



True Victory Comes From Heaven

The Muslims are a people who are ready to lay down their lives to uphold the honour of their Holy Prophet^{sa}. They would prefer to die rather than endure the disgrace that they should make peace and become friends with such people who are occupied day and night with abusing the Holy Prophet^{sa} and mention his name with contempt in their books, journals, and announcements and use vile language with reference to him. Such persons are not the well-wishers even of their own people, for they create numberless difficulties for them. I tell you truly that it is possible for us to make peace with the serpents of the jungle and the wild beasts of the forests, but we cannot make peace with those who do not refrain from speaking ill of God's Prophets and who consider that abuse and vituperation mean victory. True victory is that which comes from Heaven.

(Chashma' Maʻrifat, Ruḥānī Khazā'in, Vol. 23, pp. 385-386)



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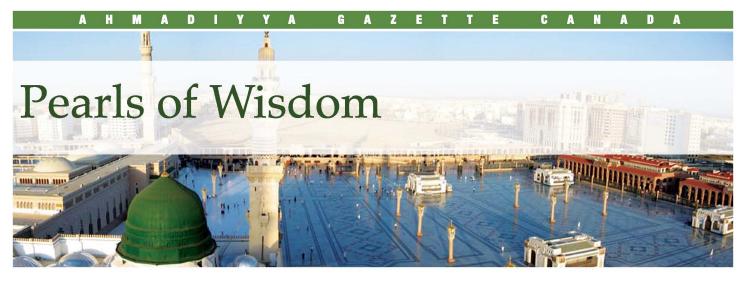
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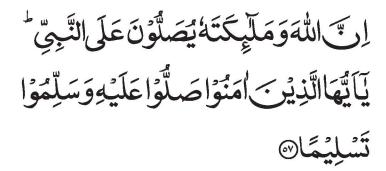
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Allāh and His angels send blessings on the Prophet. O ye who believe! You *also* should invoke blessings on him and salute *him* with the salutation of peace.

(33:57)



Hazrat Abū Huraira^{ra} narrates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that whoever sent Durūd (invoking blessings) upon me a single time, Allāh will shower ten blessings upon him (or her).

(Saḥīḥ Muslim, Vol 2, Kitābus-Salāt)

Hazrat Kaʻab^{ra} relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} joined us. We asked him,

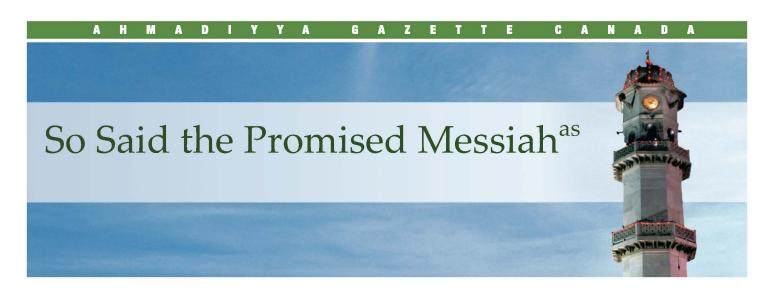
'O Prophet of Allāh! We know how to say salām (greetings) to you, but we do not know how to invoke blessings upon you.' He replied, 'say:

O Allāh, bless Muḥammad and his people, as You did bless Ibrahīm – You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Exalted. O Allāh, prosper Muḥammad and his people, as You did prosper Ibrahīm – You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Exalted.'

(Saḥīḥ Muslim, Vol 2, Kitābus-Salāt)

عَنُ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ أَنَّ رَسُوُلَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ سَلَّمَ قَالَ: مَنُ صَلَّى عَلَىَّ وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشُراً

عَنُ كَعُبَ بُنِ عُجُرَةَ رَضِى اللهُ عَنه فَالَ: خَرَجَ عَلَيْنَا النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ سَلَّمَ فَقُلْنَا يَا رَسُوُلَ اللهِ قَدُ عَلِمُنَا كَيُفَ نُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ فَكَيُفَ نُصَلِّى عَلَيْكَ؟ قَالَ قُولُوُا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى ال إبْرَابِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إبْرَابِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ عَلَى آلِ إبْرَابِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ



كُلُّ بَرَكَةٍ مِّنْ مُّحَهَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْمِ وَسَلَّمَ

Every blessing is from Muhammad^{sa} on whom be peace and blessings of All $\bar{a}h$. Blessed is He Who taught and he who was taught. (*Tadhkirah*, pp. 307-310)

I say that even at this time Allāh Almighty has not abandoned the world and has established a community. Indeed, with His own Hands He has raised a person and he is the same who sits among you, speaking to you. Now is the time for the descent of Allāh's Mercy. Supplicate! Desire steadfastness! And recite in abundance Durūd Sharīf (invoke blessings on the Holy Prophet^{sa}), which is a great means of attaining steadfastness, not merely as a tradition or habit, but keeping in full view the beauty and grace of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, for the elevation of his status and rank, and for his victories. As a result of this, you will be granted the sweet and succulent fruit of the acceptance of prayer. (*Malfūzāt* Vol 3, p. 38)

One night this humble one recited Durūd Sharīf (invoked blessings on the Holy Prophet^{sa}) in such abundance that my heart and soul were full of its fragrance. That same night, I saw in a dream that angels were carrying water skins full of light into my house and one of them said to me 'These are the same blessings you invoked upon Muḥammad^{sa'}. (*Barāhīn Aḥmadīyya, Ruḥānī Khazā'in* Vol. 1, p. 598, sub-footnote 3)

Fire of Devotion to the Beauty of Muḥammad^{sa}

(A Persian Poem - *Majmū*'ah Ishtihārāt Vol. 1, p. 97 qtd. in Essence of Islām Vol. 1, pp 328-329)

I am ready to offer my heart and soul For the beauty of Muhammad^{sa}

My body is merely the dust of the lane Treaded by the progeny of Muhammad^{sa}

I have seen with my heart's eye And heard with perceptive ears

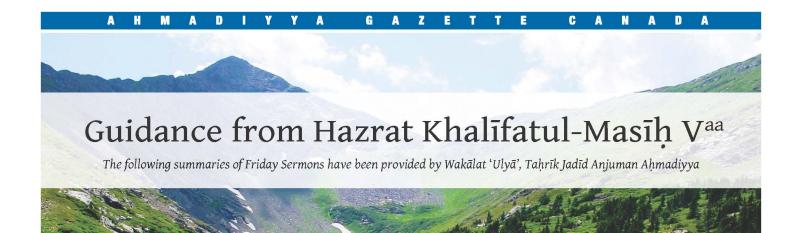
The trumpet of the beauty of Muhammad^{sa} Echoes everywhere

This ever-flowing water which I distribute Freely among God's creatures

Is but a drop from the ocean Of the excellences of Muhammad^{sa}

The fire that burns within me Is the fire of the love of Muhammad^{sa}

> The water that I possess Is from the sweet and pure water of Muhammad^{sa}



Love and Reverence for the Holy Qur'ān *Friday Sermon Delivered on July 31, 2015*

Teach the Holy Qur'ān in a way that inspires love and adoration for the Holy Book.

The faith that is of benefit to man is one that is immersed in true love and devotion.

A living miracle is the one that is manifested through one's own being, but for this it is essential to establish a relationship with Allāh.

