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*“If, at that time,
you see the
KHALIFA OF ALLAH
on the earth, adhere to him.”*

(Saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa})



A photograph of a mosque with a large dome and a minaret, decorated with string lights. The minaret is on the left, featuring a clock face and a balcony. The dome is on the right, covered in a network of string lights. The sky is clear and blue.

Why Do We Celebrate Khilafat Day?

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said:

“It is an expression of the fulfilment of Allah the Almighty’s promise and the prophecies of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and for this reason, we celebrate Khilafat Day every year on May 27th in every part of the world where the Ahmadiyya Jama’at is established. ... We are fortunate to be among those who are witnessing the fulfilment of this prophecy. Thus, those who remain truly attached to the Jama’at of the servant of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) will continue to be recipients of Allah the Almighty’s blessings, *Insha’Allah*.”

[Friday Sermon delivered on May 24, 2024; translated from *Al-Fazl International*, June 14, 2024, pp. 2–3]



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KIDS ZONE

ABBREVIATIONS OF SALUTATIONS

- sa** *Sallallahu alaihi wa Sallam* — peace and blessings of Allah be upon him
USAGE: Salutation written after the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)
- as** *Alaihis Salam / Alaihas Salam* — peace be upon him/her
USAGE: Salutation written after names of Prophets other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} and pious women prior to the era of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}
- ra** *Radhiyallahu anhu / anha / anhum* — may Allah be pleased with him/her/them
USAGE: Salutation written after names of Companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} and Companions of the Promised Messiah^{as}
- rh** *Rahimahullah / Rahimahallah* — may Allah have mercy upon him/her
USAGE: Salutation written after the names of deceased, pious Muslims who are not Companions^{sa}
- aa** *Ayyadallah Ta'ala bi Nasrihil Aziz* — may Allah be his Helper
USAGE: Salutation written after the name of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih V



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PEARLS OF

THE HOLY QUR'AN

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

And hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allah and be not divided; and remember the favour of Allah which He bestowed upon you when you were enemies and He united your hearts in love, so that by His grace you became as brothers; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah explain to you His commandments that you may be guided. (3:104)

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۚ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا ۚ وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا ۚ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٣٠٤﴾

HADITH

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ

O Allah! Bless Muhammad^{sa} and the people of Muhammad^{sa}, and bestow grace and salutations, for verily You are the Praiseworthy, the Majestic.

[Hazrat Hudhaifah bin Yaman (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that] the companions of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to ask him about good, while I would ask him about evil. I asked, "O Messenger of Allah! Will there be any evil after this good, just as there was before it?" He replied, "Yes." I then asked, "What will be the way to safeguard against it?" The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: ... "If you see Allah's Khalifa on the earth at that time, then hold firmly to him, even if your body is torn apart and your wealth is taken away. And if you do not see him [that is, Allah's Khalifa], then flee to a place on the earth, even if you die in that state where you have to chew the roots of trees."

[حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الْيَمَانِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ] كَانَ أَصْحَابُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَسْأَلُونَهُ عَنِ الْخَيْرِ وَأَسْأَلُهُ عَنِ الشَّرِّ، فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، هَلْ بَعْدَ هَذَا الْخَيْرِ شَرٌّ كَمَا كَانَ قَبْلَهُ شَرٌّ؟ قَالَ: «نَعَمْ»، قُلْتُ: فَمَا الْعِصْمَةُ مِنْهُ؟ قَالَ: ... «إِنْ رَأَيْتَ يَوْمَئِذٍ خَلِيفَةَ اللَّهِ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَالْزِمْهُ، وَإِنْ نُهَكَ جِسْمَكَ وَأُخِذَ مَالُكَ، فَإِنْ لَمْ تَرَهُ فَاهْرَبْ فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَلَوْ أَنْ تَمُوتَ وَأَنْتَ عَاصٌ بِجَذْلِ شَجَرَةٍ»

(مُسْنَدُ أَحْمَدُ ابْنِ حَنْبَلٍ، مُسْنَدُ الْأَنْصَارِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ، حَدِيثُ حُدَيْفَةَ بْنِ الْيَمَانِ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، حَدِيثٌ رَقْمُ ٢٣٤٢٥)

[Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, Hadith 23425]

WISDOM

SO SAID THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

THE KHALIFA IS A REFLECTION OF THE MESSENGER

“Observe that Allah, the Lord of Glory, has said:

وَأَمَّا مَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ فَيَبْذُرُهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ ط

Meaning, that which benefits people endures in the earth.

“Obviously the greatest benefactors of mankind are the Prophets, who strengthen people’s faith and benefit the seekers after truth through miracles, prophecies, verities, insights and examples of their own righteousness. It is also obvious that they do not remain upon the earth for a long time, and they leave this mortal realm after a short existence; yet, the purport of this verse cannot contradict this reality. Therefore, with reference to the Prophets, the meaning of the verse would be as follows: the Prophets continue their beneficence by way of reflection; and God Almighty, at the time of every need, raises some servant of His to be their likeness and example by way of zill [reflection], who—taking on his same colour—becomes the means for their lasting [spiritual] life. ...

“The Khalifa is in reality a reflection of the Messenger. And since no human being is immortal, God Almighty so willed that Messengers, who are the best and most honoured of all men, should live by way of zill until the Day of Judgement. That is indeed why God Almighty initiated Khilafat, so that the world may never be deprived of the blessings of Messengership in any age.”

[*Testimony of the Holy Qur'an* (2022), pp. 88–89, 91]



GEMS OF GUIDANCE

from the Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper)

NOTE: Given below are translations of extracts from the Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{ra}. Readers are encouraged to benefit directly from the Friday Sermons of Huzoor-e-Anwar^{ra}, available on alislam.org.



MAKHZAN-E-TASAWWEER



THE JAMA'AT CONTINUES TO PROGRESS IN THE ERA OF THE FIFTH KHILAFAT

“In accordance with the promise of Allah the Almighty, after the demise of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), the era of the First Khilafat began, and the Jama'at continued to progress. Then came the era of the Second Khilafat, during which the Jama'at advanced even further, and Jama'ats were established in many countries of the world. Then came the era of the Third Khilafat, and in that era too, further progress was made. Then came the era of the Fourth Khilafat, which opened new doors of advancement.

“Now, in the era of the Fifth Khilafat, the Jama'at continues to steadily progress. Despite the intense efforts of the enemy, the Jama'at continues to move forward. In fact, as always, Allah the Almighty Himself inspires the hearts of people—those sitting in far-off lands, who have never even seen a Khalifah—and guides them to come under the banner of Khilafat. Among both Muslims and non-Muslims, there are hundreds and thousands of such people whose hearts Allah opens. And in fulfilment of the promise made to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), He shows daily signs of the support and succour of the Jama'at. And when Allah has promised to maintain Khilafat, see how He creates the sentiments of attachment and devotion to Khilafat in people's hearts.”

[Friday Sermon delivered on May 24, 2024;
translated from *Al-Fazl International*, June 14, 2024, p. 3]





PEXELS



KHILAFAT CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED APART FROM THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}

“We observe that after the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), even the so-called concept of Khilafat that existed among Muslims came to an end, and now there are only governments—and even if these governments are tyrannical, they are not beyond the grasp of Allah the Almighty. At times, Allah may loosen the rope for them, but He certainly does seize the oppressors.

“In any case, as the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had stated, Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood would be established. In servitude to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), Allah the Almighty raised the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), and he also stated that after him, the system of his Khilafat would continue in the Jama’at, in accordance with the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He said: ‘I am the Khatam-ul-Khulafa’ [Seal of the Caliphs] Whoever comes after me and is granted the station of Khilafat by Allah will only come in my footsteps.

“Thus, no matter how much effort someone may exert in worldly terms, Khilafat can never be established independently, apart from the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).”

[Friday Sermon dated May 24, 2024; translated from *Al-Fazl International*, June 14, 2024, p. 3]



Rays of Light

The Enlightening Words of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper)



SHURA MEMBERS SHOULD ACT WITH UTMOST HUMILITY

On June 23, 2018, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) delivered a faith inspiring address at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community U.K.'s Majlis-e-Shura. Addressing the delegates regarding their responsibilities, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper) said:

“As Shura members you should act with the utmost humility and never think that your opinion holds greater weight than others. Such a spirit of humility will ensure that the Shura is conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect and this will lead to a positive exchange of views and a higher standard of debate. ...

“Every Shura member must understand that nothing can be achieved without righteousness and that no amount of debate or discussion will ever prove fruitful without it. Righteousness requires you to

have a constant fear of Allah in your heart and an understanding that Allah the Almighty knows your every thought and intention. He knows if the intentions underpinning your public views are sincerely held or whether they are clouded by vested interests.”

[[Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Press & Media Office, press release dated June 27, 2018](#)]

CAREFULLY SPENDING JAMA'AT FUNDS

In the same address, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper) instructed office bearers to ensure that the Jama'at's budget should be based on the key economic principle of 'minimum resource, maximum utility'. He said that the spirit with which the financial sacrifices had been made should never be forgotten:

“At all times, the office bearers or those who allocate or spend the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's money should keep in mind the spirit with which the funds have been collected. Often, Ahmadis set aside their own personal needs and requirements and put themselves in difficulty so that the needs of our Community can be fulfilled. ...

