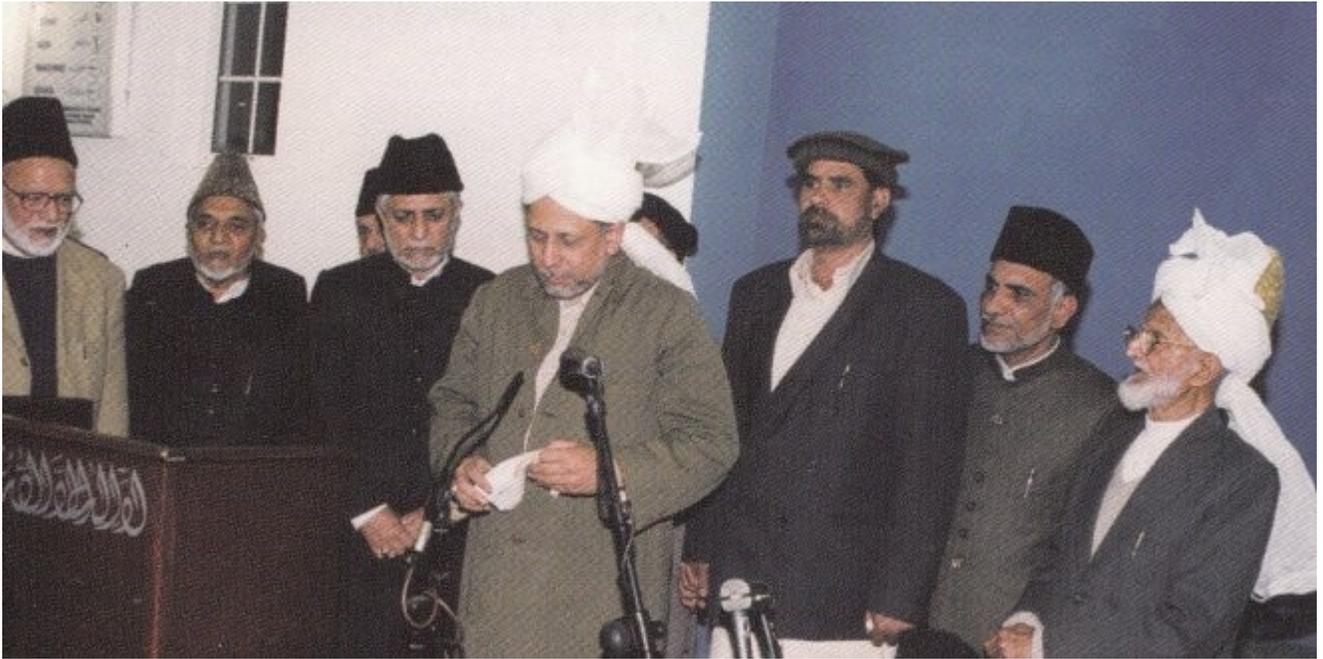


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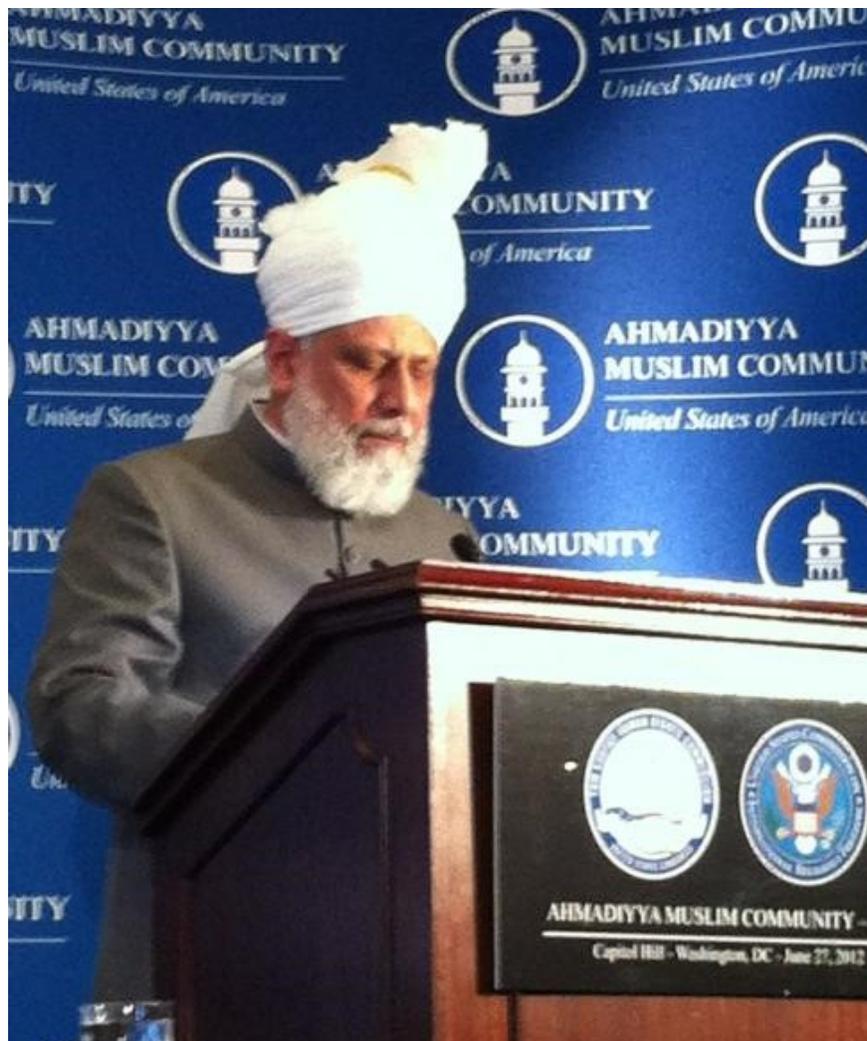
And after I am gone
there will be some other persons
who will be
the manifestation of
the second Power [of God].



The Promised Messiah
May peace be upon him



Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, may Allah be his helper, addressing members just after his election as Khalīfat-ul-Masih V. The translation of the address is given in the English section.



Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfat-ul-Masih V, may Allah be his helper, addressing at the Capitol in the US. Transcript of the address is given in the English Section.

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- sa/s: ṢallAllahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam
(may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)
- as/a: 'Alaihis-Salāmas
- ra: RaḍiyAllahu 'Anhu/'Anha
(may Allah be pleased with him/her)
- rh: Raḥimahullāhu Ta'ālā
(may Allah shower His mercy on him)
- aba: Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā Bi-Naṣrihil-'Azīz
(may Allah support him with His mighty help)

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Guidance from the Holy Qur'an
The Best of the Etiquette

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

Translation: O ye who believe! fear Allah and be with the truthful. (9 Al-Anfāl : 119)

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا ۚ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ لِوَاذَاءٍ فَلْيَحْذَرِ
الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

Translation: Treat not the calling of the Messenger among you like the calling of one of you to another. Allah does know those of you who steal away covertly. So, let those who go against His command beware lest a trial afflict them or a grievous punishment overtake them. (24 Al-Nūr : 64)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْدُمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ * يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا
تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَنْ تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ
لَا تَشْعُرُونَ * إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَغُضُّونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَى ۚ لَهُمْ
مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ * إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُنَادُونَكَ مِنْ وَرَاءِ الْحُجُرَاتِ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ * وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ صَبَرُوا حَتَّى
تَخْرُجَ إِلَيْهِمْ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ *

Translation: O ye who believe! be not forward in the presence of Allah and His Messenger, but fear Allah. Verily, Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. O ye who believe! raise not your voices above the voice of the Prophet, and speak not aloud to him, as you speak aloud to one another, lest your works become vain while you perceive not. Verily those who lower their voices in the presence of the Messenger of Allah are the ones whose hearts Allah has purified for righteousness. For them is forgiveness and a great reward. Those who shout out to thee from without thy private apartments — most of them lack understanding. And if they had waited patiently until thou came out to them, it would be better for them. But Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful. (49 Al-Hujurat: 2-6)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ تَفَسَّحُوا فِي الْمَجَالِسِ فَافْسَحُوا يَفْسَحِ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ۚ وَإِذَا قِيلَ انشُرُوا فَانشُرُوا
يَرْفَعِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ

Translation: O ye who believe! when it is said to you, 'Make room!' in your assemblies, then do make room; Allah will make ample room for you. And when it is said, 'Rise up!' then rise up; Allah will raise those who believe from among you, and those to whom knowledge is given, to degrees of rank. And Allah is Well-Aware of what you do. (58 Al-Mujadilah :12)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نَاجَيْتُمُ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوَيْكُمْ صَدَقَةٌ ۚ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ وَأَطْهَرٌ ۚ فَإِنْ لَمْ
تَجِدُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Translation: O ye who believe! when you consult the Messenger in private, give alms before your consultation. That is better for you and purer. But if you find not anything to give, then Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful. (58 Al-Mujadilah :13)

Social Etiquette

عَنِ السَّائِبِ بْنِ يَزِيدَ، قَالَ لَمَّا قَدِمَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْمَدِينَةَ مِنْ غَزْوَةِ تَبُوكَ تَلَقَّاهُ النَّاسُ فَلَقِيْنَهُ مَعَ الصَّبِيَّانِ عَلَى ثِيْبَةِ الْوَدَاعِ .

Sā'ib ibn Yazīd relates: When the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, returned from the battle of Tabūk, people went out from Medina to meet him and I also met him with other boys at Thaniyyat-il-Wadā' (Abu Dāwūd).

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ . صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . إِنَّ مِنْ السُّنَّةِ أَنْ يَخْرُجَ الرَّجُلُ مَعَ صَنِيفِهِ إِلَى بَابِ الدَّارِ .

Abu Hurairah related that the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said: It is Sunnah for a man to go out with his guest to the door of the house. (Ibn Mājah)

عَنْ أُمَيْمَةَ بِنْتِ رُقَيْقَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا، قَالَتْ: أَتَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لِأَبَايَعَهُ فَقَالَ: إِنِّي لَسْتُ أَصَافِحُ النِّسَاءَ."

Umaimah bint Ruqaiqah states that she was present in the company of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, for Bai'at when he said: I do not shake hands with women or I do not put my hand on women for taking Bai'at. (Musnad)

عَنْ عَطَاءِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ سَأَلَهُ رَجُلٌ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَسْتَأْذِنُ عَلَى أُمِّي فَقَالَ " نَعَمْ " . قَالَ الرَّجُلُ إِنِّي مَعَهَا فِي الْبَيْتِ . فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " اسْتَأْذِنُ عَلَيْهَا " . فَقَالَ الرَّجُلُ إِنِّي خَادِمُهَا . فَقَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " اسْتَأْذِنُ عَلَيْهَا أَتُحِبُّ أَنْ تَرَاهَا عُرْيَانَةً " . قَالَ لَا . قَالَ " فَاسْتَأْذِنُ عَلَيْهَا " .

Ata ibn Yasār states that a person enquired from the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him: O Messenger of Allah, shall I ask permission from my mother to enter house? The Holy Prophet replied: Yes! That person said: I live in the house with her. The Messenger of Allah^{sa} said: Ask her permission and then enter. The person said: I am her servant. The Holy Prophet said: Ask her permission and then enter. Do you like to see her naked? (That is, she may be unintentionally sitting in a state with no clothing on some part of her body.) The person submitted: No. On this the Holy Prophet said: Ask permission from her before entering. (Muatta Imam Malik)

عَنْ أَبِي ذَرٍّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: لَا تَحْقِرَنَّ مِنَ الْمَعْرُوفِ شَيْئًا وَلَوْ أَنْ تَلْقَى آخَاكَ بِوَجْهِ ظَلِيْقٍ -

Abu Zar relates that the Holy Prophet said: Do not consider even an ordinary virtue superfluous. To meet your brother with an open arm is also virtuous. (Muslim)

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ . صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . " إِذَا أَتَاكُمْ كَرِيْمٌ قَوْمٍ فَأَكْرِمُوهُ " .

Abdullah ibn Umar relates that the Holy Prophet said: When a leader of some nation or an honorable person comes to you, respect him (in accordance with his status). (Ibn Mājah)

Promise of Second Manifestation

So dear friends! Since it is the Divine Trait, from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two Manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His Trait of old. ... It is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement.

And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you which shall always stay with you just as promised by God in Brahin-e-Aḥmadiyya. And this promise is not for my person. Rather the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: I shall make this Jamā'at who are your followers, prevail over others till the Day of Judgment. Thus, it is inevitable that you see the day of my departure, so that after that day the day comes which is the day of ever-lasting promise.