On July 31, 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^{aa} delivered the Friday sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London, U.K.

Huzoor^{aa} said that the Holy Qur'ān should be taught in a manner that inspires love and adoration for God's Holy Book. The aim is to love the Holy Qur'ān and to read it from the heart, not superficially like the conventional Qārī producing various sounds. God has commanded us to read the Holy Qur'an with Tartil, which means to read it slowly and as accurately as possible. It is not possible for everyone to pronounce like the Arabs. People of every land have their own ways of pronunciation, and indeed there are certain letters that cannot be accurately pronounced by anyone other than an Arab or one who has been brought up among the Arabs. But no Qārī or Arab can equal Hazrat Bilal^{ra} who, even though he pronounced "Ash-hadu" as "As-hadu," was looked upon lovingly by the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

The essence, therefore, is not to enunciate like a $Q\bar{a}r\bar{i}$ but to recite the Holy Qur' $\bar{a}n$.

Huzoor^{aa} cited some incidents highlighting the love and devotion of the Promised Messiah's^{as} companions in the light of the sayings of Hazrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd^{ra}.

While encouraging the Jamā'at to reform

themselves, to strengthen their faith, and to establish a relationship with Allāh, Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra said that if you inculcate piety and Taqwa, if you acquire the habit of praying and remembering Allah and offering Tahajjud prayers, then surely God will bless you with a portion of true dreams and visions and will even bless you with His word and discourse. A living miracle is that which is manifested in one's own person. So, if you want to witness miracles, then you have to establish a true relationship with Allāh. In this context Huzoor^{aa} cited the example of Hazrat Sāhibzada Abdul Latif Sāhib Shahīd^{ra} and said that if one's faith is strong, then one has nothing to fear from worldly people.

Speaking about the devotion people had for the Promised Messiah^{as} before his claim and how it changed afterwards, Hazrat Muşleh Mau'ūd^{ra} said that in view of the popularity of *Barāhīn Ahmadīyya* it can safely be said that hundreds of thousands of people revered the Promised Messiah^{as}. Huzoor^{aa} cited some incidents to highlight this fact.

Hazrat Muşleh Mau'ūd^{ra} said that, as in other prophecies of the Promised Messiah^{as}, the prophecy regarding *Muşleh Mau'ūd* also contains many signs. After elaborating on this point, he said that no one can make such claims on his own. Hazrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd^{ra} also said that Ludhiana has various connections with the Jamā'at; for instance, it was here that the Promised Messiah^{as} took the first pledge of *Baī'at*. Huzoor^{aa} also narrated another connection.

Huzoor^{aa} also cited Hazrat Muṣleḥ Mauʿūd's^{ra} description of the love and devotion for the Promised Messiah^{as} that was demonstrated by his Companions,

such as Hazrat Mian 'Abdullāh Sanori Sāhibra, Hazrat Munshi Zafar Ahmad Sāhib Kapurthalwira, and Hazrat Hakīm Maulawī Nūrud-Dīn Ṣāḥibra of Bhera. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra said that the example of love and devotion shown by these eminent companions was in no way inferior to the examples shown by people in the past. It is such sacrifices that distinguish a Jamā'at in the eyes of God, and such is the status that everyone should strive to attain. Faith on a philosophical level is of no use. The faith that is of benefit to man is that which has the element of love and devotion. A philosopher may make a thousand claims to love, but they have no more value than mere rhetoric, for he does not see the truth with the eyes of love but merely through reason. But he who sees God, not with the eyes of reason but with the eyes of love, cannot be deceived because philosophy comes from the mind while love comes from the heart. May Allāh enable us to recognize the Imam of the age through the eyes of the heart and to remain steadfast in our faith!

At the end of the sermon Huzoor^{aa} informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Maulawī Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib Parbhakar, a *Derwish* of Qādiān, who was the son of Chaudhary Nawab Dīn Ṣāḥib. Huzoor^{aa} led his funeral prayer *in absentia* after the Friday prayers.

Khalīfatul-Masīķ II^{ra}: Companions of Promised Messiah^{as}

Friday Sermon Delivered on August 7, 2015

The pious nature of the Companions, their cognition of the truth, their zeal for making sacrifices, and other instances highlighting their devotion, sincerity and faith.

Every Aḥmadī should hasten to prayers and be ever mindful of observing them.

It is human nature to want to belong to someone, and the best way is to belong to God.

On August 7, 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^{aa} delivered the Friday sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London, U.K.

Huzoor^{aa} said that when we read about the companions of the Promised Messiah^{as}, we observe the piety of their nature, their passion for recognizing the truth, their zeal for sacrificing their self and possessions, and their expressions of love and devotion to the Promised Messiah^{as}, which is expressed by each of them according to their own temperament and understanding. Those who were close to these companions also learned various lessons by observing their morals and character.

Huzoor^{aa} said that Hazrat Muşleh Mau'ūd^{ra} was himself a companion of the Promised Messiah^{as} and had a personal relationship with the companions that he has mentioned. Therefore, when he speaks about them or derives conclusions regarding them, his words have a profound effect on one's heart. Hazrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd^{ra} has cited some faith-inspiring incidents from the lives of the companions that highlight their love and complete devotion to the Promised Messiah^{as}. Among them was a narrative regarding the *Bai*^{*}at of Hazrat Maulawī Burhanud-Dīn Ṣāḥib^{ra} of Jhelum, which also served to dispel the notion that prophets and saints are like common people and that there is nothing to distinguish them from the commonality of humankind. The Promised Messiah^{as} says that a prophet is like rain, he is highly enlightened, and comprises many excellences. Therefore, it is unjust to think that they are ordinary human beings.

Hazrat Muşleh Mau'ūd^{ra} also mentioned an incident highlighting the sincerity and zeal for making financial sacrifices shown by Seth Abdur Rahman Ṣāḥib^{ra} of Madras. Huzoor^{aa} also explained the quote where Tuesday has been described as an ill-omened day. Huzoor^{aa} said that there is no truth to this because God has blessed all the days and expressed His attributes through all of them. Huzoor^{aa} also cited an incident regarding the extreme humility shown by Ḥāfiẓ Muḥammad Ṣāḥib^{ra} of Peshawar, and said that a believer should not undervalue himself.

Huzoor^{aa} said that while God has declared clothes to be a source of beauty, in the West we see nudity everywhere and it is considered fashionable. Hazrat Muṣleḥ Mauʿūd^{ra} says that the opinion of a European artist regarding the exposure of bodies holds much weight. Huzoor^{aa} said that even men wear strange clothes, making them undignified and exposing their ugliness. These are the reasons why society as a whole is increasingly falling prey to immorality. Huzoor^{aa} said that we should remember that beauty lies not in nudity or in the physical body but elsewhere. God has commanded man to wear clothes so that his ugliness may be covered and his beauty may be enhanced, but people are turning away from this commandment.

