Not only did the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) understand the Word of God and act upon it to the minutest detail, but he also imparted to his companions such understanding that they too comprehended the Holy Qur'an and acted upon it. So completely does this book encompass perfection

of every sort, that there is no need to look to any other book or any other law for guidance any more.

The greater the spiritual power of a Prophet, the more glorious is the Divine Word bestowed upon him. Thus, it was proportionate to the great spiritual power of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) that he was endowed with the Divine Word in its most perfect form. This Word of God is a miracle from whichever angle one may look at it and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) made every tenet of this teaching a part of his life and followed it to the letter. He thus showed the believers that just as he was a mortal who had become the beloved of Allah, so could they become loved ones of Allah if they acted upon this holy teaching with all their power and ability.

The Holy Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) life is a virtual scripture which serves as commentary and a means of comprehension for the Holy Qur'an. This relationship between the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and the Holy Qur'an has been symbolically described by Hadrat Musleh Mau'ood Ma'ud as two pearls emerging from the same shell. In order to understand the Holy Qur'an, it is necessary to study the life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and conversely, it is essential to understand the Holy Qur'an, if we want to comprehend the life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Everyone should try to adopt the Holy Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) example of love and devotion for the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) loved people who recited the Holy Qur'an beautifully, and he used to say: "Recite the Holy Qur'an as it ought to be recited and ponder over its message so that you may succeed". His aspiration that everyone in the world should recite the Holy Qur'an; and

act upon it, was so great that it always kept him anxious. And having been sent as a mercy for mankind, he would be apprehensive about the fate of his people if they did not follow the Holy Qur`an. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was concerned about future generations as well, that they too should recite the Holy Qur`an and act upon it

Never has mankind seen such a benefactor, who, because of his understanding of the Holy Qur`an, was so worried about generations that were still centuries away.

May Allah enable us to recite, understand and follow the Holy Qur`an. *Aameen.*

## The Orphan

**H**adrat Sheikh Sa`adi<sup>rh</sup>, the great Muslim saint and a renowned scholar has written:

“I remember that when I was a child, I would put my head on the lap of my father, and I was respected like kings and monarchs. A single fly on my body would upset the whole family. But I lost my father in my early childhood. It was then that I realized the pain of an orphan child. And alas! This pain can only be felt by him who has lost his father. He who has lost his father can only feel this pain.

So, my brother! Put your hand on the head of the child whose father has died. Clean the dust from his face. Pull the thorn from his foot. You know not what calamity has fallen on him. A plant without the root never remains green.

If an orphan is near you don't kiss your own son before him. When an orphan cries, who is there to console him? Who cares to bear the anger of a fatherless child? Beware! Let not an orphan cry; the heavens shiver with his weeping. Come and wipe his moist eye with love and affection. Wipe dust from his face very kindly. If he has lost his father, you be his father.”

Brothers and sisters! If you also want to care for an orphan child, contact *Committee Kifalat 100 Orphans*” Chenabnagar, (Rabwah) Pakistan.

## Our 29<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana

**T**he Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) has written the following about the importance of *Jalsa Salana* held in his time:

Once again I write that people should not consider this Jalsa an everyday function like other ordinary local Jalsas of the public. Its foundation has been laid by God Himself with His own hand and nations have been especially prepared for it who will very shortly join. This is the work of The Omnipotent God for Whom nothing is impossible.

(Ishtahar dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 1891)

We gladly announce that by the grace and mercy of Allah, the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Jalsa of Jama`at Ahmadiyya Canada will be held in International Centre which is situated on the intersection of Airport Road and Derry Road in Mississauga on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2005 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). This Jalsa, as a matter of fact is the branch of the same Central Jalsa of Qadian, which was started in 1891 by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) mentioned in his above-mentioned quotation.

It is a matter of joy and pride delight for us that Syedna Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V<sup>at</sup> has very kindly consented to honour us with his presence in this Jalsa. Apart from the blessed and scholarly addresses of the Khalifatul Masih<sup>at</sup>, other scholars of the Jama`at will also address the gathering on spiritual, religious and scholarly subjects which will be heart warming and very enlightening. We request our brothers and sisters to come and take full advantage of these valuable speeches.

Come and attend this Jalsa along with members of your family because this kind of Jalsa is held only once a year. Bring your non-Ahmadi friends along with you as this is a golden opportunity of *Da`wat Ilallah* also. We earnestly request to pray prayers to God Almighty that He showers His blessings on this gathering and make it fully and wholly successful.



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## Obituary

We are sad to announce with the sad demise of the following two very respectable and venerable personalities this week.

### Sahibzada Mirza Idrees Ahmad

He was the eldest brother of Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>at</sup> and the son of late Hadrat Sahibzada Mirza Mansoor Ahmad Sahib and Hadrat Syeda Nasira Begum Sahibah (eldest daughter of Hadrat Musleh Mau`ud). He was a lawyer at Karachi Bar and was sick for a long time. He was very friendly, soft spoken and a very magnanimous person. He was a devoted worker of Jama`at and always ready to help anyone and everyone needing assistance. He died on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005 in Pakistan *Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji`oon*. His *Namaz Janaza Ghaib* was offered in Baitul Islam Mosque led by Maulana Naseem Mahdi, Amir Jama`at Ahmadiyya Canada on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> April after *Juma* prayer. May Allah exalt his status in heaven and grant solace to Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>at</sup>, his mother and other members of the family.

We offer heartfelt condolences from Jama`at Canada to Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>at</sup>, Hadrat Syeda Nasira Begum Sahibah and all members of the family.

We have received news that Hadrat Sahibzadi Nasira Begum Sahibah is not feeling well these days. We humbly and sincerely request all brothers and sisters to pray for her complete health and long life. Ameen.

### Maulana Muhammad Ahmad Jaleel

He served as Professor of *Hadith* in Jamia Ahmadiyya, Rabwah, Pakistan for a very long time. He was a specialist of the subject and very much loved by his students and members of the staff. Later, he served as *Mufti-i-Silsila*, for a long time, a very prestigious post in the Jama`at held by seasoned scholars only.

He was a very smiling person, seldom seen in rough mood, helping his students whenever they were in need. He died in Birmingham UK on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji`oon*. His *Namaz Janaza Ghaib* was offered on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 after *Juma* prayer in Baitul Islam Mosque, led by Maulana Naseem Mahdi, Amir Jama`at Ahmadiyya Canada. May Allah grant him exalted status in heaven and grant solace to all members of his family.

We offer hearty condolences to the members of his family, especially to Mrs. Amatul Majeed Begum, wife of our scholar brother, Dr. Pervaiz Parwazi.

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## A Letter from Qadian

We have received the following letter from Mr. M. Zul Kifil, a student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Qadian which is given below for our readers to enjoy. Qadian is the home of our dear master, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and he is the beloved of every Ahmadi.

I thank you for sending me a copy of "Ahmadiyya Gazette, Canada" of January 2005. Its lessons are very good, the articles are very good. I appreciate your translation of *Malfoozat* in English. I pray to Almighty Allah that may He make your publication to prosper and with more improvement. Once again, I am thanking you.

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# Invincible Institution of Khilafat

HADRAT MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD, KHALIFATUL MASIH IV <sup>RM</sup>

In the first *Ijtima`a Khuddamul Ahmadiyya* of Majaalis from all over Europe on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1984, Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV <sup>th</sup> gave glad tidings regarding *Khilafat* to the members of the Jama`at as well as the future Khulafa of the divine graces and blessings in the times to come. He says:

These days are again the times of *Aharar*. .... Apparently they (the enemies of Ahmadiyyat) are ringing the death bells of Ahmadiyyat. But I swear to God that they are ringing the knell of their own death. They are mere voices coming out of their mouths.

No mother has so far borne the child who could roll the carpet of Ahmadiyyat either in the past, or in the present. There will be no one in the future also. If at all someone is thinking on these lines, it is no more than the babbling of a scatter-brain.

Let me take you back to the days of *Tahrik-I-Jadid* when *Majlis Ahrar* was boasting and bragging that they will smash the town of Qadian. They will pull down *Minaratul Masih* and the adjacent mosques. There will be no one who could call himself the survivor of Jama`at of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani. That was the time when Hazrat Musleh Mau`ood Mau`ud <sup>ra</sup> announced in one of his Friday sermons that he was seeing that the ground was slipping under the feet of *Ahrar*. It was within a few weeks that the *Ahrar* were rolled away from the Province of the Punjab. It was Ahmadiyyat that bounced magnificently in front of *Ahrar*. This is the same *Tahrik-I-Jadid*, which has been firmly established all over the world.

On the face of it, it is some humble and modest person who is appointed as *Khalifa* due to some divine wisdom. Outwardly, it is he who speaks, but it is our experience that from behind, it is God Who is speaking His will. It is there when glad tidings are brought in for Jama`at Ahmadiyya.

As God has showered countless blessings due to the *Ahrar* Movement in the past, I firmly believe

that due to the present *Ahrar* Movement also, Allah will shower so magnificent blessings, which you cannot even imagine. Today, the Jama`at is not the same, which the *Ahrar* tried to wipe out in the past. Today it is a hundred times stronger than the Jama`at of 1933-34. I assure you that the Jama`at which they want to wipe out today, will rebound hundreds of times stronger than today. Smaller countries will not even imagine that they can even attack this Jama`at from any side.

Coming generations will face the combined opposition of bigger nations. These small nations, who are so insignificant that they live by mere begging and are dependent on others for everything have become so arrogant on the paltry blessing that God has given them that they think of clashing with the divine Jama`at. Therefore, rest assured that this epoch is going to be erased.

