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PROMISED MESSIAH'S EXPERIENCE WITH REVELATION

I say it on solemn oath, in the name of God Almighty, that divine revelation descends from above on the heart of man, same as a ray from the sun drops on a wall. This is my every day experience, When the moment of divine revelation comes, the first thing that happens to me is a kind of semi-sleep. In this condition, I feel a changed man. I have my senses about, my understanding as well as my general awareness. But this is only superficially so. What I really feel is that another being – a very powerful being = has overpowered me, lifted me and closed the hollow of His Hand upon me.

own, every part of my being in His control, manipulated by Him. Whatever is ordinarily mine is now His. In this state, thoughts, themes, problems on which I happen to be thinking, come to me projected by God before my mind's eye. And these, God now wants to illumine by His own speech. In a most strange manner, my thoughts move before me one by one. It may be that I think of one Zaid who is sick and about whom I wish to know whether he will recover or not from what he is suffering. At once, a piece of divine speech drops like a ray of light, shaking my whole being. This over, another thought or theme is before me and another piece of revelation drops on it.

It is as though an archer is shooting at targets one by one in succession. The feeling at the moment is that the procession of thoughts or themes springs from my natural dispositions but the speech which drops on them comes from above. True, poets sit and think and then becomes inspired and write their verse. But the two inspirations are very different. To think them similar is not correct. The poet's inspiration is the result of hard thinking, of effort. When it comes, there is full awareness of himself and his surroundings on the part of the poet. Everything happens within normal everyday limits of such experience. But divine inspiration when it comes, entails overpowering by God of the entire being of the recepient of the revelation.

(from blessings of prayer - by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT AROUND THE WORLD

HEALTH OF HAZRAT KAMALIFATUL MASIH III: The latest report from the daily Al-Fazl of Rabwah regarding the health of our beloved Hazoor is that with the sheer benevolence of Almighty Allah, he is doing well and carrying out the day to day duties of his onerous office in an excellent manner. All member are requested to kindly pray for his long life and service to Islam.

Serious illness of Sayyada Nawab Mubarika Begum: For the last few weeks reports are reaching us about the serious illness of Hazrat Sayyida Nawab Mubarak Begum Sabiba. Daily Al-Fazl kepprts that she is now seriously ill.

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She has through out her life devoted herself to the cause of our God blessed Community, is a well versed Urdu poet and above all the respected daughter of Promised Messiah. Every Ahmadi is urged to please remember her in humble supplications. May Allah grant her health and long life.

HAZOOR INAUGURATES THE TRAINING CLASS: Daily Al-Fazl of Rabwah has published a comprehensive report of the inauguration ceremony of the one day training class of Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya Pakistan. Likewise Hazoor addressdthe Convention of Ansarullah oragnization in Rabwah on 11th April 76 U.S.A. Mission News:

ANNUAL CONVENTION JULY 2,3 /76

The annual convention of North American Jamaats will inshallah be held this year on 2nd and 3rd July 1976 at DREW UNIVERSITY located in Madison, New Jersey on route 24(detailed map will be published in next issue) Cost per person: one night - room and 5 meals(Friday lunch & dinner/ Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner) adults \$ 24.85 children under 12 \$ 20/
Two nithts rooming(Friday & Saturday) plus 5 meals adults \$ 30.85 Child. 25/
No charge for children under 2 and no charge for linen and no linen for mats. For people who wish to arrive before Friday, they should notify Imam Masud Ahmad of New York well before hand for stay and arrangments.

AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY IN CANADA.

With grace of Allah ... " attendance at our monthly meetings of our branches in Ottawa, Montreal, Brantford, Calgary and specially Toronto is gradually on the increase. Families who have come to Canada are maintaining constant link with our Jamaat through out Canada which is indeed very heart warming. We pray that may Allah bless all these brothers and sisters who are striving in the path of Allah even in this part of the globe. The offince bearers of other chapters are requested to send their reports for publication. We delighted to announce the birth of a daughter to brother and sister Khurshid Ahmad Khan of Scarborough. We extend our congratulations to them and pray that may Allah bless the new born with a long and healthy life. May she be a real source of happiness to her parents and all the family members. Jamaat Ahmadiyya Toronto has recently DONATION OF BOOKS: donated some books to many of the libaries of metropolitan Toronto. These books were personally delivered to the respective libraries by our most sincere bro ther ABDUL WAHEED KHAN. The acknowledge ments from these libraries have been received particularly from U of T library and Met. Toronto Library FLAGS OF AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT:

We are pleased to announce that the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Toronto has received some Jamaat's flags from London, England. Few of the flags are available at the cost of \$20/-. Any chapter of our Movement in Canada can have these flags dispatched to them by mail on request. Please add postal charges to the cost and send your requests on P.O.Box 1183.

