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THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KHILAFAT-E-AHMADIYYA

The Promised Messiah is not only the Mujaddid of the present century, but also the Mujaddid of this millenium. (Lecture Sialkot)

being above a Mujaddid (Alfazi, April 8, 1945)

کیونکہ اس ہزار میں اب دنیا کی عمر کا خاتمہ ہے جس پر تمام بیٹوں نے شہادت دی ہے۔ راویہ امام جو خدا تعالیٰ کی طرف سے ہے مسیح موعود کہلاتا ہے وہ مجدد صدی بھی ہے اور مجدد الف آخر بھی۔ (لیکچر سیاکوٹ ص ۷)

”خلیفہ تو خود مجدد سے بڑا ہوتا ہے اور اس کا کام ہی احکام شریعت کو نافذ کرنا اور دین کو قائم کرنا ہوتا ہے۔ پھر اس کی موجودگی میں مجدد کس طرح آسکتا ہے؟ مجدد تو اس وقت آیا کرتا ہے۔ جب دین میں بگاڑ پیدا ہو جائے۔“

(الفضل قادیان ۸ اپریل ۱۹۴۷ء)

Khalifa means a successor who reforms the faith; which means that the Khalifa himself is a Mujaddid. (Malfoozat, Vol. IV)

The Ahmadiyya Khalifas are a second manifestation of Allah's power and might. The Promised Messiah referred to Hazrat Abu Bakr and the verse about Khilafat, to set the mind of the Jamaat at rest over anxieties in regard to the future. The second manifestation is going to be of a permanent duration, of which the chain shall not come to an end till the time of the Qiyamah (day of judgement). The second manifestation will

”خلیفہ کے معنی جانشین کے ہیں جو تجدید دین کرے۔ نبیوں کے زمانہ کے بعد جو تاریکی پھیل جاتی ہے اس کو دور کرنے کے واسطے جو ان کی جگہ آتے ہیں ان کو خلیفہ کہتے ہیں۔“

(ملفوظات جلد ۴ ص ۳۸۳)

It is ridiculous to wait for a Mujaddid during the life time of a Khalifa; the Khalifa himself

abide with the community for ever (Alwasiyyat)

لئے دوسری قدرت کا بھی دیکھنا ضروری ہے۔ اور اس
لئے بہتر ہے کیونکہ وہ دائمی ہے جس کا سلسلہ قیامت
تک میں نہ جاؤں۔ لیکن میں جب جاؤں گا تو پھر خدا اس دوسری
قدرت کو تمہارے لئے بھیج دے گا جو ہمیشہ تمہارے ساتھ رہے گی۔

The opening words chosen to embody the pledge of allegiance to the first Khalifa, commonly called *Bai'at* were:

“At the hand of Nuruddin, today, I take Bai'at subject to all those conditions operative in this connection when the pledge was taken by the Promised Messiah himself, in his time. (Alhakm, May 28, 1908)

This means that “his wishes and orders shall have the same authority for us as the wishes and orders of the Promised Messiah.” (Badr, June, 1908)

Thus there came into existence a pattern to be followed when Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I passed away from this world, and the second and now the third Khalifa were elected. And in whatever affairs a Khalifa issued an order, there was none to disobey or deny. “For,

the reins are held by a leader to whom all are pledged to make financial, moral and all other kinds of sacrifices, and that permanent and lasting progress is not possible. This will come only when the control of the entire affairs of the community is vested in one man, whom all are pledged to obey.” “The real bai'at,” observed Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I, “is one where it is accompanied by immediate and implicit obedience, without the slightest infringement anywhere.”

Allah has planned that the Khalifas appointed by Him from among the Muslim community, like the earlier Khalifas, shall always be conscientious, righteous people. (Shahadatul Quran)

زمانہ تک محدود رہیں۔۔۔۔۔ اور میں تم کے لفظ سے بیعت ناما
بھی منظور ہے کہ پہلے بھی وہی لوگ خلیفہ مقرر کئے گئے تھے جو
ایماندار اور نیکو کار تھے اور تم میں سے بھی ایماندار اور نیکو کاری
مقرر کئے جائیں گے۔ (شہادت القرآن ص ۳۴، ۳۵)

Ahmadies who have pledged bai'at to Khalifatul Masih III, the most righteous, the most spiritually elevated person of the Ahmadiyya Community of this age are a witness to it.