No one can deny that it is a writing on the wall that there will be opposition of the Jama`at in future as well. And we will have to tread on bumpy roads and then enter into the times of new advances. It is this opposition which is the source of life of the Jama`at. The large scale opposition of the future, which I am looking, will not be limited to a couple of nations. That will be the time when big nations will join hands to efface the Jama`at. The bigger the plots, the bigger downfall will be their fate.

The *Khulafa* before me had given courage to the future *khulafa* and had told them that they should trust in God and should fear no opposition. Now, I swear to God and say to the future *Khulafa* after me to have courage and manifest patience and should not be afraid of any worldly power. The God Who can crush smaller opposition will wipe off powerful opposition of the future also. Let me tell you that their names will be effaced from the face of the earth. Jama`at Ahmadiyya is destined to achieve one victory after the other. No power on earth can change this destiny.

(Address to European *Ijtima`a Ijtima` Khuddamul Ahmadiyya* on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1984, with reference to *Hisaar* p. 63-65)

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# Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood<sup>ra</sup>

From Birth to the Throne of Khilafat

QAMRUL ANBIYA`A HADRAT MIRZA BASHIR AHMAD

*H*adrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, known as Qamrul Anbiya`a (which is mentioned in the prophecies of the Promised Messiah on his birth) was the younger brother of Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood<sup>ra</sup>. He was the second eldest son of The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). He passed his M.A. from Punjab University and dedicated his whole life for the service of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. He served as the right hand man of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II and proved that he was one of his most trusted, ablest and trusted deputies among the workers. His testimony should be regarded as very authentic because he was the member of the sacred family also and worked with him as long as he lived.

*In the following pages, we will be giving an account of the life of Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood<sup>ra</sup> which he has detailed in his famous book, SILSILA AHMADIYYA, a very reliable historical work on Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. (Editor)*

Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad was born on Saturday in Qadian on the night of 12<sup>th</sup> January 1889. At that time, there was only one daughter alive from our mother. But she passed away after some time. Thus, he is our eldest brother among all our brothers and sisters.

On his birth, The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) had published an *Ishtahar* (poster) in which he recalled his past prophecies and expressed pleasure on his birth and had written the *Ten Conditions of Bai`at* in the same poster to prepare those who wanted to join the Jama`at. After some time he went to Ludhiana (a town near Qadian) where he took the first Oath of Allegiance from his devotees. Thus, the inception of Jama`at Ahmadiyya and the birth of Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood<sup>ra</sup> are coincidental and we may say that both of them are twins.

When he reached the age of reading and writing, he was admitted in the local school. But during his student life, he was least interested in

book learning so much so that his teachers some times complained to The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) that he takes little interest in education. Once, his Mathematics teacher requested with concern about his studies. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said, "Let him read as much as he takes interest. We are not very much interested in this sort of knowledge."

Thus with considerable difficulty, he reached up to Matriculation (High School Examination). As the examination was given by the Government Education Department, he flunked and his further school studies terminated. But this was no chance incident. It was a grand divine plan as later events showed that God wanted to be his teacher Himself. Had the desires of these mundane teachers been fulfilled and he would have acquired big degrees of the universities, how could the aspect of divine education be fulfilled?

Now, we see, the spiritual advancement is quite separate, but his study of the physical subjects that are related with religion in some way, is so deep that if any scholar of this subject, intends to attack any Islamic teaching, when confronts him, looks a mere child before him. This proves the truth of divine prophecy, which says: "*He will be filled with physical and spiritual knowledge.*"

In the very lifetime of The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), while Mirza Mahmud Ahmad was still in his boyhood years, he was full of enthusiasm for the service of faith. Therefore, when the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in final years of his life, appealed the young men of the Jama`at that they should come forward for the service of faith, to prepare them for this task, Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad started *Anjuman Tash-heetul Azhaan* and inaugurated a magazine of this name and recruited young people who started practicing speaking and writing. It did not take very long that with the working of this



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Anjuman and magazine, a grand service of faith started.

At the death of The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) he was only nineteen years and six months old. Even at that time, it was he who effectively replied to the objections of the opponents in detail.

After this, when Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen (peace be upon him) became the first Khalifa, he took him under his special care. He got sufficient education of the Holy Qur`an from him, and some books of Hadith, and *Tasawwaf*. This education had a special hue of its own. It was the way of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), that he remained quite informal with his students. They had the liberty to discuss any problem or issue at the time of study and enhance their knowledge. But he had restrained Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin from asking any question and had instructed him that whenever he felt any difficulty, he should think and ponder himself over the problem and try to find its solution himself.

It was in 1911 when he laid the foundation of *Anjuman Ansarullah* with the permission of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), for the promotion of *tabligh*, *tarbiyyat*, and mutual love and friendship. It was mandatory for its members that every one must give some time for the service of faith, and *tabligh*, and become a model for others. They should promote mutual love and affection among themselves. Many brothers joined this *Anjuman* and a great enthusiasm was created among them for *tabligh* and *tarbiyyat*.

At the end of September 1912, he traveled for *Hajj* and during this journey; he did full justice to the performance of *tabligh*. In the middle of 1913, he started a paper by the name of *Al-Fazl* from Qadian, which contained literary, historical, *tablighi* and *tarbiyyati* articles. It became a popular paper in a very short time not only among the Ahmadi public, but in others as well. After the death of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), this paper has served as the official organ of Jama`at Ahmadiyya till today. (We may add that probably it is the oldest paper of Pakistan and India, which has

served the readers for such a long time - Editor).

During the life time of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), he was the President of *Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya* and honorary In charge of several other offices among them *Langar Khana* and *Madrassa Ahmadiyya* are more prominent. Under the instructions of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), he visited several cities in northern India for the purpose of *tabligh* and by the grace of God, his speeches were very impressive and liked very much.

This is also among his pioneer projects that he sensed the clandestine flames of corruption, which escalated after the passing away of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him). He tried his level best to douse those flames and in his efforts he had to pass through a lot of difficult times. But he least cared for those adversities, troubles and trials. He tried his best to save the Jama`at from falling in that pit. That's why the renegades of Khilafat considered him to be their prime enemy. He faced their every attack single-handedly and never wavered in his belief of Khilafat and resolutely stood on the firm rock of truth.

Divine will was to be fulfilled, but looking at the existing conditions, that if there would not have been the personage of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II (peace be upon him), the Jama`at must have been facing a terrible fitna and barring some very special persons, it would have followed the path of renegades of Khilafat who are rushing towards the same pit from which they had been rescued.

This is the favour of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II (peace be upon him) and its value will not diminish with the passage of time rather will be increasing and it will be realized when the bitter end of our lost brothers will be bared and come before our coming generations.

Due to his deep knowledge, he had attained the status even in the days of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him) that every sincere person looked at him with feelings of gratitude. Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), himself treated him with love and respect and

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was very pleased with him. That is why, whenever he was ill, he would nominate him as Imam to lead the prayer in the mosque. He would often laud his behaviour of obedience, service and his scholarly ability and publicly expressed it also on several occasions.

On occasions, he hinted this also that he will be the next Khalifa after him. He says in one of his sermons:

Let me relate to you a fine point worth remembering which I could not suppress relating. I saw Hadrat Khwaja Suleman <sup>rh</sup> (in a vision) that he deeply loved the Holy Qur`an, and I love him too. He remained Khalifa for 78 years while he became Khalifa at the age of 22 years. Remember it well that I have related it with special intention and for your welfare.

(*Silsila Ahmadiyya pp 338-340*).

The Jama`at of Qadian came to know about the sad demise of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), when Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad was coming out of the *Masjid Aqsa* after leading *Juma* prayer. Everyone rushed to the house of Hadrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan where Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I <sup>ra</sup>, had shifted during his terminal illness just for change. Thus, the open ground of new settlement of Qadian became a mourning ground. Doubtless the death of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him) was very heavy on everyone's heart, but the other blow of internal differences among the Jama`at was eating into the heart of every sincere Ahmadi and this made the blow all the more horrible.

As stated earlier Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), passed away at about 2-15 p.m. and Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad was elected Khalifa next day after the *Asr* prayer, and these twenty-six hours were heaviest on Jama`at Ahmadiyya Qadian. Many of those who saw these scenes have passed away and many are those who were born after this sad incident or they were so young that they do not remember this tragedy. But those who remember can never forget those gloomy hours. I would like to say again that, that day was like

Doomsday for the Jama`at and there is no exaggeration in it.

The Jama`at was in its infancy, intoxicated with enthusiasm, and restless with electric vigour to spread throughout the world, for whom their faith was everything and least cared for their worldly affairs. They saw on the one side lay the dead body of their departed and dear Imam and on the other, some people ready to wipe off something even dearer than their departed Imam, i.e. the truth brought by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) along with his Jama`at. These were heart-rending scenes. I, the author of this article, have seen with my own eyes, not one or two but hundreds of people crying bitterly like small babies. I should admit that they had forgotten the sorrow of their Imam, but they were weeping for unity and future of their beloved Jama`at.

There were many who seemed to be deprived of the natural source of consolation. They wanted to weep but could not, due to the flood of oncoming worries. They roamed in the streets hoping to hear a word or two from someone's lips to console their sinking hearts. Their worry was not that the renegades were large in numbers or they were holding the truth, as they were neither in large numbers nor they had the truth with them. They worried only because network of the renegades was spread far and wide. They practically controlled nearly all the central departments of the Jama`at. Many among them were highly influential and wealthy too. Most important thing was that as the struggle for rift was clandestine till now, no one knew who was on the side of Musleh Mau`ood <sup>ra</sup> and who was against him.

On the other hand, there was the Jama`at, lying like a widow without a caregiver and with no sympathizer. It was like a flock of sheep without a shepherd and the wolves waiting to pounce upon.