NEXT MONITULE V MEETING

picnic picnic picnic picnic picnic picnic picnic KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA OFF TO PICNIC AGAIN

We have been informed by the Qaid Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Toronto that the programme for a picnic by the Youth members and Sisters of our Jamaat is in the offing. It has been learnt that this forthcoming picnic will be held at ** BOYD'S PARK (2 miles from the intersection of HWY 7 and Islington Ave North)

** time 10 a.m.

** 23 rd of May 1976 Sunday (long week end)

** cost per person \$ 3/- children \$, 1/-

Please find a route map in the Urdu section of this Gazette.

Lajnaimaullah Toronto has been approached for this picnic and we are glad to announce that sisters too will be participating in this picnic. All those brothers and sisters who wish to participate may kindly contact any of the following numbers for further information and programme.

Qaid Toronto (275-4145) President Lajna (630-4328) and 292-3176,925-1508

No matter what the weather is, we are going to proceed with the programme. This is for sure the 'fun-packed' picnic for everyone.

without comment

DAWN - overseas May 9, 1976

Islamabad: Federal Religious Affairs Minister Maulana Kausar Niazi has categorically denied that any Pakistani, whether Ahmedi or otherwise is in Israel. The Minister, in a statement here on April 30, 1976 said his attention had been drawn to statements and news items appearing in some sections of the Press during the past few months that a number of families from Pakistan belonging to the Ahmediyya Jamaat were living in Israel and had been allowed to join the Israel army. Adjournment motions to discuss this matter had also been tabled in the National Assembly.

The minister said" The Pakistan Government has undertaken/ extended investigation into the truth of these reports, not only through its own sources byt also through the help of brotherly Arab countries adjoining Israel The result of these detailed inquiries shows that whereas a number of Ahmedia are operating in Israel they are not Pakistanis.

"In fact, I can categorically state that this Government is unaware of the presence of even a single Pakistani, whether Ahmedi or not, in Isreal. I can say this because the Pakistan passport is not valid for travel to Israel.

"It is true that in a book written by an Israeli the Ahmedis living in Israel have been described as "Pakistan Ahmedis" Probably; they have been described given the appellation for want of any other suitable one, because they are said to beling originally to that area of British India which is now Pakistan. Our inquiries have shown that these Ahmedis are in Israel on British passports and that of some of them are second generation of British citizens It is definite that none of them holds a Pakistani passport."

Maudoodiat

Maudoodi's attack on Hazrat Osman, 3rd Caliph of Islam:

Many people of high stature could't escape from the vicious attack of Maudoodi's astrayed pen among which is Hazrat Osman. Thus Maudoodi the arch enemy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan says in his venomous

, Ladies and Gentlemen, "You have in the Messenger of Allah an excellent exemplar:"(33:22) ed a verse from the Holy Quran explaining the scope, and it is a very wide ny address to you this afternoon. It admonishes all of us that we have in the or of Allah, that is to say in the Holy Prophet, an excellent exemplar. Now, e several implications in this admonition, that in the Holy Prophet we have an on March 28/16 int exemplar. The first implication (and a very necessary one) is that his nality should be a historical personality; that he should have lived in the light of London, England and we should know of the various aspects of his life on a basis of certainty and n the basis of part fiction and part fact or part fact and part mythology.

Though the Holy Prophet lived towards the end of the 6th and the beginning Zafrullah, Khan ? 7th century of the Christian era, his life is an open book, and we start with that ction of certainty. Then, it is alsol necessary for an exemplar for all mankind ne should himself be a man par excellence. No god or no super human being could exemplar for us. He should be one who has the same needs as us, the same urges ve have, the same passions that we have, and the same or similar ambitions that ave, so that comporting himself in various situations of life he could furnish us

an example, and he is commanded in the Quran to say: " Say , 'I am but a man like yourselves..." (18 : 111)

is, "Tell them, O Prophet: 'I am but a human being like all of you except that I ive revelations from God for your guidance.' "

TO THE QURAN:

He was a man like us. There is no mystery in his life. Once someone d Hazrat Aisha, his wife, what was the character of the Holy Prophet, and she ' The Quran" That is to say his character was in complete accord with the teachings were contained in the revelations vouchsafed to him.