THE PROMISED MESSIAH ON SMOKING

With respect to smoking, The Promised Messiah has said: “We do not include smoking among intoxicants. However, this is a frivolous habit and a believer is instructed to shun absurdities. We do not prohibit its use for those who use it under medical advice, but you must remember this is an absurdity and implies a sheer waste of money. Had it been prevalent in the days of the Holy Prophet he would definitely have banned it.” (Alhakam, March 24, 1903)

“Although Sharia is silent over tobacco, we include it among the list of contentibles, for had it been in use during the Holy Prophet's days, he would have banned its use.” (Albadr, July 24, 1903)

About tobacco, the Promised Messiah said: “It is not forbidden like wine which causes transgression and sin. However, it is good and rewarding to avoid its use. It causes bad smell in the mouth, and it is quite ridiculous for man to inhale and exhale smoke. The Holy Prophet would certainly have prohibited its use. This is definitely a useless and foolish action.” (Albadr, April 3, 1903)

The Promised Messiah said: “One can certainly give up the use of tobacco, provided one has faith and intent. There are several people in the world who have given up their life-long habits. Drunkards have given up the use of wine in old age whereas to give up an old habit invites illness, and if

they fell ill temporarily, they got well eventually. *I prohibit tobacco and declare it as something not permissible*, unless it is used under express medical advice, telling upon one's life. This must be considered as something *absurd and nonsensical* and one must avoid its use." (Albadr, February 28, 1907)

E I D CELEBRATIONS

NEW YORK

Eidul Fitr was celebrated jointly by the New York and Teaneck Jamaats on September 15, in New York City. To accommodate the anticipated large gathering, the hall of a community center was rented which was crowded with nearly four hundred men, women and children, greeting each other with cheerful smiles and happy faces. The scene presented anxiety and surprise for the non-Muslim onlookers, who for the first time, were witnessing the spirit of brotherhood, peace and contentment infused by true Islam. Many non-Muslim ladies noted with surprise that Ahmadi ladies not only covered themselves with long dress (burqas and robes) but also were separated from men by a partition.

Eid prayers were led by Imam Masaud Ahmad, followed by a Khutbah, in which he explained the most blessed reward of Allah, bestowed upon us, were the fact that we were Muslims. He reminded the members of their responsibilities, to carry out the task of final and lasting victory of Islam. Additionally, he stated: Allah chose Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (alaihissalam) as Mahdi and Messiah to reform Islam and to present it to the world as a final solution, for physical, moral and spiritual progress of mankind. Being the followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) it is our duty to carry out this task by observing the tenets of Islam and by following the examples of the companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace of Allah be upon him) and the Promised Messiah (peace be on him also). After the sermon, Imam Masaud requested the

Many people by now under instructions from Huzur have given up smoking and started paying the money they used to spend on cigarettes to the Tahrik-i-Jadid fund. Why don't you do the same?

audience to pray for the victory of Islam, for the unity of the Muslims in the world and for all sick and needy people. Later, a delicious lunch was served. Khuddam provided efficient service under the leadership of Qaid Umar Ibrahim, Bashir Shaikh, Zaim New York and Sardar Rafiq Ahmad, Zaim Teaneck. (Rashid Ahmad, Sec. Propagation).

DAYTON

Eidul Fitr was celebrated at Fazl-i-Umar Mosque on Thursday, September 15.

Following the traditional congregational Eid prayers, Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, Midwest Circle Missionary, gave the Eid sermon from a prepared text. In the sermon, Imam Ibrahim elaborated the deep spiritual and moral significance of Ramazan.

After the Eid sermon, Imam Ibrahim led collective prayer for a joyful Eid and for the continued progress of Ahmadiyyat in America.

The Eid gathering amounted to some 60 men and 40 women, including Ahmadi members from Athens, Cincinnati, Middletown and Troy, along with the Dayton Jamaat members. Included also were several distinguished local government officials, a Municipal judge, Assistant City Manager, a minister and several others. A sumptuous Eid feast was served by the Lajna and a grand time was had by all. Three persons, one man and two women were initiated into Islam, who were formerly non-Muslims, on this happy occasion. Alhamdo Lillah! (Yusof Amin, Reporting Sec.)

