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THE HOLY QURAN ON THE DIVINE LIGHT

Allah is the light of the heavens and the earth. The similitude of His light is as a (lustrous) niche, wherein is a lamp. The lamp is in a glass. The glass is as it were a glittering star. It is lit from a blessed tree- an olive- neither of the East nor of the West, whose oil would well-nigh be ablaze even though fire touched it not. Light upon light! Allah guides to His light whomsoever He will. And Allah sets forth parables to men, and Allah knows all things full well.

(This light is now lit) in houses with regard to which Allah has ordained that they be exalted and that His name be remembered in them. Therein is He glorified in the mornings and the evenings.

By men, whom neither merchandise nor traffic diverts from the remembrance of Allah and the observance of prayer, and the giving of the Zakat. They fear a day in which hearts and eyes will be agitated,

So that Allah may give them the best reward of their deeds, and give them increase out of His bounty. And Allah does provide for whomsoever He pleases without measure. (24: 36-39)

SIGNS OF SPECIAL FRIENDS OF GOD

The following are the signs of the special friends of God:

1. They are blessed with a sincere love, the depth of which cannot be gauged by the people of this world.

2. There is also a fear in their heart which goads them to have a scrupulous regard for the minutest details of obedience, lest their Beloved One of old should be displeased.

3. They are endowed with an extraordinary steadfastness that astounds the people of the time.

4. When a person persecutes them severely and does not refrain, the wrath of that Powerful Being, who is their Patron, is excited.

5. When a person befriends them sincerely and sacrifices himself in their path by following them with perfect fidelity and sincerity, God, the Exalted, attracts him towards Himself and showers on him a special mercy.

6. Their prayers are blessed with far greater acceptance than those of others, to such an extent that they cannot enumerate the number of their prayers accepted.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARY INCHARGE

Brother Abdur Rahman Khan, the Missionary-in-charge had a serious heart attack on January 2, 1972, at Dayton Mosque, at 5.00 p.m. He was admitted into Miami Valley Hospital immediately. By the Grace of Allah he is recovering. All sisters and brothers are requested to pray fervently for his speedy and perfect recovery.

Br.A.R.Khan expresses his deepest heartfelt gratitude to all those sisters & brothers who sent to him telegrams, letters of well-wishing and others who are praying for him. Please keep on praying.

EID-UL-ADHA, (THE FESTIVAL OF SACRIFICES)

Eid-ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifices, will be celebrated ,Insha Allah, on January 26,1972. We extend our heartfelt Eid Mubarak to you all and pray to Allah to enable us all to acquire the spirit of Sacrifice required of us.

On Eid day the Muslims are required to take bath early in the morning, wear good and clean clothes, or new ones if possible. Those who intend to sacrifice should keep fast till after prayers when they will sacrifice. The time of Eid prayers starts from 'zuha' when the sun rises a little high, nearly from 9 a.m. and remains till the decline of the sun. It is likely to say this Eid prayers earlier because of the fasting of those who would sacrifice animal after prayers. One must sacrifice animal after Eid prayers and not before. They can be sacrificed within next two days as well. One should go to Eid prayers by one route and return by the other. Men, women and children, all should attend the prayers. Women in menstruation will not say the prayers, nor enter the mosque, but will sit apart and listen to the sermon. Those who are to sacrifice animal should not cut their hair nor nails from first of Zul-Hijjah, i.e. from January 17,1972. Cows and goats of sacrifice should not be less than two years old, but sheep can be of one year. Animal should be healthy and free from defect of body. Seven persons can share in cow, but goat or sheep cannot be sacrificed but by one. Flesh and hyde of the sacrificed animal can be used by one who offers sacrifice, but no part of it can be sold, Arrangement to sell the hydes and subscribe to the cause of Jamaat can be made. The meat should be distributed among relatives and friends and consumed at home. A portion should be given to the poor also.

All places where we have two or three Ahmadies at least, should arrange for Eid prayers. It is advisable to go to the neighboring place where we have a big number of members. Eid prayers are said without azan and without Iqamah. It has two Raka'at, in the first one seven times 'Allaho akbar' is said apart from the first opening one and in the second Raka'ah five times. Each time the hands are raised upto the ears. Then Imam recites chapter Fatihah and other chapter loudly. After the prayers the Imam delivers two sermons like the sermons of Friday prayers.

It is recommended to recite while going to Eid prayers and coming back and at the place of prayers the following 'takbir' loudly and repeatedly:

'Allaho akbar Allaho akbar La ilaha illallaho wallaho akbar
Allaho akbar wa lillahil hamd'

It means that Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. There is none worthy of worship except Allah and Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. And all praise belongs to Allah only.

The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, had instructed his followers to contribute as a token of Joy on the occasion of Eid. Members are requested, therefore, to pay Eid Fund \$1.00 or more.

May Allah make this occasion very 'Mubarak'(blessed one)for us all!
Ameen.

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ACTING MISSIONARY-IN-CHARGE

Owing to the illness of the missionary-in-charge, Br. A. R. Khan, the Center has appointed Br. Maqbool Ahmad Qureshi as Acting missionary-in-charge for the time being. All correspondence and subscriptions of all kinds, including those of Sunrise and Gazette, should be sent to the Acting missionary-in-charge at Washington, D.C. His address is as follows:

2141 Leroy Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

PLEDGES OF TAHRIK JADID

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, may Allah strengthen him with His Help and succor, had declared open the new year for the pledges of Tahrik Jadid Subscription from November 1, 1971. So far we have received a few pledges only. Many individuals and Jamaats have not sent their pledges so far. We, therefore, request all the individuals to send their pledges at the earliest, and all the Ameers to get pledges of their respective members and send them at the earliest to the Acting missionary-in-charge at Washington. Jazakumullah! It appears from the last year's list that many individuals did not make pledges last year. All the members should try to participate in this scheme and thus share the blessings of participation in the propagation of Islam all over the world.