This presents us with a panorama of human life and it can be said without ear of contradition that no other human being combined in himself a multitude of facets of life as did the Holy Prophet. Reference has already been e to some of the capacities that he filled in his life. He was born a few months the death of his father. His mother died while he was a child running about, long re his teens. During his youth, for a time, he acted as a trade agent for a wealthy w of Mecca who took part in the trade activities of the Meccans on a very large e. He acquited himself so well, so deligently, so hones tly, so humanely was entrusted to him, (and this was long before his mission of prophethood was owed upon him), that she offered him her hand in marriage.

PERFECT HUSBAND:

That marriage was characterised by a great disparity of age. He was in 'She was a widow, having children from her previous' early youth, 25 years of age. riage and was 40 years of age. And despite this disparity, this union which lasted 20 years or more, proved to be one of the happiest ones. Later in life, whenever e was any reason for joy or for sharing, he always recalled her memory and sent sents to her friends, so that, mentioning Aisha, his wife, again, who said: "Sir talk of Khadija as if there was never any other woman in the world like her "and aid" That is true. There is no other woman in the world like her. She stood by me affirmed my truthfullness and righteousness when the whole world said [was a liar. re can be no other woman like her"

EACEFUL CITIZEN:

Then the duties of prophethood were imposed on him. During the first 13 's of his memory ministry he was a persecuted and hounded man in Mecca. Yet he dpeacefully as a citizen of the oligarchy that was established in Mecca and conformed neir laws completely. He was a peaceful citizen. He was not an agitator.

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Speech delivered

Prophet Day celebrations in London Mosque B.B.C. RADIO LONDON

MICHAEL MEACH: Hello and welcome to Quest. This week, as Christians we look at London's Islamic Festival and we hear how Muhammad "s birthday was celebrated in Rytney.... Last weekend when many churches and commercial intrests for that matter were celebrating Nothering Sunday, many Muslims in London were marking Muhamm ad's birthday. We sent our reporter Owen Spencer Thomas along to the South London Mosque in Putney to see how the festivities were going there.

OWEN SPENCER THOMAS: You would't expect to find the scorching desert sun, a camel market or a camp of Arabic nomads in Gressenhall Road, Putney, but for 52 years as Islamic Mosque has stood there. One perhaps modest by Eastern standards but nevertheless dwarfing a nearby row of terraced houses built in the 1930's. It's London's first Mosque, an elegant white building with minarets and a Persian inscription over the door, reminding its readers that there is peace within.

Last Sunday over 600 Muslims gathered in the nearby Mission Hall to celebrate the birthday of their Holy Prophet Muhammad, the founder of the Islamic Faith. But who was this great man/? Muhammad was born in the year of the 'Elephant' to the Westner, that is just some 570 years after the birth of Jesus Christ. He was broght up in Mecca, a city in the Arabian peninsula – modern day Saudi Arabia. It was't until he was about 40 that he felt a call to summon the vested intrests of the local merchants, so he left for the city of Medina. From then on his new religion met with considerable success.

Not only a great religious leader, but also a brilliant statesman, he continued to cast a regretful eye on his birthplace, Mecca. It was only a couple of years before his death, when his support was so great, that he was able to realise his hppes and take Mecca with an army of 10,000. He died at the age of 63 giving the Arabs a binding national unity.

It was this man that last weeks meeting honoured. The Imam of the London Mosque welcomed not only his fellow Muslims, but also a large number of guests from other faiths: Christians, Sikhs and Bhuddists. The occasion opened with a crecitation from their Holy Book, the Guran. Then a series of speeches followed. The 'Concorde' bishop, Hugh Montefoire, reminded the assembly that Muslims, Jews and Christians worshipped the same God. He concluded by saying 'God bless you all' and to this there were murmured replies of 'thank you' but no hand-clapping because that is against the teaching of the Holy Prophet. The Manyor of Wandsworth added his words of encouragement saying that he was NEARLY A MUSLIM CONVERT IF ONLY FOR THE 'CURRY' Was less moderation from a young Muslim speaker who hoped for an Islamic Europe by the end of this century. Perhaps the most eloquest and learned speech came from 184 year old SIR MUHAMMAD ZAFRULLAH KHAN, the former President of the International Court of Justice, who told the meeting something of the example set by the Prophet.