“If Ahmadi Muslims are making such earnest sacrifices and tolerating personal adversity for the sake of Allah's Community then the office bearers and those who produce the budget must pay great attention to ensuring that every single penny is utilised extremely carefully and accounted for.”

[[Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Press & Media Office](#), press release dated June 27, 2018]



PEXELS

Understanding the Real Purpose of Majlis-e-Shura



*Given below are extracts from the address of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khali-fatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, delivered on May 22, 2022 at the National Majlis-e-Shura of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at U.K. in Baitul Futuh Mosque, London. The full address is available on [YouTube](#) and the transcript was published in the [June 2022](#) issue of *The Review of Religions*.*

Always remember that the Majlis-e-Shura is a body that is unlike any worldly parliament or assembly. If we cast an eye upon the proceedings of worldly parliaments, we often see how endless debates take place that lead to nowhere other than to fuel hostilities and bitter conflict amongst the parliamentarians. Ultimately, their proceedings often serve to sow division within their people and often ferment tensions between nations as we are seeing at this time. In those political settings, there are normally two sides who have opposing agendas and their

respective members come with preconceived ideas or policies that they seek to push forward without considering the merits of others. They desire that their party policies are adopted and try to impose their personal beliefs and wishes upon others. More often than not, politicians crave power and lust after public approval and a desire to increase their own political authority or status. Certainly, it is the hallmark of worldly parliaments and assemblies that their members often prioritise loyalty to themselves and their party over and beyond loyalty to their nation and to

the cause of truth and justice.

Alhamdulillah, the institution of Majlis-e-Shura, is, as I have said, unlike any political or worldly assembly; rather, it is a consultative body that has far greater value and stature than any parliament or congress, but this can only remain the case so long as the members of Majlis-e-Shura are those who personify integrity and manifest the highest moral values, and remain free from all forms of politics or deception.

The Principal Objective of Majlis-e-Shura

Always remember that the principal objective and goal of Majlis-e-Shura is to formulate proposals that serve to fulfil the divine mission of the Imam of the Age, the Imam Mahdi, the Promised Messiah [peace be upon him], who was sent to revive the noble and glorious teachings of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be upon him] and to spread the message of Islam to all corners of the world. Therefore, as members of the Majlis-e-Shura, it is your duty to present your sincere recommendations to the Khalifa of the time who serves as the spiritual father of the entire Jama'at. Thereafter, he will consider your advice with the sole objective of ensuring that whatever plans or policies are devised are those that facilitate the spread of the message of Islam, and draw mankind towards its Creator and towards fulfilling the rights of one another.

Hence, I hope and expect that you will have conducted your duties with pure intentions and in an appropriate way at all times. In this regard, there is no excuse, given that delegates of the Majlis-e-Shura, and Jama'at office-bearers, have been reminded of their duties on countless occasions by the Khalifa of the time. All of you should pay heed to the fact that you are not gathered here for any worldly purpose. Your participation is purely for the sake of propagating your faith and religion.

You should understand that Majlis-e-Shura is a united body with one common purpose and so you must fulfil your duties with the utmost seriousness and with absolute integrity. If you participate with this spirit, you will never think that only you can be right or that your opinion has greater weight than others. You will not seek to establish groups like a worldly political party; rather, you will recognise that as members of the Jama'at and as members of Majlis-e-Shura, there is only one party that we desire to serve and be part of and that is the divine party of Allah the Almighty.

As I have said, the institution of Majlis-e-Shura has developed in each country where the Nizam-e-Jama'at has

been established. However, it would be wrong to say that the proceedings always take place perfectly or that they are free from all shortcomings. Unfortunately, there are occasions when it appears that certain Shura delegates engage in debate merely for the sake of it, or raise trivial issues that do not progress the matter at hand in any way. Similarly, there are instances where certain delegates do not believe that those who oppose their view are acting with sincerity or in good faith.

In light of what I have just said, I hope that none of you will have engaged in meaningless debates merely to assert your intellectual superiority over others, or to satisfy your ego; rather, I hope and expect that whatever opinion or counsel you have given was offered sincerely, with the fear of Allah coursing through your veins and keeping in mind the primary objective of Majlis-e-Shura, which is to bring about the successful spread of the message of Islam to all peoples and nations of the world. ...

Reflect Upon Your Spirit of Sacrifice

Unquestionably, the blessings and favours of Allah the Almighty bestowed upon our Jama'at are without any measure. There was a time when the Jama'at did not even have the means to pay the basic allowances of *Waqifeen-e-Zindagi* [life devotees]. During those times of hardships, the Waqifeen set a great example of patience and trust in Allah the Almighty. They never complained if they did not receive their allowances or stipend; rather, they and their families tolerated hunger and lived lives of great simplicity whilst continuing their service to the Jama'at with great devotion and zeal. We should never forget their sacrifices and indeed, they are examples for all of today's Waqifeen-e-Zindagis, office-bearers and Shura delegates as well. Every Ahmadi should offer thanks to Allah the Almighty that the financial circumstances of the Jama'at have greatly improved since then, despite the fact that the contribution towards Chandas by the members is not up to the mark.

No longer is it the case that we do not have the funds to build mosques. No longer is it the case that we do not have the resources to print and publish our literature. No longer is it the case that the members of Majlis-e-Shura struggle to find the basic means to facilitate and fund our *Tabligh* [propagation] projects. No longer is it the case that we do not have enough to pay the allowances of our full-time Jama'at workers. Where once, the Jama'at struggled to fund the main executive body or the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, now we have reached a stage where, in many countries, individual Jama'at departments are allocated

large sums to fulfil their objectives in the service of Islam.

Accordingly, the question we must now ask ourselves is whether we still have the same spirit of sacrifice, tolerance and patience that those before us displayed. Are we ready to serve Islam with the same passion and dedication that our predecessors did, and are we ready to make every possible sacrifice for the sake of our faith, or are the words we repeat in our pledges simply hollow and meaningless claims?

This is something for every office-bearer and every Shura delegate to reflect upon. ...

Living Up to the Teachings of Islam

Today, some of our opponents allege that Ahmadis say one thing, but do another and that our beliefs and practices have no link to Islam. These are baseless allegations, but it is a reminder to us to ensure that there is never even the slightest contradiction or discrepancy between our words and deeds and that all of our acts are according to the teachings of Islam.

Certainly, today where we are witnessing a complete lack of peace and security in the world, the only pathway to salvation and the only way to free humanity from the destruction toward which it is hurdling is for mankind to recognise and submit before its Creator. Consequently, we must take the lead and awaken the people of our nations and enlighten them of the fundamental importance of fulfilling the rights of God Almighty and of one another. Yet, we cannot do this until we are ourselves living up to the teachings and values instilled in us by the Holy Qur'an, the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be upon him], and in this era, the Promised Messiah [peace be upon him].

So, we must try with every fibre of our being to ensure that as many people as possible come to hear the message of Ahmadiyyat and understand the purpose for the advent of the Promised Messiah [peace be upon him]. Only then can it be said that we are fulfilling the objectives of the in-



stitution of Majlis-e-Shura. Only then will you truly be serving as a sincere helper to the Khalifa of the time as he seeks to guide the Jama'at in a way that enables the spread of Islam Ahmadiyyat to reach new heights. Only then will you be playing your role in ensuring that all members of the Jama'at across the world are moving in one direction as a united community at the hand of Khalifatul-Masih towards the true and final spiritual victory of Islam and the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be upon him], *Insha'Allah*.

And so I hope and pray that whatever you have deliberated upon and whatever recommendations you send to me are those that have been formulated with the true objectives of Majlis-e-Shura kept in mind at all times and with the deep desire that the bond of unity within our Jama'at reaches new levels and that the message of true Islam reaches all parts of the world.

With these words, I pray that may Allah the Almighty bless the institution of Majlis-e-Shura as it enters its second century, and may our Jama'at forever witness the divine blessings and rewards of Allah the Almighty.

48th National Majlis-e-Shura Canada

We are pleased to announce that the 48th Majlis-e-Shura of Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada will, Insha'Allah, be held from May 23–25, 2025 at Aiwan-e-Tahir, Peace Village.

This year's Shura will also include the elections for the National Majlis Amila of Canada. Representatives from across Canada will travel to Toronto to participate in this important consultative body.

If you wish to attend the Shura proceedings as an observer, please contact your local Amir or Sadr Jama'at and provide them with your membership code, full name, and email address. The deadline to register as an observer is May 18, 2025.

We request all members to pray for the successful and blessed proceedings of Shura and for the safe travel of all representatives. May Allah enable us to offer sincere and thoughtful counsel for the benefit of the Jama'at, and grant us the honor of serving as true helpers of the Khalifatul-Masih. Ameen!

Wassalam!

SABIH NASIR

*Secretary Majlis-e-Shura
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada*



ABDUL HALEEM QURESHI

Khilafat is Established by God

Maulana Hafiz Attaul Wahab
Missionary Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Calgary

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Maulana Hafiz Attaul Wahab Sahib, Missionary serving in Calgary Jama'at, delivered a speech on the subject "Khilafat is Established by God" at Jalsa Salana Canada 2024. The text of his speech has been adapted into an article for the Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada.*

Sultan Abdul Hamid II, a figure revered as a great Sultan and ruler of the Ottoman Empire, ascended to power in 1876 and immediately initiated a series of reforms aimed at solidifying his Caliphate, which spanned much of Southeast Europe, the Middle East, West Asia, and North Africa.