Our God is He Who keeps His promise and is Faithful and is the Truthful God. He shall show you all that He has promised. Though these days are the last days of this world and there are many a disaster waiting to happen, yet it is necessary that this world continues to exist until all those things about which God has prophesied come to pass. I came from God as a Manifestation of Divine Providence and I am a personification of His Power. And after I am gone there will be some other persons who will be the manifestation of the second Power [of God]. So, while waiting for the second Manifestation of His Power, you all together keep yourselves busy praying. And let a Jama'at of righteous people, one and all, in every country keep themselves busy in prayers so that the second Manifestation may descend from the Heaven and show you that your God is such Mighty God. Consider your death to be close at hand for you never know when that hour will strike.

Let the righteous persons of the Jama'at who have pure souls accept Bai'at in my name.ⁱ God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith. This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to the world. You, too, therefore, pursue this end, but with kindness, moral probity and fervent prayers. And till that time when someone inspired by God with the Holy Spirit is raised by Him, all of you work in harmony with one another.

And you, too, partake of the Holy Spirit by compassion and by purifying your souls. Because without the Holy Spirit true Taqwa cannot be attained. And, totally shedding all base desires of the self, choose for the sake of winning the pleasure of God that path compared to which no path can be narrower and straiter. Don't fall in love with the pleasures of the world, for they take you away from God. Choose a life of austerity for the sake of God. (Translation from Al-Waṣiyyat)

ⁱ Such persons will be selected by consensus of the believers. Hence if forty believers agree that a person is competent to accept Bai'at in my name, he will be entitled to accept Bai'at. And such a person ought to make himself an example for others. God has informed me: "I shall raise for thy Jamā'at one from thy progeny and shall honor him with My revelation and nearness. Truth will flourish through him and a large number of people accept him." So wait for those days. And you should remember that one is recognized only when one's time comes. And it is possible that before such a time one may appear to be an ordinary person; or because of some deceptive thoughts, one may even be regarded as objectionable; just as one who is destined to be perfect, is at one time, only a drop of semen or clot of blood in the womb. [Author]



Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifat-ul-Masih V, may Allah be his helper

A Biography of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba}

Compiled by Dr Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus, Ohio

Birth to Khilafat

September 15, 1950: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} was born at Rabwah, Pakistan, to Ḥaḍrat Mirza Mansoor Ahmad son of Ḥaḍrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad^{ra} who was son of the Promised Messiah^{as} and to Sahibzadi Nasira Begum daughter of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ II^{ra}. Completed his Matriculation from Ta'lim-ul-Islam High School Rabwah and earned his bachelor's degree from Ta'lim-ul-Islam College, Rabwah.

1967: Signed for Waṣīyyat at the age of 17 ½ years committing a portion of his earnings and property to the cause of Islam.

1976: Earned his Masters in Science from Agricultural University Faisalabad, Pakistan specializing in the field of Agricultural Economics.

1976-77: Appointed as Muhtamim Health, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Aḥmadiyya Markaziyya (International).

January 31, 1977: Married to Sayyida Amat-us-Sabūḥ Begum daughter of Sayyid Dawood Muzaffar and Sahibzadi Amat-ul-Hakeem. Walima feast took place on February 2. He is blessed with one daughter, Sahibzadi Amat-ul-Waris Fateh (married to Fateh Ahmad Dahri of Nawabshah) and one son, Sahibzada Mirza Waqas Ahmad, who is presently residing in London.

1977: Devoted his life for Islam and left for Ghana to serve the community there until 1985 under the Nusrat Jahañ Scheme which supports a large number of hospitals and schools in West Africa. He was the Principal of Aḥmadiyya Secondary School at Salaga (relieving Syed Sajid Ahmad, present Editor of the Aḥmadiyya Gazette USA) for two years, the Principal of the Aḥmadiyya Secondary School at Asarcher for four years, the Manager of Tamale Agricultural Farm in Northern Ghana until his return. He successfully experimented to produce

wheat for the first time ever in Ghana.

March 17, 1985: Appointed Na'ib Wakīl-ul-Mal (Finance Secretary) II for Taḥrīk-e-Jadīd after he returned to Pakistan from Ghana.

1985: International Muhtamim Tajnīd, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Aḥmadiyya Markaziyya.

1985-89: Appointed International Muhtamim Majālis Bairūn (Secretary for Foreign Chapters), Majlis Khuddam-ul-Aḥmadiyya Markaziyya.

1988-95: Member Qaḍā (Jurisprudence) Board

1989-90: Nā'ib Sadr, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Pakistan.

June 18, 1994: Nāzir Ta'lim (Education Secretary), Sadr Anjuman Aḥmadiyya

1994-97: Given the charge of Chairman, Nasir Foundation and President of the Committee for the beautification of Rabwah. He expanded the Gulshan-i-Ahmad Nursery and made concerted effort in the greening of Rabwah.

1995: Qā'id Health, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Pakistan

1995-97: Qā'id Ta'lim-ul-Quran, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Pakistan

December 10, 1997: Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ IV^{rh} appointed him Nazir A'la and Amir Muqāmi. He also discharged the duties of Nazir Ziafat (Secretary Hospitality) and Nazir Agriculture.

August 1998: He was appointed as Sadr Majlis Karpardaz (deals with the system of Waṣīyyat in Jamā'at).

Apr 30, 1999: He attained the honor of being arrested and jailed in the cause of Allah because of his commitment to his faith and because of standing by his beliefs. He was set free on May 10, 1999.

April 19, 2003: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ IV^{rh} passed at at 9:30 A.M. in London.

The beginning of Khilafat

April 22, 2003: Electoral College of Khilafat met at Masjid Fazl London after Maghrib/Isha Prayers and Ḥaḍrat Sahibzada Mirza Masroor Ahmad was announced as Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V at 11:40 P.M. He was 52 at that time. In his first address, he encouraged members to engage in prayers.

April 23, 2003: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} led the funeral prayer of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ IV in

which more than 30,000 Ahmadīs participated. Burial took place at Islamabad Tilford at 4:30 P.M.

July 25-30, 2003: First UK Jalsa Salana of the Khilafat of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} was held in Islamabad Tilford in which 892,403 people accepted Aḥmadiyyat from 229 nations of 98 countries of the world. The attendance at the Jalsa was about twenty five thousand.

July 26, 2003: Tāhir Foundation (to publish the work of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ IV^{rh}) was announced.

August 19, 2003: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} left London on foreign tour. Arrived in Belgium and went to Germany on 20th. Returned to London on September 8, 2003 via France. He visited Belgium, Germany, Holland and France during this tour.

September 7, 2003: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, Mississauga, Canada.

October 3, 2003: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} inaugurated Bait-ul-Futūḥ mosque in London with Friday sermon. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ IV^{rh} had laid the foundation stone of the mosque with a brick of Masjid Mubārak Qādiān on October 19, 1999.

Year 2004

2004: Noor Foundation was established to publish the works of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ I^{ra}.

February 5, 2004: Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} announced establishment of Technical Institute (Dar-uṣ-Ṣan'ah) at Rabwah.

Mar 13-Apr 13, 2004: Huzoor^{aba} took his first tour to West Africa. He went to Ghana, Burkina Faso, Benin and Nigeria. These countries were blessed for the first time by any Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ.

April 22, 2004: MTA2 started its regular transmission.

May 15, 2004: Huzoor^{aba} started tour of Belgium.

May 16-June 2, 2004: Huzoor^{aba} visited Germany and

Holland.

June 21-July 5, 2004: Huzoor^{aba} visited Canada for the first time as Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ.

September 3, 2004: Huzoor^{aba} visited Switzerland.

November 5, 2004: Taḥrīk-e-Jadīd Dafter V was announced. He also laid foundation stone of mosques in Birmingham and Bradford in UK.

Plans to celebrate hundred years of Khilāfat were announced. Huzoor^{aba} gave a target to achieve 50% Mūsiyān of the Obligatory Chanda contributors.

December 2004: In the last ten days of December, Huzoor^{aba} toured France.

Year 2005

January 1 to 16, 2005: Huzoor^{aba} went for his first tour of Spain. He asked local Ahmadīs to build a second mosque in Valencia, Spain.

April 17, 2005: Foundation stone of Tāhir Homeopathic Hospital was laid at Rabwah. Huzoor^{aba} also announced First Eye and Blood Bank at Rabwah.

Apr 26 to May 25, 2005: Huzoor^{aba} went for First tour of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in East Africa.

May 27, 2005: Huzoor^{aba} gave a spiritual message on eve of Khilāfat Centenary and asked members to recite specific Qur'anic prayers.

June 2005: Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} started tour of Canada and laid foundation stone of mosques in Vancouver and Calgary.

September 16-18, 2005: Huzoor^{aba} participated in a joint

Jalsa of Scandinavia hosted by Aḥmadiyya Jamā'at Sweden.

November 11, 2005 : Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} inaugurated Nasir Mosque in Hartley Pool England.

December 1-10, 2005: Huzoor^{aba} visited Mauritius.

December 11-18, 2005: Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba} visited Qādiān, India for the first time. He also met with Speaker Lok Sabha and visited historical places in Delhi including famous Taj Mahal.

2005: Huzoor^{aba} laid foundation Stone of mosques Bait-ul-Mahmood, Bait-us-Sami in Hannover, Bait-un-Nasir in Isenberg, Bashir Mosque, Bait-ul-Jāmi'a in Offenbach and opened Aleem Mosque in Wurzburg in Germany. He also inaugurated Bait-ul-Qadir mosque in Vechta, Germany.

Year 2006

April 4 to May 15, 2006: Huzoor^{aba} visited Singapore, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Japan for his first tour of Far East.

April 28, 2006: Friday Sermon of Huzoor^{aba} was directly televised from Fiji, a remote corner of the world.

May 2006: Huzoor^{aba} addressed joint Ijtimā of auxiliary organizations (Khuddām and Lajna) in Germany.

June 2, 2006: Ḥaḍrat Aqdas visited Sikh National College in Qādiān, India.

December 3, 2006: Huzoor inaugurated new block of

Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya UK and its mosque.

December 15, 2006 : Huzoor announced special scheme of Waqf for Ahmadi doctors.

December 23, 2006: Huzoor inaugurated Bashir Mosque and laid foundation stone of a mosque in Stuttgart Germany.

December 28, 2006: Huzoor^{aba} for the first time addressed to Jalsa Sālāna Qādiān, India from Germany via satellite link.

December 29, 2006: Huzoor^{aba} laid foundation stone of

a mosque and inaugurated Bait-ul-Jāmi'a in Germany.

Year 2007

January 2, 2007: Khalīfat-ul-Masīh V^{aba} laid foundation stone of a mosque in Berlin and met Mayor and members of parliament.

January 3, 2007: Huzoor^{aba} arrived in Holland and inaugurated mosque in Bocholt.

August 18, 2007: Huzoor^{aba} arrived in Bait-ul-Islam mission house in Paris from London.

August 20, 2007: Khalīfat-ul-Masīh V^{aba} went to France

from Holland where an Ijtamae (collective) Bai'at was arranged.

August 31, 2007: Huzoor^{aba} addressed Jalsa Salana Germany.

September 4, 2007: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated Bait Mahmood and Bait-ul-Muqet in Kassel city of Germany.

March 23, 2007: MTA3 (Al-Arabia) was inaugurated.



2008 International Bai'at

Khilafat Centenary 2008

March 29, 2008: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba} addressed Peace Conference at Bait-ul-Futūh London in which Mayors, Members of Parliament, Councilors, Doctors, Representatives of Press and Economic Experts participated.

April 15 to May 6, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} went to Ghana, Nigeria and Benin in West African countries in connection with Khilāfat Centenary.

April 15, 2008: A Press Conference was arranged at VIP lounge of Ghana airport in honor of Huzoor^{aba}.

April 16, 2008: Mr. John Agyekum Kufor President of Ghana met Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba}. Huzoor^{aba} inspected "Bagh-e-Ahmad" on 460 acres and inaugurated a Guest House there as well.

April 17, 2008: Khalīfat-ul-Masīh V^{aba} opened Jalsa

Salana Ghana with his inaugural address. President of Ghana also addressed the session.

April 19, 2008 : His Holiness addressed the Final session of the last day of Jalsa Salana Ghana in which 100,000 people attended from 32 countries.

April 22, 2008: A Press Conference took place at VIP lounge of Nigeria's airport when Huzoor^{aba} arrived from Ghana. Nigerian Ahmadīs gave him a tumultuous welcome.

April 23, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} was welcomed at Benin border by 30 kings of the area with their people. Ḥaḍrat Sahib was declared State Guest.