And so all the goodwill speeches went on. But the significant things were perhaps the warm and welcoming atmosphere that prevailed and the sincere wish of all, whatever their creed, to pay their respect to the great Prophet and Statesman.

NON-ALCHOLIC SEER FOR SAUDI ARABIAES

The Muslim Religion prohibits believers from drinking alchol, whoch of course rules out beer. But now the Muslims of Saudi Arabia are about to get their laily ration of BEER - only it's a non-alcholic beer especially brewed for them by a forkshire brewery. Several months ago a Saudi businessman approached Dr. Richard Theakston of the well-known British brewery of the same name at a trade fair in Cologne, West Germany. Saudi Arabia has a superscript and same name at a trade fair in

ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY: in the matter of science and religion

A report has been published in the Globe and Mail of Toronto (March 27.

J76 page 13 that Lord Ramsøy of Lambeth, former 100th Archbishop of Canterbury as recently said in the Trinity College, of University of Toronto and I quote: Humanism has come to mean a reverence for man and a concern for his dignity, norality and happiness, linked with a belief that these ends are best served by the dvance of scientific outlook and by the demise of religion, since religion thwarts the cientific outlook and distracts man from his effectiveness in this world, by an irreleant pre-occupation with another." In the same context he says" Christianity and numanism stand in contrast as rival concepts".

As a proud Muslim, these views astound me as they explicitly explain' he bankruptcy of the Christian religion both in matters of human happiness and scientific outlook. The H oly Quran and the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad(P.B.U.H.) hrough whom the Quran was transmitted and addressed to whole mankind, do not thwart he scientific outlook. Rather, Islam encourages scientific investigation, research and exploration. Scientific achievements and revelations are for the service of mankind through which human beings attain dignity and happiness if they are properly used and utilized.

As I have understood Islam it says that religion is the Word of God and Science is the Work of God. The word and work of All-Knowing God cannot be in conflict with each other and as a matter of fact these two are in perfect harmony/The doly Quran says ... "WHO HAS CREATED SEVEN HEAVENS IN HARMONY. No noongruity canst thou see in the creation of the Gracious God. Then look again:seest hou any flaw "(67:4) At many other places the Holy Quran appeals to REASON, WISDOM, COMMONSENCE and says that it is incumbent to look around. The Holy Prophet; has said that go even to distant places in search of knowledge.

The aim of this brief article is to try to put across a comparative approach of Christianity and Islam in the matter of science and religion. It might benefit some of your readers as my purpose is not to criticize as such what Lord Ramsey of Lambeth has said a because I know he meant Christianity when he used the word religion and has ried to separate Christianity and Humanism. According to me Islam is the most perfect plend whereby one can achieve spiritual glories without losing sight of some material achievements through scienstific knowledge.

As a matter of fact Islam is the most secular religions of all and it stresses numan values which we can call as 'humanism' in other words I venture to say that slam and humanism are not rival concepts.

MALICIOUS REPORTING F

One of the bi-weekly newspaper of Toronto namely "Hale-Pakistan" has recently published a malicious report on its front page subject of which is the so-called attempt of Ahmadiyya Community to profane the Kalima(Naoozo-billah min zalika Apparently the Hale-Pakistan has copied the malicious report from the Jang and Millat newspaper of England which represens to the Pakistani-style journalism. We leave our matter with God Almighty but like to give some facts hereunder:

The Guardian printed in error the Kalima on the 8th of April 76 @ The next day the Jang printed an article condemning the Movement @ The Guardian admitted their error, implying obviously that Jang had not contacted them @ The correct version of the same advertisement appeared earlier in the Special World of Islam suppliment in the Times of 2nd April 1976 @ The Guardian printed the correct version of the ad. in ts issue of Thursday 15th April 1976 with an apology. Aur Kalima: 1 a illaha illaha