This ambitious Sultan harboured grand dreams of extending his role as Caliph to the entire Muslim world, including those living under foreign colonial powers. To realize these dreams, he initiated the construction of the Hijaz Railway, designed to connect sacred places like Makkah and Madinah, along with other Muslim territories, to Turkey through an extensive railway network.

At the same time, he opened Turkish consulates in regions beyond Ottoman rule, such as India and China. His goal was to mobilize the strong support of these Muslims, not as a king, but as the Caliph or *Amirul Mu'mineen*—the spiritual leader of all Muslims.

In his own words, Abdul Hamid once stated, "Always and everywhere we should insist on the fact that I am Emir-ul-Muminin." [*Pan-Islamism and Modernisation During the Reign of Sultan Abdul Hamid II*, p. 422].

He believed that even if the Ottoman Empire lost all its temporal power, its spiritual power as the throne of the Islamic Caliphate could never be destroyed.

Abdul Hamid's aspirations to revive a spiritual Caliphate in the latter part of the 19th century may have been sincere. However, his plans appear to be in direct conflict with the divine plan. For the hand of divine decree had already chosen a man from the obscure town of Qadian as *Khatamul-Khulafa*—the Seal of the Caliphs—as well as the Messiah of the latter days.

It is not that Sultan Abdul Hamid II and his empire were entirely unaware of this divine voice. In fact, one of his ambassadors to India, Mr. Hussain Kami, visited Qadian in 1897. During a private meeting, he requested the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) to seek divine revelation about the future of the Ottoman Empire.

This encounter underscores a pivotal moment in history where divine decree and earthly ambitions intersected, revealing the unfolding of a higher plan already in motion.

Having received divine guidance on this matter, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) informed him that Allah had revealed to him that the condition of the Sultan, his state, and his officials was very bad, and therefore, their end would not be good. Then, he went on to say something that upset Mr. Hussain Kami—words that are worthy of everyone's attention. He said:

خدا نے یہی ارادہ کیا ہے کہ جو مسلمانوں میں سے مجھ سے علیحدہ رہے گا، وہ
کاٹا جائے گا۔ بادشاہ ہو یا غیر بادشاہ۔

"God has so willed that whoever among the

Muslims stays separated from me will be cut off, whether he is a king or not.” [Announcement dated May 24, 1897; *Majmu’ah Isbtiharat* (2019), vol. 2, p. 294]

Obviously, Mr. Hussain did not like this response and later published an extremely hateful and malicious letter against the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in an Indian newspaper.

In response, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) wrote in an announcement dated June 7, 1897:

“Remember that insulting the one sent by God is an insult to God Himself. If you wish, you may hurl abuses at me—that is within your power—because the heavenly kingdom appears insignificant to you. The claim that the Sultan is the Caliph of Muslims is merely a self-proclaimed title. However, the Khilafat which was mentioned seventeen years ago in *Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya* and *Izala-e-Auham*—that is the true Khilafat. Do you not remember that revelation? ‘I intended to appoint a vicegerent, so I created Adam. The Khalifah of God, the Sultan.’ Of course, our Khilafat is spiritual and heavenly, not earthly.” [Announcement dated June 7, 1897; *Majmu’ah Isbtiharat* (2019), vol. 2, p. 303]

As foretold by the Khatamul Khulafa—the Seal of the Caliphs and the Sultan of the Pen—the downfall of Sultan Abdul Hamid II’s caliphate began. A revolutionary movement known as the Young Turks started gaining momentum against him. On May 27, 1908, after the demise of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), Allah manifested His power by having Hazrat Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen (may Allah be pleased with him) elected as the first Khalifa of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

Exactly one month later, Abdul Hamid was stripped of all his powers with the establishment of the Turkish Parliament, reducing his caliphate to a mere title.

While Abdul Hamid’s elaborate schemes to consolidate power and promote his Pan-Islamic agenda came to nothing, Allah chose Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen (may Allah be pleased with him), a humble servant of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), as the first Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at. Despite his high academic standing, he was often seen sitting humbly near the shoe area in gatherings of his beloved Imam. This is how Allah fulfills His promise of



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (peace be upon him)
THE PROMISED MESSIAH & MAHDI

لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ — it is *We* who make someone a Khalifa in the earth.

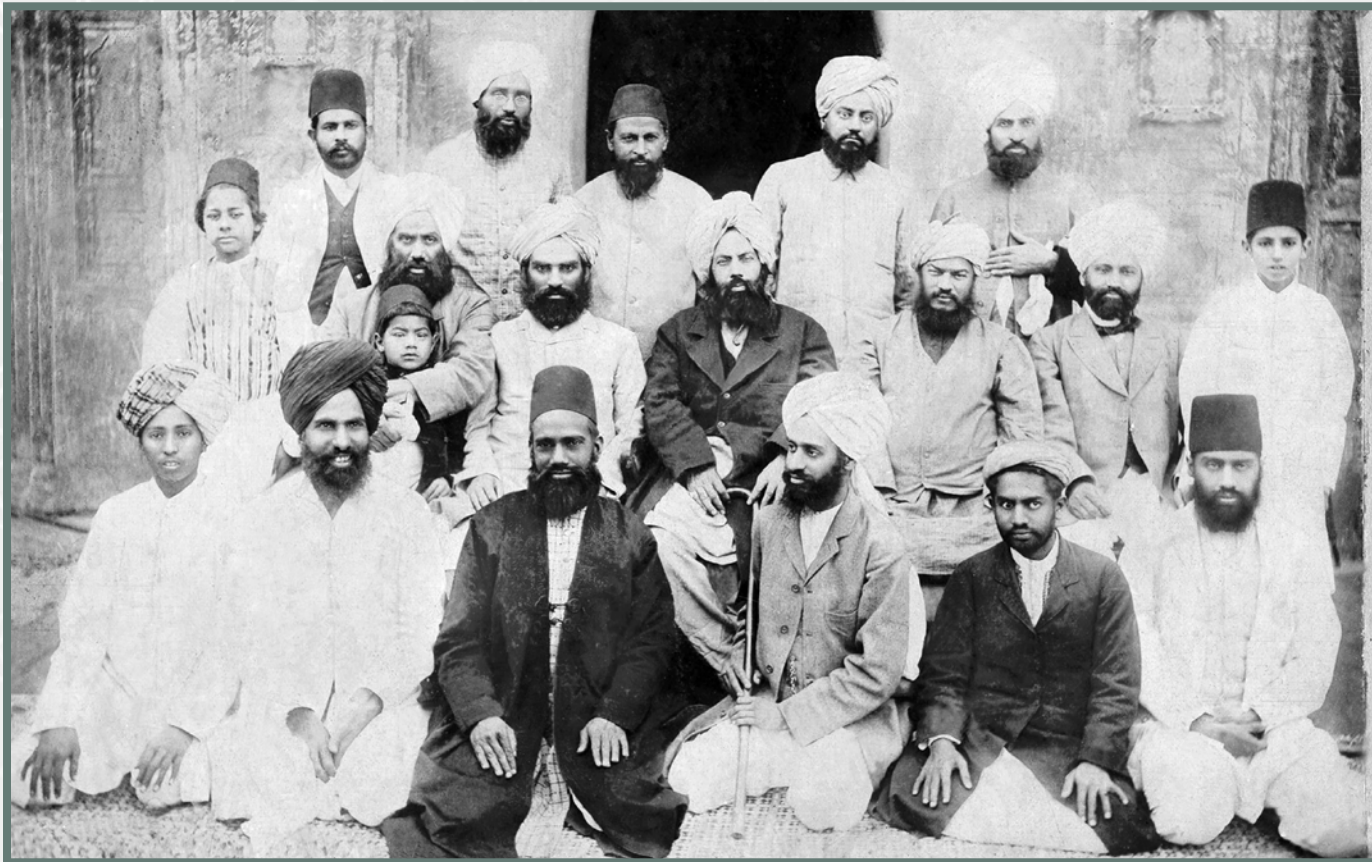
Where Abdul Hamid succumbed to the demands of revolutionary forces despite all his worldly power, Hazrat Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen (may Allah be pleased with him) stood firm in the face of similar opposition. Some members viewed Khilafat as an outdated concept, but he boldly declared:

“Khilafat is not something you can buy from a store like a soft drink. You cannot benefit from these treacheries. Neither has anyone made you a Khalifa, nor can anyone else become a Khalifa in my lifetime.”

He further asserted:

“When I die, the same person whom Allah desires will succeed me, and Allah will establish him.” [*Badr*, July 11, 1912, vol. 12, no. 2, p. 4]

The message is clear: Khilafat is not a product that can be manufactured artificially; it is a divine promise that only Allah Himself can fulfill.



THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS} AMIDST HIS COMPANIONS

Hazrat Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen^{ra}, Khalifatul-Masih I, is seated in the middle row, second from the left.
 Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Deen Mahmood Ahmad^{ra}, Khalifatul-Masih II, is standing in the middle row, on the far left.

Two Types of Khalifas Appointed by Allah

The Holy Qur'an mentions two types of Khalifas appointed by Allah. One is a messenger whom Allah sends for the reformation of the people. Since the messenger is a representative of Allah in the world, he is called *Khalifatullah* or the Khalifa of Allah. The other type of Khalifa represents the messenger and continues his work after the messenger's demise. Although this Khalifa is chosen through human means, Allah refers to it as His own selection, saying, "We make them successors in the land" (24:56).