April 24, 2008: President of Benin met Huzoor^{aba}. A press conference was arranged outside President House and representatives of TV and Radio

interviewed him.

- April 25, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated Bait-ul-Mahdi in Benin and laid foundation stone of a Mission House. A reception was arranged in a local hotel “Palais De Congress” in which minister for information and broadcasting, special representative of President, 13 members of Parliament, 5 Mayors, Ex-Ministers and Dignities of the country participated.
- April 27, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} inspected Raqem Press in Nigeria and inaugurated Bait-ur-Rahim mosque.
- April 28, 2008: A reception was arranged in honor of Ḥaḍrat Aqdas by deputy governor of Kawara State.
- April 29, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated Bait Mubārak Abuja in Nigeria and also gave a TV interview.
- May 2, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated and inspected “Hadiqa Ahmad” on 181 acres. He also gave a TV interview.
- May 3, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} addressed Jalsa Salana Nigeria. Afterwards he answered questions in a Press Conference.
- May 2008: Huzoor^{aba} instructed all Jamā’ats worldwide to hold Jalsas in connection with Khilafat Jubilee.
- May 27, 2008: A grand Jalsa was arranged at well-known Excel Centre in connection with Khilafat Centenary and Ḥaḍrat Aqdas^{aba} gave an inspiring lecture. He took pledge from all Ahmadīs of the world to guard the institution of Khilafat. The proceeding of this event was telecast by MTA. The celebration was started with Tahajjud prayer. Sweets were distributed. All Ahmadīs thanked God on the completion of 100 years of Aḥmadiyya Jamā’at.
- June 16, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} arrived at Washington Dulles airport. He was brought to VIP lounge by a special protocol. On the request of Hon. Thomas M Davis Member of Congress, US flag was raised on The House of Parliament. The next day National Flag, Letter and its authenticable writing was sent to Huzoor^{aba}. It stated “National Flag of United States of America” On the request of Hon. Thomas M Davis National Flag was waved on the first arrival of Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad to United States of America.

- June 17, 2008: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V inspected MTA Earth Station. The station receives telecast from European Satellite and transmit to North America and Canada. Also Hon. Bockari Steven Ambassador of Sierra Leon to the U.S. came to Bait-ur-Rahman to meet Huzoor^{aba}.
- June 23, 2008: A reception in honor of Ḥaḍrat Aqdas was arranged in Tysons’ Hilton McLean, Virginia where 302 guests were invited. The guests included four representatives of State Department. The leading newspapers and journals published coverage of the tour.
- June 24, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} arrived in Toronto from Washington by Continental Airline. “Khilafat Flight” was printed on the boarding cards. On the backside of the card it was written “Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Khilāfat Celebration”.
- June 29, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} addressed the concluding session of Jalsa Salana Canada.
- June 30, 2008: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V inspected 250-acre land in Bradford, Ontario, for holding conventions and named that Hadiqa-i-Ahmad.
- July 1, 2008: Day in 1868 is Independence Day of Canada. Huzoor^{aba} participated in an event arranged in this connection. He also inaugurated office of Lajna Ima’illah Canada and named that as Bait-un-Nusrat.
- July 25-27, 2008: 42nd Jalsa Sālāna UK was held in Hadiqat-ul-Mahdi Hampshire. More than 40,000 participated from 85 countries and more than 3,54000 accepted Aḥmadiyyat.
- August 14-20, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated Bait-ul-Karim, Bait-us-Sami and Bait-un-Noor in Germany. Jāmi’a Aḥmadiyya Germany was also established.
- August 22-24, 2008: Khilafat Jubilee Jalsa Salana of Germany was held with address of Huzoor Aqdas.
- October 17, 2008: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated Khadija Mosque in Berlin, Germany during Friday sermon.
- November 27-30, 2008: VIP receptions were arranged in honor of Huzoor^{aba} in Ernakulum and Taj Hotel Calicut, India.

Year 2009

- March 21, 2009: Huzoor^{aba} addressed Peace Symposium held at Bait-ul-Futūh mosque in London, UK.
- September 12, 2009: World Head of Aḥmadiyya Community denied allegation that he met Mr. Altaf Hussain to deal with MQM party of Pakistan. He condemned the extremism of the so-called Muslim Ulema (Clergy) in Pakistan.
- September 25-27, 2008: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Mash V

addressed final session of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Aḥmadiyya Conference in UK. He said: Suicide bombing based on hatred, is not Islam.

- October 9, 2009: “Bear trials with patience”, message of Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community on murder of another Ahmadi Muslim in Pakistan. He was delivering his Friday sermon. Furthermore, 2 other Ahmadi were victims of a terrorist bombing in the city of Peshawar, Pakistan.

November 23, 2009: Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at condemned a proposal to ban minarets in Switzerland. The minarets are not a political symbol.

December 28, 2009: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad

concluded the 118th Annual Convention (Jalsa Sālāna) Qādiān with a commanding address delivered via satellite link from the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque in London.

Year 2010

January 10, 2010: Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community offered prayers for the victims of Haiti earthquake.

February 7, 2010: The Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at concluded 86th Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in Bangladesh.

March 20, 2010: Presented Lord Eric Avebury with the first Aḥmadiyya Peace Prize in recognition to his continued efforts to protect human rights across the globe.

April 2010: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad came back after under taking four-week European tour. His Holiness visited France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland.

May 24, 2010: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad attended the Final of 2nd Annual Cricket Tournament.

July 30, 2010: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke of courage of Ahmadīs in the wake of the terrorists attack on two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore in which 86 Ahmadi Muslims were brutally martyred on May 28, 2010.

September 11, 2010: Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at condemned plans to burn the Holy Qur'an in United States. Speaking on this issue from London, the Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at said: The religious extremism of all kinds needs to be eradicated from the society.

Year 2011

March 26, 2011: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, spoke at length upon the issue of achieving global peace whilst delivering the keynote address at the 8th Annual Peace Symposium of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at UK, held at the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque in Morden, London. The event attracted an audience of over 1,000, including government ministers, MPs, senior foreign embassy officials and members of the British armed forces.

May 22, 2011: Canada reclaimed Aḥmadiyya International Cricket Tournament. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad attended the final of the match.

June 24, 2011: Huzoor^{aba} met Father of the Protestant Church in Affolderbach.

June 28, 2011: Huzoor-Aqdas met with the Lord Mayor of Berlin, Mr. Klaus Wowereit.

July 7, 2011: The Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward visited Aḥmadiyya Mosque in Southfields. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, world Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at greeted him.

September 2011: Huzoor^{aba} visited Norwegian Parliament.

September 27, 2011: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community visited Norwegian Parliament and was welcomed by President of Norway, Terge Anderson.

September 30, 2011: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad held meetings with Norway's Defense Minister, Grete Faremo and former Prime Minister, Kjell Magne Bondevik. He also officially inaugurated the Bait-un-Nasr mosque in Oslo

December 6, 2011: World Muslim leader sent a message of peace to Pope Benedict.

Year 2012

January 25, 2012: Canada's Foreign Minister visited Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in London.

February 11, 2012: Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurated the new Tāhir Mosque in Catford, London.

February 15, 2012: The world Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad was called on by the Governor-General of Tuvalu, Sir Iakoba Italeli at the Fazl Mosque in London. His wife, Lady Koling Italeli and a member of staff also accompanied the Governor-General.

February 24, 2012: Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurated

the new Bait-ul-Wahid Mosque in Feltham, London.

March 4, 2012: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated another new Bait-ul-Aman Mosque in Middlesex. This is third in a series of mosques being opened by him in UK this year.

March 17, 2012: Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurated the new Bait-ul-'Aḡā Mosque in Wolverhampton, which is a major city, in the West Midlands in England.

March 18, 2012: First Aḥmadiyya Muslim Mosque in Walsall, Town Centre, UK was inaugurated by Huzoor^{aba}.

March 18, 2012: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated the new Baitul Ghafoor Mosque in Halesowen, a town in the West Midlands.

March 25, 2012: Huzoor^{aba} sent congratulation message to her majesty Queen Elizabeth II upon diamond jubilee.

April 8, 2012: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, condemned comments attributed to Saudi Arabia's Grand Mufti, Sheikh Abd-ul-Aziz bin Abdullah, in which he declared that it was necessary to destroy all Churches in Saudi Arabia and surrounding Arab countries.

April 27, 2012: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated the new Dār-ul-Aman Mosque in the City of Manchester, United Kingdom. This was the sixth new Mosque inaugurated by him in the United Kingdom in 2012.

June 9, 2012: The first convocation ceremony of Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya UK took place at newly acquired premises in the historic market town of Haslemere in Surrey. The ceremony was presided over by the World Head and Fifth Khalifa of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at.

June 17, 2012: Fifth Khalifa of Aḥmadiyya Jamā'at visited 'Sadiq Mosque' in Chicago. The Mosque is the oldest mosque of the Jamā'at in the US. He also visited the town of Zion in Illinois State. The visit was historic as the Khalifa was visiting the American town in which a major sign of the truth of the Promised Messiah, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} was witnessed by the world.

June 18, 2012: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad visited Aḥmadiyya Mosque in Dayton, Ohio.

June 19, 2012: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad went to see Aḥmadiyya Mosque in Columbus, Ohio. A new plaque was fixed at the door of the mosque and Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated the mosque with prayers.

June 25, 2012: Ambassador of Ghana to the United States called on Khalifa of Islam.

June 27, 2012: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad was welcomed to Capitol Hill, in Washington D.C where he delivered a keynote address entitled '*The Path to Peace – Just Relations between Nations*' to an audience filled with more than 30 members of the United States Congress, including Honorable Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic Leader in the House of Representatives.

July 1, 2012: The three-day 64th Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in

the US concluded with a powerful and faith inspiring address by the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim. The Annual Convention was held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and was attended by more than 11,400 people from across the United States and many other countries. The proceedings were telecast live on MTA International globally.

July 4, 2012: Liberal Party Delegation of Canada Justin Trudeau and Navdeep Bains met Khalifa of Islam at Bait-ul-Islam Mosque in Peace Village, Vaughan, Canada.

July 8, 2012: The first ever 'Sir Zafrulla Khan Distinguished Public Service Award' was presented by Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad to Honorable Greg Sorbara, a member of Ontario's Provincial Parliament.

July 11, 2012: Huzoor^{aba} gave 40 graduate degrees at the first convocation ceremony of Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya Canada, which took place at the newly built Tāhir Hall in Peace Village, Vaughan Canada. Huzoor^{aba} also inaugurated Tāhir Hall. He called for vigilance against all forms of extremism.

July 16, 2012: Ontario's Premier hosted a reception in honor of Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at.

September 21, 2012: Huzoor^{aba} called Muslims across the world to peacefully unite in their opposition to the film 'The Innocence of Muslims' which has stirred up great resentment and anger amongst Muslims worldwide.

October 12, 2012: Canada's Minister for Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, Jason Kenney MP, visited the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at and discussed tackling extremism.

October 21, 2012: Inaugurated newly acquired Jāmi'a building in Haslemere, Surrey, UK.

November 19, 2012: Mayor of London Boris Johnson invited Huzoor^{aba} to the city Hall, London.

December 3-4, 2012: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad held a series of meetings with political leaders and dignitaries from across Europe at the European Parliament.

December 2012: The 121st Annual Convention of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in India concluded in Qādiān with a powerful and faith-inspiring address by the Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. To defend honor of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} is a lifelong task for all true Muslims.

Year 2013

February 1, 2013: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad called on all Ahmadi Muslims to pray for the plight of the Muslim world. He said that the majority of the Aḥmadiyya Gazette USA

Muslim world was riven with conflict and stood on the brink of disaster. He made the comments whilst delivering his weekly Friday Sermon at the Bait-ul-

Futūh Mosque in South West London.

March 25, 2013: Fifth Khalifa, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke at length about the perilous state of the world and the impending threat of a nuclear war. Whilst delivering the keynote address, on the occasion of the 10th Annual Peace Symposium at the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque in London, he warned of catastrophic consequences if true justice at all levels was not observed. He said the risk of a nuclear war is real and is the biggest threat to today's civilization.

March 30, 2013: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurated the Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque in Valencia. It is the second Aḥmadiyya Muslim Mosque to be built in Spain, following on from the historical Basharat Mosque in Pedro Abad which was opened in 1982.

April 15, 2013: The second International Conference of Muslim Television Aḥmadiyya International (MTA) concluded with an address by the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. 31 delegates from 16 countries attended the four-day conference which was held at the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque in South-West London. Countries represented were India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Ghana, U.S., Canada, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Kababir, Holland, Switzerland and Australia.

May 4, 2013: Huzoor^{aba} started tour of West Coast of the US.