Huzoor^{aa} said that it is in the nature of man that he hates to be alone and wants to associate with others. The Promised Messiah^{as} said that there is no doubt that if we have faith in God and can find Him, then we can categorically say that we do not need anything other than Him. It is in man's nature that he either wants to possess someone or to belong to someone, and the best way is to become God's and to strive for this. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra also gave the example of a Companion of the Promised Messiahas by the name of Muhammad Yar Sāhibra who loved the Promised Messiahas to distraction, so much so that sometimes when the Promised Messiahas inadvertently moved his hand while speaking, Muhammad Yar Sāhib took to it to mean that the Promised Messiahas was calling him, and so he would come and sit by the Promised Messiahas. Huzooraa said that we claim to love Allah, but despite His clear call for us to come to prayer and to success, we do not hasten towards prayers or attend Jumu'a prayer regularly. Every Ahmadī should try to heed the call from God and attend prayers in mosques with the zeal of a lover. May Allah enable us to safeguard our prayer and to do full justice to our worship! Amin!

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Jalsa Sālāna 2015: Hospitality and Our Responsibilities

Friday Sermon Delivered on August 14, 2015

The importance of hospitality in the context of Jalsa Sālāna U.K. 2015, and exhortation regarding the responsibilities of the volunteers.

The Holy Prophet^{sa} said: "Whoever believes in God and the last day should honour his guests."

Volunteers should raise their character and their morals to higher standards and their example should be such as to remind the guests that they are attending a religious gathering.

On August 14, 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^{aa} delivered the Friday sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London, U.K.

Huzoor^{aa} said that by the Grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna United Kingdom starts from next Friday. Volunteers and workers are working tirelessly and selflessly in preparation for the Jalsa, and these include men and women, young and old. This extraordinary zeal for serving the guests of the Promised Messiah^{as} is such as cannot be witnessed anywhere other than in the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

As is customary, Huzoor^{aa} gave some instructions to the workers regarding hospitality. Huzoor^{aa} said that Allāh teaches us the importance of hospitality by relating the episode of Hazrat Ibrahīm^{as} and his guests. The first thing Hazrat Ibrahīm^{as} did after greeting his guests with salutations of peace was to have food prepared for them. The Holy Qur'ān also speaks of his concern that his people should not harm them. Huzoor^{aa} said that any harm that comes to a guest is a source of embarrassment for the host. This is why Islām has stressed that guests should be honoured. Huzoor^{aa} said that in the Holy Prophet^{sa}, we see the quality of hospitality at its highest and he also taught his companions the ways of hospitality. Huzoor^{aa} cited various episodes that highlight the high examples of hospitality shown by the Holy Prophet^{sa} and his Companions. The Holy Prophet^{sa} asid that whoever believes in Allāh and in the last day should honour his guests. Huzoor^{aa} said that it is among the duties of those who entertain guests at their homes that at night, instead of wasting time in frivolous talk, they should spend most of the time in remembering Allāh and His Prophet^{sa}.

Huzoor^{aa} said that these days, in addition to Ahmadīs, there are also many non-Ahmadī guests who come to attend the Jalsa. Therefore, volunteers in every accommodation should show such examples that guests may realize that they have come to a religious gathering and not some worldly fair. They should also raise their character and morals to the highest standard. In their free time, they should discuss religious matters as this will also have an impact on the guests. Huzoor^{aa} said that the Companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} understood the importance of this. While they fulfilled their obligations with regard to hospitality, they also did their best to fulfil the spiritual, religious and intellectual needs of their guests so that when they returned home they could train others accordingly and were able to spread the message of Islām in their areas. Huzoor^{aa} said that the departments of Tarbiyat and Dawat Ilallāh are also a part of our institution; therefore, it is the duty of volunteers to serve this spiritual food both to Ahmadis and to non-Ahmadis.

Appropriate arrangements should be made for this as well.

Huzoor^{aa} cited some faith-inspiring examples of the hospitality that the Promised Messiah^{as} set for us and the teachings he gave us in this regard.

Huzoor^{aa} said that under the Jalsa arrangements there is a general menu, and then separate food is also prepared for people who come from certain countries or those who are unwell, and there is no harm in this. But these special guests should also be served the general menu so that they know what the other participants of the Jalsa are eating. Some of them even love to eat that food.

Huzoor^{aa} said that the department of hospitality is a very important department of the Jalsa. Huzoor^{aa} cited the various responsibilities of this department and said that if it functions smoothly, then all other arrangement will run smoothly as well. Huzoor^{aa} prayed that may Allāh enable all the workers to fulfil their duties in an amicable manner and may the Jalsa be blessed in every aspect.

Huzoor^{aa} said that today is August 14, which is celebrated as the Independence Day of Pakistan. Huzoor^{aa} appealed to all Pakistani Aḥmadīs to pray for the true independence of their country, for its security and integrity, and for freedom from tyranny.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor^{aa} informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Kamal Aftab Ṣāḥib of Huddersfield, U.K., and Muḥammad Naeem Awan Ṣāḥib of Germany and his son. Huzoor^{aa} led the funeral prayer in absentia of the deceased after the Jumu'a prayers.

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Jumu'a and Jalsa Sālāna Friday Sermon Delivered on August 21, 2015

The start of Jalsa Sālāna U.K., the importance of Jumu'a, the objectives of the Jalsa, and some guidelines on administrative matters.

This Jalsa is not like a worldly fair. During these days our attention should be focused on listening to Divine words.

Along with fostering love for Allāh and the Holy Prophet^{sa}, the delegates of the Jalsa should also foster mutual love and brotherhood.

On August 21, 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V^{aa} delivered the Friday sermon at Hadīqatul Mahdī, Alton, U.K.

Huzoor^{aa} said that the Jalsa Sālāna will begin formally after the Jumu'a prayer today. Jumu'a, however, has its own importance and, in view of this, when we pray on this day, we should also pray for the success of the Jalsa. Huzoor^{aa} said that the main objective of the Jalsa, which has also been described as the objective of the Baī'at, is that the love of Allah and the Holy Prophet^{sa} should reign over our hearts. But this will only come about if we offer Durūd for the Holy Prophet^{sa} from the bottom of our hearts and try to transform ourselves accordingly. We should, therefore, spend our time offering Durūd and remembering Allāh.

Huzoor^{aa} said that in the life of the Holy Prophet^{sa} we see great examples of fulfilling one's obligations towards God's creatures. Allāh Himself has described the believers as people who love and are kind to one another, and this too is demonstrated by the example of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Such was his love for the believers that he could not bear that they should undergo any suffering. Even the slightest harm that came to the believers made him extremely anxious. This is the example that has been set before us, that we should become restless upon seeing other people's suffering, and this can only come about if there is a relationship of love and compassion between us. In fact, one of the aims of the Jalsa, as described by the Promised Messiah^{as}, is that it will help to foster love and brotherhood among the participants. So, while the participants should grow in their love for Allāh and the Holy Prophet^{sa}, they should also foster mutual love and brotherhood and increase their religious knowledge.

After reading out some of the objectives of the Jalsa as laid down by the Promised Messiahas, Huzooraa said that each of us should be mindful of the fact that we have to fulfill the objectives of the Jalsa. At another place the Promised Messiahas has said that you must not take this Jalsa like a worldly fair and instead, our focus should be on Divine matters. We should not waste our time in gossip and idle talk, or walking about in the markets; we should utilize our free time for the remembrance of Allah. We should also listen to the Jalsa programs with the intention that we shall try to practice what we learn and utilize it to strengthen our faith. All the participants of the Jalsa should bear these objectives in mind and try to make the best use of it. May Allāh enable you to do so!