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) wrote:

"The Khalifa is in reality a reflection of the Messenger. And since no human being is immortal, God Almighty so willed that Messengers, who are the best and most honoured of all men, should live by way of reflection until the Day of Judgement. That is indeed why God Almighty initiated Khilafat, so that the world may never be deprived of the blessings of Messengership in any age." [*The Testimony of the Holy Qur'an* (2022), p. 91]

This concept is further confirmed by a hadith of the

Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Hazrat Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) narrated that during his last illness, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"I had the desire to appoint Abu Bakr as my Khalifa and hand over the authority, but then I thought that this matter rests with Allah. He will not let anyone other than Abu Bakr become the Khalifa, and neither will the community of believers be pleased with anyone else's Khilafat other than Abu Bakr's." [*Sahih al-Bukhari*, Hadith no. 6677]

Similarly, Allah had informed the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) about the fact that Hazrat Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen (may Allah be pleased with him) would be the first Khalifa after him, but he did not announce it and left the matter to the decree of Allah. Hazrat Nawab Mubarak Begum Sahiba (may Allah be pleased with her) recounted that before the Promised Messiah's^{as} last journey to Lahore, he asked her to pray for him and share any dreams she might have. She dreamed of Hazrat Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen^{ra} sitting

with a book and saying, “Look, there are revelations of the Promised Messiah about me in this book, and I am Abu Bakr.” When she related this dream to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), he advised her not to tell her mother, indicating the dream also pointed to his own imminent demise. [Seerat-ul-Mahdi, vol. 1, p. 533, narration 537]

When Allah appoints someone as a Khalifa, He confirms His selection through special support and assistance. Although these individuals may appear as ordinary people, once they assume the position of Khilafat, Allah fills their hearts with faith and conviction that He has bestowed this position upon them. While worldly leaders come into power through elections and fear the displeasure of the masses, divinely appointed Khalifas rely solely on Allah. They consult people in matters, but when it comes to implementing the commands of Allah and His Messenger, they remain firm, regardless of public opinion. Subsequent events often prove their decisions correct.

After the demise of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), when Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) was elected as the first Khalifa, many tribes apostatized. Despite the Companions^{ra} insistence to stop Usama's^{ra} army due to threats around Madinah, Hazrat Abu Bakr (may

Allah be pleased with him) stood firm, declaring he would not stop an army prepared by the Prophet^{sa}. Subsequent events confirmed he was right. [Tafsir-e-Kabir (2023), vol. 11, pp. 160–161]

Manifestations of Divine Power

Both *Khalifatullah* and *Khalifatur-Rasul* (Khalifa of the Messenger) are manifestations of divine power, tasked with the same mission of disseminating divine light. Consequently, they face similar resistance from the forces of evil. As the Holy Qur'an says:

يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ مُتِمُّ نُورِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

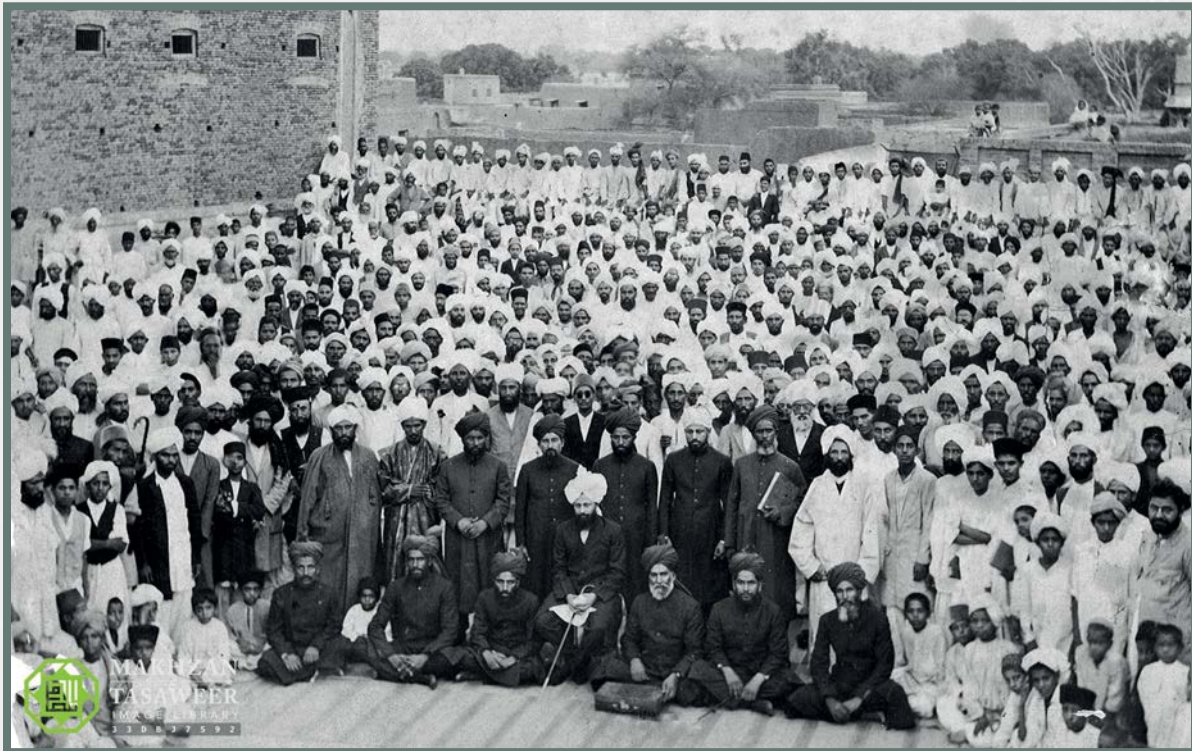
They desire to extinguish the light of Allah with the breath of their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, even if the disbelievers hate it. (61:9)

Thus, the advent of Khilafat leads to a struggle between David and Goliath, between the forces of good and evil. In the words of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him):

اک شجر ہوں جس کو داؤدی صفت کے پھل لگے
میں ہوا داؤد اور جالوت ہے میرا شکار

*I am a tree bearing fruits of David's qualities;
I have become David, and Goliath is my prey.*

Regardless of how powerful these evil forces may seem,



HAZRAT KHALIFATUL-MASIH II^{ra} SURROUNDED BY DEVOTEES OF QADIAN

Huzoor^{ra} is seated on a chair, clad in a white turban. This picture was taken on July 11, 1924, before his departure to Europe.

when they clash with the rightly-guided Khalifas, they always face defeat and humiliation. Meanwhile, Allah's *nur*, or light, continues to shine ever more brightly through His second manifestation in Khilafat.

Opposition Movements Wiped Out

In 1934, during the period of the second Khilafat of Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Deen Mahmood Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him), an anti-Ahmadiyya movement called the Ahrar initiated a malicious campaign against the Jama'at throughout India. They openly declared their goal to wipe out Ahmadiyyat from the entire country, vowing that no one would dare mention the name of the Jama'at.

Despite their hateful agenda, they enjoyed the full support of some officials of the British government, which was ruling over India at the time. Even with their open threat of reducing Qadian to rubble, the government granted them permission to hold their biggest Jalsa inside Qadian.

In the face of such ferocious opposition, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him), under divine guidance, launched the scheme of Tahrik-

e-Jadid with the objective of spreading the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat to many more countries outside India.

The same year, on December 27, 1934, Huzoor (may Allah be pleased with him) foretold the downfall of the Ahrar movement, and also warned the British government for their complicit role in the following words:

“We do feel passion, and we will continue to feel it—but it will remain confined to our hearts. We will feel indignant—but it will not be expressed outwardly. Our hearts will be shattered into pieces—but our tongues will remain silent. However, there is another Being who will not remain silent. He will take retribution—and He certainly will—from both governments and individuals. No high-ranking officer, no prominent leader, no mighty faction, and no powerful government will be able to escape His grasp.

“The British government is very big and very powerful, but it cannot protect its treacherous and irresponsible officials from the wrath of



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^{ra} leading Salat at Jalsa Musleh-e-Mau'ud in Hoshiarpur, 1944



Faith inspiring scene of
Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih
III'sth arrival in Abidjan,
Ivory Coast, 1970

God. Can it protect such officials from bombshells? And Ahmadis are not the ones launching them. Yet, it cannot protect anyone from the assaults of cholera, colic, and plague—nor is there any other power that can save from the grip of God.

“If this situation continues and one day a prayer is uttered against them, then the government will see that, despite all its resources and all its protections, it will not be able to save its officials. Our God sees those who commit injustice and unfairness. He sees our wounded hearts and the emotions within them. He sees our patience—and in the end, one day, He will enforce His decree.” [*Halat-e-Hazirah Kay Muta’allaq Jama’at-e-Ahmadiyya Ko Ehm Hidayaat, Anwar-ul-Uloom*, vol. 13, p. 383]

And God’s decree *did* come into action!

In 1939, the Second World War was imposed upon the British Empire. Cities across England suffered from prolonged and intense bombardment carried out by German bombers. Though Britain and its allies won the war, Britain lost its grip on most of its colonial territories.

And then, 13 years after Huzoor (may Allah be pleased with him) spoke those words, there remained neither the Ahrar movement nor the expansive British Empire on the map of the world.

Once again, Allah demonstrated: **لَيْسَتْ خِلْفَتُهُمْ** — It is *We*

who make them Khalifas in the Earth.