May 10, 2013: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered an historic Friday Sermon from the Bait-ul-Hameed Mosque in Chino, California, as his first visit to the West Coast of the United States continued.

May 11, 2013: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered the keynote address at a special reception held in his honor at the Montage in Beverly Hills, CA. More than 300 politicians, academics and community leaders attended, including the California Lieutenant Governor, mayoral candidate Eric Garcetti, and several members of the United States Congress. During the event the Los Angeles City Council presented him with the golden key to the city.

May 17, 2013: The World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at inaugurated the Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque in Vancouver by delivering his weekly Friday Sermon from the new mosque.

May 24, 2013: Foundation stone of Bait-un-Noor Mosque was laid by Khalifat-ul-Mash V^{aba}.

May 25, 2013: The World Head of the Aḥmadiyya

Muslim Jamā'at met Mayor of Calgary, Naheed Nenshi and various other dignitaries at the Bait-un-Nur Mosque in Calgary Canada. He answered questions during a media conference.

June 28, 2013: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad opened three-day Jalsa Salana Germany with a faith inspiring Friday Sermon in the city of Karlsruhe. During his address, he spoke about the true purpose and objectives of the Annual Convention.

July 7, 2013: The three-day National Ijtimā of Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya UK (Annual Gathering of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Youth Association) concluded with address by the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. The event was held at 'Islamabad' in Tilford, Surrey with the aim of increasing the moral standards of the participants and promoting a spirit of peace, brotherhood and unity. The highlight of the event was the keynote address delivered by Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. He said that the youth of any nation was an integral part to the future of the society.

September 15, 2013: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke with great concern about the potential impact of military intervention in Syria. He said that such action would cause the Syrian conflict to spread far and wide and ultimately could lead to a devastating third world war. The only way to solve the crisis is to act at all times upon the Qur'anic teaching of remaining fair and just.

September 26, 2013: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community delivered historic address in Singapore. He called for justice at all levels.

September 28, 2013: Huzoor^{aba} explained true teachings of Aḥmadiyyat during audience with Indonesian guests.

October 4, 2013: Huzoor^{aba} started his tour of Australia from Sydney. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation TV and Radio personals interviewed him.

October 6, 2013: During the first week of his second tour of Australia, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at was interviewed by a journalist representing both the 'The Standard' and the 'Daily Telegraph' newspapers and another representing the 'Blacktown Sun.' The interviews were conducted at the Bait-ul-Huda Mosque in Sydney. Huzoor^{aba} also addressed a congregation of more than 4,000 at Sydney's Bait-ul-Huda Mosque at the concluding session of 29th Jalsa Sālāna Australia.

Year 2014

January 18, 2014: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated the Noor Aḥmadiyya Gazette USA

Mosque in Crawley in West Sussex. He said: It is up

- to the local Ahmadi Muslims to “Enlighten the Mosque” with the worship of Allah and their good conduct.
- February 16, 2014: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated a newly built extension to ‘*Tāhir House*’ on Deer Park Road in southwest London. The extension includes 8 new offices and a large warehouse.
- February 22, 2014: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad addressed the delegates of the European Annual Symposium of the International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (*IAAAE*).
- April 13, 2014: The third International Conference of Muslim Television Ahmadiyya International (MTA) concluded with an address by the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā’at. 39 delegates from 20 countries attended the three-day conference which was held at the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque in South-West London.
- April 14, 2014: Huzoor^{aba} addressed the concluding session of a weeklong moral training and educational camp attended by more than 180 Muslim children and teenagers that was held in the picturesque market town of Haslemere in Surrey.
- March 1, 2014: World leader of Ahmadiyya Jamā’at inaugurated the Nasir Mosque in Gillingham, Kent.
- March 23, 2014: To mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, its World Head, delivered an historic address to members of the community. For the very first time, His Holiness delivered an entire address in the Arabic language—the language in which the Holy Quran was revealed.
- May 26, 2014: The 4-day Masroor International Cricket Tournament concluded as the winners of the previous two years, Canada and hosts England, met in the final held at the Abbey Recreation Ground in southwest London. The highlight of the tournament was the presence of the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at the final.
- June 4, 2014: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad laid foundation stone for Mubarak Mosque in Wiesbaden, Germany.
- June 7, 2014: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurated the Dār-ul-Aman Mosque (The House of Peace) in the German city of Friedberg. He also laid foundation stone for Sadiq Mosque in German town of Karben.
- June 9, 2014: Al-Mahdi Mosque, Neufahrn, Munich was inaugurated by Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad and delivered keynote address at a special reception.
- June 10, 2014: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad visited the picturesque municipality of Falkenstein which lies on the border of Germany and Austria.
- June 15, 2014: Jalsa Salana Germany 2014 concluded. More than 33,000 people attend 3-day convention in Karlsruhe. Huzoor^{aba} asserted about the importance of building a personal bond and connection with God Almighty.
- June 23, 2014: Nearly 5,000 Muslim Youths attended National Convention in Surrey. Three-day event ended with inspirational speech by Huzoor^{aba}.
- July 4, 2014: Huzoor^{aba} condemned Muslim Leaders and Clerics for misguiding Islamic World. He also condemned latest anti-Islam film.
- July 27, 2014: Ahmadi Muslims in Kachi-Pump in Gujranwala were attacked by local extremists in a sectarian attack. During the attack, 3 Ahmadi Muslims, including a 7-year-old girl and her 8-month-old baby sister were martyred. In response to this brutal and merciless attack, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community said: “This attack was an act of the most extreme cruelty and brutality, whereby innocent people who were sitting peacefully in their own homes were attacked and left for dead.
- August 31, 2014: The 48th *Jalsa Salana* of the *Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK* concluded with a faith inspiring address by the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. This year more than 33,000 people attended the Jalsa Salana from 97 countries. Apart from the thousands of Ahmadi Muslims who attended, many non-Ahmadi and non-Muslim guests also came to attend the event.
- September 24, 2014: Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community visited Irish National Parliament. More than 20 parliamentarians welcomed him to Ireland.
- September 26, 2014: Ireland’s first Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque opened in Galway. Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community inaugurated Maryam Mosque. He spoke in detail about the true purposes of a Mosque; he condemned all forms of terrorism and extremism and spoke about why the Mosque had been named after Mary, mother of Jesus^{as}.
- December 13, 2014: The Third Convocation Ceremony of Jāmi’a Ahmadiyya UK took place at the College premises in Haslemere in Surrey. The ceremony was presided over by Ḥaḍrat Khalifat-ul-Masih V (a.b.a.).
- December 20, 2014: Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community condemned attack on Peshawar School in Pakistan and prayed for the victims. He labeled attack as barbaric which left the humanity in despair.
- December 28, 2014: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad concluded the 123rd Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Qādiān, India with touching address.

Year 2015

- January 10, 2015: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community condemned terrorist attacks in France and prayed for peace in the world.
- January 18, 2015: Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community called for peaceful reaction in wake of publication of further caricature. He said that Muslims should respond peacefully through prayers and praised the comments made by Pope Francis on this issue.
- January 25, 2015: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community addressed Humanity First International Conference. He said that charitable endeavors and serving those in need are a basic part of Islam.
- February 8, 2015: 91st Annual Convention of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Bangladesh concluded. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered concluding address live from London.
- February 28, 2015: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community addressed Muslim Youth Events (Waqf-e-Nau Ijtimas) in London. Huzoor^{aba} said that it is the duty of Muslim youths to serve society and to characterize Islam's peaceful teachings.
- March 7, 2015: Mrs. Shadiye Heydari, Member of Sweden's National Parliament (Sveriges Riksdag), visited the Fazl Mosque in London where she was granted an audience with the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community.
- March 14, 2015: Muslim Leader said: Justice and honesty is required to prevent outbreak of third World War.
- March 22, 2015: 3-Day International Conference of MTA International took place in London. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad addressed the concluding session.
- May 2, 2015: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community addressed concluding session of International Association of Architects and Engineers (IAAAE) annual symposium. He said that serving humanity is an essential part of Islamic faith.
- May 23, 2015: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurated the Mansoor Mosque (The Mosque of the Divinely Supported) in the German city of Aachen.
- May 26, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated Bait-ul-Aafiyat in Frankfurt. Building will also serve as the national headquarters of Majlis Anṣārullāh and Lajna Imā'illāh in Germany.
- May 27, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated the Bait-ul-Wahid Mosque (House of One God) in the German city of Hanau.
- June 7, 2015: Jalsa Salana Germany concluded with faith-inspiring address by Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community.
- June 9, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} laid the foundation stone for the first Aḥmadiyya Muslim Mosque in the German city of Iserlohn. His Holiness named the Mosque, Bait-us-Salam (The House of Peace). He also inaugurated the Bait-ul-Qadir Mosque (The Mosque of the All-Powerful God) in the German city of Vechta.
- June 14, 2015: More than 5,000 Muslim Youths attended national convention in Surrey. Three-day event ended with inspirational speech by Huzoor^{aba}.
- July 11, 2015: Prime Minister of Tuvalu visited Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in London. Huzoor^{aba} emphasized the need for world peace during the meeting
- August 22, 2015: World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community announced during Jalsa Sālāna UK that more than 567,000 people joined Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community during the past year.
- August 23, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} challenged critics of Islam during concluding address at 49th Jalsa Sālāna UK. More than 35,000 attended and 96 countries were represented.
- September 20, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} delivered the concluding address at the 32nd National Ijtimā (Annual Gathering) of Majlis Anṣārullāh UK. The 3-day event, which was attended by more than 3,100 people from across the United Kingdom and abroad, was held at the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque complex in southwest London.
- October 4, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} set off for a 14-day tour of Holland and Germany. Nunspeet Mayor welcomed him.
- October 5, 2015: "Time for mankind to unite and work together," said the Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community during a live radio interview in Holland. "Blocs forming and risk of another World war," remarked the Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community during an interview with Dutch News Agency.
- October 6, 2015: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, delivered an historic address at a special session of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs at the Netherlands National Parliament in the country's capital city of Den Haag (The Hague) in front of an audience of more than 100 dignitaries and guests.
- October 14, 2015: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad laid foundation stone for Sadiq Mosque in Nordhorn.
- November 15, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} started the tour of Japan. He inaugurated first Aḥmadiyya mosque of Japan.
- November 17, 2015: Huzoor^{aba} visited Meiji Memorial in

Tokyo. He said that beauty reminds mankind of the greatness of the one God.

November 20, 2015: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V inaugurated the Bait-ul-Ahad Mosque (Mosque of the One God) in Nagoya, Japan.

November 21, 2015: “Spread Islam through love, not by force or compulsion,” said the Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in his keynote address at special reception marking opening of Bait-ul-Ahad Mosque in Nagoya, Japan.

November 23, 2015: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad reflected on horrific consequences of nuclear warfare as Japan marks 70 years since Hiroshima and

Nagasaki nuclear bomb attacks.

November, 2015: During his recent visit to Japan, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community held interviews with Japanese media outlets: Asahi newspaper, Chugai Nippon newspaper, Chukyo TV and the Shingetsu news agency.

December 11, 2015: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered powerful response to false claims that Islam is linked to extremism.

December 28, 2015: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, concluded the 124th Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Qādiān, India.

Year 2016

January 16, 2016: 25 graduates received their Shahid degrees from Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community; 17 graduates from UK and 8 graduates from Canada were awarded degrees.

February 7, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community launched ‘Voice of Islam’ radio to spread the peaceful teachings of Islam. He also inaugurated new Makhzan-e-Tasaweer pictures website.

February 20, 2016: New Aḥmadiyya Mosque opened in Leicester by His Holiness. He said: New Mosque will be a beacon of peace.

February 27, 2016: Huzoor^{aba} addressed female Muslim youth event (Waqf-e-Nau Ijtimā) in London. He said: Spread true and peaceful teaching of Islam.

February 28, 2016: Huzoor^{aba} addressed male Muslim youth event (Waqf-e-Nau Ijtimā) in London. He gave youth moral and career advice.

March 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community condemned Belgium terrorist attacks and prayed for victims.

May 2016: Huzoor^{aba} started 19-day tour of Scandinavian countries. He visited Denmark and Sweden.

May 5, 2016: The World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad was welcomed to Denmark by Honorable Helle Adelborg, Mayor of Hvidovre and Councillors Annette Sjobeck, Maria Durhuus, Kenneth Christensen and Kashif Ahmad. During the 30-minute meeting, which took place at the Nusrat Jahān Mosque in Copenhagen, the Mayor stated that it was “a great honor and source of pride” to once again welcome His Holiness.