Speaking of some administrative matters related to the Jalsa, Huzoor^{aa} said that participants should cooperate fully with the administration and follow the guidelines given by them. Huzoor^{aa} said that the management concerned with serving food should bear in mind that some people, due to illness or some other contingency, may require food at odd hours. Therefore, some arrangement should always be made to cater to such people. Huzoor^{aa} said that mothers with small kids should bring something with them to feed their children and should go to one side to feed them. Likewise, participants should cooperate fully with the traffic management team and park their vehicles where they are instructed. Efforts have been made to improve the scanning department, but if participants still have to wait for some time they should bear it calmly and cooperate with those on duty at the entrance. Likewise, they should cooperate with the overall security arrangements. Every Ahmadī should also be vigilant and keep an eye out and be aware of their surroundings. May Allāh bless this Jalsa in every way!

At the end of the sermon Huzoor^{aa} spoke about the martyrdom of Ikramullah Khan Ṣāḥib of Taunsa Sharif (District Dera Ghazi Khan), Pakistan, and the sad demise of Chaudhary Muḥammad Ali Ṣāḥib, Wakīlut Tasnīf, Tahrīk Jadīd Rabwah, Pakistan. Huzoor^{aa} spoke about their devotion and services for the Jamā'at and led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

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A speech written and presented by Taimoor Ahsan, a Grade 10 student of Brampton Heartlake at his school's speech competition.

Islāmic, Islām, Muslim. Why do we see these terms with the word terrorism so often in our daily lives? Why do people think I am hiding a bomb just because I look like a Muslim? Hello everyone, it's a privilege to be given this opportunity to try and convince you about a topic in which I greatly believe in myself. It's why terrorism should not be associated with Islām. I will be talking to you about terrorism, and why the two are often linked together versus the reality. In the end, I will leave here in hoping I have persuaded you that Islām is really a peaceful religion.

To start, terrorism is an intolerable matter that has sadly become a part of our world today. The word "terrorism" means the use of violence or threats to intimidate or force someone to do something. During this century, we have witnessed many terrorist attacks like 9/11, the Boston bombings and now we are experiencing the threat of ISIS. However, if you look at history, you will see that there have been extremists in every religion, not just in Islām, and they all did the same thing; but it's just that because of the media and technology that have transformed our world into a global village, we are able to witness this period of extremism in Islām. But, we cannot blame an entire religion because of a group of people that misinterpret it or use

its name for actions they do to benefit themselves. Some examples of these groups of people are Al-Qaeda, Taliban, Al-Shabaab, Boko Haram and ISIS. Now, the way these groups are able to function is that they brainwash all their members to believe that if they kill those who refuse to be Muslims, God will be happy with them, and if they are killed in the process of killing others, they will go to heaven. This idea is obviously wrong, but it is also the cause of millions of deaths. Terrorism is without a doubt one of our world's biggest weaknesses.

Next, I would like to briefly talk to you about the religion, the teachings and the history of Islām. Islām was founded 1500 years ago by a simple and true man that is our Holy Prophet who was named Muhammad^{sa}, in Saudi Arabia. The word "Islām" means peace and obedience in Arabic and the teachings of Islām are based on the rights of God and his creatures. We pray to a single God Who we call Allāh, and we must try our best to be respectful, peaceful and pious

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humans. We pray five times a day to remember our Creator and we have our own charities. Our Holy Book is the Holy Qur'ān and to say hello we say "Assalāmu 'alaikum," which means "Peace be upon you" in Arabic. We believe every religion is true and we respect all faiths and beliefs. Therefore, our religion is logical, calm and pure as you have just heard.

Finally, I will explain why Islām and terrorism are often associated with one another and how they are two completely different things. Today, it's a great disappointment to know that the world sees Islām as a violent religion that has no concern for human life. The reason for these views are the terrorists, the so-called Muslims, that disgrace our beautiful religion with their violent acts. Because of them, a number of stereotypes have been developed about Muslims, like they all have bombs, turbans, beards and they all eat curry. But I must assure those who think Islām was founded off of violence, they are wrong because one of our principal teachings is to take care

of God's creatures, which includes other people. One should never treat another in a bad way and this is exactly what the terrorists are doing. If they were real Muslims they would never do these things. And so, it's very obvious that they do not have a religion.

In conclusion, I want you to understand that Islām, my religion, is a pious, peaceful and pure religion and that none of the terrorists you see in the news today are true Muslims. They are senseless and barbaric people that are running around blindly with the flag of Islām in their hands that they are dishonouring with their inhuman actions. My friends, spread my message: this is not the real Islām. The real Islām is that which is found in the Holy Qur'ān and that which

was revealed to our Holy Prophet^{sa}. Now, I end my speech with a quotation from chapter 5, verse 33 of the Holy Qur'ān that says: "whosoever killed a person, it shall be as if he has killed all mankind."



The following speech was written and delivered by Grade 6 student Ruttab Noor of Brampton Heartlake for a speech competition at her school. Ruttab was successful in the competition and went on to compete at the next level of the competition.

A lollipop is a sweet and tender candy! When wrapped, it remains fresh, tasteful and delightful, but when it is not, it loses its sweetness and colour. If two of these lollipops were offered to you, which one would you take?

Good afternoon respected judges and my fellow schoolmates; my name is Ruttab Noor. It is an honour to talk to you all about a topic that I have been asked about several times and which I believe is a great one to discuss. That topic is: why I wear the *Hijāb*. Today, I will present some of its facts, like what the *Hijāb* is, its benefits and the truth regarding its misunderstandings. I wear the *Hijāb* because it gives me so much, but let me first present the meaning of "*Hijāb*."

"Hijāb" has a lot of meanings, such as curtains, screen and shield, but they all share the same concept of "cover", which is why covering ourselves is referred to as "wearing the *Hijāb*." If we take a look at curtains, they're a sort of screen put in front of windows that protect us from extreme heat. Also, a shield is used to block harmful objects as well. Just like that, the *Hijāb* keeps me safe from various dangers of society. This leads to the many, many benefits the *Hijāb* gives me, one of which is protection.

If you had a diamond, you would wrap it, put it in a box, then in a drawer, and lock it so that it could be protected from any mishap. This way, it retains its beauty and shine. We all are diamonds that deserve to be kept safe, which is why I cover myself as you would a diamond. Protection is a huge benefit my $Hij\bar{a}b$ gives me. For example, it protects my

chastity, dignity and honour, meaning respect. Another benefit of my Hijāb is faith, and in faith comes purity and remembrance of God. My Hijāb helps make me a faithful person and reminds me of the beautiful teachings of Islām. It is because modesty is a huge aspect of my religion, as said in chapter 24, verse 32, of my Holy Book of Guidance, the Holy Qu'rān: "And say to the believing women that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts, and that they disclose not their natural and artificial beauty...." This verse clearly shows that I cannot do anything inappropriate since I'll always be wearing an accessory on me with the name of Islām. This is also shown in that same verse, as it says: "And they strike not their feet so that what they hide of their ornaments may become known." Also, my Hijāb is a seed that blossoms confidence in me and teaches me to have courage, helping me face all the challenges, like answering questions about why I wear the Hijāb and staying away from following celebrities. This helps me realize something worth gold it is that being attractive is not the only thing that gives you success.