This had created scary and horrible state of affairs. People had full faith in the divine promises, but looking at the present condition, hearts were sinking. There was not much time between the *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers, but this brief span was hard to pass. At last *Asr* time came

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and people gathered in Masjid Noor to pray and give solace to their hearts.

After the prayer, Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad spoke briefly but it was an expedient address that moved the hearts. Without mentioning the differences, he advised the Jama`at that it was a delicate moment and Jama`at was facing time of trial and tribulation and we all should sincerely pray that Allah grants us light at this dark hour and save us from stumbling and may lead us to the path that is better and blessed for the Jama`at. He encouraged the people that those who could, should fast the next day so that along with the prayers of tonight, next day should also be spent in prayers and remembrance of God.

During the address, people were crying and sounds of their sobs and moaning were heard all over the mosque. But after hearing his address people felt some relief and they gradually left for their homes offering supplications.

Maulvi Muhammad Ali, the leader of the renegades had got a pamphlet printed before the passing away of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), with the title, "A Very Important Announcement" and had its packets also made to be dispatched by mail to Jama`ats outside Qadian. This pamphlet was dispatched at night. Now, this pamphlet was being extensively distributed in Qadian. Apart from this, thinking that the death of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), was imminent, this pamphlet had already been sent to distant places even in his lifetime.

This pamphlet said that now Jama`at does not need *Nizam-i-Khilafat* and the Organization of *Anjuman* will suffice. Just for taking bai`at from non-Ahmadis and honouring the will of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I<sup>ra</sup>, someone may be nominated as Amir. But Jama`at and Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya will not be duty bound to owe their allegiance to him. Rather his suzerainty and authority will be limited, etc. etc. This was a 20-21 page pamphlet and sufficiently explanatory.

The Jama`at was encouraged that they should not in any case agree to a *Khilafat* that may be binding to the Jama`at. When it was learnt that

the pamphlet had been distributed extensively in Qadian and had been distributed widely to outside Jama`ats, it caused concern that it may not be a source of stumbling for ignorant people. At that time it was not possible to counteract the pamphlet on a large scale, but a small note was prepared for the Ahmadis present at Qadian which said that the system of *Khilafat* in the Jama`at was absolutely essential according to Islamic teachings and the Will of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. As absolute obedience was mandatory to Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him), so should it be with the next Khalifa also. It will not at all be proper to bind Khalifa with certain conditions or limit his God given authority as well. This note was got signed by the people, present in Qadian so that it may be a proof that majority of people present at Qadian was in favour of continuing the *Nizam-I-Khilafat*. In short, many people were in deep pain and spent the night in prayers.

The next day, some prominent people of both parties assembled to make a last attempt for some modus vivendi, which included Maulvi Muhammad Ali, and some of his members and on the other side were Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Hadrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan and some other supporters of *Khilafat*. In the meeting, mighty effort was made that the renegades understand that it was the time to understand the basic principle and no personalities should be discussed. The principle of unity should be given prime importance. This was also stressed that if the renegades are not bent to terminate the principle of *Khilafat*, the supporters of *Khilafat* promise on oath that any one whoever will be elected as Khalifa by the majority vote of *Mu`mins*, they will accept him with heart and soul.

But the renegades taking refuge behind the arguable issues refused to co-operate about *Khilafat*. At last, when they totally refused to accept the *Nizam-i-Khilafat*, they were requested to keep their view with them, but at least should not put hurdles in the way of those who consider *Khilafat* important for them and let them elect their Khalifa and gather on one

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hand. This appeal also fell on deaf ears and the final effort for unity also died.

Thus, on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1914, when all Ahmadis present in Qadian gathered in *Masjid Noor* after *Asr* prayer, for electing their Khalifa, these renegades were also present to create hurdles in the process. This was a gathering of about two thousand people. First of all, Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan read out the will of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I<sup>ra</sup>, which contained the advice to gather on one hand. Hearing this, there were calls of "Hadrat Mian Sahib, Hadrat Mian Sahib" from all around. Hearing this, Hadrat Maulana Muhammad Ahsan Amrohi<sup>ra</sup>, an old veteran companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) stood up and addressed the audience. He stressed the need and importance of Khilafat and said that all of us should unite on the hand of Hadrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad, as he is the most suitable for this august office.

At this, everyone was calling for Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad and the whole congregation unanimously insisted that they will gather round his Khilafat only. As told earlier that Maulvi Muhammad Ali and his cronies were also present on the occasion, they raised their hands during the speech of Hadrat Maulana Muhammad Ahsan Amrohi and wanted to say something. But the people present there, told them that as they were against the very institution of Khilafat, they don't want to listen to them.

After this, the people gathered there, turned towards Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad in a way that it was a scene that cannot be forgotten. People were flocking to him for *bai`at* from all sides. It seemed that angels were holding the hearts of the people and bringing them to the chosen one by Allah. People were falling on each other. It was feared that children and weaker people might not get trampled under others' feet. There were shouts from all around, "Please accept our *bai`at*, please accept our *bai`at*".

Hesitating a few emotional moments, on the unanimous insistence of the people present, Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad

gave his hand and started taking *bai`at*. It was pin drop silence and those who were at a distance, spread their turbans or put their hands on the shoulders of the person sitting in front of them making a human chain, and repeated the wording of *bai`at*. After the *bai`at*, Maulvi Muhammad Ali and his cronies sorrowfully left the Masjid; and returned to their homes.

After the *bai`at*, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup> led the people into a long prayer and then he delivered an emotional speech in which he reminded the responsibilities of the new covenant and drew their attention towards them. He said:

"I am a very weak person, but I trust in God that if He had entrusted me with this grand office, He will grant me strength also to bear the burden. I shall pray for you, and you also pray for me.

My brothers! I have faith and complete faith that Allah is One and no one is His partner. I believe that Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is the Messenger of Allah and is *Khataman Nabiyyeen*. Again, I believe that Holy Qur`an is that lovely and holy book that was revealed to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and that it is *Khatamul Kutab* and *Khatam-I-Shariat*. Then I believe that the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was the prophet whose glad tidings is given in Muslim and he is the same Imam, whose prophecy is mentioned in Bukhari. I say again, that no part of Islamic Shariah can be abrogated.

Think and see and read the history of Islam that the glory attained in the days of Khulafa started declining when Khilafat started turning into monarchy. Allah sent the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) after thirteen hundred years on the pattern of Prophethood. After his death, again the same chain of Khulafa has started. Hadrat Maulvi Nooruddeen (peace be upon him) was the first Khalifa of this *Silsila*. Therefore, as long this *Silsila* exists, Islam will go on making progress materially and



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spiritually.

I tell you the truth that I am afraid that I find myself very weak. I know that I am weak and a sinner too. How can I claim that I shall bring the world to true path and be able to spread the truth and veracity. We are small in number and the enemies of Islam are in great numbers. But we have big hopes on the grace and magnanimity of Allah the Almighty. You have put this burden on my shoulders, therefore listen that now help me in discharging this heavy responsibility. For this, seek help and strength from Allah the Almighty. Obey me in loyalty and obedience to Allah. I am a human being and a weak person. Weaknesses will come from me and you overlook them and I make witness to God Almighty that I shall overlook and forgive your faults. Your and mine united job is to achieve success for this *Silsila*.

If you will work sincerely and obediently and strengthen this covenant, then remember that help of God will come to us.

After this *bai`at* and speech, the people felt cool and calm. Their hearts became cool like the rain in hot weather, which cools the scorching earth. The Holy Ghost brought calm from high for these hearts and the prophecy of the Promised Messiah <sup>as</sup> was again fulfilled;

I am a manifestation of the power of God and after me, there will be some others who will be the second manifestation of the power of God.

After this speech and prayer, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup> led about 2000 men and several hundred ladies to janaza prayer of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him) in the northern ground of Ta`limul Islam High School. After the prayer, this whole caravan of loyal and sincere mu`mins carried the sacred remains of their master on their shoulders to *Bahishti Maqbara* and laid the blessed body to eternal rest beside his master, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) offering countless prayers for him.

(Silsilah Ahmadiyya. pp. 326-333)

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## Worship of God

BAARAKZAI

Abu Mansoor was the Grand Vizier of Sultan Tughral. He was a kindhearted person and very wise adviser to the Sultan. Every morning, he would say his *Namaz* and would sit and repeat other divine names till sunrise and then would proceed for presentation in the court.

One day, Sultan had an emergency and he sent for his Grand Vizier very early in the morning to come without delay. When the courier came to his door, he was busy in saying *Namaz* on his prayer mat and did not attend to the royal messenger. This gave a chance to jealous courtiers to incite the Sultan against him saying that the Grand Vizier had disobeyed the royal summons by not presenting to the court immediately.

Hearing this, the Sultan became furious. When Abu Mansoor finished his prayer, he presented himself to the court. When Sultan saw him, he sternly demanded the explanation of his refusal to come without delay. Abu Mansoor replied, "Your Majesty! I am the creature of God and thus His slave, but am your employee and servant. Worship of God is my priority and should be everyone's priority. I could not come until I finished my prayer and devotion.

The king was delighted to hear his brave and truthful reply and said to him, "You are right. You are free to continue your routine worship so that all our jobs also may be blessed due to the divine worship". He ordered that the Grand Vizier be befittingly rewarded.

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# Nooruddeen's Obedience and his Trust in God

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We are giving below some interesting and heartwarming incidents about the life of Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen, Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him). Please read about his obedience to his master and trust in God Almighty.

## 1- The Most Obedient

Once upon a time, during the lifetime of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) a Hindu gentleman came from Batala (a town 11 miles from Qadian) and met him. He told him that his wife was very sick and requested Hudur <sup>ra</sup> to permit Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen <sup>ra</sup> to go with him to Batala for her treatment.