Those who have not fulfilled their pledges of the last year should also try to pay in full as early as possible.

KHUDDAM-UL-AHMADIYYA NATIONAL

The Executive Committee of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya National held its meeting at Dayton on Sunday, January 7, 1972. Out of ten office holders the following seven attended the meeting:

Br. Abdur Raheem Zafr, Mu'tamad and Nazim of Education and Enrollment.
Br. Munir Hamid, Philadelphia, Nazim of Publication and Majlis Atfal.
Br. Zul Waqar Yaqub, Troy, Ohio, Nazim of Propagation.
Br. Abdul Karim, Chicago, Nazim of Social Service.
Br. Jameel-ur-Rahman, Pittsburgh, Nazim Tahrik Jadid.
Br. Basharat Ahmad Sabur, Milwaukee, Nazim of Trade & Industry.
Br. Lateef Ahmad, St. Louis, Nazim of Dignity of Labor.

The meeting was presided over by Br. Maqbool A. Qureshi. Scheme to be implemented this year was submitted by every office holder, was discussed and the decision was arrived at. Now they will try to carry out their schemes through the local office holders- the Qaids. May Allah enable them to perform their duties well and reward them for the same.

COLLECTION OF NUSRAT JAHAN RESERVE FUND
NOVEMBER, 1971

Muhammad Aslam Khan, New Cumber-		Abdul Jameel, Chicago	185.00
land, Pa.	100.00	Mustansar I. Chaudhary, Chi-	
Munawwar A. Saeed, Washington	20.00	cago, Ill.	20.00
Qanit Ameen	.25	Lubna R. Ijaz, Va.	25.00
Najid Ameen	.37	Zul-Waqar Yaqub, Troy	10.00
Zafnullah Usama	.50	Bashir Ahmad, Dayton	20.00
Syed Abdul Aziz, N.J.	20.00	A.R.Zafr,	5.00
Syed Sharif Ahmad, Mass.	100.00	Sis.R.Zafr	5.00

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Sis.K.Shafeek, Dayton	10.00	M.Yasin Abdullah, Baltimore	3.00
" " (for deceased husband)	10.00	A.Tariq " "	3.00
Ahmad Saeed ,Hartford,Conn.	20.00	Dr.Salahuddin Shams,Zion	50.00
Bashir Afzal, New York	75.00	" " (On behalf of his	
Sis.Jameela Afzal, "	75.00	deceased father)	100.00
Sis.Salma Aftab, "	50.00	Khalifa Murtaza,Ptg.	15.00
Sis.Rahma Ahmad	10.00	Jameel-ur-Rahman,"	10.00
Lateef Ahmad, St.Louis	50.00	Tayyib Muhammad, "	36.00
Sadyka Abdurazaq, St.Louis	5.00	Saleema Subhan, "	10.00
Wajid Israfil,Milwaukee	18.00	Hameeda Azeez , "	13.00
		Total	1084.12

DECEMBER, 1971

Fazal Ahmad	25.00	Tahsin A. Syed, Washington	50.00
Ahmad Saeed ,Hartford	21.00	Abdul Azeez,Pittsburgh	30.00
Kareema Sands,Baltimore	20.00	Ameer Ali, Washington	15.00
Dr.Bashir Ahmad, St. Louis	150.00	Dr. Majid Ali, N.J.	150.00
Almos Ali,	30.00	Total	491.00

HOLY QURAN BY SIR ZAFRULLAH KHAN

Translation of the Holy Quran by Sir Zafrullah Khan is available now. It can be had for \$6.00 from Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir, 30 Somerset Place, Syosset, New York, 11791.

NEW JAMAAT AT SUDBURY,ONT.,CANADA

We announce with pleasure that a new Jamaat has been established in Sudbury, Canada. The President Nadir-al-Hosny and the members have started their activities. May Allah bless them all & fructify their efforts!

DEPARTURE FOR HAJJ(PILGRIMAGE)

By the Grace of Allah seven members are leaving America on Thursday, January 20, 1972, for Hajj, pilgrimage to Mecca. They are Br. Muhammad Ameen,Ameer of Washington and his wife Sis. Nycemah Ameen, Sis.Rasheeda Taha, Washington, Br. Yusuf Lateef,Teaneck,N.J. & his wife Sis.Saeeda, Br. Abdur Raheem Zafr,Dayton, Sis.Aliyya Muhammad,Pittsburgh. May Allah enable them to perform Hajj, grant them many blessings and bring them back home safe! Ameen.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- 1.Sis Najma Rafat,mother of four children, from St. Louis, requests prayers for her complete recovery from a disease which Doctors deem incurable.
- 2.Sis.Fatimah Haneef,New York, is suffering seriously from Asthma. May Allah grant her recovery!
- 3.Malik Rabb Nawaz,Richland,Mich. Who had heart attack, is recovering well. Members should pray for his complete recovery.
- 4.Sis.Lubna Ijaz is also sick.May Allah grant her complete recovery!

PRESIDENT OF LAJNA IMA ULLAH

Because of Sis.Lubna Ijaz's illness and resignation Central Lajna President has accepted the appointment of Sis Aliyya Shaheed, as President upto the Convention, when a new President will be elected,Insha Allah.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish a very happy new year for all of you.May Allah make it a very prosperous & flourishing year for all of us in every respect! Ameen.

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