STREAMWOOD, ILL.

Imam Muhammad Ibrahim, missionary of the Mid-west region, paid a flying visit to Streamwood, and participated in the Eid celebration arranged by the Jamaat on Sept. 18, 1977. He was accompanied by Brother Rashid Ahmad, the National President and Bro. Abdul Karim of Chicago. Several other Ahmadies, mainly Pakistanis from the surrounding area, were also present, in addition to regular members belonging to the Jamaat. Actually it was a get-together celebrating Eid on the first Sunday following the Eid day, which for professional engagements could not be observed on a working day; and the participants, one and all, enjoyed the lavish and dainty dishes supplied by the host Jamaat.

Under the Chairmanship of the local President, Falahuddin Shams, who extended a suitable welcome to the distinguished visitors, the National President exhorted the Pakistani community to make available to American converts, through translation and otherwise, the scholarly and inspiring works of the Promised Messiah. As fellow-countrymen of the Promised Messiah, Pakistani and Indian Ahmadies now residing in America are duty bound to convey the message of the Promised Messiah and his successors to the American public.

The Regional Missionary in his speech covered the institution of Khilafat and its significance, highlighting the points where it differs from the so-called democratic and parliamentary institutions and explained how and why the progress of the community evolves through rendering faith and fidelity in the Khalifa of the day. Both speeches were well received and appreciated. The guest and host met in a spirit of perfect understanding and cordiality, so very essential for the onward march of the Movement as a whole.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Jamaat of Washington, D.C., was lucky enough to have two missionaries just before the Holy month of Ramadan.

By the Grace of Allah, the Darsul Quran was started by the outgoing Imam Shahid and then was continued by Imam Ataullah Kaleem and missionary A.R. Yahya alternatively. Large numbers of members benefited from it as special emphasis and stress was placed on many subjects of paramount importance. Details and explanations were furnished in a befitting way from the writings and teachings of the Promised Messiah.

Arrangements for *Aftari* (communal breaking of fast) was well taken care of at the mission house every day. Friday sermons attracted a large number of members and offered a real spiritual scene. On Sundays special *Aftari* and full dinner arrangements were made with the cooperation and courtesy of the different members.

A very special program was chalked out for Sunday, the 28th of August, to present a farewell address to the outgoing Imam M. S. Shahid. The President of the Washington, D.C., Jamaat, Bro. Munawer Saeed presided over the meeting. An address, outlining the devotion and dedication, love and loyalty, was presented to Imam Shahid, and efforts for upbringing the spiritual standards of different Jamaats were specially appreciated.

With the Grace of Allah, this year one of our members had the opportunity to sit for *Ai'takaf* for the last ten days of this Holy month of Ramadan, in the American Fazl Mosque. One other non-Ahmadi brother joined him in the mosque.

Though Eidul Fitr fell on a regular working day, yet by the time of Eid prayers the Mosque was packed to capacity. Eid Salat was led by Imam Kaleem exactly at 10:00 a.m. In his Eid sermon he discussed at length the true meanings of Eid and its philosophy. Then he gesticulated towards the materialistic gains and happiness which is not deep

rooted as compared to the spiritual contentment and solace. He stressed upon the members to lead a simple, honest, spiritual and Godfearing life.

After a *Dua* everybody started saying Eidul Mubarak to each other with warm embrace. Some fruits and sweet dishes were served afterwards. (Kalimullah Khan, Gen. Secretary)

IMAM KALEEM

The Missionary Incharge, Imam A. U. Kaleem, seems literally 'stuck' in his job and steadily, but firmly 'saddled', conducting and controlling the affairs of the Movement with tact and wisdom. He seemed to have planned an exhaustive program for the training and education of the Jamaats, as the following communication will show:

September 19, 1977

To All the Presidents

Dear Brethren,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

In my first letter addressed to all the brothers and sisters in the United States of America, published in the September issue of the Ahmadiyya Gazette, I made an earnest appeal for holding fast HABLULLAH — the rope of Allah — Khalifa appointed by God in the person of Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad; and for having personal contact with him through regular correspondance. Further, I did stress upon each and every Ahmadi for making a pledge to convert at least one soul into the fold of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam, within a year.

