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THE HOLY QURAN ON "DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST"

1. And Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily, (all) Messengers have passed away before him. If then he die or be slain, will you turn back on your heels? And he who turns back on his heels shall not harm Allah at all. And Allah will certainly reward the grateful. (3:145)

2. We granted not everlasting life to any human being before thee. If then thou shouldst die, shall they live (here) for ever?

Every soul shall taste of death; and We prove you with evil and good by way of trial. And to Us shall you be returned. (21:35,36)

3. And We did not give them bodies that ate no food, nor were they to live for ever. Then We fulfilled them Our promise; and We saved them and those whom We pleased; and We destroyed the transgressors. (21:9, 10)

4. And when Allah will say, "O Jesus, son of Mary, didst thou say to men, 'Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah?'" he will answer, "Holy art Thou, I could never say that to which I had no right. If I had said it, Thou wouldst have surely known it. Thou knowest what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Thy mind. It is only Thou Who art the Knower of hidden things. "I said nothing to them except that which Thou didst command me - 'Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.' And I was a witness over them as long as I remained among them, but since Thou didst cause me to die, Thou hast been the Watcher over them; and Thou art Witness over all things. If Thou punish them, they are Thy servants; and if Thou forgive them, Thou surely art the Mighty, the Wise." (5:117-119)

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

6. And those on whom they call beside Allah create not anything, but they are themselves created. They are dead, not living; and they know not when they will be raised. (16:21,22)

SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH, PEACE BE ON HIM

Sufis believe that if a man does not weep once in forty days, it is an unmistakable sign of a heart turned hard. The Holy Quran says: 'Let them laugh little and weep much, But quite contrary is the case, for the people laugh more than they weep. The verse does not signify that a man should always wear a lachrymose look. He, whose heart weep within, does really weep. A man should, within barred doors, engage himself in a prayer with lowliness & HUMILITY. He should cast himself on the threshold of God, and thus avoid coming under the application of the verse which shows that he who laughs much is not a true believer.

If a man were to take stock of his life during the past twenty-four hours, he would find the scale of laughing much heavier than that of weeping. In some cases there would be no weeping at all.

Man's life passes in utter carelessness. The path of Iman (faith) is an uphill one. To tread it is to die a death which alone brings man to the goal.

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22nd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE AHMADIYYA JAMAAT IN ISLAM
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P R O G R A M

FIRST SESSION: SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1969.

- 10.00- 10-05 A.M. Recitation of the Holy Quran
- 10.05- 10-25 Opening speech Chief Missionary Maqbool A. Qureshi
- 10.25- 10-30 Poem
- 10.30- 10-50 The Mosque and the Church Br. Muhammad Qasim, Dayton
- 10.50- 11.05 True Christianity leads to Islam: Br. Monir Ahmad, St. Louis
- 11.05- 11.35 Achievements of the Promised Messiah: Br. Syed Jawad Ali
- 11.35- 11.55 The Holy Quran, a Miracle Br. Bashir Afzal, New York
- 11.55- 12.15 Landing on the Moon foretold in Islam: Maqbool A. Qureshi

SECOND SESSION: REPORTS OF THE MISSIONS

- 12.20- 1.30 P.M. Reports
- 1.30- 3.00 Luncheon and Prayers

THIRD SESSION: MEETINGS OF AUXILIARIES

- 3.00- 5.00 P.M. Ansarullah, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Ima ullah will hold their separate meetings.

FOURTH SESSION: P A N E L DISCUSSION

- 6.00- 8.00 P.M. How to improve our Educational & Propagational activities: Missionaries and Directors will be on Panel
- 8.45-10.00 P.M. Prayers and Dinner

FIFTH SESSION: SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 1969.