May 9, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community delivered historic address in Copenhagen. He said: World should view Islam through “lens of justice, rather than lens of prejudice.”

May 10, 2016: “Ahmadi Muslims are sympathetic to all of mankind,” said the Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim

Community in interview by Denmark’s Radio 24syv during final day of Denmark tour.

May 11, 2016: “True Integration is to love the country in which you live,” said Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community as Sweden’s Sveriges Television interviewed him. He also said, “Everyone is a target for terrorists. Everyone has the right to propagate their faith but only through peaceful means.” He made these remarks while giving an interview to Skansa Dagbladet Newspaper in Sweden. “If we want peace we should value and priorities giving rights to other people.” He remarked during an interview with Sydsvenskan Newspaper at the Mahmood Mosque in Malmo, Sweden.

May 13, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community inaugurated new Mosque Mahmood in Malmo, Sweden. “We are peace loving people,” Huzur said during an interview with Sweden’s 24Malmo news agency.

May 17, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community talked about refugee crisis during address in Stockholm, Sweden.

August 1, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community launched MTA International Africa TV Channel.

Aug 27 to Sept 10, 2016: Tour of Germany Jamā’at.

August 30, 2016: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad laid the foundation stone for the first Aḥmadiyya Muslim Mosque in the German town of Frankenthal in the State of Rhineland-Pflaz. His Holiness named it the ‘Noor Mosque’ (Mosque of Light).

September 3, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community spoke of risks of refugee crisis and rise of the Far-Right in Europe. He addressed non-Ahmadi guests and members of Lajna Imā’illāh on day 2 of Jalsa Sālāna Germany.

September 6, 2016: New Aḥmadiyya “Salam Mosque” was opened in Iserlohn, Germany.

September 25, 2016: Majlis Khuddam-ul-Aḥmadiyya UK Ijtimā 2016 concluded with address by Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community. Over 5,000 Muslim youths from across UK attended.

October 3, 2016: Huzoor^{aba} started tour of Canada.

October 7, 2016: “One day we will win the hearts of people,” said Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V in an interview by Canadian media at Jalsa Sālāna Canada.

October 11, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community inaugurated Bait-ul-Aafiyat Mosque in Scarborough Canada which was mainly funded by Ahmadi Muslim ladies.

October 17, 2016: Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V at Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Canada calling for equality and justice, delivered Keynote Address. Prime Minister Trudeau welcomed Him to Ottawa.

October 22, 2016: Keynote Address delivered at Peace

Symposium Canada by His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad.

October 24, 2016: Mayor of Mississauga welcomed Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community to Canada. Mayor Bonnie Crombie praised integration of Ahmadi Muslims during meeting at Bait-ul-Islam Mosque.

October 28, 2016: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community delivered historic lecture on “Justice in an Unjust World” at York University. He said: Financial interests are undermining principle of justice.

November 4, 2016: “Our Jihad is of love, mercy and compassion,” said the Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community during special reception held to mark inauguration of Mahmood Mosque in Regina.

December 28, 2016: 122nd Jalsa Sālāna Qādiān concluded with address by Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community.

Year 2017

January 7, 2017: Huzoor^{aba} inaugurated the Bait-ul-Ihsan Mosque in Mitcham, London.

April 8, 2017: Huzoor^{aba} set off to visit Frankfurt in Germany. He laid foundation stone of Pfungstad Mosque.

September 17, 2017: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad addresses over 5,500 Ahmadi Muslim youths at Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmaadiyya Ijtimā. He said: Islam promotes love and compassions for all mankind.

September 24, 2017: Islam provides women with true freedom, true liberty, and true enlightenment, said Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community.

October 10, 2017: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community and Archbishop spoke of the need for worldwide religious freedom.

December 31, 2017: “Persecution can never weaken the faith of Ahmadi Muslims”, addressed Huzoor^{aba} at 123rd Jalsa Salana in Qādiān.

Year 2018

January 5, 2018: Sir Vince Cable and Sir Edward Davey had audience with Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.

February 25, 2018: Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community addressed Muslim Youth Event, Waqf-e-Nau Ijtimā, in London (boys and girls). He said: Waqf-e-Nau boys and girls should become the “Shining stars of Aḥmadiyyat.”

March 4, 2018: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad laid the foundation stone for the new administrative block at the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque complex in Morden, London.

March 25, 2018: The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community is pleased to announce, the 6th Convocation Ceremony for Jāmi’a Aḥmadiyya UK, the 7th Convocation Ceremony for Jāmi’a Aḥmadiyya Canada and the 3rd Convocation Ceremony for Jāmi’a Aḥmadiyya Germany which took place in a combined event at the UK college premises in Haslemere, Surrey.

May 12, 2018: Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurated the Bait-ul-Muqet Mosque (House of the All-Powerful God) in Walsall in the West Midlands region of England.

March 17, 2018: Huzoor^{aba} delivered keynote address at the 15th National Peace Symposium hosted by UK Jamā’at. He said: Time has come to stop blaming only Muslims for the world’s problems.

June 27, 2018: World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community addressed UK Majlis-e-Shūrā.

July 22, 2018: Canadian Minister Ahmed Hussen visited Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in London.

August 5, 2018: More than 647,000 people join the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community. 52nd Jalsa Salana UK concluded by Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad with prayers.

Progress During the Fifth Aḥmadiyya Khilafat in Numbers

New countries where Aḥmadiyyat established

Year	New Countries	Accumulative Total Since 1984	Accumulative Total
2003	Cuba	85	176
2004	Saint Kitts & Martinique	87	178
2005	Gibraltar, Bahamas & Saint Vincent	90	181
2006	Bolivia, Estonia, Antigua & Bermuda	94	185
2007	Guadeloupe, Saint Martin, French Guiana & Haiti	98	189
2008	Tajikistan, Bgaho, Latvia & Iceland	102	193
2009	Serbia & Lithuania	104	195
2010	Turkmenistan, Dominica & Faroe Island	107	198
2011	Chile & Barbados	109	200
2012	Panama & American Samoa	111	202
2013	Costa Rica & Montenegro	113	204
2014	Belize & Uruguay	115	206
2015	Puerto Rico	116	207
2016	Paraguay & Cayman Islands	118	209
2017	Honduras	119	210

Establishment of new Jamā'ats outside Pakistan

Year	New Jamā'ats
2003	518
2004	542
2005	488
2006	945
2007	653
2008	593
2009	531
2010	516
2011	839
2012	605
2013	565
2014	730
2015	776
2016	721
2017	885

New Mosques built and gained outside Pakistan

Year	Built New Mosques	Gained New Mosques	Total Mosques
2003	121	105	226
2004	74	88	162
2005	184	135	319
2006	171	188	369
2007	169	130	299
2008	149	202	351
2009	164	235	399
2010	115	179	294
2011	121	298	419
2012	119	219	338
2013	136	258	394
2014	204	382	586
2015	156	245	401
2016	120	179	299
2017	155	262	417

Increase in financial sacrifice and participation in Tahrik Jadid (in British Pounds)

Year	Annual Proceeds	Increase from Last Year	Total Participants
2003	2,812,000	360,000	384,000+
2004	3,160,000	348,000	418,000+
2005	3,446,000	318,000	442,000+
2006	3,505,000	59,000	487,000+
2007	3,612,000	107,000	468,000+
2008	4,102,796	500,000	500,000+
2009	4,953,800	850,000	593,000+
2010	5,468,500	522,000	622,000
2011	6,631,000	1,162,000	700,000+
2012	7,215,700	584,700	900,000+
2013	7,869,100	650,000	
2014	8,470,800	700,000	
2015	9,217,800	747,000	1,311,000+
2016	10,933,000	1,717,000	1,401,000+
2017	15,080,000	1,524,000	1,600,000+

Increase in financial sacrifice and participation in Wāqif Jadīd (in British Pounds)

Year	Annual Proceeds	Increase from Last Year	Total Participants
2003	1,880,000	370,000	380,000
2004	1,976,000	100,000	415,000
2005	2,142,000	200,000	466,000
2006	2,225,000	83,000	492,000
2007	2,427,000	200,000	510,000
2008	3,175,000	750,000	537,000
2009	3,521,000	345,000	573,000
2010	4,183,000	664,000	600,000
2011	4,693,000	510,000	690,000
2012	5,010,000	317,700	1,013,000
2013	5,484,000	466,000	1,045,000
2014	6,209,000	731,000	1,130,000
2015	6,891,000	682,000	1,200,000
2016	8,020,000	1,119,000	1,340,000
2017	8,862,000	842,000	1,600,000

Reference: “Fifteen blessed years of Khilafat V” by Fazl-ur-Rahman Nasir, Professor Jāmi’a Aḥmadiyya, UK, Al-Fazl International, 3 and 24 August 2018.

First Address of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V

On 23rd April 2003 Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V delivered a brief address before the collective initiation ceremony (Bai’at) at Islamabad, Tilford, Surrey, England. He said:

Dearest Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), evergreen extensions of his being, As-Salamu ‘Alaikum wa Rahamatullahi wa Barakatuhu.

Our hearts are saddened; our eyes are tearful for a most loving personality has departed from us. However, we submit to the Divine command of *Kullu man ‘alaihi fān* (All that is on it (earth) will pass away. 55 [Al-Rahman] : 27)

The spectacular advancement of the Community that we witnessed during the fourth Khilāfat does not need any explanation. In view of the mode taught to us by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ IV (may Allah have mercy on him) on how to bid farewell to the one departing [Khalifa] and to greet the one in-coming [Khalifa], today I stand here and in accordance to that, request you that we make a pledge: ‘O you, the one who has de-parted, the swiftness that you employed to advance the mission of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), for the purpose of making the faith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) dominate the world, we shall ever continue to make sacrifice— all kind of sacrifice—for the advancement of this mission. We bear witness that most certainly you honored your commitment. May thousands upon thousands of Allah’s blessings and grace be on your soul. *Āmīn.*’

Next, in greeting the incoming one [Khalifa] we make a pledge, bearing witness to Allah the Exalted, that in order to take the message of peace and security of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) to the world and to assemble the entire world under his banner, likewise, to support the establishment of the Aḥmadiyya Khilāfat, we shall be ready to make any sacrifice. For this, we will also always support you [the Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ] with prayers.

Pray that may Allah the Exalted display more than before the spectacles of Divine support and triumph that He has always exhibited to the Community. May He forgive our shortcomings and ingratitude, may He cover our inadequacies. With His grace alone, indeed with His grace alone, may He cover my shortcomings.

May He never remove His Hand of mercy from us, never remove it, and never remove it. *Āmīn Yā Rabb-ul-Ālamīn.*

(US Gazette May 2003)

Blessed Visit of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ Al-Khamis (may Allah be his helper) to the U.S.

An article on this subject appears in Urdu section that is written by Imam Syed Shamshad A. Nasir, Detroit, MI. Wajeeh Bajwa (Jacksonville, Florida) has transformed it into English here.

It is a great blessing and honor for the U.S. Jamā'at that Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ Al-Khamis (a.b.a.) will be visiting the U.S. to satiate the spiritual thirst of Ahmadi Muslims in the U.S. We offer a heartfelt welcome to Huzoor and say أهلاً و سهلاً و مرحباً (May you arrive as part of the family, and tread an easy path (as you enter)). We pray that Huzoor's visit is a source of blessings for all of us. We have full faith that we shall make the utmost effort to act upon his advice and guidance.

Almighty Allah is granting us this excellent opportunity to be in the company of the righteous. What better opportunity can we get than being in the company of the person who has been appointed as Khalifa by Almighty Allah. Khilāfat is a blessing of Almighty Allah, and millions of Muslims are desperately looking for a Khalifa, and Almighty Allah has bestowed his blessings on Ahmadi Muslims. It is our duty to reap the (full) benefit of this blessing.

There is no doubt that everyone will be full of enthusiasm and devotion after listening to Huzoor's addresses. His guidance will enable us to follow the teachings brought by the Holy Prophet (s.a.) and enable us to spread the message of the Promised Messiah (a.s.), Insha' Allah.

I remember an incident which was published in one of the Jamā'at's magazines. Briefly, a young man requested the late Mahmood Ahmad (who was also known as Bengali Sahib), Missionary in-charge and Amir of Australia, to sign a form for attending the Annual Convention in the UK. This young man said that he is going to the UK so that he can attend the Annual Convention and listen to Huzoor's sermons. Mahmood Ahmad asked this young man "Do you remember the advice and guidance that Huzoor (a.b.a.) gave when he visited Australia a little while ago?" The young man

responded that he did not remember what advice was given. Mahmood Ahmad said, "I am not discouraging you from going to the UK to attend the Annual Convention, but you should have made an effort to remember the advice that Huzoor (a.b.a.) gave when he came here to give advice."