Other than its benefits, something else you need to know about the *Hijāb* is the truth versus the misunderstanding. Many people say and think that this practice is backwards and a pain for Muslim girls. However, wearing a Hijāb over your head is not an unusual thing and exists not only in Islām. In fact, if you look around, priests, nuns, popes and Sikhs also practice this in some form. Respected Saint Mary [Hazrat Maryam^{as}] always had her head covered. Even during Christmas, you will see many women covering their heads in photographs and movies. Covering is not only for girls; in the Holy Qu'ran it says: "Say to the believing men that they restrain their eyes and guard their private parts. That is purer for them" (24:31). This clearly

shows the guidance for men as well, so it is not an uncommon thing but a named part of the civilization. Sadly, the modern world has left it, but my belief teaches me to be modest and to cherish it.

I wear the $Hij\bar{a}b$ of my own will and there is no burden on me. My parents have given me the option but I choose to wear it only because of what a blessed thing it is, the advantages it gives me and because it is not harmful. I hope you all have learned something new and now know the true purpose of why I wear the $Hij\bar{a}b$.

Now, which lollipop would you eat? The covered one obviously! You see, just as how a lollipop when wrapped remains clean, safe and fresh, I remain pure, brave and protected when I am covered. I will like to now end my speech with a saying of my Holy Prophet, Muḥammad^{sa}, "Modesty is all virtue" (Chehl Aḥadīth).



Early Ahmadis of Canada



Abdul Latif Chaudhari Ṣāḥib & Amna Chaudhari Ṣāḥiba

Abdul Latif Chaudhari Ṣāḥib came to Canada in October 1957 from Lahore. He was born in December 1926 in Qādiān, India. His father, the late Abdul Raheem Chaudhari Ṣāḥib, accepted Aḥmadīyyat in 1921. His father was the only Aḥmadī in his family and faced severe persecution.

His wife, Amna Chaudhari Ṣāḥiba, along with their two young children, Zafarullah and Rehana, joined him in Canada in August 1959. They later had three more children who were born in Canada: Farzana (b.1960), Mubashir (b.1968) and late Moazzam (1970-2003). Her parents, Mohammad Ibrahim Ṣāḥib and Amtullah Begum Ṣāḥiba also moved to Canada from Lahore in 1976. Both of them later died here and special arrangements were made for their burial in Qādiān, India.

Abdul Latif Chaudhari Ṣāḥib initially settled in Toronto and studied at the University of Toronto. He later continued his studies and work in Ottawa, St. John's, New Brunswick and Montreal. He earned his degree as a professional engineer (P.Eng.), specializing in electrical engineering in 1973.

In 1973, Abdul Latif Chaudhari Ṣāḥib joined the Federal Department of

Communications in Ottawa, and worked there until his retirement in 1989. Throughout the years, he has served the Jamā'at in different capacities. In the earlier years, he was involved in organizing the Jamā'at in Toronto. He later assisted the late Mian Attaullah Sāhib in establishing the Montreal Jamā'at. After late Mian Ṣāḥib moved to Toronto, he became president of the Montreal Jamā'at. In 1973, he organized the Jamā'at in Ottawa and was appointed its first president, leading the community for many years. He was also involved in acquiring mosque properties in Ottawa. Chaudhari Ṣāḥib is particularly proud of his service as a young Khādim during 1947, when he was sent along with many others to provide security in Qādiān, as per the instructions of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II^{ra}.

Amna Chaudhari Ṣāḥiba became the first Ṣadr Lajna of Ottawa and served during 1976-1991. Most Jamā'at gatherings were held at their home for many years.

Their entire family is well settled in the Ottawa area. Their son, Mubashir Chaudhari Ṣāḥib, often provides live coverage of Jamā'at events on MTA, especially during Jalsa Sālāna. Mr. and Mrs. Abdul Latif Chaudhari request prayers for their health and for the wellbeing of their family. May Allāh reward them for their long services to the community, Āmīn.

Jamil Ahmad Saeed Ṣāḥib

Jamil Ahmad Saeed Ṣāḥib came to Canada in September 1966 from Karachi, Pakistan. He was born on January 1, 1939 in Rawatiyani, Sanghar, Sindh. He is the son of Choudhry Saeed Ahmad Ṣāḥib. His wife, Mussarat Saeed Ṣāḥiba, and their two children, Nabeela and Nasir, joined him in Canada a few months later. Their son Amer was born in 1968 in Canada.



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Jameel Ahmad Saeed Ṣāḥib initially worked in Hamilton, Ontario for a few years before being transferred to the company's Brampton location. He worked for the same employer for about 39 years and retired in 2004 as a lead machinist.0

He has served the Jamā'at in various capacities for numerous years. He was the president of the Brampton Jamā'at for many years, and later served as the National Audio/Video Secretary for 3 years. In 1985, he was a member of the mosque committee that founded and recommended the purchase of 25 acres of land in Maple, Ontario, where the beautiful Masjid Baitul Islām and other facilities were later built.

He now lives in Markham, Ontario, and his children are also settled around the Toronto area.

Mazhar Mahmud Qazi Ṣāḥib & Iffat Saeed Mahmud Ṣāḥiba

Mazhar Mahmud Qazi Ṣāḥib was born on February 13, 1926 in Dehradun, India, where his father, the late Qazi Muḥammad Akram Ṣāḥib (a Ṣaḥābī), was a senior police officer.

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Mass Marketing Frauds

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During the last few years, the number of mass marketing frauds has increased manifold. Scammers target people of all backgrounds, ages and income levels. Fake lotteries, internet fraud, get-rich quick schemes and fake romance traps are just a small sample of the nature of scams circulating from coast to coast. New and innovative scams appear all the time - in the shadow of legitimate businesses - with devastating effects on people and their families. Scammers generally try to replicate the same marketing strategies that are generally used by established and known businesses, making it all the more difficult for the unsuspecting customer to differentiate between true and false. Many cases have been reported where Jamā'at members have lost substantial amount of money at the hands of these fraudsters.

One of the best ways to combat fraud is to be well informed and take measures to protect yourself from falling into the traps of these con-artists. The Department of Internal Audit, Aḥmadīyya Muslim Jamā'at Canada, in collaboration with local RCMP Anti-Fraud Unit, has conducted many information sessions recently on this topic in the Greater Toronto Area to better inform our members about this increasingly complex menace.

The following information and guidelines have been developed with the help of materials presented by law enforcement agencies at these seminars, and/or from other government publications to create a nation-wide awareness about some of the mass marketing fraudulent schemes and how we can protect ourselves against them.

Kinds of Mass Marketing Frauds

1. Lotteries And Contests

A fake prize scam will tell you that you have won a prize or a contest.

You may receive a phone call, an email, text message or see a popup screen on your computer. The scammers make their money by making you: pay fees or taxes, call their premium rate phone numbers or send premium text message to claim your prize.

2. Pyramid & Ponzi Schemes

In a typical **pyramid scheme**, unsuspecting investors are encouraged to pay large membership fees to participate in money-making ventures. The only way you can ever recoup any money is to convince other people to join the scheme. People are often persuaded to join by family members and/or friends. Pyramid schemes inevitably collapse and you lose your money.