And to fulfil the promise, “And We will surely establish for them their religion,” at the same time, we witnessed the Jama’at being established in forty new countries under the divine scheme of Tahrik-e-Jadid. Hundreds of new mission houses were opened throughout the world. Ahmadis came forward to sacrifice their lives and wealth to spread the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat. [*Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya Ki Tahreekat*, p. 147]

Powerful Leaders Destroyed

In 1948, after the Partition of India, Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau’ud (may Allah be pleased with him) laid the foundation of a new headquarters in Rabwah, Pakistan. Over the next two decades, under the divine leadership of the second and third Khilafat, the Ahmadiyya Jama’at reached new heights in the fields of education, commerce, and political influence.

So much so that Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, an emerging political leader in Pakistan, began to feel threatened by the Jama’at’s growing influence. He once remarked:

“These people [i.e., the Ahmadis] wanted us to give them the same status in Pakistan that Jews have in America—that is, every policy of ours should be in accordance with their wishes.” [*Silsila Ahmadiyya*, vol. 3, p. 567]

However, the Jama'at has never sought worldly power or influence—and its Khalifas have always followed the principle laid down by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him):

مجھ کو کیا ملکوں سے میرا ملک ہے سب سے جدا
مجھ کو کیا تاجوں سے میرا تاج ہے رضوانِ یار

What do I care about countries; my country is different from all others.

What do I care about crowns; my crown is the pleasure of my Beloved.

Nevertheless, it was Bhutto who, after enjoying full power over Pakistan, desired to extend his leadership beyond its borders. He rallied support across the Muslim world and played a key role in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

Then, on September 7, 1974, by having Ahmadis declared non-Muslim in Pakistan's Constitution, he thought he had dealt a major blow to both Ahmadiyyat and Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

Indeed, it was a difficult time for the Jama'at. Ahmadis suddenly became strangers in their own country. Their lives, properties, and businesses were no longer safe.

In this dire time, Allah fulfilled His promise of granting Ahmadis peace and security through the blessed words of Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (may Allah have mercy upon him), the third Khalifa of the Jama'at, who said:

“As far as the question of someone being a Muslim or non-Muslim is concerned, I have been saying this from the very beginning—even long before this resolution. I have always maintained that a person who bought their Islam from Lahore's Mall Road will be lost. But for me and you—whom God Himself declares as true believers and Muslims—we have nothing to worry about. Let the world say whatever it wants; we have no concern at all.” [*Khutbat-e-Nasir*, vol. 5, p. 641]

At the same time, he filed an appeal—not in a high court, Supreme Court, or international tribunal—but in the court of Allah.

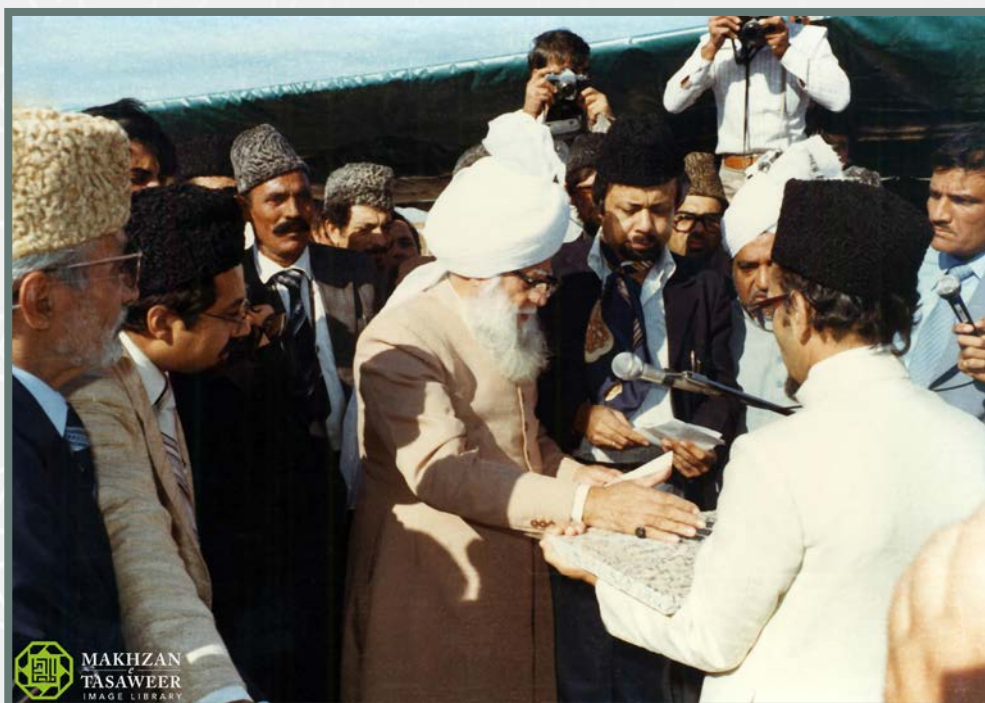
At the Jalsa Salana Pakistan, on December 26, 1975, he publicly prayed:

وَأَنْصُرْنِي عَلَى مَنْ ظَلَمَنِي وَأَرِنِي فِيهِ ثَأْرِي وَأَقَرِّ بِذَلِكَ عَيْنِي

O Allah, help me against anyone who wrongs me, and show me the retribution against him, thereby granting comfort to my eyes.

This prayer of Khalifatul-Masih triggered the downfall of the most powerful and cunning leader in Pakistan.

Despite having won a large majority in the 1977 election, Bhutto's government was overthrown on July 5, 1977, by General Zia-ul-Haq, the Army Chief of Staff. Soon after, Bhutto was imprisoned and later sentenced to death on the charge of ordering the assassination of a political opponent in 1974—the same year he had de-



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III^{rh}
laying the foundation stone of
the Basharat Mosque in Spain,
October 9, 1980



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IVth welcomed by Ahmadis of Ghana, 1988

clared Ahmadis non-Muslims. Despite many appeals to higher courts and several world leaders, he was finally hanged to death on April 4, 1979.

جس بات کو کہے کہ کروں گا یہ میں ضرور
ملتی نہیں وہ بات خدائی یہی تو ہے

*When He says, 'I will surely do this,' it never falters—
that is the essence of Divinity.*

Let me make one thing clear: it does not matter to us who comes to power and who loses it, who lives on or who dies. What matters is the manifestation of divine power through the fulfilment of the prophetic words spoken by the Khalifa of the time. Despite being declared non-Muslims and having lost many educational institutions and properties, the Ahmadiyya Jama'at continued to advance under the flag of divine Khilafat.

Scores of new schools and hospitals were established—not in Pakistan, but in West Africa. Then, on October 9, 1980, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah have mercy upon him) laid the foundation of Masjid Basharat in Spain, the first mosque built there in over 700 years since the Muslims left Spain.

As we entered the fourth period of the manifestation of divine power through the election of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah have mercy upon him) as the Khali-

fa in 1982, hostilities against Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya intensified.

In 1984, General Zia-ul-Haq, the military dictator and President of Pakistan, enacted anti-Ahmadi laws to render the Khalifatul-Masih powerless and further infringe upon the civil rights of Pakistani Ahmadis. But he didn't stop there. He devised a scheme to have Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah have mercy upon him) arrested—directly targeting the Ahmadiyya Khilafat.

However, Allah foiled his plans.

Huzoor (may Allah have mercy upon him) left Pakistan with a heavy heart—but with this firm conviction:

یہ صدائے فقیرانہ حق آشنا، پھیلتی جائے گی شش جہت میں سدا
تیری آواز اے دشمن بد نوا! دو قدم دور دو تین پل جائے گی

*This humble voice, resonating with truth, will continue
to spread in all directions forever.*

*Your voice, O wicked enemy, will travel just a few steps
and last only a few moments.*

And history unfolded exactly this way.

A few years later, with the launch of the Jama'at's first-ever satellite channel MTA (Muslim Television Ahmadiyya), the voice of truth began reaching every



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{ra} at Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, 2012

corner of the world. The enemy tried to disconnect Ahmadis from their beloved Imam—but Allah brought him to their homes, not in one country, but in every household across the world.

As for General Zia-ul-Haq, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah have mercy upon him) issued multiple warnings, and finally, a Mubahila (prayer duel) challenge on June 10, 1988. Leaflets of this Mubahila were distributed widely in Pakistan to make it public.

Then, in his Friday Sermon on August 12, 1988, Huzoor (may Allah have mercy upon him) warned:

“If you do not cease your injustices and abandon this path of oppression, and even if you consider accepting the challenge of Mubahila against your dignity, then in my view, God’s decree will equate it to accepting the challenge—and you will not escape His punishment.” [*Khutbat-e-Tahir*, vol. 7, p. 553]

He also foretold—based on a recent dream—that although the people would witness a great sign of Divine punishment, they still would not believe in the truth of Ahmadiyyat.

An ordinary person would think twice before directly challenging one of the most powerful figures in the Muslim world—one who commanded a powerful intel-

ligence agency capable of carrying out any type of covert operation anywhere in the world.

But just five days later, on August 17, 1988, General Zia-ul-Haq was killed in an air crash while returning from Bahawalpur military base in a U.S.-made C-130 aircraft, along with 28 senior military officers. His body was burned to ashes, leaving no trace behind.