Hudur <sup>ra</sup> granted permission but said to Hadrat Maulvi Sahib <sup>ra</sup>, "I hope you will come back today". Hadrat Maulana went with the Hindu gentleman and reached Batala by the evening. He went to the house of the patient, examined her and prescribed the medicine. After that, he insisted on returning to Qadian the same night and arranged for a *yakka* (a rickety horse drawn carriage for a couple of passengers). He traveled for some distance in that carriage, but the trail was muddy and it was water all over due to recent rainfall. The horse stalled several times after running small distances.

Therefore, he decided to walk the rest of the journey on foot. So he got down from *yakka* and started walking barefoot. On the way his feet were wounded due to thorns on the trail but he continued walking.

He reached Qadian after midnight and led the Morning (*Fajr*) prayer as usual in *Masjid Mubarak*. After the prayer, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) enquired about the journey and he just replied that he had returned safe and sound last night. He did not give the slightest hint about his walking on foot or his wounded feet.

2. The following incident is related by Hadrat Shaikh Abdul Lateef Batalvi <sup>ra</sup>:

There used to be a Sikh student in Talimul Islam High School. One night he came to Qadian with the motive of murdering Hudur <sup>ra</sup> and reached his house while he was offering *Tahajjud* prayers. When Hudur <sup>ra</sup> finished his prayer, he asked him his motive of coming at that odd hour. But the people outside the house had seen him with dagger and had gathered there. Shaikh Hakim Ali *Havaldar* <sup>ra</sup> was on duty and he apprehended him and after taking him in custody, took him to Batala to report to the police. (Qadian was a small hamlet and there was no police station in the village). From there, Mian Ghulam Rasool, a Deputy Superintendent of Police came to Qadian for investigation. He got the statement of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I (peace be upon him) and the case was registered and presented in the court.

The Sikh young man was sentenced to three years imprisonment. He served the sentence and was released after completing the term. After about six months I (Shaikh Abdul Lateef) went to Qadian and saw the same Sikh boy sitting in front of Hadrat Maulana Nooruddin <sup>ra</sup> discussing about the opportunities of getting a job and Hudur <sup>ra</sup> was giving him necessary advice in a loving sympathetic manner. When I saw this, I got mad and wrote to Hudur <sup>ra</sup> that it was the same boy who had come to murder him three years ago and Hudur <sup>ra</sup> was treating him so kindly.

Hudur <sup>ra</sup> smiled and said that he trusted me, so why should I not give him sincere advice?

Hearing this, I felt so sorry about my behaviour.

(Hayaat-I-Noor p. 625)

3. Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen (peace be upon him) has written about fulfillment of his needs as follows;

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God has always been my Treasurer. All through my life, I have trusted Him. He always helped me. While I was at Medina, one day I had no money and not even for my dinner. On my way to the mosque for *Isha* prayers, a policeman met me and said that his officer wanted to see me. I excused for not going with him as I was going to the mosque for prayers. He said, "I know nothing except that you will have to come with me. I have to obey the orders of my boss. If you will refuse I will force you to obey me."

I could not help except accompanying him. He took me into a house where I saw that an officer was sitting with a plate full of *Jaleybees* (an Indian sweet) in front of him. He asked me the name of that sweet. I told him that it was called *Jaleybees* in my country. He told me that he got them prepared at the sweet vendor's shop after hearing about it from an Indian. But I thought that before eating, I should call an Indian to taste it first. So I thought about you and have called you. Therefore, please come and enjoy with me.

I told the officer that as *Azan* had been called, therefore, he should let me go and I shall come after prayer and then we shall eat it. But he said that I should not worry, as he will send his man to the mosque and when it will be time for *Namaz*, he will come and inform us. Therefore, I ate those *Jaleybees* and when I was full, his servant came and told us that people were ready to start the *Namaz*.

The next morning, while I was cleaning my bag of books, I found a pound sterling lying in it. As I was sure that I do not take anyone's property, and I knew very well that no one had lived in that house since a long time, therefore, I took it as a gift from God Almighty and thanked Him because that pound will serve me for several days.

Once Hudur<sup>ra</sup> was very busy in his work, and after finishing his work, when he reached home, it was pretty late and there was no dinner for him. After a little while, someone knocked at the door, and he enquired who was there? Someone replied, it was Mirza Mohammad Ismaeel. On asking what he had come for, he said that he had prepared some *khoya* and it was

really very good. So I thought that I should present it to you. But as Hudur<sup>ra</sup> was very busy at that time, I could not present it at that time. After *Isha* prayers, I had dozed off. Now when I woke up, I thought that I must go and present it right now. Therefore, I feel it an honour to present it to you. (*Khoya is condensed milk and is a sort of a paste. It is extensively used in making high class sweets*)

Hudur<sup>ra</sup> accepted the *khoya* and asked his wife also to share it with him as God had sent it for them.

(*Hayat-i-Noor pp. 511-12*)

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## How to Avoid Being Bitten by a Dog

- Youngsters should be taught to respect dogs and understand their behaviour. For instance they should be warned that high-pitched shouting hurts a dog's ears and can make it nervous. Even a grown up dog may be jealous of a ball or other plaything, and not let anyone touch it.
- Stay clear of unfamiliar or stray dogs. Don't pet or feed them without the owner's consent. The dog may have been trained to be suspicious of strangers.
- At the home of friends who own a dog, don't go near it, unless its master is there. It is up to the owner to make the dog understand that you are welcome.
- Don't go near a dog on a chain or a rope. The restraint could mean the animal is dangerous.
- If you are confronted by an angry dog, try to be calm. Adopt a firm, commanding attitude. Issue loudly such familiar commands as "lie down", "heel" or "don't move." Move slowly. Running is the worst thing you can do. Some times it is better just to stand still.
- In case of attack, try tossing the animal a hand-bag or a piece of clothing to gain time. If the dog lunges, try to protect your throat and face. Even if you are only lightly nipped, report the incident to the police, find out whether the dog has been vaccinated against rabies, and see a doctor.

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# Sayings of Khulafa-i-Ahmadiyyat about Khilafat

Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I<sup>ra</sup>

## KHILAFAT – IT IS NO HUMAN DESIGN

The Holy Qur`an says:

*And when thy Lord said to the angels: 'I am about to place a vicegerent in the earth,' they said: 'Wilt Thou place therein such as will cause disorder in it, and shed blood? – and we glorify Thee with Thy praise and extol Thy holiness.' He answered: 'I know what you know not.'*

(2:31)

Explaining this verse, Hudur<sup>ra</sup> tells us about the significance of Khilafat mentioned in this verse. In the following words he says that it is God Who appoints the Khalifa and not humans

Jaa`il means, the maker, sustainer or the one who appoints. (Allah says) that it is My wont that I keep on appointing Khalifa. According to this Sunnah, I am going to appoint Adam also a Khalifa and said, "I am about to place vicegerent in the earth". Here it is quite clear that appointment of Khalifa is the work of God. No human plan or design is involved in it. This shows that it can never be that in reality, someone has been nominated as Khalifa on the high and the dwellers of the earth may appoint or nominate some other with their parleys and deliberations. The earthly consultations and parleys are all under the deliberations of God Almighty. The only advantage of these meetings and consultations is, that they become only the instruments in divine appointment. Therefore, remember well that liar is he who says that God forbid, a truthful has usurped the true Khilafat. This is quite impossible that someone becomes Khalifa by force.

*(Tafseerul Qur`an, compiled by Hadrat Sheikh Yaqoob Ali Turab Irfani, Part-I, p. 65)*

Syedna Hadrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III<sup>th</sup>

## THE BLESSINGS OF KHILAFAT

After the sad demise of The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, the light, which God had sent was not snuffed out. Hudur<sup>as</sup> passed away but the light kept on shining and is continually illuminating the environment. It is showing the true path both to men and women. Its rays are being reflected through His Khulafa. By abandoning the Khulafa, there is neither light nor real guidance.

*(Friday sermon published in Monthly Khalid of May 1978)*

This is our belief that it is Allah Himself Who makes Khalifa. If it were left to humans, they would have made him their Khalifa whomsoever they would have deemed superior among them. But as it is Allah Who makes the Khalifa, therefore, there is no fault in His nomination. He selects one of His weaker servants who is regarded humble by others. Allah bestows His grandeur and *Jalal* on him and does not leave with him whatever he possessed and then he dons the cloak of selflessness before His grandeur and *Jalal*.

*(Al-Fazl dated 17h March 1967)*

Hadrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup>

Hadrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> says about Khilafat in his Friday sermon:

In future, there will be no danger to Khilafat-I-Ahmadiyya. Now, in the eyes of God, Jama`at has come of age and no evil eye of an enemy, no heart of an opponent and no struggle of any adversary will be able to hurt this Jama`at. Now, *Khilafat-I-Ahmadiyya* will prosper in the grand manner with which Allah has promised with the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). This Jama`at will live at least for the next

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one thousand years. Therefore, keep on praying and go on praising the Lord and keep on renewing your pledges.

(Al-Fazl 28 June, 1982, reference Al-Fazl International 25<sup>th</sup> April-1<sup>st</sup> May 2003).

#### THE SECRET OF THE POWER OF KHILAFAT-E-AHMADIYYA

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> said about the secret of the power of Khilafat-I-Ahmadiyya in the following words:

The next monumental stand off against the Jama`at in future, which I am seeing is not the confrontation of one or two powers, but it will be the super powers who will conspire to wipe off the community. The bigger the plot, the bigger will be their doom. My predecessor Khulafa reassured and cheered the Khulafa of the future to have trust in God and not be scared of any opposition. I swear to God and tell the would be Khulafa to have courage, remain patient and be brave like me. They should not be afraid of any worldly power. The God, Who can blow up minor oppositions, will shatter powerful confrontations also. Even their traces will be wiped off from the face of the earth. Jama`at Ahmadiyya will be marching from one victory to another and no worldly power can change this fateful decision.