Ponzi Schemes are often fraudulent investment operations that work in similar way to pyramid schemes. The Ponzi scheme usually entices new and well-to-do investors (mostly immigrants) by offering higher returns that are either abnormally high or unusually consistent. Be cautious, but do not be discouraged from carefully researching business opportunities.

3. Internet Scams

Scammers can use the Internet to promote fraud through unsolicited or junk emails, known as spam. Beware of replying, even just to "unsubscribe" because that will give confirmation to scammers that they have reached a real email address. Any email you receive that comes from a sender that you do not know, is not specifically addressed to you, and promises you some benefit is likely to be a scam

Malicious software – also known as malware, spyware, key loggers,

Trojan horses, or Trojans – possess online security threats. Scammers will try to install this software onto your computer to gain access to your computer files. Scammers use a wide range of tricks to get their software onto your computer. They may trick you into clicking on a link or pop-up message in a spam email, or get you to visit a fake website.

Phishing scams are all about tricking you into handing over your personal and banking details to scammers. Genuine organizations like a bank or a government regulatory body will never expect you to send your personal information by an email or online.

4. Mobile Phone Scams

Ringtone scams might attract you with an offer for a free or low-cost ringtone. There are many legitimate companies selling ringtones, but there are also scammers who will try to hide the true cost. The scammers either don't tell you that your request for the first ringtone is actually a subscription to a ringtone service, or it may be obscured in fine print. They also make it difficult for you to stop the service. You have to actively "op-out" of the service to stop the ringtones and the associated charges.

Missed call scams start by scammers calling your phone and hanging up so quickly that you can't answer the call in time. Your phone registers a missed call and you probably won't recognize the number. You may be tempted to call the number to find out who called you. If it is a scam, you will be paying premium rates for the call.

Text message scams work in similar way. Scammers send you a text

message from a number you may not recognize, but it sounds like it is from a friend. If you reply out of curiosity, you might be charged at premium rate for the message.

5. Emergency Scams

In the typical scenario of an emergency scam, a grandparent receives a phone call from a scammer claiming to be one of his or her grandchildren. Callers go on to say that they are in some kind of trouble and need money immediately. They claim to have been in a car accident, are having trouble returning from a foreign country or they need bail money.

6. <u>Charity Scams</u>

Charity scams involve scammers collecting money by pretending to be a real charity. The scammers can approach you in many different ways – on the street, at your home, over the phone, or on the Internet. Emails and collection boxes may even be marked with the logos of genuine charities.

Often the scammer will exploit a recent natural disaster or famine that has been in the news. Other scammers play on your emotions by pretending to be from charities that help children who are ill, etc.

If in doubt, check the website of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) where a complete list of all Registered Canadian Charities is maintained.

7. <u>Tax Scams</u>

Fraudsters impersonate the real Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) by telephone or by email. Fraudsters are either phishing for your identification or asking that outstanding taxes be paid by a money transfer service or by prepaid debit/credit cards. There are two variations:

a. There is notification by phone or email from the "CRA" claiming there is a refund pending. In order for the recipient to

receive the refund they must provide personal information.

b. Consumers and businesses receive a notification by phone or email that they owe "back taxes" as the result of an audit.

The payment must be made immediately to avoid a fine or the recipient is told there is an outstanding warrant that can be avoided if the payment is made promptly. In many cases, individuals are told they will be deported if the taxes are not paid right away.

• Do not take immediate action. Verify that what you are being told is the truth.

• Ask yourself why the CRA would be asking for personal information over the phone or email that they likely already have on file for you as a taxpayer.

The CRA only contacts you through regular mail.

• Contact the CRA to confirm that you owe back taxes, or are entitled to a refund.

8. Employment Scams

Work-from-home scams are often promoted through spam emails or advertisements online or in newspaper ads. Most of these advertisements are not real job offers. Many of them are fronts for illegal money-laundering activity or pyramid schemes.

A guaranteed employment or income scam claims to guarantee you either a job or a certain level of income. The scammers usually contact you by spam email and the offers often involve the payment of an up-front fee for a "business plan," certain start up materials or software.

9. Immigration Scams

Be very careful about offers such as: guaranteed work permits, free scholarships, high-paying jobs in Canada with minimal or no experience needed, free air-tickets and accommodation, earn \$4,000 a month as a hotel cleaner, and others. If the offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Beware of these false websites. Canadian visa offices will never ask you to deposit money into an individual's personal bank accounts, or to transfer money through a specific private money transfer company.

10. <u>Relationship Scams</u>

In this category of scam, the scammers try to build a friendship with you, perhaps even sending you flowers or other small gifts. After building a relationship, the scammer will tell you about a large amount of money they need to transfer out of their country or that they want to share with you. They will then ask for your banking details or money for an administrative fee or tax that they claim needs to be paid to free up the money. Ask yourself: would someone I have never met really declare their love for me after only a few letter or emails?

11. Small Business Scams

If you have registered a domain name, be sure to carefully check any domain name renewal notices or invoices that you receive. While the notice could be genuine, it could also be from another company trying to sign you up, or it could be from a scammer.

Check that the renewal notice matches your current domain name exactly. Look out for small differences – for example, ".com" instead of ".ca" or missing letters in the URL address.

A directory listing or unauthorized advertising scam tries to bill a business for a listing or advertisement in a magazine, journal or business directory, or for an online directory listing. The scam might come as a proposal for a subscription disguised as an update of an existing listing in a business directory. You might also be led to believe that you are responding to an offer for a free listing when in fact it is an order for a listing requiring later payment.

The above is not an exhaustive list. New scams appear all the time, in keeping with new developments in the business and technology worlds.

How To Protect Yourself

1. Protect Your Identity

• Only give out your personal details and information where it is absolutely necessary and when you trust the person you a r e speaking to or dealing with.

• Destroy personal information; do not just throw it out. Cut up or shred old bills, statements or cards (e.g. credit cards

and ATM cards), or any paper with your personal information on it, including junk mail.

• Treat your personal details like you would treat money.

2. Money Matters

- Never send money to anyone that you do not know and trust.
- Do not send any money or pay any fee to claim a prize or lottery winnings.
- "Jobs" asking you to simply

use your own bank account to transfer money for somebody could be a front for moneylaundering activity. Money laundering is a very serious criminal offence in Canada.

3. The Face-To-Face Approach

- If someone comes to your door, ask to see some identification. You do not have to let them in, and they must leave if you ask them to.
- Before you decide to pay any money, if you are interested in what a door-to-door salesperson has to offer, take the time to find out about their business and their offer.

4. <u>Telephone Business</u>

- If you receive a phone call from someone you do not know, always ask for the name of the person you are speaking to and who they represent. Verify this information by calling the company yourself.
- Do not give out your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source.
- It is best not to respond to text messages or missed calls that come from numbers you do not recognize. Be especially wary of phone numbers beginning with 1-900. These may be charged at a higher rate than other numbers.

5. Email Offers

- Delete any suspicious emails without opening them.
- Turn off the "viewing panes" as just viewing the email may send a verification notice to the sender that yours is a valid email address.
- Legitimate banks and financial institutions will never ask for your account details in an email or ask you to click on a link in an email to access your account.
- Never call a telephone number or trust other contact details that you see in a spam email.

6. Internet Business

• Install software that protects your computer from viruses and unwanted programs and keep it current.