Once again, Allah fulfilled the words of His Khalifa and proved who the “Mard-e-Haqq”, the man of God, was:

تمہیں مٹانے کا زعم لے کر اٹھے ہیں جو خاک کے گولے
خدا اڑا دے گا خاک ان کی، کرے گا رسوائے عام کہنا

“Those dust devils that have risen avowing to destroy you — / God will scatter their ashes and disgrace them publicly.”

As one Pakistani journalist wrote:

“Gen Zia-ul-Haq has practically become a metaphor for the darkest decade in Pakistan’s history.”
[Dawn, August 18, 2016]

Can you not see the pattern? How the most powerful individuals are rendered powerless when they oppose God’s Khalifa?

All those who aspired to become the *Amirul Mu’mineen* and leader of the Muslim Ummah have been wiped out by the Divine hand. Every time, Allah shows: **لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ** —



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa} delivering an address at the European Union Parliament, 2012

He will make them successors in the earth.

No matter how powerful or resourceful you are, you cannot establish Khilafat, nor can you do any harm to the Khilafat established by Allah Himself.

An Institution Safeguarded and Sustained by Allah

Then, on April 22, 2003, we again witnessed the second manifestation of Allah's power through the election of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper) as the Fifth Khalifa. A man who just a few years prior had been confined to a jail cell as a prisoner of conscience in Pakistan—Allah honoured him with Khilafat and made him *Amirul Mu'mineen*.

Today, the world watches as Allah has spread his fame far and wide. Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) has addressed the E.U. Parliament, the Canadian Parliament, the German Parliament, the U.K. Parliament, Capitol Hill in the United States, as well as mayors of cities who have handed over to him their symbolic keys.

We have heard many accounts of Ahmadis who were shown signs through dreams or visions before Huzoor's^{aa} election as Khalifa. Even after his election, Allah continues to inspire and guide people across the world—some of whom had never heard of him or even of Islam.

One such story occurred during Huzoor's^{aa} visit to Germany. At the inauguration of a mosque, a Bosnian woman in the audience appeared deeply moved. She approached a local missionary and asked to speak with Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper).

When she met him and he inquired about her well-being, she immediately recounted that she had seen a dream two to two and a half years ago. She said that in that dream:

"I saw a person who was very dignified—very beautiful—who was wearing a white turban and had a quite lengthy beard. I had never seen that person in my life before. But I knew there was something right and good and pure about that person and I felt very good when I woke up from that dream. Ever since, I've been wondering and waiting if I will ever find out who that person is. Today, when I was seated at that table, I came as an ordinary guest with no knowledge of Jama'at Ahmadiyya. When you walked in, I saw that you were the person who had been in my dream two years ago." [[Khilafat – Living Proof for the Existence of God: Interview with Abid Khan Sahib, The Review of Religions, YouTube](#)]

This woman was not an Ahmadi. Why would Allah

guide her to the Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at if he were not truly appointed by Allah?

And one whom Allah appoints as Khalifa, He always guides and inspires.

In 2016, Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) visited Canada. During an interview at the Baitul Islam Mosque, prominent Canadian journalist Peter Mansbridge asked him about the U.S. presidential election—specifically about Donald Trump's divisive statements.

Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) responded that if such divisive policies were implemented, it could lead to a civil war. Mansbridge, surprised, sought clarification. Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) repeated the statement with confidence.

Years later, when someone asked why he used the term "civil war," Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) replied:

"It was not something I personally anticipated. It was Allah who placed the word in my heart at that moment." [Al-Fazl, August 11, 2021]

The interview aired, and after Trump's election, the whole world witnessed America becoming increasingly divided—by race, gender, and religion. The Women's March, the Black Lives Matter movement after the killing of George Floyd, and the attack on Capitol Hill on January 6, 2021—a place considered the symbol of

democracy—all revealed that the nation was indeed on a dangerous path.

Soon, we started seeing that leading media began echoing Huzoor's^{aa} warning. Headlines read:

"America is on a brink like none since the Civil War." [CNN, July 31, 2020]

"The next US civil war is already here—we just refuse to see it." [The Guardian, January 4, 2022]

"Is the U.S. on the Verge of a Civil War?" [The New York Times, January 23, 2022]

تم بھی اے کاش کبھی دیکھتے سنتے اس کو
آسمان کی ہے زباں، یارِ طرہدار کے پاس

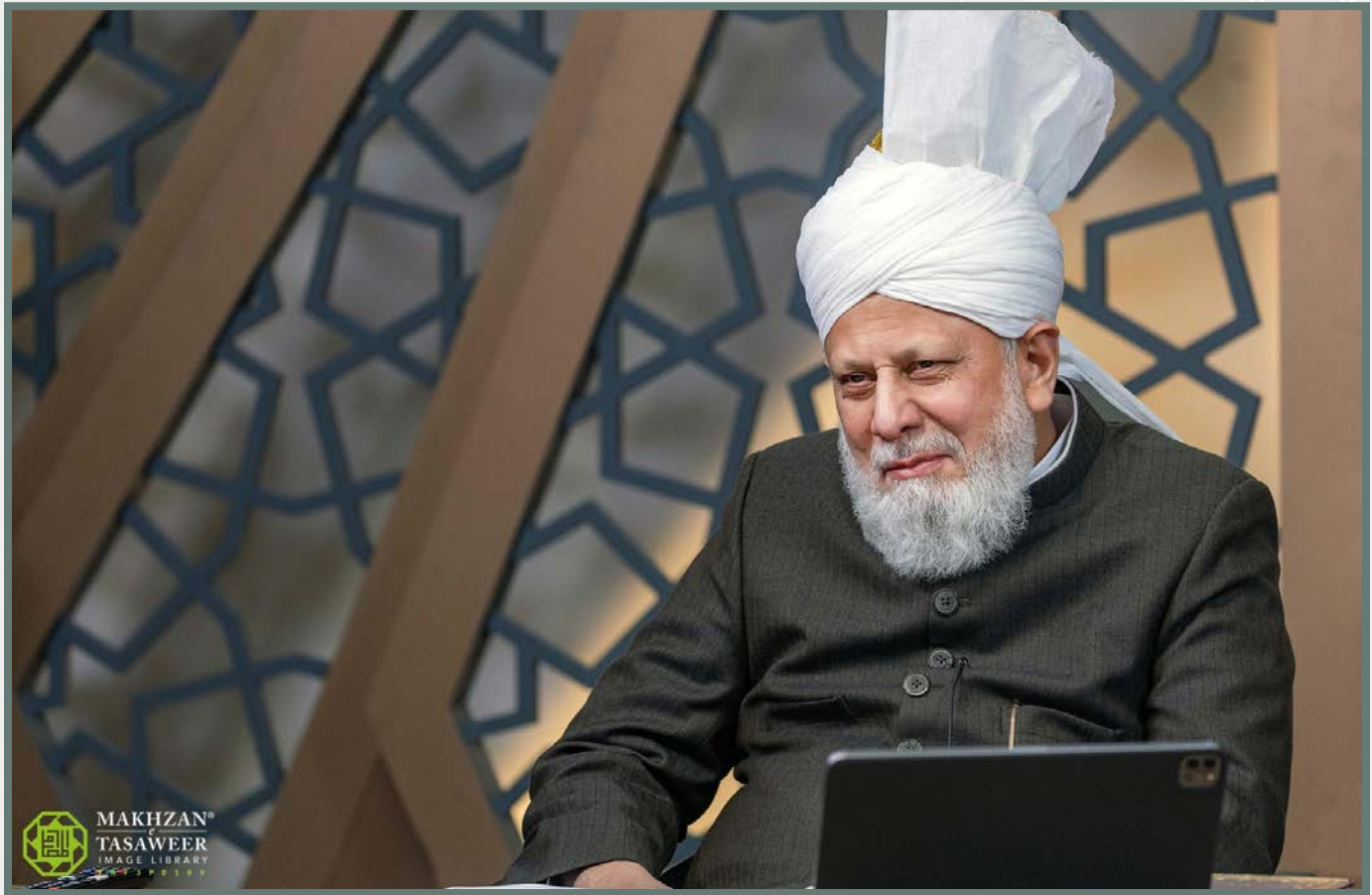
*If only you too could ever see and hear him—
the charming beloved speaks with a heavenly voice.*

This is a clear testament to the divine guidance bestowed upon Allah's chosen Khalifa. It shows that Khilafat is a divine institution safeguarded and sustained by Allah's will, beyond the reach of worldly power and influence.

The glimpses of our history I have shared with you are not events that unfolded behind closed doors; rather, these are events that involved great empires and powerful individuals, all taking place on the world stage and witnessed by the global public.



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa} waving to the attendees of Jalsa Salana Germany, 2023



Ahmadiyya Khilafat is the rock about which Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him) said, “Anyone who falls on this will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” [Matthew, 21:44]

By God, what I have presented before you today is just the tip of that rock!

And if someone still doubts the divine origin of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya, then there is also a stark warning in the very verse of *Istikhlaf* (24:56):

وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفٰسِقُونَ

Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.

And in the words of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

مَنْ مَاتَ بِغَيْرِ إِمَامٍ مَاتَ مِيتَةً جَاهِلِيَّةً

“He who dies without recognizing the Imam of the time dies the death of ignorance.” [Musnad Ahmad ibn Hambal, Musnad Ash-Shamiyyin, Hadith no. 16876]

Advising members of the Jama’at to uphold the honour of the Khalifa, Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau’ud (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

“Attacking the person or honour of the Khalifa

makes you deserving of the curse of Allah the Almighty. If you lay a hand upon the honour of one appointed by God, then remember: Allah the Almighty will tear apart the veil of your honour, and you will be utterly destroyed.