Right now, every Ahmadi Muslim in the US should pledge to listen to and to act upon the advice that Huzoor (a.b.a.) is going to give us.

America is not a small country and not every Ahmadi Muslim will be able to travel to visit where Huzoor (a.b.a.) is going to be. However, we are blessed with the facility of Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA). We should take advantage of this facility and watch MTA with our family members on a regular basis to benefit from the Friday sermons, various addresses, classes, and other activities that are broadcast.

I would like to mention another instruction given by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ Al-Khamis (a.b.a.) at the occasion of the Annual Convention in the UK and (subsequently) published in Al-Fazl International, August 24-30, 2018 issue, Page 7. Huzoor (a.b.a.) directed those individuals who drive to the Convention site to cooperate fully with the administration. Huzoor (a.b.a.) also mentioned the situation around the Fazl Mosque in London where individuals park their vehicles in such a way that they block entrances and exits to other people's homes. Huzoor (a.b.a.) said, "I was really embarrassed when one neighbor mentioned this; either Ahmadi Muslims are not taught about the rights of neighbors, or they do not obey the Khalifa." Huzoor (a.b.a.) advised that we should look after the rights of our neighbors. This advice was for the Ahmadi Muslims in the UK. However, this principle applies everywhere else as well.

Obedience of the Imam

Maulana Sher Ali was a very revered personality of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. He was a sincere devotee of the Promised Messiah (a.s.). He accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1897 and served Ahmadiyyat till his last breath. His English translation of the Holy Qur'an is living proof of his understanding of the Holy Qur'an. On February 26,

1936, he started his journey to the UK to complete the translation of the Holy Qur'an. On his way to the UK, he stayed briefly at Bombay city (India). The local Ahmadi Muslims asked him to lead the Friday Prayer. In his sermon, he said: "You know that I do not belong to this local Jamā'at. I have barely met you, and you have asked

me to lead the Friday Prayer. I did not wish for this task. However, since you have chosen me to be your Imam, it is obligatory upon you to follow me wholeheartedly. No one should raise any objection. You can say “Subhanallah” if I make a mistake. If I make a mistake during the Prayer, it is obligatory upon you to follow me. No one has the right to criticize me.” He further said: “I have said this to advise you that in Islam an ordinary

Status of Khilafat

Ḥaḍrat Ash‘ari (r.a.) narrates that the Holy Prophet (s.a.) said “I advise you of five items that Allah has commanded me to follow: 1)- Stay with the Jamā‘at; 2)- Listen to Imam of the time; 3)- Obey him; 4)- Leave your homeland for the sake of the religion; and 5)- Take part in Jihad. Therefore, if anyone, separates himself from the Jamā‘at even slightly, it is as if he has left Islam unless he re-enters the Jamā‘at. (Musnad Ahmad, Page 130, Ḥaḍīqat-uṣ-Ṣāliḥīn, Page 226).

We are the fortunate ones who have recognized the Imam of the Age as advised by the Holy Prophet (s.a.). May Almighty Allah enable us to listen to and to obey the Khalifa of the time.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ II (r.a.) has spoken extensively about the importance and blessings of Khilāfat. At one time he said: “Missionaries and Imams should continually remind members that sacrificing five rupees or five thousand or five million rupees has no value, even sacrificing the life of every Ahmadi at the instruction of the Khalifa is meaningless unless they are ready to obey the instructions of the Khalifa.” (Ḥaṣr-e-‘Amal-o-Īmān-o-Yaqīn, Pages 4-5)

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ II (r.a.) also emphasized the importance of Khilāfat at various other occasions. Some of his instructions are:

1. “The Khalifa is a teacher, and every member of

Hospitality

It is natural that Ahmadi Muslims will gather in whichever town or city the Khalifa of the time is visiting and staying. This happens due to the love of the Khalifa for his community as well as love and respect of Khalifa displayed by the members of the community. Members spend hours waiting for the arrival of the Khalifa, just to

Mulāqāt (audience with Huzoor (a.b.a.))

Respected Amir Jamā‘at USA has issued instructions multiple times that no one will be allowed to enter the Jamā‘at facilities (Mosques, Mission houses, etc.) without a Jamā‘at issued identification card (ID Card) containing a photograph. Therefore, all members are urged to apply for the new ID cards for all, young and old, male and female. ID Cards without a photograph are no longer valid and will not be accepted. ID Cards issued to Ahmadiyya Gazette USA

person can be made an Imam. Islam tells us about the importance of following the Imam. We have taken the pledge of allegiance at the hand of the Khalifa of the time. Therefore, always remember that not following his instructions and disobedience to him is a great sin.” (Narrations of Khawaja Abd-ur-Rahman, MA, Lahore. Al-Fazl Rabwah, August 23, 1973, Page 6).

the Jamā‘at is a student. Every word of the Khalifa should be acted upon.” (Al-Fazl Qadian, March 2, 1946).

2. “The true meaning of Khilafat is that when the Khalifa issue some instructions, then all schemes, plans, and suggestions should be put aside (in order to) follow the instructions of the Khalifa wholeheartedly. Until and unless this spirit of obedience does not develop in the members of the Jamā‘at, no scheme or plan can be successful” (Friday Sermon, January 24, 1936. Al-Fazl Qadian, January 31, 1936)

3. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ Al-Khamis (a.b.a.) in his Friday sermon of September 7, 2018, Huzoor (a.b.a.) urged all office holders and workers to adopt humility. At another time, Huzoor (a.b.a.) said, “When I analyze the responsibility given to me, I am ashamed and wonder why Almighty Allah bestowed this task to this humble and weak human being.” (Khutbat-i-Masroor, May 27, 2008, Al-Fazl Intl., London, July 25, 2008)

4. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ II (r.a.) advised Master Muhammad Din Sahib when he was leaving for the US: “Make sure that you obey fully anyone who is appointed as Khalifa. You should encourage all those who are under your sphere of influence to do the same as Islam has been divided into various sects and this act [of not following the Khalifa of the time] is the greatest enemy [of Islam]. (Minhaj ‘Ala Nubuwwat, vol. 2, Page 3)

get a glimpse of him. A few days ago, Respected Amir Jamā‘at USA, Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, advised workers: “All members who will be coming to see Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ Al-Khamis (a.b.a.) are guests of the Promised Messiah (a.s.). Therefore, it is essential to serve them in a befitting manner.”

women and children should also have a photograph.

It is natural that every Ahmadi Muslim wishes to have Mulāqāt with Huzoor (a.b.a.). However, that is not possible because of the time limitations. The criteria to create lists for Mulāqāt has already been shared with the members.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ IV (rh) during his visit to

San Jose, CA on July 3, 1998, said: “I wish to draw the attention of members of American Jamā‘at to the fact that I will not be able to meet members for more than a few minutes. I wish to meet as many members as possible. At times a Mulāqāt of a few seconds can change someone’s life. I wish to remind members who at times wait for their turn of Mulāqāt for hours, they come in, say

Etiquette of Mulāqāt (audience with Huzoor (a.b.a.))

Here are general guidelines and instructions that should be kept in mind when meeting the Khalifa of the time:

1. Clean hands properly, it is better to use hand sanitizer before entering the room for Mulāqāt. Make sure nails are trimmed and cleaned.
2. Concentrate on Prayers and Istighfar before and after the Mulāqāt.
3. Offer Tasbīḥ and Taḥmīd after every Prayer.
4. Advise children not to run around and make noise.
5. Men and children should wear a cap, and women and young girls should have their heads covered.
6. Say “Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu” as soon you enter the room.
7. Extend right hand for the handshake.
8. Male members should extend the right hand for the handshake. Female members (young or old) should not extend the hand at all.
9. Do not extend a hand for a handshake if

Important Reminder

The Promised Messiah (a.s.) has given an important weapon to us, that is the weapon of prayers. All of us should start praying that visit of Huzoor (a.b.a.) becomes sources of blessings for all of us and that Almighty Allah conceals our faults and weaknesses. May Almighty Allah enable us to meet all expectations of Huzoor (a.b.a.). May Almighty Allah keep Huzoor (a.b.a.) in His protection



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Salām, children receive chocolates, a photograph is taken, and that is it. I feel for them. My heart is not made of stone, and I feel their pain. However, I do try to meet as many members as possible in the limited time that is available.” (Al-Fazl Intl., August 21 to 27, 1998, Page 8 and 9)

suffering from a cough or cold.

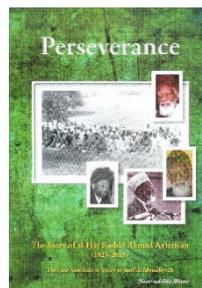
10. Always receive the gift of chocolate or pen etc. from Huzoor (a.b.a.) with a right hand and say “Jazakumullah.” It is important that children are also made aware of this etiquette.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ II (r.a.) offered the following advice related to the etiquette of Mulāqāt: “Always remember that when the Imam is speaking, everyone should listen attentively; do not interject and interrupt. Only speak when asked to do so.”

He further stated: “The Companions of the Holy Prophet (s.a.) used to sit in his company as if birds were sitting on their heads. This does not mean that they did not ask questions. The fact is that we do not find there is no one who asked more questions than the Companions of the Holy Prophet (s.a.) because the Ahadith are full of questions and answers. Rather, what it means is that Companions listened attentively when the Holy Prophet’s (s.a.) spoke, it appeared as if birds are sitting on their heads and these birds will fly away with the slightest movement.” (Khuṭbāt-i-Maḥmūd, 1933, Pages 98-99)

during travels, Amin.

May Almighty Allah always enable us to “hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allah and be not divided,” and enable us to become the true recipient of the blessings of Khilāfat, Amin.



Having no place to stay, I would routinely show up at the Mosque for the daily Fajr prayers at 4:30 am. Quite frequently, my knocking on the door would earn me the blessings of waking up the others for prayers, and on the occasions that no one

answered the door, I would offer my prayers on the Mosque porch alone.

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**Anṣār of Detroit Majlis—recipient of 2017 ‘Alam-i-In‘āmī—with
Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper)**

98 Anṣār from the U.S.—mostly 2018 Zu‘amā, Nāzīmīn A‘lā, and National ‘Āmila members of Majlis Anṣārullāh USA—visited London to meet their beloved Imām, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper). Members traveled on their own—majority paying for their travel themselves—and congregate at Bait-ul-Futūḥ Mosque for Jumu‘ah Prayer behind Khalīfatul-Masīḥ. Delegation members, treated as special guests, were given priority in the first two rows just behind Ḥuḍūr. The delegates were excited at this blessed opportunity and one could see the exuberance and happiness radiate from their faces.

The host had made Ṭāhīr Hall totally available for the guest. It was partitioned; one side had 100 mattresses with brand new sheets, comforters, and pillows while the other half had provision for sit in meals. Shuttles were available to take delegates to Faḍl Mosque for all Prayers, including Tahajjud. Offering Prayers behind Khalīfatul-Masīḥ was a memorable spiritual experience.

In waiting for the main event, that is, meeting with Ḥuḍūr, the program was packed with a visit to Jāmi‘ah Aḥmadiyya and Makhzan-e-Tasaweer (Jamā‘at’s official image library), and dinner with Amīr Jamā‘at UK, respected Rafiq Ahmed Hayat.

The trip to Jāmi‘ah Aḥmadiyya was very special as we got to meet and understand the new breed of missionaries being trained to fulfil the prophecy of the

Promised Messiah (may peace be on him): “I will cause thy message to reach the ends of the earth.” We saw highly motivated and very educated youth who understood the importance of their mission and the heavy responsibility they carried on their shoulders. They were happy that Ḥuḍūr personally supervised many of their activities and facilities including emphasis on good meals and interactive training.

Makhzan-e-Tasaweer is in a separate building where not only rare pictures—capturing the history of the Jamā‘at—are being saved for posterity but also the context of the importance of this is being saved. An effort is being made to collect not only the pictures of all the companions of the Promised Messiah but also their life histories, important events, and challenges they faced. This department also complies with request for pictures from Jamā‘at members from across the globe. They are also creating social media materials and saving the history on secured servers at locations where they can be accessed even if, God forbid, everything is lost in the center.

Finally, the climax of the trip was the meeting with Ḥuḍūr which lasted over an hour. Ḥuḍūr asked each Nāṣir to give their name and the office in Majlis Anṣārullāh. Ḥuḍūr offered his invaluable advice on many aspects of the Majlis the detail of which can be found on page 4 of this publication. Ḥuḍūr graciously blessed the delegates with handshake, group photos, and

Majlis' awards.