(The Weekly Badar Qadian, August 23, 1984)

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> says about Khilafat as follows:

First of all, Jama`at Ahmadiyya should pay attention especially that we should leave behind virtuous offspring and not the wicked and immoral ones. This we cannot achieve without prayer. If you will rely on your own *tarbiyyat* and merely trust on your efforts, you cannot achieve this noble objective. Therefore, pray hard for your children.

The secret of the strength of Khilafat seems to be in two things. Firstly is the personal *taqwa* of Khalifa himself and secondly, the collective *taqwa* of the Jama`at as a whole. With increase of *taqwa* of Jama`at, Ahmadiyyat will also be strength-

ened proportionately. With the increase of personal *taqwa* of Khalifa, the Jama`at will grow better and get stronger in leadership. Both these qualities and the community grow in unison and simultaneously. Therefore, both of us should pray for one another, i.e. I pray for you and you for me that Allah grant me the *taqwa* which is acceptable to Him and my prayer for you will be that Allah grant me as well as you the *taqwa*. As an Imam of the bigger Jama`at of *Muttaqees*, Ahmadiyyat will achieve more sublimity and we will be doing magnificent service to Islam. This will give more power and grace to Ahmadiyyat.

Mere numbers have no value. In spiritual world, fortunes are not measured with numbers. Blessed are the numbers, which come automatically due to good morals. When such values grow in a community that can keep it prospering, and the standard of *taqwa* gets higher, then such wonderful magnetic power is generated in them that the numbers are automatically attracted and absorb with the group of people holding *taqwa* so much so that a new divine fate starts showing up and numerical superiority is achieved.

If the community with numerical superiority is blessed with *taqwa*, it is worth something, otherwise it is all trash.

We should also pray that we may not forget that the blessing granted to us in this age is, for the service to humanity and we are the people who are representing God and are the community that are worthy of living in His eyes. Numerical superiority carries no weight to us. This superiority is not to rule over their bodies but to win their hearts. We pray that may Allah grant us the superiority in the terminology of the Holy Qur`an, in the best possible manner and keep it forever.

(Friday Sermon delivered at Rabwah, Pakistan, dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1982.)



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# Advent of Peace

(With the appearance of the Promised Messiah)

LATE CHAUDHRI DOST MUHAMMAD KHAN M.A. (ALIG), GOLD MEDALIST B.T. PUNJAB  
Submitted by Dr. Ijaz A. Qamar, The Contributing Editor, Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada

**M**y late father, Chaudhry Dost Muhammad Khan embraced Ahmadiyyat in the early 1930s, when he was Lecturer of History and English at the Government College, Rohtak, India. He was a prolific writer, speaker and composer. He authored the following poem soon after becoming an Ahmadi, a pioneer in his family of Rajputs of the Hoshiarpur District. I recently found this poem in my late father's personal diary of his life. The poem was sent to the major newspapers of that time in India.

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The era of peace is approaching fast,  
It sheds its luster and hides the past;  
When wars will stop and battles cease,  
Bliss prevailing will lead to peace;  
When swords are sheathed and trumpets un-  
blown,  
War clouds scatter and bloodshed unknown.

Disputes are settled in the parliament of man,  
When free will be preaching and without a ban;  
One will be the cult which all pursue,  
With glories to God from China to Peru;  
Religion divine and universal code,  
Will illumine the way in man's abode.

Tyranny will dwindle and justice obtain,  
When contentment prevails in the whole do-  
main;  
Falsehood and evil will fly away,  
When virtue counts and lightens the way;  
Armies will vanish but order restored,  
Air ships and tanks with bombs ignored.

Such will be the kingdom, the Kingdom of God,  
When all will be singing in sweet accord.

The Warner has come, an apostle to all,  
He delivers the message and shouts the call;  
Clarion is his call and he voices to all,  
Masiha the Promised is the saviour of all;

They call him Ahmad and Krishan his name,  
He guides the world and this is his fame.

Roam not in vain, but to India return,  
For Kada`a is here and hither you run;  
Forget not the fate that shattered the Jews,  
Learn true wisdom and abandon your views;  
Enter the fold thus save yourself,  
Care not for riches, nor power and pelf.

Yield to Him, Who watches us all,  
Stand you firm and carry the ball;  
Go not astray while treading 'the mall'  
Cover, cover the way that leads us all;  
Recast your fashions and modes eschew,  
Now send off the old, and welcome the new.

Despondency is over and pessimism of yore,  
Provincialism spent up, you sing it no more.

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## Sacred Sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

- Help your brother even if he is an oppressor or oppressed. Help the oppressed by relieving him from the excesses of the oppressor. Helping the oppressor is stopping him from doing wrong to others.
- Tell him who believes in God Almighty and the Day of Judgment, to respect his neighbour.
- Respect the old people. Allah will prepare the young people to respect you when you are old.
- Doing good to the bad people is the work of virtuous and doing bad to the virtuous is the work of mischievous.



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# Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

NEWS REPORT FEBRUARY 2005

## Highway zealotry, supported by the police Police Station Machiwal, District Vehari; February 22, 2005

The police registered a criminal case in FIR 45/05 against five Ahmadis of Chak 21/WB, under the Ahmadi-specific law PPC 298C. They arrested three of the accused and are now looking for the other two Ahmadis.

As per essential details, Mr. Muhammad Arshad, an Ahmadi religious teacher in Chak 23/WB was under transfer to Chak 549. He loaded all his personal belongings on a trolley on February 20, 2005, and was on his way to the new post. On the road, armed anti-Ahmadi zealots intercepted him, took possession of his belongings, took out his religious books, notes and professional records etc. and handed all this material later to the police. The police, in pursuance of the interceptors' report, registered a criminal case under the Ahmadi-specific law PPC 298C against not only Mr. Arshad but also four other Ahmadis. The FIR accused Ahmadis of preaching their creed to the 'poor innocent Muslims (*Gharib aur sadah loh Mussalman*) on the Hospital Road...and they fled throwing away their pamphlets and literature,' which was presented in evidence by the accusers. They demanded in the FIR that further anti-Islam and anti-Mussalman literature should be recovered from the accused. This reminds one of the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001 when they arrested some Australians on charge of preaching Christianity and of being in possession of Bibles. The police, in any other country genuinely committed to *enlightened moderation*, would have detained those zealots on charge of armed hold-up and robbery.

Only a fortnight earlier the President had reasserted his call to religious moderation, and reminded everyone "The time demands that all moderate forces make concerted efforts to curb extremism, which is a major challenge confronting the nation... "The daily DAWN, January 30, 2005". Obviously the DPO Vehari is ignorant of the President's policy or he does not take his words seriously, as the daily Nation quoted the DPO in the incident report in its issue of February 25 in these words: "Multan: 3

Qadianis held for preaching. DPO Vehari, Mukhtar Iqbal Tikka." At the time of this report, Messrs Muhammad Yasin, Ejaz Ahmad and Abdul Latif, Ahmadis are under arrest by the police, and Mr. Tikka's constables, in support of the religious things, were raiding here and there to arrest the other two Ahmadis, Mirza Iqbal and Muhammad Arshad.

## Another Ahmadi in unlawful custody of the police

### Kotla Nasir, District Rajanpur:

Mr. Azim Bakhsh, Ahmadi was recently taken in custody by the police on unspecified religious accusation. No formal FIR or charge has yet been framed but the Ahmadi is in custody of Pakistani police; and that can mean anything for the victim's present and future.

## Arson in Clinic

**Lahore:** Dr. Mansur Ahmad Waqar is a well-known Ahmadi doctor in Green Town, Lahore. His clinic was set on fire, apparently by religious fanatics on the night of January 20, 2005. The clinic and its inventory were nearly all destroyed.

According to Dr. Waqar, he closed his clinic at 2145 on January 20, and disconnected the main electric breaker. Thus there was no possibility of an electric short-circuit etc. After midnight he received a phone call that the clinic was on fire. The police and the fire brigade also arrived at the scene and managed to control the fire with some effort. In the mean time, most of the clinic and its equipment and documents had been damaged and burnt beyond recovery.

Traces of some chemicals were discovered at the site of arson. The proprietor doctor feels that none other than religious fanatics could have done this. The police did not formally register the case. And undertook no inquiry.

## Agitation in District Vehari

**Vehari:** This district in the Punjab has recently become a hot bed of anti-Ahmadi agitation and provocation. The District Police Officer thinks

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that a sympathetic attitude towards agitators is the easiest and most convenient way out of the situation. Recently, he proudly announced arrest of three Ahmadis on fabricated charge of preaching. He has failed to take note of the following incidents in his district that depict a glaring violation of the government's declared policy on the issue of sectarian harmony and religious toleration:

Anti-Ahmadi mullahs used highly provocative and slanderous language against the holy founder of Ahmadiyya community and members of the community on January 16, 2005. A mullah who owns a PCO (Public pay-telephone) announced, "If a Qadiani comes to my PCO, he will not return safe". A self styled doctor shouted, "If a Qadiani comes to my clinic, I shall administer him an injection of poison." A Maulvi threatened, "If a Qadiani dares pass through the Mosque Street, he will be himself responsible for his death." If the DPO is not aware of these statements, he is ignorant of the situation in his city and district. Apart from such sermons from loudspeakers, sectarian extremists undertook door-to-door campaign to agitate the people against Ahmadis.