“Your honour lies in respecting Khilafat. And do not associate with anyone who stands up to dishonour it.

“Indeed, it is not permissible in Islam to take the law into your own hands. However, you can fulfil your duty by expressing your disassociation and cutting ties with such a person, and by declaring: ‘This person is no longer one of us.’

“Now, the choice is yours. Either you uphold the honour of the Khalifa appointed by Allah and thus attain honour for yourselves, or you strike at his honour and face the sword of God, which will destroy you and your descendants.” [Khilafat ala Minhajin Nubuwwah, vol. 2, p. 27]

سر سے میرے پاؤں تک وہ یار مجھ میں ہے نہاں
اے مرے بد خواہ کرنا ہوش کر کے مجھ پہ وار

*From head to toe, that beloved is hidden within me;
O my adversary, be cautious when you strike at me!*



FROM COAST TO COAST

Reports from Jama'ats Across Canada

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada Holds National Jalsa Khilafat

Saba-ul-Zafar Bhatti, Nazim-e-A'la Jalsa Khilafat

By the grace of Allah, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada had the blessed opportunity to hold the National Jalsa Khilafat on Saturday, January 18, 2025. For this auspicious event, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be His Helper) graciously appointed Respected Amer Safir Sahib (Chief Editor, The Review of Religions) as the chief guest and keynote speaker. He traveled from London, U.K., to attend and address the gathering.

Khuddam dedicated countless hours to preparing Aiwan Tahir for the event. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting flags and banners displaying inspirational quotations. Baitul Islam Mosque served as the overflow area, with special arrangements made for elders and individuals unable to sit on the floor. A SEND area was also designated to accommodate members with special needs.

By the grace of Allah, the day commenced with the offering of Fajr prayer at Baitul Islam Mosque at 6:45 A.M. Breakfast was arranged for those who stayed overnight. Registration began at 11:30 A.M., followed by lunch served



A view of the Jalsa Khilafat audience and stage

between 12:30 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. before the Zuhr & 'Asr prayers.

With the permission of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be His Helper), the proceedings of the Jalsa were broadcast live on YouTube in three languages—English, Urdu, and French—allowing members both across Canada and beyond to partake in this blessed occasion.

The live transmission began at 12:09 P.M. with pre-Jalsa interviews featuring various guests discussing the import-

ance and blessings of Khilafat. The main session commenced after the Zuhr & Asr prayers at 2:30 P.M. Respected Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Sharukh Rizwan Abid Sahib, gave the opening address, followed by an address from Respected Lal Khan Malik Sahib, Amir Jama'at Canada.

The keynote address was delivered by Respected Amer Safir Sahib, who highlighted various incidents from the life of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be His Helper). The session was further enriched by a heartfelt 'Salam' from Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be His Helper) to the members of the Canada Jama'at. The proceedings also included recitations of Urdu and Arabic poems in chorus.

By the grace of Allah, 2,791 members attended the Jalsa Khilafat in person at Aiwan-e-Tahir, including 2,100 Khuddam, 600 Atfal, and 80 Ansar guests. Additionally, 11 members with special needs participated. The Jalsa Khilafat program was also organized in mosques across Canada, especially in Western Canada. In the West, the proceedings were held in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Regina, and Winnipeg, with a total attendance of 319 Khuddam and 76 Atfal. In total, 3,095 members participated in the Jalsa, *Alhamdulillah*.

The Jalsa reached a global audience through YouTube, with 9,600 unique viewers. The average online attendance was approximately 24,000 members worldwide, who were able to benefit from the event regardless of their location.

A group of 108 Khuddam from Ottawa and Montreal showed remarkable dedication by traveling over 500 km in challenging winter conditions to attend the Jalsa in person. One Khadim from Calgary also made an extraordinary effort to travel across provinces to be part of this blessed occasion.

To ensure the success of this Jalsa, more than 618 volunteers from various departments contributed their services, working tirelessly day and night to prepare for the event. May Allah bless all the volunteers and grant us the ability to be true helpers and servants of Khalifatul-Masih. Ameen!



Head table at the Jalsa Khilafat



Syed Amer Safir Sahib, Chief Editor of the Review of Religions



A view of the audience

Bradford East Jama'at Organizes Jalsa Musleh-e-Mau'ud

Touseef Ahmad Rehan, Secretary Isha'at for Jama'at Bradford East

With the blessings of Allah Almighty, Bradford East Jama'at of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada organized Jalsa Musleh-e-Mau'ud on February 21, 2025.

The arrangements for Lajna and Nasirat to listen to the event were made at Baitul Khabeer Mosque in Bradford, while the arrangements for Khuddam, Ansar, and Atfal were made at the Bradford Community Center.

A delicious dinner was served to attendees before the program began, followed by offering Maghrib and Isha prayers.



Jalsa Musleh-e-Mau'ud for Bradford East Jama'at

Qasim Ghumman Sahib, Missionary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, who is assigned to the Bradford East Jama'at. His speech was on the topic "The Fulfillment of the Prophecy of Musleh Mau'ud".

The keynote speech of the event was then delivered by Respected Sohail Mubarak Sharma Sahib, Nai'b Amir Jama'at Canada on the topic "Financial Sacrifice and Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau'ud^{ra}".

Then, another poem with English translation was presented by Abdul Nasir Sahib.

The event was presided by Sohail Mubarak Sharma Sahib. He concluded the event with silent prayers.

A total of 38 Ansar, 41 Khuddam, 20 Atfal, 82 Lajna, 22 Nasirat and 17 children attended the event. The event was live streamed via Google Meets for Jama'at members unable to attend the event in person.

May Allah bless the volunteers and enable the participants to gain spiritual fruits for attending the event. Ameen!

Ramadan Dinner at Mahmood Mosque, Regina

Nauman Ahmad, Secretary Tabligh for Jama'at Regina

On March 8, 2025, the Mahmood Mosque in Regina hosted the event titled "Experience Breaking the Fast Together." Alhamdulillah, the gathering was a resound-



Head table at the Jalsa Musleh-e-Mau'ud for Bradford East Jama'at

The formal program started with recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Hafiz Kashif Awan Sahib, who also presented the English Translation.

Urdu translation of the verses were read out by Bilal Ghumman Sahib.

Thereafter, a poem on the qualities of Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) was recited by Hayyan Ahmed Sahib; followed by English translation by Abdul Nasir Sahib Qaid Majlis Bradford East.

The opening speech at the event was given by Respected



Scenes from the Ramadan Dinner at Mahmood Mosque, Regina

ing success, with 75 Jama'at members and 45 non-Ahmadi guests in attendance. Notably, this year our young Nasirat and Atfal actively invited their friends and teachers to join the event, further strengthening community ties.

The program was moderated by Madeeh ur Rehman, who did an excellent job engaging the audience and adding humour to the event. Luqman Ahmad Sahib provided an informative introduction to the host organization, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at.

We were honoured to welcome special guests, including Sally Houser, MLA for Regina University, and Nicole Sarauer, MLA for Regina Douglas Park. MLA Sarauer conveyed Ramadan greetings on behalf of the NDP and acknowledged International Women's Day. She also praised the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association of Regina as an exemplary organization. Additionally, Professor Franz Volker Greifenhagen from Luther College extended Ramadan greetings on behalf of the college, further enriching the event.

Respected Missionary Tanvir Khalil Sahib delivered an insightful speech on the blessings of Ramadan, which was followed by an engaging question and answer session.

A book and brochure stall was set up on both the men's and ladies' sides, where guests collected approximately 25 flyers and six books.



Scenes from the Ramadan Dinner at Mahmood Mosque, Regina

Approximately 20 female guests attended the event from the Lajna Ima'illah hall. Alhamdulillah, Piyam Nabi Sahib successfully managed the live broadcast of the men's hall proceedings to the Lajna hall, ensuring everyone could fully participate in the program.

All Jama'at members played a vital role in making the event a success. They actively engaged with guests, fostering meaningful discussions on Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Some young Jama'at members even exchanged contact information with their peers to maintain these newfound connections.

The evening concluded with a delightful Iftar meal. Female guests who dined upstairs later visited the Lajna Ima'illah hall to continue their interactions.

Alhamdulillah, members from all auxiliaries—Ansarul-lah, Lajna Ima'illah, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Atfalul Ahmadiyya, and Nasiratul Ahmadiyya—worked diligently to ensure the event's success. Their efforts included setting up, winding down, providing security, welcoming guests, registering attendees, serving food and drinks, and most importantly, offering warm companionship to our valued guests.

May Allah bless the efforts of all the volunteers. Ameen!

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HOW THE HOLY QUR'AN ENCOURAGES LIFELONG LEARNING

The Holy Qur'an encourages lifelong learning by constantly urging Muslims to seek knowledge and wisdom.

In Surah Al-Alaq (96:2–3), the first revelation to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), Allah commands: "Read in the name of your Lord who created..." This shows that learning, especially learning about the world and about Allah, is one of the most important things a Muslim can do.

Islam teaches that seeking knowledge is not only important for personal development but also for serving humanity. The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim." This means that education is encouraged at all stages of life, and it helps Muslims to be better individuals and better members of society.