The farewell dinner was a sumptuous meal with exchange of gifts at all levels of the Majlis. Each 'Āmila member of Majlis Anşārullāh USA had brought a gift for his UK Majlis' counterpart and this was reciprocated. Majlis Anşārullāh UK also gave each delegate a full set of

the Holy Qur'an with word-by-word English translation in bold Yassarnal-Qur'an style text and beautiful glazed paper print and elegant binding.

The U.S. Anşār were greatly touched by the host Majlis' great affection and professionalism and will cherish this memorable trip for a long time.



Group photo of Anşār officeholders with Amīr Jamā'at UK, respected Rafiq Ahmed Hayat



Group photos of Anşār officeholders with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper)



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Address By Ḥaḍrat Khalīfat-ul-Masīḥ V^{aba}

At Khilāfat Centenary Celebration Reception

On 23 June 2008

At Tysons' Hilton, McLean, Virginia

Transcribed by Ruqayya Rehmatullah

All distinguished guests present here, *Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatohu*, peace and blessings of Allah be upon you all.

Our local administration has requested me to give our distinguished guests a brief introduction to the teachings of Islam. In particular, with reference to an important subject towards which the attention of the world is focused and as a result of which the non-Muslim world believes that Islam is the religion of extremism and terror. Indeed, some people declare that through terrorism, Islam is destroying their peace of the world. It is most unfortunate that there is a group that has a clear understanding of the teachings of Islam but are fanning the flame of this erroneous concept. Indeed, some educated non-Muslims have connected the concept of life after death and heaven and hell to Muslim extremists, terrorists and suicide bombers. So, the result is that the fatalist desire to enter paradise has awakened the peculiar concept of *Jihad* and of dying in the name of Allah, which has caused them to take up the sword and cause mayhem.

These groups today are in reality the byproduct of this teaching and concept. In any case, while I admit that the acts committed by certain ignorant and over-enthusiastic Muslims have no doubt given a totally wrong impression of the teachings of Islam, I must also point out that the literature that has been written against Islam without the proper understanding of Islamic teachings has presented an erroneous concept about Islamic *Jihad*. Not only that, but also this literature that is in great circulation denies the very existence of God and considers religion and God to be responsible for this disorder and chaos.

Be that as it may, it is a topic to which justice cannot be done in such a short time. However, I will try to present the true teachings of Islam, as they have been expounded by the founder of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community who we consider as the Promised Messiah^{as}, according to his understanding of the Holy Qur'an, the traditions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} and the history of Islam.

First of all, I will explain the true concept of Jihad in the words of the Messiah of the time. It has been one

hundred years since the founder of the Aḥmadiyya Community passed away. Therefore, no one can say that the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community having made up a fanciful reply in response to the wrong impression created in the world today is now presenting something new. On the contrary, they are the very same teachings that are set out in the Holy Qur'an. The Promised Messiah^{as} says the prevailing practice found amongst Muslims of attacking people of other religions and which they call Jihad, is not a lawful war for it is clearly against the commandment of God and the Prophet^{saw}, and constitutes a grave sin. What do the words lawful Jihad used by the founder of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community mean? In order to understand this, we have to very briefly glance at the conditions existing in that part of an area where the founder of Islam, the Holy Prophet^{saw} proclaimed his Divine mission and invited people to Islam. Remember those people were illiterate and uncivilized. Animosity was born out of ridiculous and petty matters, over which they would continue to kill each other for years. The sacred house, The Ka'bah, in Mecca, that Prophet Abraham^{as} had built in the name and for the worship of the one true God contained, by that time, no less than 360 idols for worship. The Meccans were certainly not ready to accept any God in the place of those idols.

When the Holy Prophet^{saw} made his claim and invited the Arabs towards the one and only God, the intelligent amongst them, some of whom were his relatives, poor people and slaves, embraced Islam. When this movement grew the disbelievers of Mecca increased their suspicion. Cruelty reached such highs that the believers were made to lie on the burning sands of Arabia while burning hot stones were placed on their chests. They were whipped. Their limbs were tied to camels and the camels were then driven in opposite directions, rendering their bodies apart. The Holy Prophet^{sa} and his group of believers were banished to a valley and an embargo was placed on them. Neither food nor water was allowed to be delivered to them. His companions used to say that they would die in any case, so why not go down fighting. After all, these Muslims too came from among those who were ready to kill and cause bloodshed

over the most trivial of matters, but when anyone said permit us to fight, the Holy Prophet^{saw} would say that he had not been commanded by Allah the Almighty to fight.

At last, the Holy Prophet^{sa} allowed some oppressed ones to migrate and then after some time he too migrated to Medina. By that time, there were some inhabitants of that town who had become Muslims. On his arrival, a large number of people embraced Islam in Medina. The Holy Prophet^{sa} entered into a covenant with other tribes and faiths and amongst them there were also Jews. He established a state in which all subjects were granted freedom. If anyone was punished for some crime, that punishment was given according to their own religious jurisprudence. Never the less, the subjects of the state, all of them had equal rights. Despite all of this, the allegation leveled against the Holy Prophet^{saw} is that, (God for- bid) he spread terror. The question is that when it is known that the Muslims were in such a condition of helplessness and were being so cruelly oppressed, why is such an allegation being made against the Prophet and the Muslims?

I have briefly mentioned the conditions which prevailed at the time. Even in such conditions when the Muslims migrated to Medina and began to live in a relative peace, there also the Meccans hounded, pursued, and attacked them. The first battle was known as the Battle of Badr. At the time, it was such a condition that they had little resources, nor equipment for battle. Whereas confronting them was a fully equipped army. These circumstances are not hidden from any one and are recorded in history. What could those unskilled and in- experienced people have done? Some of them were only teenagers, however, when the enemy wanted to annihilate the Muslims, Allah the Almighty instructed them to fight back, so the following verse of the Holy Qur'an was revealed and according to historians, it is the first commandment that deals with fighting. But, I invite you to look at its beauty and the purpose for which the permission to fight was granted. It says "permission to fight is given to those against whom war is waged because they have been wronged. Allah, indeed, has the power to help them. Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly only because they said our Lord is Allah and if Allah did not repel some men by means of others they would surely have pulled down cloisters, churches, synagogues, and mosques where in the name of Allah is often commemorated. Allah will surely help one who helps Him. Allah is indeed Powerful, Mighty" [Chapter 22, v. 40-41].

God says that if permission had not been given for defense then the peace of society would have been destroyed. Even today, any sane person irrespective of his or her religion would say that the rationale is

indeed valid. The first reason is that if someone is attacked, he has the right to defend himself. Secondly, if as a result of tyranny, people are forced to migrate or they are driven out of their homes unjustly and even then they are hounded and are not allowed to live in peace in a state governed by them, then it is quite reasonable that they be allowed to retaliate for the injury caused to them. Thirdly, oppressors do not confine themselves to their first targets. Indeed, their greed does and will continue to increase. Not caring about who belongs to what religion, they will try to segregate everyone. So, enough is enough. Thus, it becomes important to nip this evil in the bud. In order to arrest the cruelty contained thereby. So, this permission for war was for defense and for security. Then drawing attention to the people with whom you are allowed to fight, Allah the Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an "and fight in the cause of Allah against those who fight against you, but do not transgress surely Allah loves not the transgressors" {Chapter 2, v. 191}. So, it is clearly expressed here that the commandment of Jihad was only against those people who fought in matters of faith and wanted to convert them by the sword as had happened in Mecca, where the disbelievers of Mecca had attacked and tried to end Islam.

Now, the allegation that the Islamic concept of paradise has made Muslims become belligerent and has incited them to do Jihad is also unjust. In the words that I have just quoted, Allah the Almighty has clearly said that He does not like transgressors. If Allah does not like a person, there can be no question of him entering paradise.

What are the standards of dealing with transgression? This also is a unique teaching. Unless one believes in Allah the Almighty and unless one has this fear in one's heart, one cannot reach high standards. Allah the Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an, "O ye who believe be steadfast in the cause of Allah bearing witness in equity and let not peoples' enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just that is nearer to righteousness and fear Allah. Allah is aware of what you do" [Chapter 5, v. 9]. This verse tells us if you are a true believer, then acting on the commandments of God Almighty you must be just and steadfast in them.

What are the requirements of justice? Firstly, make your deeds in accordance with the teachings of Islam and become a role model for others. Can a terrorist be a role model or an example for others? In his age, it is not only non-Muslims but also a majority of Muslims who do not like terrorist or suicide bombers. So, it is only good deeds which will attract others and not evil deeds. Also, in this verse, amongst the many good deeds that a Muslim has

been asked to do, one good deed towards which our attention has been drawn with regards to the enemy, I have briefly mentioned the conditions that prevailed before the migration and then those that existed after it. Now in that context, consider this commandment whose teachings are meant for the establishment of justice. If there are wars, they should conform to the law. For example, it is commanded that if you take prisoners, treat them kindly. Then, if the enemy lays down their arms, justice demands and moreover, it is necessary for the establishment of peace, that hostilities should cease immediately. By contrast, in this civilized age, if two parties are meeting and you are ending the war between them, then at the last moment one party strikes so much terror into the hearts of the others by non-stop bombardment, the stronger party then will be able to force the weaker party to agree to all the conditions they impose. Allah the Almighty guides the Muslims declaring “if they incline towards peace, you should also incline towards it and put your trust in Allah, surely it is He who is All Hearing, All Knowing”. [Chapter 8, v. 62]

So, the teaching is that if the enemy is inclined towards peace, then you should also be inclined towards it. The teaching is to put your trust in Allah, because it may well be that the enemy is extending his hand only to regain his strength and is not doing so with good intentions but despite this, you are ordered to extend your hand in peace and place your trust in Allah and withdraw from war immediately. You are not allowed to give precedence to military strategy, hence during the Treaty of Hudaibiya, despite the insistence of the companions and despite having the upper hand, the Holy Prophet^{sa} agreed to the conditions of the disbelievers of Mecca. Even the invasion of Mecca was because the disbelievers had violated a treaty. But despite the fact that the Muslims were now the victors, who so ever did not raise arms against them was allowed to live in peace as disbelievers, even the bittersweet enemies were forgiven. These facts are not hidden, they have been witnessed by history. Alas, in spite of all of this, some western media and politicians have not refrained from making Islam, the Qur'an and the Holy Prophet^{sa} their targets. The cartoons depicting the Holy Prophet saw in certain newspapers and the statements made by an MP of Holland, who made a film also targeted the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

The Muslims consider any Prophet, peace be upon them all, mentioned in any religious book as a true Prophet. Therefore, no Muslim and for that matter, no Ahmadi Muslim who believes in the Promised Messiah^{as} of this age can be expected to resort to slander. We have been taught in the Holy Qur'an that as Prophets of God, all the Prophets are equal. Furthermore, God says I have sent Prophets to all people, therefore we accept any Prophet without

hesitation who was sent to any nation that claims the Prophet came amongst them. Incidentally, according to us, this is the only way to maintain the peace in the world at the moment. The feelings and sentiments of every religion and people should be respected. I have already told you in what situation and in what conditions war has been permitted. But the question is are such religious wars permitted in this age, and if not, what is the significance of *Jihad*? And what is the interpretation of *Jihad* according to Ahmadi's?

This, I want to say in passing, that the wars of the last few centuries were mainly political and geographical in nature and rarely waged because of religion. Moreover, in the last century, two world wars were fought in which the Muslims played no major role. They were exclusively because of political interests. Before accusing Islam of being a religion of terrorism, justice requires that those who make allegations should also consider the cause of the wars in questions. In any case, I want to briefly present the definition of Jihad, as given by the founder of Ahmadiyya Community and to say how one can engage in this present age.

In the developed world of our time, everybody has the right to practice, to preach and to profess his faith. In other words, the conditions for war that I had mentioned do not exist, then what is the uproar about Jihad? I therefore want to explain the kind of Jihad our community believes in, in the present age. More than a hundred years ago, in response to an objection related to Jihad, the founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community stated that a critic has mentioned the Jihad found in Islam and thinks that the Qur'an incites to Holy War unconditionally. There cannot be a bigger fabrication. The Qur'an only permits fighting against those who prevent the people of God from believing and entering His religion and from abiding by God's commandments and from worshipping Him. God permits fighting against those who fight Muslims without reason and who drive believers from their homes and from their lands and who force God's creation to enter into their religion and who want to annihilate the religion of Islam and prevent persons from becoming Muslims. Then the Promised Messiah assays “Islam says the fact of the matter is that the government (he is mentioning the British Government) does not interfere with the religion of Islam and religious customs, nor does it use the sword to promote their religion, according to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, it is unlawful to fight against such a government because it does not engage in any religious war”.