In this letter I would like to draw the attention of the entire Jamaat towards another equally important matter.

Each and every Ahmadi should always clearly bear in mind that the words and the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) have the quality of an elixir for dead and decaying souls. Hence, each and

every one of us must try one's best to acquire the works of the Promised Messiah and study them minutely as often as possible.

The Presidents of all the Jamaats and the officers of the Jamaat's auxiliary organizations are requested to make necessary arrangements that reading of a portion from the writings of the Promised Messiah should be a regular feature of their meetings and religious gatherings.

If we do not keep the works of the Promised Messiah constantly, and always under study, we shall never be in a position to derive full benefit from the style of writing, the level of approach, and the manner of reason and argument which characterises the works of the Reformer of this age. The Promised Messiah has written, in this connection, that if there be any member of the Ahmadiyya Community who failed to go through his works at least three times in his life time, it would furnish an indication that the individual in question had a tringe of personal pride; and he should be careful, lest this state of mind should burn up and destroy the degree of *Iman*, or faith in his heart.

It is undeniable fact and each and every Ahmadi who has studied the works of the Promised Messiah shall bear witness to it, that when one becomes absorbed in the study of these works, one begins to feel that, leaving behind the low motivations and passions of material life on this earth, one had soared into the upper reaches of the heaven.

Hence, I am confident that all the brothers and sisters of our Jamaats would do their utmost to equip themselves with this armament not only to secure themselves from the onslaughts of Satan but also to launch an intensive campaign against materialism and its offspring, atheism.

Yours in the service of Islam
Ata Ullah Kaleem
Missionary Incharge

YORK—HARRISBURG:

The Jamaat enjoyed a most blessed and active Ramadan, with each culminating on Saturday evening with all members participating in a full program — collective reading of the Quran, breaking fast, salati-Maghrib, full dinner, salati-Isha and Tarawih. We were joined by a guest from Sudan who was presented Ahmadiyya literature in Arabic, and who accompanied us to Eid celebration in Washington. Another gentleman from Maryland who has been studying and observed the fast, joined us for Eid and received a bai'at form with explanation. He is learning prayers. We have enjoyed several visitors in recent months and some families are planning to move here very shortly. (Yahya Sharif Abdullah)

MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA

The Khuddam of Branch 4B (Honor branch) hosted the 1977 Midwest Fall Rally at the 48-acre ranch farm of Bro. Rafiq Salam, on the weekend of September 23-25. In attendance were twelve Khuddam and ten Atfal from the Midwest region and two Khuddam from the Great Lakes region. Two Ansar, Rafiq Salam of Dayton and Hanif Ahmad of Detroit acted as advisors throughout the rally.

The theme of the rally was "Khilafat and Tarbiyat". After a two mile run and physical exercises the first session began. After the recitation of the Holy Quran and the reading of the Promised Messiah's poems and portions of his literature, the regional Zaem, Umar F. Qadafi, gave a discourse on Khilafat and how it works through the chain of command. The highlight of the day was a speech by Al Hajj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, President of the Midwest region and Dayton, Ohio. Bro. Zafr explained the principles of "Khilafat and Discipline". The afternoon included a three mile nature hike and horse riding for all. The Ijtema was closed on Sunday morning by Imam M. M. Ibrahim, the Missionary Incharge of the Midwest. The

Imam Sahib spoke on the sacrifices of the young companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.S.) and exhorted the Khuddam and Atfal to follow their noble examples. (Umar Faruq)

KHUDDAM LAUNCHES
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Styled the *NAJMUL HUDA* course in leadership development, the *Star of Guidance* program aims to impart leadership skills to Khuddam leaders and afford them systematic training in their duties and responsibilities. The course aims largely at the needs of the Zaems, or branch leaders and Secretaries, but all national and regional officers will be expected to participate.

There are five steps in the course beginning with individual study of a cassette tape prepared by the National Qaid. This is followed with a personal conference between the local leader and the national officer responsible for his area. Here questions are asked, challenges discussed, and a plan of improvement decided upon. In February, 1978, the participants come to a weekend long Leadership School conducted by the National Cabinet. This is followed by the application stage in which the learned principles are applied locally, evaluation of the progress, and finally recognition upon completion of the program with certification as a "trained leader." Flyers are being distributed to all Khuddam leaders. Prayers for making Najmul Huda a useful tool for advancing the Jamaat by strengthening its youthful leadership are entreated.