- Never follow a link in an email. Type the address into the browser yourself.
- Scammers often set up fake websites with addresses very similar to legitimate businesses.
- Beware of websites offering "free" downloads, e.g., music, games and movies. Downloading these products may install harmful programs onto your computer.
- Avoid clicking on pop-up ads.
- Never send your personal, credit card or online banking details through an email.
- Avoid using public computers at libraries or Internet cafes to do your banking or online shopping.

What To Do If You Get Scammed

- Recovering any money that you have lost to a scam is extremely hard. However, there are steps you can take to reduce the damage and avoid becoming a target for a follow-up scam. The more quickly you act, the greater your chance of reducing your losses.
- Report a scam. By reporting the scam to authorities, they may be able to warn other people about the scam and minimize the chances of the scam spreading further.
- If you have been tricked into signing a contract or buying a product or service, contact your provincial or territorial consumer affairs office. Examine your options: they may be a cooling-off period or you may be able to negotiate a refund.
- If you think someone has gained access to your online account, telephone banking account or credit card details, call your financial institution immediately so they can suspend your account and limit the amount of money you lose. Credit card companies may also be able to reverse the transaction if they believe that your credit card was billed fraudulently.
- If you have sent money to someone that you think may be a scammer via an electronic funds transfer (over the internet), contact your financial

institution immediately. They may be able to cancel it if they have not already processed the transfer.

- If you have sent a cheque, contact your financial institution immediately to stop payment.
- If you have sent money through a wire service such as Western Union or Money Gram, contact them immediately. If you are quick, they may be able to stop the transfer.

Getting Help And Reporting A Scam:

If you think you have spotted a scam or have been targeted by one, there are a number of government and law enforcement agencies in Canada that you can contact for advice or to make a report. This may help you and prevent others from being ripped off by scam operators.

Useful Contacts

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

http://www.antifraudcentre.ca/

1-888-495-8501

Canadian Securities Administrators

www.securities-administrators.ca

(514) 864-9510

Canada Revenue Agency - Charities Directorate

www.cra-arc-gc.ca

1-800-267-2384

Credit Bureaus

Equifax: 1-800-465-7166

TransUnion: 1-866-525-0262

Information Sources

- Competition Bureau Canada
- Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre
- Information sessions by the Anti-Fraud Unit of RCMP



Activities Report - Foreign Jamā'ats

Waqf ʻĀrḍi, Cayman Islands Naveed Ahmed Mangla, Missionary, Belize

By the sheer Grace of Allāh, three Khuddām from Canada (Jariullah Qudrat, Raziullah Qudrat and Ahmed Sahi) and I were blessed with the opportunity to perform Waqf 'Ārḍi in the Cayman Islands from May 2-16, with the purpose of establishing a Jamā'at there.

At the beginning of our stay it seemed as though it would be very difficult to make a breakthrough in this country in terms of new initiates (*Baī'ats*) into the fold of Aḥmadīyyat. There were several factors that seemed to be working against us. Firstly, because the Cayman Islands is such a popular tourist destination, it seemed as though wherever we went, the population heavily consisted of tourists from other countries. They were only there temporarily and with a vacation mindset that did not lend itself well to being preached to. Much of this tourist population would seemingly vanish by the late afternoon, returning to the large cruise ships on which they came over to the Islands earlier that morning from cities in Florida, United States. As such, it seemed that few locals were there for us to preach to.

However, during our third day, we were able to find certain parts of the island that were filled with locals. Three supermarkets, the Foster's Markets, seemed to be the best places for our purpose because these were markets that the locals would go to, and they were relatively high-traffic areas. Another challenge was that we were not able to obtain permission to distribute flyers and engage people at any of these locations. This was one of several obstacles which stood in the way of our ability to preach, and again Allāh removed this obstacle for us as we were somehow granted permission in the best of these locations just a day after discovering them and inquiring. *Al-Ḥamdu lillāh*, it was a great breakthrough!

We would spend hours every day, from morning until evening, distributing flyers very actively at the entrance and exit of Foster's Market. Al-Hamdu lillāh, we were able to engage with hundreds of locals every day through the continuous distribution of flyers at Foster's. As the people of Cayman were willing to listen and talk, we were not only able distribute flyers to them, but actually had countless discussions with them, sometimes lasting for several minutes or longer. During our encounters with Cayman residents, we would always ask for their phone numbers in order to arrange another session in the evening or some other time that week when we could have a more in-depth conversation. Once we got the phone



numbers of our contacts, we would add these to one central list and call that entire list everyday to set up meetings with those contacts. At first, it was very difficult to get any meetings. It appeared as though we may not be able to get many meetings at all. However, by the Grace of Allāh, after a few days of trying we started to get our first meetings. These meetings, while good for further understanding and communication, did not prove to be so successful in terms of people accepting Aḥmadīyyat.

At this point, our daily routine consisted of distributing flyers continuously at Foster's Market, while some members of the team would simultaneously be meeting with contacts for longer discussions. After about a week, these longer discussions started to become more fruitful.

The first person to accept Aḥmadīyyat in Cayman Islands was Georgie Marcus Duarte. We met him at the supermarket and introduced him to Islām. He had already heard of Islām from his cousin Jeffrey and mentioned to us that he was almost ready



to convert and just needed some motivation. After having a discussion at a Subway restaurant, he decided to embrace Islām, Al-Ḥamdu lillāh! Georgie, who is 18 years old, recently graduated from high school and is now pursuing business studies in university.

The following day, we met with brother Kevin, a commercial publisher for Pinnacle Media, also known as the Cayman Compass. We had met him on the first day of our arrival at Cayman Islands and now met him by chance at a Subway restaurant two full weeks later. He mentioned that he did not forget us, and even said, "I'm not even that hungry, I think God brought me here for a purpose."

We then gifted him a copy of the Holy Qur'ān, and he was truly taken aback, mesmerized and in awe holding this scripture of God. It was truly inspirational to see how much regard he had for the Holy Book of Islām. We spoke to him for two hours or so, and at the end of the discussion he decided that he would like to embrace Islām, *Al-Ḥamdu lillāh*!

Alongside preaching at the Foster's market, we also spent some time at the University and College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI). Although the students were very interested, there were not that many. Here, we met brother Jevon, who is a student at UCCI. He grew up learning about Christianity but was a passive believer. We spoke to him and informed him about the problems in believing man to be God, and how the Christian doctrine has gaps and flaws. He was quite intrigued by the perspective we presented to him and *Al-Ḥamdu lillāh*, on the same day we met him, he accepted Islām. Later on that week, he also joined us for Friday prayers.

Lastly, but certainly not least, is brother Jeffrey (Jaffar). He is Georgie's cousin mentioned earlier. We had heard about him the day we arrived in the Cayman Islands. He is well known in the Cayman Islands. People told us he was a young and energetic convert from Christianity to Islām. We tried meeting him but were unable to until later on in the trip. We preached to him primarily through our actions. We took him out for dinner, spent lots of time with him doing *Tablīgh*, and taught him the true concepts of Islām. Then, two days later, we introduced him to Aḥmadīyyat.