- 9.30- 9.35 A.M. Recitation of the Holy Quran
- 9.35- 9.45 Arabic Poem written by the Promised Messiah: Br. Nasir Ahmad, Dayton
- 9.45-10.05 Visit of Rabwah & My impressions: Br. Dr. Bashiruddin Usama
- 10.05-10.25 Social Laws of Islam: Br. Ahmad Shaheed, Pittsburgh
- 10.25-10.55 Islam and World Peace: Br. Shukar Ilahi Hussain
- 10.55-11.05 Unity & Harmony among members: Br. Abul Kalam, Pittsburgh
- 11.05-11.15 The True Sufi Br. Yahya Abdullah, Baltimore
- 11.15-11.25 Islam & Other faiths on Salvation: Br. Abdul Karim, Chicago
- 11.25-11.35 Muslim Women & their responsibilities: Br. Abid Hanif, Boston
- 11.35-12.00 Zikri Habib Br. Dr. Khalil A. Nasir
- 12.00-12.30 P.M. Truth of the Promised Messiah from the Holy Quran: Maqbool Ahmad Qureshi

Ten minutes Interval

- 12.40- 1245 Poem
- 12.45- 12.52 Six articles of Faith ; Br. Munir Hamid, Philadelphia
- 12.52- 12.59 Five Pillars of Islam: Br. Ahmad Wasim, Cleveland
- 12.59- 1.06 Islam on War: Br. Hanif Ahmad, Milwaukee
- 1.06- 1.16 Islam On Knowledge & Education: Br. Muhammad Sadiq, New York
- 1.16- 1.23 Ahmadiyyat in the eyes of Others: Br. Rashid Ahmad, St. Louis
- 1. 23- 1.30 The Prophets and Divine Help: Br. Abdur Rahman, Baltimore
- 1. 30- 1.37 Why I accepted Islam Br. Fazl Omar, Waukegan
- 1. 37- 1.55 Farewell address: Chief Missionary
- 1.55- 2.00 Remarks by the Chairman
- 2.00- 4.00 Luncheon and Prayers

Note No.1. The Convention Committee reserves the right to make any change in the program if and when it becomes necessary.

Note no.2: Dayton Mosque is situated between Lakeview and McCall Roads. From Downtown one can take Bus no. 8, which passes through Washington street, Germantown street and on entering Lakeview Road the 2nd stop is just at the corner of Randolph St. From there one should turn right.

22nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Chief Missionary hopes and expects from each and every member that he or she will try to attend the Convention, which is being held on August 30, & 31 this year. This blessed gathering is the image of the Annual Gathering started by the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, in 1891, 78 years ago. At that time he himself directed all the members to hold it regularly in future.

Those who, in conformity with his instructions and desire, will participate in it will certainly receive blessings and reward from Allah.

During Convention the main aim of every member should be to gain spiritually and materially as much as possible. Of course spiritual aspects should be stressed & considered more and more. All should try to benefit from the speeches and program of the Convention, to increase in ties of love and affection for each other, to create harmony and unity and to spend time in remembering Allah and invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him.

On this auspicious occasion when members will come from far and near, from Canada and different parts of America, naturally one may confront certain hardships and difficulties which are generally borne by any travelling person. But if one will bear them wholeheartedly for the sake of God one will receive reward from Him as well.

Educational Class, as announced before, will be held Insha Allah according to the schedule. It will start on Saturday, August 23. The response so far seems to be encouraging. May Allah enable us all to acquire knowledge more and more, so that we, equipping ourselves with the religious ornament of knowledge, we may convey His message wholeheartedly and with certainty.

May Allah open the minds of all the members to attend the Convention and enable them to derive all the possible benefits out of it! Ameen.

R A B W A H ' S N E W S

1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's health is all right by the Grace of Allah. Hazrat h a s returned to Rabwah after his stay at the summer resort, Murree Hills. Members are re - requested to keep on praying for his complete health and long long life.
2. Hazrat Nawab Mubarak Begum is still staying at Karachi. She is indisposed with severe head-ache and weakness. Members should pray for her complete recovery and long life.
3. Sahibzada Mirza Khalil Ahmad, son of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II is suffering from heart disease and tooth-ache. Members should pray for his complete recovery. His sister Amatur Rashid Begum, Mrs. Mian Abdur Rahim Ahmad is also indisposed. May Allah be their Healer!
4. Opening of Fazli Omar Teaching of the Holy Quran Class took place on August 2, a t 7 a.m. Members from all over West Pakistan took part in it.
5. Maulvi Mohammad Monawwar, the missionary reached Tanzania again safely to preach the message of Islam in that part of the world.
6. The Missionary in Tanzania Jamilur Rahman is suffering from cough. Members should pray for his speedy recovery.