At Burewala, the *Khatme Nabuwwat* Organization distributed anti-Ahmadi posters and stickers through the home-delivery system of newspapers. Large-size posters were posted all over. A sectarian procession was taken out against Ahmadis at Vehari on February 3, 2005. The procession shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans, and demanded social boycott of Ahmadis. These elements apparently have a free hand in Vehari, while the Prime Minister is quoted in the press as "*Minorities in Pakistan enjoy equal rights. Shaukat Aziz, the Prime Minister*

(The daily Awaz, Lahore, January 24, 2005.)

In Chak No. 23, of the same district Vehari, the mullah spoke venomously in his Friday Sermon of February 18<sup>th</sup> and threatened, "If Qadianis do not recant back to Islam, we shall seize their lands and set ablaze their homes." The Khateeb of the *Jamey Masjid Ahle Hadith* also delivered a fiery sermon and urged the people to implement social boycott of Ahmadis.

Political Mullahs also undertook agitation in support of the 'Passport issue' in general in District Vehari, and in Chaks No.19, 21, 23, Gaggo Mandi, Burewala and Vehari City in particular. Some of

the mullahs who are playing the leading role in this sectarian drive are: Qari Khalid s/o Khadim, Muhammad Sadiq s/o Muhammad Hanif; Nasir Ahmad s/o Muhammad Hussain; Dr. Sarfaraz; Muhammad Sadiq s/o Muhammad Akbar; Hafeez S/O Muhammad Sadiq; Maulu Hafiz of Chak 23/WB, Noor Muhammad s/o Ghulam Muhammad; Muhammad Sadiq s/o Allah Rakha; Feeroz S/o Peera

### Prosecution Continues

**Chiniot:** A large number of Ahmadis from Rabwah continue to suffer prosecution at Chiniot on faith-related charges. Prosecution is led by the state. For example, on February 3, 2005, twenty-six anti-Ahmadi criminal cases were due for hearing in the court of Mr. Ahsan, the magistrate at Chiniot. As the magistrate was on leave, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005 was given as the fresh date of hearing. All these cases deserve to be dumped by the state if it truly believes in enlightened moderation.

### When the Government Means Business

**Jhang:** The authorities can be quite effective in Pakistan when the top brass leaves no doubt in the minds of officials about what is required. This time the government wanted peace during the month of *Muharram* – and sure enough, there was hardly an untoward incident during ten-days. The authorities showed no concern for the sensitivities of the Ulema and handled them, as they deserve to be handled firmly. Thirty-six *ulema* and mullahs, for example, were barred entry into District Jhang, and 10 more were told to shut up *Zuban Bandi*. As per press report in the Daily Awaz of February 7, 2005, the government notification named each one of these ulema and made the order operative with immediate effect. The long list included a number of the '*Ulema Kiram*' who on other occasions, are provided all facilities during their anti-Ahmadiyya hate-missions to Rabwah. The list included Maulvis: Muhammad Ahmad Qadri, Abdul Majeed Nadeem, Masud Azhar, Zahidur Rashdi, Ali Sher Haidri, Khadim Hussain Dhillon, Muhammad Ahmad Lukhnawi, Ataullah Bundialwi, Akram Toofani, Allah Yaar Arshad, Abdul Ghafoor Jhangvi, Ilyas Chinioti, Muhamad Hussain Chinioti, Alam Tariq, Qari Abdul Basit, Sultan Mahmud Zia, Mumtaz Kaliar, Abdul Ghafoor Taunsvi,

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Tajuddin Haidri, etc. It is fair to ask that if these clerics are persona non-grata and too dangerous to be allowed in District Jhang and if they indulge in unbearable slander in *Muharram* so as to deserve extreme restrictions, how come they become *Ulamae Kiraam* (respected scholars) soon after *Muharram* and are perfectly acceptable for undertaking the same type of activity at Rabwah against Ahmadis. If sectarian harmony is government's committed policy, then such exceptions hurt the state's credibility.

The *daily Jang* reported two days later in its issue of February 2005 that the leave of all police and doctors in the District (Jhang) was disallowed and Section 144 was imposed throughout the district. The mullah got the message and stayed put.

### A Letter to an Editor

Lahore: Someone wrote a letter from New York to The Friday Times of Lahore, and the editor published it in its issue of January 28 – February 3, 2005. The letter is a sensible and penetrating comment on official claims and is best placed on record here:

#### Religious Rights

Sir, According to Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, in Pakistan 'everyone is free to exercise their religious beliefs'. Obviously, he has overlooked the fact that non-Muslims are barred from preaching their faith by law. Perhaps he does not think it is important enough, but the right to freely exercise one's religion also includes the right to proselytize one's faith.

Blasphemy laws infringe upon the right to freely exercise one's faith. Atheists and non-religious people are being discriminated against the right to freely discuss religion is a right available in the West after centuries of bitter religious conflict. I refuse to allow Shaukat Aziz's disinformation. Complete religious freedom does not exist in Pakistan.

Omer Mirza  
New York

### Ahmadis behind Bars

1. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal was awarded life imprisonment in a fabricated case of blasphemy. He was arrested in March 2004, and is now incarcerated in the Central Jail, Faisalabad. An appeal now lies with the Lahore High court against the decision of the lower court. The case was registered against Mr. Iqbal under FIR 73/04 on March 23, 2004 at Police Station Tarkhani, District Faisalabad, Punjab.

2. Eight Ahmadis namely Messrs Ejaz, Munir, Basharat, Abdur Rehman, Nasir, Bashir, Akmal and Idrees were arrested in September 2003 on false charge of murder of a mullah, at the complaint of Ahmadi-bashers. The police, after due inquiry found nothing against these accused. Still the innocent remain in prison and are facing trial for a crime they did not commit. It is now one year and five months that they are in prison. They were booked under FIR 455/03 dated September 4, 2003 at Police Station Kharian Sadar, District Gujrat.

3. Three Ahmadis namely Messrs Shahadat Khan, Mansur Ahmad and Hafizur Rehman were arrested in December last year on false charge of defiling the Holy Qur'an by burning its pages. They were arrested under PPC 295B for which the penalty is life imprisonment. Mr. Hafizur Rehman was not even present in the village on the day of the incident. FIR 280/04 was registered against the accused at Police Station Kassoki, District Hafizabad on December 18, 2004. The three are now incarcerated in Pindi Bhattian prison of District Hafizabad.

4. Three Ahmadis namely Messrs Ejaz Ahmad, Muhammad Yasin and Abdul Latif of District Vehari were arrested recently under Ahmadi-specific law. Two more are also nominated in the case, and they also face arrest. The case was registered against them under FIR 45/05 under PPC 298C on February 22, 2005 at Police Station Machiwal, District Vehari.

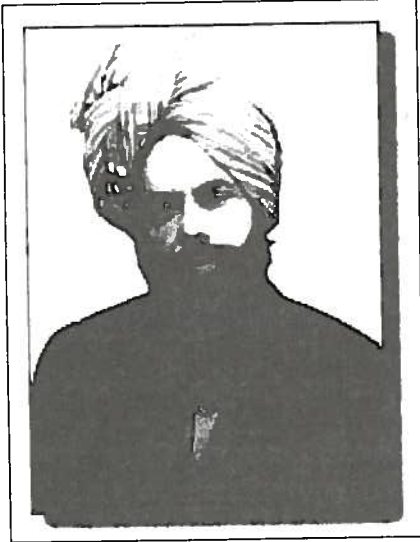
... To be remembered:

Religion column will soon be restored in passports. Chaudhry Shuja`at

(*The Daily Awaz, Lahore: February 19, 2005*)

Paroles sacrées du Messie Promis (paix soit sur lui)

## Le Khilafat – La seconde manifestation de Dieu



**Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, Le  
Messie Promis et l'Imam Mahdi  
(1835 - 1908)**

« Cela a toujours été la pratique de Dieu, une pratique qu'Il a suivie depuis le jour où Il a mis l'homme sur terre, qu'Il vient au secours de Ses Prophètes et de Ses Messagers et leur donne l'ascendance. Ainsi, Il dit dans le Saint Coran :

*kataballaho la'aghlebanna ana wa rosolee*

Allah a décrété : « Je prévaudrai très certainement, Moi et Mes Messagers . En vérité, Allah est Puissant, Fort. » (Ch. 58 : v. 22)

Ici, le mot « prévaudrai » signifie qu'étant donné que c'est l'intention des messagers et des prophètes d'établir la Parole de Dieu sur terre et de faire en sorte que personne ne soit en position de s'y opposer, aussi Dieu manifeste-t-Il leur véracité à travers des Signes puissants et sème à leurs mains les graines de la droiture qu'ils veulent répandre partout.

Toutefois, Il ne complète pas pleinement cette mission à leurs mains. Il les fait mourir dans des conditions et à un moment qui donnent l'apparence de l'échec et fournit donc à leurs adversaires l'occasion de se mo-

quer d'eux, de ricaner et de les porter en ridicule. Mais après que ces adversaires ont bien ri, Il manifeste Sa main de puissance, et créé des conditions et des circonstances qui travaillent en faveur de l'accomplissement des objectifs qui avaient été laissés à moitié accomplis plus tôt et les porte à leur zénith.

Ainsi, Il montre deux manifestations de Sa puissance : Premièrement, Il montre Sa puissance aux mains des Prophètes;

Deuxièmement, après le décès d'un prophète, lorsque les difficultés surgissent et font obstacle, et que les adversaires se sentent très forts et croient qu'ils (les disciples du prophète) sont dans le désarroi et sont convaincus que cette communauté va certainement être détruite, et lorsque même certains membres de la jeune communauté commencent à ressentir des doutes concernant l'avenir et se laissent aller au désespoir comme si leur reins s'étaient cassés, et que de nombreux malheureux parmi eux vont jusqu'à l'apostasie, c'est alors que Dieu montre une nouvelle fois la manifestation puissante de Sa main et soutient la communauté. Ainsi, celui qui fait montre de patience et persévère jusqu'au bout devient témoin de ce miracle divin. » ... ..