The founder of the Ahmadiyya Community also declares that some wild and savage Muslims named the cruel shedding of blood Jihad and they know not that to confront a just ruler is rebellion and not Jihad.

Moreover, a person who makes a covenant of peace and who commits war instead of doing a good deed and who punishes the innocent is a tyrant and a victorious general. So, this is the true Islamic teaching explained to us by the Messiah of Muhammad^{saw} of this present age who has established peace on a strong footing and was to enrich the world with an atmosphere of love and affection. Suicide attacks are carried out to inflict wounds on soldiers of another army. But, in reality, it is the innocent who are killed. This is wrong. It is the responsibility of the government. Any act committed by a person who is not part of an army, is not Jihad, but rebellion. The question I raised was the significance of Jihad and the response is that in this age, the Jihad accepted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the reformation of the self. This is not a recent idea. It was mentioned 1400 years ago by the founder of Islam upon his return from a battle, when he said that we are moving from a minor Jihad to a greater Jihad and the greater Jihad is the Jihad of reforming one's self and that is never ending and forever. The state of war does not last forever. True Jihad is the reformation of the evils which are born in the times of relative peace and comfort. Serving mankind is a real Jihad. In the 120 years of our history, there is testimony to it. We are engaged in this Jihad. Whereas we are trying to bring mankind nearer to his Creator, our schools and hospitals, our plans for water wells and pumps in countries of Africa, Asia, and other poor countries and in far-flung areas of the world are continuing. We are also helping those affected by natural disasters. Guiding us in this direction, the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community says, "That at this time, I specifically instruct my *Jamā'at* in this community that accepts me as the Promised Messiah that they should always stay away from foul efforts. God has sent me as the Promised Messiah and has clothed me with the garment of the Messiah, son of Mary. I therefore admonish you to refrain from evil and be truly compassionate towards mankind. Cleanse your hearts of malice and spite for you will become like angels through this habit. It is a filthy and unholy religion that is devoid of sympathy for humanity and polluted is the path riddled with rancor based on selfish desires. Be compassionate towards all for the sake of God, so that you may be shown mercy in the heavens. Come and I will teach you a way that will cause your light to prevail over all other lights. Abandon

all lowly spites and jealousies. Be compassionate to mankind and lose your- self in God.

I have come to you with an order, Jihad with the sword has ended from this time forward, but the Jihad of purifying your souls must continue. I do not say of this on my own accord. This is indeed, the Will of God. According to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon Him, when the Messiah comes, he will put an end to religious war. Accordingly, I command those who have joined my ranks to refrain from such thoughts, to purify their hearts, to foster sympathy and to be compassionate towards the suffering. They should spread peace on earth because that will cause their faith to spread in return." (British Government and Jihad)

So, if we are engaged in such a Jihad without hindrance it is because of this spiritual system we are linked as a chain. The leadership or bridge is in the hand of Khilāfat or the succession of the Messiah of Muhammad^{sa}. The attachment that members of the community have with Khilāfat compels them to follow the teachings that had been brought by the Messiah of Muhammad^{sa} and that teaching is to honor and discharge the rights we owe to God Almighty and His creations, to pull down the walls of hatred and spread the fragrance of love and affection. Though, through the excerpts that I have read before all of you sitting before me, you who are educated, now that I have made you aware to some extent of the true message of Islam, you should decide for yourselves, whether Islam teaches terrorism or peace and security. It is neither right nor fair to condemn a religion merely because of the actions of a group or a few individuals. So, I request you to speak out for justice in your respective circles, so that an atmosphere of love and peace is created for each of you. Your country is also among those who enjoy a political and social superiority. Therefore, more justice is required from you.

I now end this subject with the prayer that Muslims and Non-Muslims carry the fear of their Creator in their hearts so that they can have good feelings for His creation. Allah help us all. I am grateful to you for having taken part in this function and for having encouraged us in our endeavors.

Thank you very much. Thank you.

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THE PEN

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One of the greatest gifts to mankind by Allah, the Almighty, is the gift of words best expressed through the PEN—possibly the most important instrument ever invented by mankind. Yet people seldom note one of civilization’s oldest and most miraculous invention. The dawn of civilization began with few stuttering words and reached its zenith with the majestic words uttered by Archangel Gabriel to Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw}:

﴿٢﴾ اِقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ﴿٢﴾
﴿٣﴾ خَلَقَ الْاِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ﴿٣﴾
﴿٤﴾ اِقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْاَكْرَمُ ﴿٤﴾
﴿٥﴾ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٥﴾
﴿٦﴾ عَلَّمَ الْاِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ﴿٦﴾

“Proclaim thou in the name of thy Lord Who created, Created man from a clot of blood. Proclaim! And thy Lord is most Bounteous; Who taught by the pen, Taught man what he knew not. (Al-Quran, 96 Al-‘Alaq : 2-6).

The above words along with other revealed words are preserved in the sacred book, called the Holy Quran through, of course, the Pen. This final book brought by the final prophet is a veritable source of knowledge, containing a complete code of life, catapulted the people, in particular the Muslims who followed

ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ ﴿٢﴾

By the inkstand and by the pen and by that which they write.
(68 Al-Qalam : 2)

it in its entirety, in to fame and fortune. When it ceased to be a program of life then the decay set in and obvious result is decline of Muslims and object of ridicule in the world.

It was at this time, that mercy of Allah, the Almighty, descended on Muslims in particular, and the entire mankind in general, through the appearance of the Promised Messiah^{as} as promised in classic verse of Holy Quran—

﴿٦﴾ وَآخِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ

And He will raise him among others of them who have not yet joined them... (62 Al-Jumu‘ah : 4). He as the *burūz* of the Holy Prophet was eminently successful in turning the tides against Islam and restored the glory of Islam. His success and accomplishments are largely due to more than 80 books, pamphlets he penned in not one, but three languages in his lifetime. Hence, the title of *Sultān-ul-Qalam—the king of Pen*, fittingly was ascribed to him. The Khulafa-i-Ahmadiyya—the great stalwarts of Islam naturally followed the same course and were not left behind in prolific use of pen.

By now, it should be obvious to readers, about why this long preamble. It is of course receiving the gift of ‘*pen*’ from that venerable

personality—the only person in the world who has divine contact with Allah—*Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad*—Khalifat-ul-Masih V^{aba}. All other gifts that I received pale in to insignificance compared to it. I do not know, how I summed up enough courage to speak to Hu^{zoor} Aq^{das} in a barely audible tone that I wish to have a pen and that a couple of my articles are published in the magazines of *Jamā’at*. I was dreading that my work will be analyzed. But.... He quietly opened the drawer of his desk and handed the pen with inscription- **MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD!** I was speechless. I am at a loss of words to express the feelings that ran through my mind. It was simply overwhelming. It was a classic case of expression of love of a spiritual father who loves his spiritual children and encourages to them go higher and higher. In general, the love of a *Khalifa* transcends all other loves.

I bow down in prostration to Allah for being the recipient of this favor. May Allah grant our spiritual father a long healthy life and crown his efforts to bring peace in to the strife torn world.

What Prayers Can Do

Sarjo Trawalley, Boston

In October 2008, my wife was expecting our fourth child. I was at work when I received a call from the hospital telling me that the blood test of my wife showed that our unborn daughter had Down syndrome. We were called to the hospital to discuss our options with the doctor. The doctor explained to us the seriousness of the situation

and advised us that we needed to make a decision whether to abort the pregnancy. She said that we had a window of only about a week to abort. She explained that if we decided not to abort the pregnancy, our child would be dependent on others for her entire life. She offered to abort the pregnancy on that same day.

My wife asked me what to do. I said, “We need to contact our spiritual leader, our dear Khalifa, to seek his advice.” The doctor said, “Your spiritual leader has nothing to do with the decision about your child.” I retorted, “Yes, he does.” I explained to her, “We are Ahmadi Muslims. We seek God's guidance on everything we want to do in our life.

The Khalifa is a successor to God's prophet so we seek his advice in important matters such as this one." The doctor asked, "Where does your Khalifa live?" Having learned that Huzoor (may Allah be his helper) lived in London, she explained that we did not have enough time to consult someone in another country. I insisted that we still had one week to decide. The doctor then said that she wanted to do another test and that we would know the result of that test in a week at which time we would see her again. She gave us her business card with her direct line and cell phone number and said that she could explain to the Khalifah how serious the matter was.

Later that day, I faxed a letter to our beloved Huzoor explaining everything and also attached a scanned copy of the doctor's business card. The next day, I called Huzoor's Private Secretary inquiring whether my fax had been received. He said that there were more than 500 faxes at the fax machine that

had not yet been sorted. He suggested that if I could fax it again he would give it to Huzoor. He also mentioned that Huzoor was to travel to Germany the next day. I sent the fax again and called him. He confirmed that he had received the fax and promised to give it to Huzoor after Zuhr Prayer.

When a couple of days passed and I did not hear from Huzoor's office, I felt discouraged. I contemplated as to what we would do when we see the doctor in a few days. The sixth day, as I was en route to my home from work, I received a call from the in-charge of English Correspondence in London. She said that she had a letter for me from Huzoor. She said what she was about to tell me were Huzoor's own words. Huzoor had said, "Your unborn child is as healthy as other children. Do not abort this pregnancy if you are a true Ahmadi." She said she would fax the letter to me. I rushed back to my work to collect the fax. As the fax landed in my hands, I felt extremely

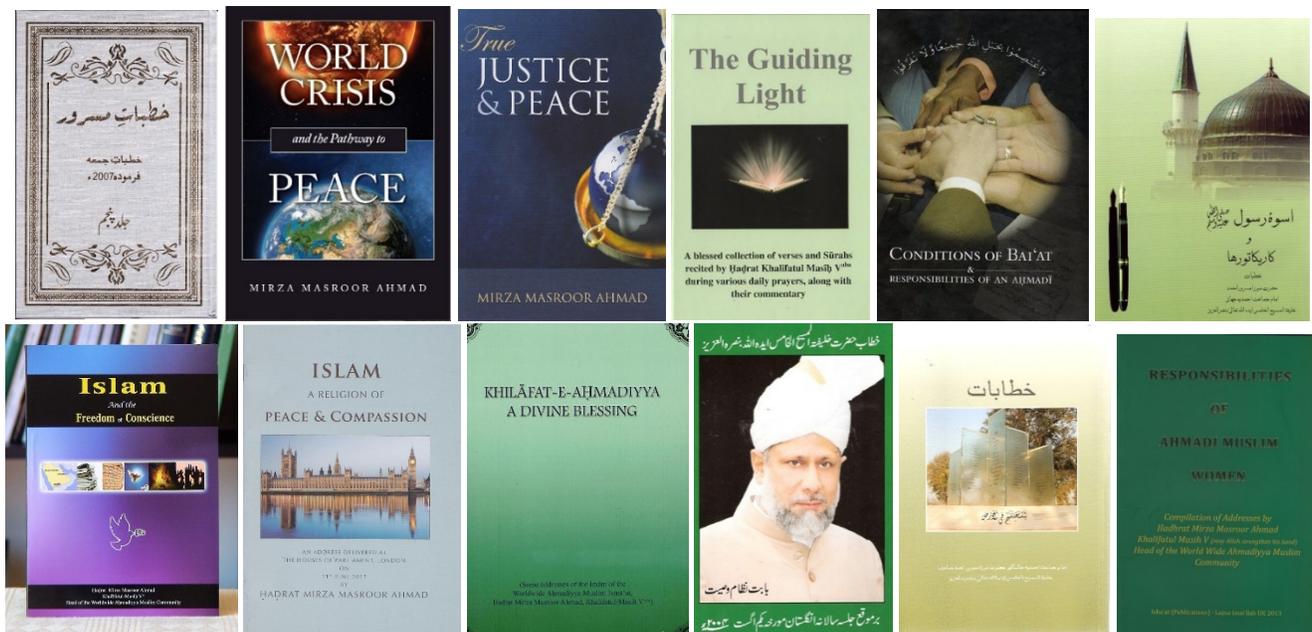
elated and joyous and said to myself that there was nothing as powerful as a sincere prayer. I realized that Huzoor's prayer had been accepted. I wanted to reach home as soon as possible to share this blessed news with my wife.

The next morning, at our appointment, the doctor smiled and said that she had good news for us. She said that the test results showed that the baby was fine and there was nothing wrong. I said to the doctor, "See what the power of prayer can do." I told her that we had already known that our child was fine, before coming to the appointment, and that our dear Khalifa had informed us about the child's condition. The doctor then started asking questions about Huzoor and our faith.

By the Grace of Allah, our daughter, Bintou, is well and thriving and is a living sign of the acceptance of prayer of our beloved Khalifa. Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh.

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