KHUDDAM OFFICERS 1977-78

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Yahya Sharif Abdullah	Qaid
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	Murabbi	Mubashar Ahmad (act.)
Region 3:	Zaim	Abdul Karim (Chicago)
	Murabbi	Abdur Rahman Malik
Region 4:	Zaim	Umar Faruq Qadafi
	Murabbi	Habeeb Muhammad Shafik

NOTICE: The National Majlis will meet for orientation and planning on the weekend of October 22-23, 1977. (National Qaid).

MISCELLANEOUS

MILWAUKEE:

The Milwaukee Jamaat, under the leadership of Bro. Rashid Ahmad, Pres., have established a program, entitled 'Blessed Mondays', for the purpose of spreading the teachings of Ahmadiyyat. The program consists of mailing literature, brothers conversing with people in the community and distributing literature. The sisters are delivering the message of Islam by telephone, proclaiming the second coming of Jesus Christ in the person of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

(Peace be upon him). On the first Monday of this program, the Jamaat invited people of the community to a social tea to learn about the teachings of Ahmadiyyat or the true Islam.

We are also involved in regular Sunday meetings with study in the Holy Quran. The Jamaat is blessed with the birth of two daughters, one to Sabur & Fatima Jawad, the other to Ahmad & Zainab Khalid, and a son to Samad & Halima Naseer. May Allah make them steadfast and hard working Ahmadies. Amen! (Nasirullah Ahmad)

THE HOLY QURAN PRESENTED:

Abdus Sami Khaliq of Boston presented a copy of the Holy Quran to the Honorable Edward W. Brooke, Senator from Massachusetts. Bro. Khaliq had the opportunity to meet Senator Brooke while working at Senator Brooke's house on Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod, Mass., this summer. The distinguished senator was very happy to receive the copy of the Holy Quran.

EXCOMMUNICATED

Missionary Incharge received the following telegram from *Tabsheer*, Rabwah, on September 22, 1977:

"Bushra Saeeda wife of Shukar Ilahi (Hussain) excommunicated. Letter follows."

IMAM SHAHID:

Imam Shahid (till recently our Missionary Incharge) is now back in Rabwah. In his letter to Imam Kaleem, he sends his greetings - Salaams - to all the members in America and requests prayers for the success of his future assignments.

AMEEN CEREMONY:

The youngest daughter of Mr. Salim Nasir of New York has completed the reading of the Holy Quran. Alhamdo Lillah!

Nadia is only six years of age, a laudable achievement indeed. May Almighty Allah enable her to absorb the blessing of reading the Quran. Ameen. Nadia's Ameen was celebrated on Eid day. Imam Masud presiding over the function attended by several friends.

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ADDRESSED TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM**

Dear Missionary Incharge & Amir Ahmadiyya Jamaats in USA.

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

An urgent directive of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, May Allah strengthen his hands with His succor, is given below. Please convey it to all the Jamaats in America.

“Shukar Ilahi (USA), his wife and other members of his family still associated with him, have alienated themselves from the Jamaat pledged to the Khilafat of the grand Ahmadiyya Movement. They should be considered excommunicated.

Please make an announcement to this effect.

Mirza Nasir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih III”

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ
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السلام علیکم ورحمۃ اللہ وبرکاتہ

حضرت اقدس خلیفۃ المسیح الثالث ایہ اللہ

بمصرہ العزیزہ کا ایک فوری ارشاد درج ذیل
کیا جاتا ہے اسکے متعلق امریکہ کی تمام جماعتوں
کو فوراً مطلع فرمادیں۔

”شکر الہی (امریکہ) کے ساتھ ان کی بیوی اور
ان کے تعلق رکھنے والے افراد خاندان کا اعتقاداً
دعوت جماعت میاٹھین سلسلہ عالیہ احمدیہ سے
کوئی تعلق نہیں رہا۔ انہیں جماعت سے خارج
سمجھا جاوے۔

اسکا اعلان کر دیں

مرزا ناصر احمد
خلیفۃ المسیح الثالث