[Atfal Weekly Class Syllabus, Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Canada, p. 64]

TRIVIA

1. How many elements are there in the periodic table?
2. Which Prophet(s) built the Holy Kaaba?
3. What is the longest river in the world?
4. What is the fastest speed known in the Universe?
5. Which metal is liquid at room temperature?

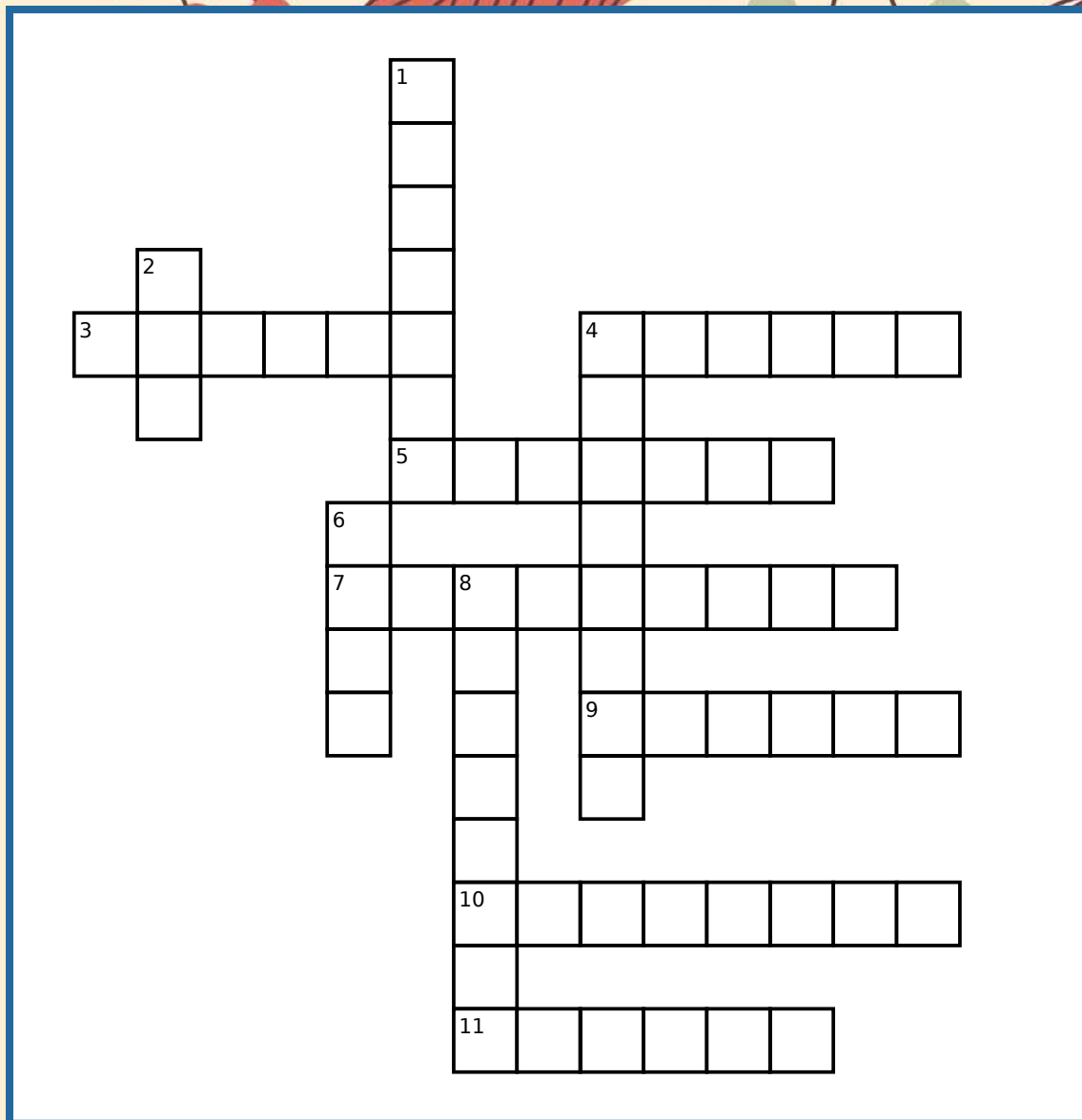
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رَبِّ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ هَمَزَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ

"My Lord, I seek refuge in You from the incitements of the evil ones."

(The Holy Qur'an, 23:98)

ANSWERS
1. 118
2. Prophet Abraham and his son Prophet Ismael (peace be upon them)
3. The River Nile
4. Speed of light
5. Mercury

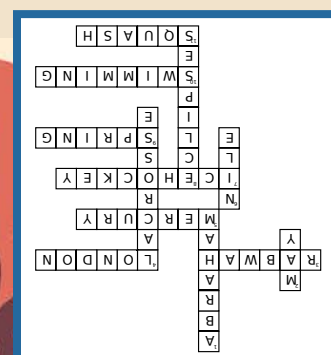


ACROSS

3. Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya first migrated to this city
4. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IVth migrated here in 1984
5. Metal that is liquid at room temperature
7. National winter sport of Canada
9. Season that comes after winter
10. Childhood athletic hobby of the Promised Messiah^{as}
11. Sport enjoyed by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih IVth

DOWN

1. Prophet who is "Father of Many Nations"
2. Month of the current issue
4. National summer sport of Canada
6. Longest river in the world
8. Unique solar and lunar events that occurred in Ramadan 2025



دعا یاد کریں

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پناہ مانگتا ہوں۔

(سورۃ المؤمنون، آیت 98)

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- ۳۔ دنیا کا سب سے لمبا دریا کون سا ہے؟
- ۴۔ کائنات میں سب سے تیز رفتار کیا چیز ہے؟

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میں اُن لوگوں کے لیے بھی دعا کرتا ہوں جو مجھے خط نہیں لکھتے!

حضرت اقدس خلیفۃ المسیح خامس ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ بنصرہ العزیز فرماتے ہیں:

”جب بھی مجھے کوئی دعائیہ خط موصول ہوتا ہے تو میں اُسی وقت اُس کے لیے دعا کرتا ہوں جب میں وہ خط پڑھ رہا ہوتا ہوں کہ اللہ تعالیٰ اُن کو اپنے فضلوں اور رحمتوں سے نوازے۔ حضرت اقدس مسیح موعود علیہ السلام نے بھی فرمایا ہے کہ جب بھی آپ کو ایسے دعائیہ خطوط ملتے تھے تو آپ ایک ایک کر کے خط پڑھتے جاتے اور ساتھ ساتھ دعا کرتے جاتے تھے۔ پھر جب میں سجدہ کرتا ہوں تو میں لوگوں کے لیے دعا کرتا ہوں اور کئی ایسی باتوں کے بارے میں سوچتا ہوں جن کے لیے بہت بڑی تعداد میں لوگوں نے اپنے خطوط میں مجھے دعا کے لیے کہا ہوتا ہے۔ کچھ لوگ بیمار ہوتے ہیں، کچھ کے مالی مسائل ہوتے ہیں، پھر میاں بیوی کے مسائل ہوتے ہیں اور دیگر مسائل جن کا لوگوں کو سامنا ہے اور میں دعا کرتا ہوں کہ اللہ تعالیٰ اُن سب مسائل کو حل کرے اور اُن لوگوں کی مشکلات دور کرے۔ میں اُن لوگوں کے لیے بھی دعا کرتا ہوں جو مجھے خط نہیں لکھتے اور پوری جماعت کے لیے بھی دعا کرتا ہوں۔ اپنے سجدوں، نوافل اور تہجد میں میں سب لوگوں کے لیے دعا کرتا ہوں۔ رات کو سونے سے پہلے جب میں قُلْ یا آیتُ الْکُرْسٰی پڑھتا ہوں اور پھونکتا ہوں تو میں اللہ سے دنیا بھر کے احمدیوں کے لیے دعا کرتا ہوں کہ اللہ اُن پر فضل فرمائے اور اُن پر رحم کرے۔ بالکل ویسے ہی جس طرح والدین سونے سے پہلے اپنے بچوں پر دعائیں پڑھ کر پھونکتے ہیں۔ جب میں سونے سے پہلے یہ دعائیں پڑھتا ہوں تو ساری جماعت پر پھونکتا ہوں جو میرے بچوں کی طرح ہیں۔“

(الفضل انٹرنیشنل، 21 مئی 2021ء، صفحہ 23)

THE IMPACT OF MIRACLES WROUGHT BY MORAL CONDUCT

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) stated:

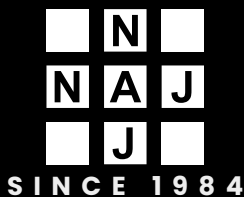
"If a man abandons arrogance and behaves with cordiality and affability, then this is a weighty miracle. The miracle of virtuous conduct always has tremendous impact in it. A tree is known by its fruit. The impact of truthful teachings and pure beliefs is manifested through one's morals.

"Achievement of the excellence [of faith] consist of just two components: one, honouring the commandments of God; and, two, kindness towards God's creation. The first essentially relates to one's heart and to God—no one can recognize it right away. The second pertains to people; the morals of a man that are visible from the very start. Therefore, excellence in morals is verily a magnificent and weighty miracle. Look, many examples can be found in the life of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, where people accepted Islam simply because of the excellence of his morals."

[Malfuzat — English Translation of Urdu Volume 10, pp. 246–247]

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