« Vous ne devez donc pas vous lamenter à propos de ce que je vous ai dit (c.-à-d. que l'heure de mon départ est proche) et vous ne devez pas non plus avoir le cœur en peine, car il est impératif pour vous de voir la seconde manifestation de la puissance Divine. La venue de cette seconde manifestation est meilleure pour vous car elle est éternelle et elle continuera jusqu'à la fin des temps. Lorsque je serai parti, Allah vous enverra la seconde manifestation et elle restera avec vous pour toujours. »

[Al-Wassiyat, pages 6 et 7]



## Visitez les malades et priez pour eux, selon l'exemple et l'enseignement du Saint Prophète Mohammad (p.s.s.l.)

*Précis du Sermon du vendredi du 15 avril 2005, prononcé à la mosquée Baitoul Foutouh de Londres, par Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (qu'Allah soit son soutien!)*

« *Le Saint Prophète Mohammad (p.s.s.l.) avait le cœur plein de sympathie pour l'humanité... »*

« *Les organisations auxiliaires de la Communauté doivent être plus attentives à la nécessité de rendre visite aux malades... »*

**D**ans son Sermon du vendredi en date du 15 avril 2005, prononcé à la mosquée Baitoul Foutouh de Londres, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (qu'Allah soit son soutien!) a parlé de la pratique du Saint Prophète Mohammad, paix soit sur lui (p.s.s.l.) de visiter les malades et de s'efforcer de pourvoir à leurs besoins.

Houzour a récité le verset 128 de la sourate Tauba, dont la traduction est comme suit :

Assurément, un Messager de parmi vous-mêmes est venu à vous, qui s'afflige de vous voir en difficultés, qui désire ardemment votre *bien*, qui est particulièrement compatissant et miséricordieux envers les croyants. (9 :128)

Houzour a ensuite dit: Tout comme il avait un souci constant pour la réforme spirituelle des gens et leur rapprochement à Dieu, de même le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) avait le cœur débordant de sympathie pour ses semblables. Sa détresse devant la souffrance d'autrui dépassait son souci pour ses propres souffrances. En fait, il ne se souciait guère de ses propres souffrances. Le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) avait, comme si, un besoin intense de se rendre utile aux autres et de soulager leurs souffrances; et, à cette fin, il employait tous les moyens à sa disposition. Son sens de solidarité avec les gens et sa bienfaisance n'ont pas de pareils au monde. Il était la manifestation ultime des attributs

divins *Rahman* (Le Gracieux), et *Rahime* (Le Miséricordieux).

Houzour (qu'Allah soit son soutien!) a dit : L'homme est sujet à toute une variété de causes, et l'une d'entre elles est la maladie physique. Je voudrais, aujourd'hui, parler de l'exemple du Saint Prophète Mohammad (p.s.s.l.) à cet égard, et vous dire comment il avait l'habitude de visiter les malades, de pourvoir à leurs besoins et de prier pour eux. Son exemple pieux nous enseigne qu'il ne se souciait pas de sa souffrance et de son inconfort propres autant qu'il se souciait des autres. Il priait si ardemment pour ces personnes qu'il est impossible d'en trouver pareil exemple ailleurs. Hazrat Abou Hamama (qu'Allah soit content de lui!) a rapporté que de parmi tous les hommes, personne ne visitait les malades autant que le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.). Chaque fois qu'il arrivait qu'une personne était malade pour plus de trois jours, il allait lui rendre visite et il priait pour elle.

Houzour a présenté un certain nombre de Hadices illustrant comment le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) avait l'habitude de visiter ceux de ses Compagnons qui étaient malades, priait pour eux et prenait des dispositions pour leur régime et leur traitement approprié. Le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) a défendu aux gens de se plaindre de leurs maladies, car disait-il, les maladies jouent aussi le rôle d'effacer les péchés de l'homme et de le sauver du Feu. Les gens devraient rechercher l'aide d'Allah en offrant des supplications, en donnant de la charité et en supportant patiemment leur souffrance. Le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) lui-même a été un modèle de patience, de courage et de force d'âme face à la souffrance et aux maladies.

*(suite, page 4)*



## Sermon du vendredi ...

(suite de la page 3)

Houzour a continué en disant : Les malades doivent prier pour eux-mêmes et donner de la charité. Ceux qui vont les visiter doivent prier pour eux, mais ne doivent pas parler à haute voix ni prolonger leur visite indûment. Rendre visite aux malades est une façon de gagner le plaisir d'Allah. Les départements de Khidmat-e-Khalq (*Service à l'humanité*) des organes auxiliaires de la Communauté (c.à-d. les organisations Khud-damul Ahmadiyya, Lajna Imaillah et Ansarul-lah) doivent donner plus d'attention aux visites aux personnes malades, qu'elles soient Ahmadi ou non. Chaque fois qu'une personne visite un malade, les anges prient pour cette personne (c.à-d. le visiteur).

Houzour a dit : Lorsque le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) visitait les malades, il prescrivait aussi des remèdes pour eux. Houzour a continué en décrivant certains remèdes que le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) avait prescrit pour diverses maladies.

Houzour a dit : Le Saint Prophète (p.s.s.l.) agissait ainsi parce qu'il aimait les créatures d'Allah. Qu'Allah fasse pleuvoir d'innombrables bénédictions sur lui (p.s.s.l.), et qu'Il nous permette de suivre son exemple et son enseignement bénis afin que nous puissions servir l'humanité de la manière la plus excellente. Amine.

### Notre 29ème Jalsa Salana - avec Hazrat Khalifatoul Masih V

Le Messie Promis (paix soit sur lui) a écrit ceci sur l'importance du Jalsa Salana :

*Une fois de plus j'écris que les gens ne doivent pas considérer ce Jalsa comme une réunion ordinaire, pareil à celles qui sont organisées dans le grand public. Sa fondation a été jetée par Allah Lui-même de Sa propre Main, et des peuples ont été préparés tout spécialement pour cela et vont s'y joindre bientôt. C'est là l'oeuvre du Dieu Omnipotent pour Qui rien n'est impossible.*

[Ishtahar (pamphlet) daté du 7 décembre 1891].

Nous avons grand plaisir à annoncer que, par la grâce d'Allah, le 29ème Jalsa Salana (Conférence annuelle) de la Communauté Islam-Ahmadiyya du Canada se tiendra à l'International Centre, situé au coin de Airport Road et Derry Road, Mississauga, Ontario, le vendredi 24, samedi 25 et dimanche 26 juin 2005.

En vérité, ce Jalsa est une branche du Jalsa central commencé en 1891 par le Messie Promis (p.s.s.l.), comme mentionné dans la citation ci-dessus. C'est un insigne honneur et une source de joie immense pour nous que le Cinquième Calife, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, qu'Allah soit son soutien, ait bienveillamment accepté de nous faire l'honneur de sa présence distinguée à ce Jalsa.

Notons aussi qu'en sus des discours bénis du Calife, nous bénéficierons également de présentations faites par d'autres érudits de la jama'ate sur des thèmes spirituels, religieux et d'autres domaines des connaissances.

Nous prions instamment nos frères et sœurs à venir profiter pleinement de ces discours de grande valeur. Ne manquez pas ce Jalsa qui ne se tient qu'une fois l'an. Amenez les membres de votre famille, ainsi que vos amis non-Ahmadi. - c'est l'occasion opportune pour le Da'wat ilallah (*Invitation vers Dieu*)

Priez aussi avec ferveur pour qu'Allah bénisse ce Jalsa et qu'elle soit une réussite. Merci.



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## RESPECTED AMIR SAHIB'S ADDRESS TO OFFICE BEARERS

On Saturday April 30, 2005, a special meeting of all office bearers of Jama'at across Canada was called to for a special address by Respected Amir Sahib regarding the upcoming visit of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (a.a.).

Some of the points mentioned are listed below:

- Pay attention to all Tarbiyat issues before the arrival of Huzur (a.a.).
- Our hearts should be filled with *Taqwa* as this is the main purpose of Huzur's (a.a.) visit. We should be looking at improving our spiritual status before the physical elements involved in the visit.
- Main focus should be *Taqwa* and our hearts should be clean and humble for the sake of Allah.
- Logistics of the visit and travel are secondary issues, the primary issue is our spirituality.
- It is important for us to make an effort to make Huzur (a.a.) happy. We must follow the instructions of Allah as He has taught us in the Hadith: "If your father is happy then Allah is also happy" and Hazrat Amir-ul-Momineen is our spiritual father.
- Huzur (a.a.) will be pleased by our level of *Taqwa* and spirituality. We must strive to be on a higher spiritual plane than that of the last year and present a humble Jama'at of righteous believers.

### Respected Amir Sahib also advised on the etiquettes of Mulaqat with Huzur (a.a.):

- It is impossible for every family to meet with Huzur (a.a.). Members of the Jama'at who met our Beloved Huzur last time, should not expect to meet Huzur (a.a.) again and should

give the opportunity to those who did not meet Huzur (a.a.) previously. Members of the Jama'at who are unable to meet in family Mulaqat with Huzur (a.a.) should remember those millions of Ahmadis who are not able to even see him or even Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ra). Therefore, please reap maximum benefit from this strong spiritual occasion full of blessings instead of indulging in the vain discussions, about who has met and who has not, all the while losing the spiritual benefits.