NEWS OF AHMADIYYA AMERICAN MISSIONS IN U. S. A.

1. Ansarullah have published the second issue of "Al-Ansar", their organ.
2. Members of Lajna Imaullah of different branches took test on The Teachings of Islam given by their Educational Secretary Mrs. Aliyya Shaheed.
3. Pittsburgh: Apart from Jumu'ah prayers Sunday and Wednesday meetings were held re - gularly. Preparation to attend Convention is being made.
4. New York: Jumu'ah sermons were delivered by Br. Bashir Afzal and Br. M. Daleel. Regular Sunday meetings and educational classes were held.
5. Milwaukee: A local paper 'Courier' published an informative article on Islam as a result of an interview of Sis. Mubarak Malik. Br. Wajid Israfil distributed 300 handbills. Jumu'ah services are held regularly. Mrs. Bashir Malik underwent surgery. Sis. Khadija Israfil is suffering from pain in body. Members should pray for both.
6. Louisville, Ky.: Members are trying to learn Arabic regularly.

- 7. Detroit: Jumu'ah services are being held. Br. Iskandar Abdur Razzaq, Philadelphia, visited Detroit mission. Class for children is being held regularly.
- 8. St. Louis: Meetings and classes on Sundays were held regularly. Jumu'ah prayers as well by the Grace of Allah, were said regularly.
- 9. Cleveland: Jumu'ah services and Sunday Meetings were held regularly.

We announce regretfully the death of Br. Kemal Akmal, an old member of Cleveland. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun. Chief Missionary led the funeral prayers.

10. Chicago: It is learnt that Br. Abdul Karim, the Ameer has been married. May Allah bless them and make this marriage a blessing for the Movement.

11. BAI'AT: Six person joined the Jamaat, by the Grace of Allah, this month- One from Pittsburgh, one from Troy, Ohio, one from Carbondale, Illinois, three from Chicago. May Allah bless them all and grant them steadfastness! Ameen.

12. DATON MISSION: Jumu'ah Prayers and Sunday Meetings were held regularly. Ansarullah & Khuddamul Ahmadiyya held their weekly meetings and Lajna Imauallah members participated in the test on The Teachings of Islam. Office holders' meeting was held on August 11, 1969. Members were allotted duties in connection with the preparation of Convention and cleanliness and decoration of the Mosque, which they performed later on nicely. Chief Missionary published the new issue of Muslim Sunrise (August & September), and Ahmadiyya Gazette. Ahmadiyya Muslim Calendar has been published as well for the next year-1970.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III had extended the period for the payment of FAZLI OMAR FOUNDATION PLEDGES for foreign Missions. Now the deadline is September 30. All those who could not pay up till now should strive hard to pay in time. Jazakumullah!

2. At the Convention "Muslim Sunrise" for August & September, which includes the photos of historical nature, will be available for 50 Cents. (pages 32)

3. Calendar for 1970 along with Muslim Calendar months will be available for \$1.00. It shows the times of Sunrise and Sunset and prayers.

4. Ameer's are reminded to prepare their yearly report of activities to be read at the Convention.

5. All missions should try to pay for the Books "Teachings of Islam" \$12.50 per hundred at the earliest. Jazakumullah!

6. ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY: written by former missionary Major Abdul Hamid, can be had from our Washington Mission for \$3.75 only.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Members are requested to be regular in their Subscriptions of the month, of Wasiyyat, of Tahriki Jadid, of Waqfi Jadid, or other pledges they have made. Jazakumullah!

8. Subscription to the Ahmadiyya Gazette for the present year \$2.50 per annum or donation will help its publication. Jazakumullah!

9. CHILDREN CAMP, which was to be arranged by Lajna Imauallah, has been cancelled by them.

10. ANNUAL CONVENTION; is being held, Insha Allah, on August 30, and 31, 1969. All the members should try their best to make it a great success.

11. CLASS, from August 23 to 29, a week before Convention will be held, Insha Allah as has been announced before. Members should try to avail this opportunity.

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