- Members of the Jama'at who will have the opportunity to meet Huzur (a.a.) should be very humble and the true spirit should be reflective in them rather than feeling proud and looking down upon others.
- During the Mulaqat with Huzur (a.a.), use the time wisely. Try to benefit from being in Huzur's (a.a.) company, try to absorb the *Nur* (light) from Allah and the Blessings. Do not make a list of your suggestions and discuss detailed issues. You can send those to Huzur (a.a.) by letter instead.
- If you seek advice from Huzur (a.a.) remember, you are bound to accept it. If you wish to request prayers on a matter, then do so, but if you ask Huzur (a.a.) specifically for advice then you **must** follow these instructions without a second thought.
- Respected Amir Sahib mentioned that it is our responsibility to be hospitable to everyone that comes, especially Ahmadis from United States Jama'ats. We should make them feel that Canada is their home and not let them feel a sense of loss that Huzur (a.a.) has not been able to come to the United States.

## SEHAT-E-JISMANI

### Cricket Season

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada has entered two teams in two different leagues this year, i.e, first and third divisions. Practice sessions are held every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. The regular season for 1<sup>st</sup> division will start on May 14<sup>th</sup> and for 3<sup>rd</sup> division it will start on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005.



### Musleh Mau'ud Tournaments

In February 2005, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Canada held its Annual Musleh Mau'ud Tournament. Besides participating in various sports, Khuddam and Atfal learned about the achievements of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (r.a.).

This year, Musleh Mau'ud Tournaments were held on regional basis across Canada. Western Canada held tournaments in Calgary, Vancouver and Edmonton; Montreal and Cornwall travelled to Ottawa to participate in the Eastern Region.

In Central Canada for the team sports, Majlis Peace Village dominated in Khuddam Volleyball by defeating Majlis Toronto East, whereas Majlis Mississauga powered its way past Brampton in the basketball finals.

Overall the Tournaments for both Atfal and Khuddam were spirited, high-paced occasions, showcasing the talents of athletes of the present and future. Judging by the large participant and spectator turnout, the tournaments were enjoyed by players and participants alike.



## WRITERS FORUM

As per the instructions of our Beloved Huzur (a.a.) in his Friday Sermon, a writers forum has been established to defend the name of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) and the dignity of Islam in the Media. So far 80 names from across Canada including Universities have been received. This group has been divided into a Religious Research Wing, Secular Research, Information Gathering Wing and a Writers Group. The Chairman of the writers forum is Ataul Qudus Sahib. For further details, please contact Muhtamim Ta'lim at (416) 725-6857.

*Respected Amir Sahib urged the students in his address to pursue careers in Journalism, Medicine, Engineering and Law*

## AHMADIYYA MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Q/A session with Grade 11, 12 Students

On February 11, 2005, Over 100 Grade 11 and 12 students attended and benefited from a Question and Answer session with Respected Amir Sahib at the Bai'tul Islam Mosque from Central East, Central West and Eastern Canada Majalis.

Respected Amir Sahib urged the students in his address to pursue careers in Journalism, Medicine, Engineering and Law. Students asked questions about career counseling, criteria for admission into Jamia Ahmadiyya and other questions that address the challenges faced by young students in the Western education system. Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Association was also introduced to all students.

## TA'LIM

### Reference Library

By the Grace of Allah, the Almighty, the Al-Khidmat Reference Library is now open as per the following schedule:

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7 – 10 pm

Saturdays & Sundays: Between Zuhr and Asr prayers

### Change in Educational Competition Speech Topics

The topic for Nizam-e-Wasiyyat has been changed to "Nizam-e-Wasiyyat - The New World Order". The Urdu translation is *Nizam-e-Wasiyyat Bator Nizam-e-Nau*. Please see the [www.khuddam.ca/talim](http://www.khuddam.ca/talim) website for details.





## MAJLIS ATFALUL AHMADIYYA

### Weekly Ta'lim & Tarbiyat Classes

The main focus this year in Atfalul Ahmadiyya has been in arranging Ta'lim and Tarbiyat classes for Atfal. The aim is to provide Atfal this opportunity at convenient locations, so they can learn in small groups.

In the last two months, 27 new weekly Ta'lim and Tarbiyat classes have been started in different Majalis in Central Canada. 281 Atfal have started learning the syllabus and basics of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Atfal are actively participating in these classes.

Parents, if you need any information about these classes or would like to have a class started within your area, please contact your local Nazim Atfal or Muhtamim Atfal, Rafiq Ahmad Chaudhry Sahib at 416-464-6535.

### Local Parent's Day Meetings Report — March 12 & 19, 2005

Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Canada recently organised a Parent's day meetings for 15 Majalis in Central and Western Canada on March 12 and 19, 2005.

This year's theme was **Activities of Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Canada and the roles and responsibilities of parents**. Various missionaries of the Jama'at addressed the audience and stressed on parents to give more time to children and develop better communications with them.

Representatives of Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Canada presented a report on the past activities along with a summary of upcoming events and initiatives. This report outlined the format of future Ta'limi and Tarbiyati classes along with other initiatives including more focused Ijlasat 'Am, Local Ijtima'at and organising sports gyms for Atfal.

Question and Answer sessions were also held at the end of all sessions in which parents asked questions relating to the spiritual and moral upbringing of their children.

## MAJALIS ACTIVITIES

**Tajnid** – Central East region is leading all over Canada with 53% of Personal Information forms collected to date. Majalis Markham, Peace Village and Toronto Central are leading all Majalis across Canada in contacting their Khuddam and collecting this crucial information from them. May Allah continue to bless their efforts! (Ameen)

**Ta'lim** – Teachers have been arranged all over Canada to teach Basic Holy Qu'ran and Namaz Nazra to Khuddam on an individual basis. So far progress is being made in only four Majalis where these classes have been started. Presently, the focus is on getting Khuddam to fill out the Muftadi exam. For further details, please contact your Qa'id Majlis or visit [www.khuddam.ca/talim](http://www.khuddam.ca/talim).

**Tabligh** – In holding question and answer sessions with Non-Ahmadis, Western Canada is leading all over Canada with Majlis Calgary having held 7 sessions within two months. Total Question & Answer sessions held across Canada in the last four months are 40.

**Sami wa Basari** – Majlis Calgary has created an informative video program about basics of MTA dish installation and its maintenance. Central East, Central West and Eastern Canada Regions have arranged hands on sessions for basic information on installation and maintenance of the MTA satellite dish. The DVD produced by Majlis Calgary is being prepared for distribution across Majalis.

**Khidmat Khalq** – Visits to old age homes have started regularly in Montreal, Toronto Central, Edmonton and Calgary. Central East and Central West regions have to catch up quickly and follow the excellent examples set by Eastern and Western Canada in this task.

Majlis Windsor undertook an outstanding task by arranging a gift distribution activity for communities living around the Windsor Mosque on Christmas Eve.



*Various Missionaries of the Jama'at stressed on parents to give more time to children and develop much better communications with them*



## **MAJALIS ACTIVITIES—continued**

**Tarbiyat** – Following the advice of Hazrat Amirul Mominin, Khalifatul Masih V (a.a.) regarding youth joining the divine scheme of Al-Wasiyyat Khuddam have joined and become Musian. Majlis Peace Village with 86 and Majlis Calgary with 63 Musian are leading the way in this initiative. May Allah bless their efforts (Ameen!)

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ahmadiyya Muslim Basketball Invitational tournament**

Insha'Allah on May 14 and 15, 2005, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ahmadiyya Basketball Invitational Tournament will be held. In this tournament teams from outside the community are invited to come and play. The tournament has been very successful in the past and has enabled us to introduce Jama'at to the players that attend while creating friendly relationships.

To learn about the past events and get more information about the tournament this year, please visit [www.ahmadiyya.ca/bball](http://www.ahmadiyya.ca/bball).

### **Tabligh visits to remote regions**

The Department of Tabligh will undertake visits to small villages and smaller cities during the month of May. Local Majalis are undertaking these areas with the plan of flyer distribution, different meetings with authorities, Waqar Amal and Khidmat Khalq activities Insha'Allah.

### **Waqf-e-Arzi Scheme**

Please provide yourself for **Waqf-e-Arzi** to Qa'idin Majalis especially to perform different tasks during our beloved Huzur (a.a.) visit to Canada on the occasion of Jalsa Salana.

### **18th Annual National Ijtima' and the 16th Annual Majlis Shura**

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada will be holding its Annual Ijtima' from August 12 – 14, 2005. Please pray and make arrangements to attend this spiritual and interesting event. Further details will be provided on the [www.khuddam.ca](http://www.khuddam.ca) website.

### **Introduction to Linux / Unix Classes**

The first class for teaching **Introduction to Linux** started May 8, 2005 at Al-Khidmat office. The first class already has the maximum number of students in it. To enroll in the next class, please contact Kashif Ahmad Sahib at (647)280-5297 for next term which will start in October, 2005. This is a hands-on introduction course to the Unix/Linux operating system with labs, assignments, test and a final exam.



### **How to Start Business Workshops**

Under Career Advisory Board there will be informative sessions on **How to open/finance a new business** on the fourth Sunday of every month, except in June in which no class will be held, at Al-Khidmat office from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please contact Mubashir Chaudhry sahib (416) 880 6917. Majalis can contact for booking the sessions in their Majlis as well.

You can also contact Azmat Bhatti sahib (Additional Secretary Career Advisory Board) at (905) 257-6311 for further details.

### **Local Ijtima'at**

Many **local Ijtima'at** for Khuddam and Atfal are being held all over Canada in the month of May. Please contact local office bearers to participate in these blessed events and to get benefit from these gatherings.

### **MTA Dish Maintenance and Installation**

The In-charge of the central team for **MTA dish maintenance and installation** is Safeer Ahmad sahib. He can be contacted at (416) 918-1233 or (416) 465-1704 if you need help in getting your dish re-aligned or make an appointment for a new dish installation. You can also contact Muhtamim Sami wa Basari, Hussam Basit sahib at (416) 388-6742