He was taken aback slightly in the start as he had never heard of Aḥmadīyyat. But, after understanding and hearing our beliefs, he started to become more inclined. We spoke to him at a religious level for 3 to 4 hours in two increments, and *Al-Ḥamdu lillāh* he said that this has to be the truth. We also provided proofs from the Holy Qur'ān and he was very accepting towards them. He is really passionate about Islām, so much so, that after converting from Christianity at the age of 18, he spent 3 months in Trinidad, and another 4 months in Barbados learning the Holy Qur'ān and the Arabic language. He wants to become an Imām and is a very pious and humble person. We introduced him to Jāmi'a Aḥmadīyya Canada, and he really liked the concept.

During our stay, we distributed about 2,500 flyers, gave away more than 50 books, and made 64 contacts. *Al-Hamdu lillāh*!

Please remember these converts in your prayers. May Allāh continue to shower His choicest blessings on these pure souls and allow them to continue to implement Islāmic teachings in their lives! $\bar{A}m\bar{n}$!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Achievement Award

Following members received Ontario Volunteer Service Award from the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade for Ontario on April 26, 2016 in Markham, Ontario, for their volunteer services for Majlis Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya Canada.

1. Mudassar Mukhtar Ṣāḥib - Majlis Caledon Brampton (Award for 15 years volunteer service)

2. Waseem Ahmad Nasim Ṣāḥib – Majlis Durham (Award for 20 years volunteer service)

3. Waheed Ahmad Cheema Ṣāḥib - Majlis Woodbridge (Award for 25 years volunteer service)

Recognizing Early Aḥmadīs of Canada

This announcement is for all those Aḥmadī members who lived in Canada in 1966 or earlier.

A new monthly series has started in Aḥmadīyya Gazette recognizing all such Aḥmadīs who were in Canada before or during 1966 when Jamā'at was registered in Canada.

All such Aḥmadīs and or their family members are requested to contact Mubarak Ahmad Qazi Ṣāḥib so information can be gathered about the Early Aḥmadīs of Canada. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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Introduction to MASQ

Majlis Ansar Sulṭānul Qalam (MASQ) was started by Hazrat Musleḥ Mauʻūdra in 1922. The primary objective for MASQ, established under Majlis Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya Canada, is to defend and propagate the true message of Islām.

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In 2011, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his Helper!) has re-laid the importance of MASQ when he stated, "... at this time it is not enough that 200, 300, or even Aḥmadi have joined Majlis Ansar Sulṭānul Qalam, and entered into the arena of *Tablīgh*. Instead rather, all of Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya will need to partake in this, always keeping in mind the ordinance of Allāh to vie with one another in good works."

Orlando Shootings

The world was shaken after reports of what would be one of the worst mass shooting in US history. A gunman carried out a violent onslaught in Orlando, which led to 50 deaths. To make matters worse, these attacks perpetrated by a Muslim were done in the holy month of Ramadān.

MASQ Canada immediately released a CTA (Call-to-Action) and urged Khuddām to take up *Jihād Bil Qalam* to prevent our religion of Islām from falling victim to any association with these attacks. Within hours, Khuddām from across Canada submitted dozens of articles to various newspapers.

By the immense Grace of Allāh, these humble efforts led to **17 Publications**, which have an estimate reach of over **2.2 million reads** – Al-Ḥamdu lillāh!

Below are some of the letters:

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3 Khuddam Published in the Same Issue of the Winnipeg Free Press!

Letter writers Jari Qudrat (also serving as MASQ's Program Manager), Adnan Mangla and Fasih Malik had their articles featured in the same issue of this prestigious newspaper! Each Khādim wrote extremely powerful letters, which not only condemned the attacks, but also wrote that their response was through an "Aḥmadi Muslim"

"Love for All, Hatred for None" – a motto the Ahmaddiya Muslim Community lives by and clearly one Omar Mateen never understood.

Adnan Mangla, York Region

As an Ahmadi Muslim, it pains me to see yet another individual distort the image of Islam by carrying such a disgusting act in its name. There is absolutely no justification for such a deadly act.

Fasih Malik, Calgary Region

...What makes matters worse is the attack was made by a Muslim during the holy month of Ramadan. In Islam, we are taught that to kill one soul is to kill all of humanity...

Jari Qudrat, GTA Center



Bilal Malik Ṣāḥib directly quotes the Qur'ān to dismantle any association of these attacks with our peaceful religion as he states that "Islam places the utmost importance on the sanctity of human life, the Holy Qur'an mentions "whosoever killed a person – unless it be for killing a person … it is as if he had killed all of mankind." Together we shall all stand together to condemn this horrific attack on humanity."

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Sultan Ahmed Ṣāḥib takes the argument a step further and states that religion in its entirety cannot be blamed for any attacks, as he states that "...it's never the religion. Hitler does not represent Christianity, just as much Mateen doesn't represent Islam. I wholeheartedly condemn the recent shooting in Florida and send my condolences to the families of the victims. "



2 Model Publications mentioning Both "Ahmadiyya Muslim Community" and "Million Pounds of Food"

Haseeb Ahmad from Mississauga receives a pair of publications in the Winnipeg Free Press and Chronicle Herald where he explicitly mentions the community involvement and humanitarian works by the "Ahmadiyya Muslim Community" as an example of how Muslims should conduct themselves. Furthermore, he specifically mentions our "Million Pounds of Food" campaign as well.

"I, along with many other Muslim youths, work as part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association to give back to our society and serve mankind.

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to end hunger in Canada, are by month's end will be reaching our goal. This is what Islam teaches, while hatemongers such as the perpetrator of this heinous act are keen to destroy humanity"



2 Powerful Publications in the Winnipeg Free Press and Calgary Herald

Ibrar Behzad from Calgary writes an excellent article in his hometown newspaper, the Calgary Herald, where he states that "As an Ahmadi Muslim, it's unacceptable for me that someone can inflict harm on innocent people. Let me make it clear: there is no place for hate in my Islam and I don't accept this killer's affiliation with Islam."

Abdullah Ahmad from Hamilton mentions how these acts were conducted in the holy month of Ramadan, and then urges Canadians not to characterize their perception of Islam off these heinous acts of terror.



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"What makes this attack even more hurtful is it was conducted during the month of Ramadan, a time dedicated to better oneself and serve humanity. I urge my fellow Canadians to not let this attack stain their perception of Islam, if they do so, this will only continue to fuel more hatred and violence."

Prayers are requested that may Allāh the Al-Mighty continue to shower His blessings on Majlis Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya Canada and give us the strength to continue working for His cause! Amīn!

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He came to Canada in October 1954 from Lahore; initially travelling to London, UK and then arriving in Halifax, Nova Scotia by ship. His close friend and colleague from Lahore, Syed Tahir Ahmad Bokhari Ṣāḥib, accompanied him throughout this journey.

Both friends originally settled in Toronto where they found employment. Both were skilled electronic professionals. In 1958, Mazhar Mahmud Ṣāḥib joined the federal government department of Health and Welfare (now Health Canada) as a physicist and relocated to Ottawa. After serving the Government of Canada for nearly 32 years, he retired in 1989.

He married in 1960 and his wife, Iffat Saeed Mahmud Ṣāḥiba, arrived from Jaipur, India. She is the daughter of Dr. Mohammad Saeed Ṣāḥib of Jaipur, India. They have two sons, Arif and Tariq, who were both born in Ottawa in 1964 and 1968, respectively.

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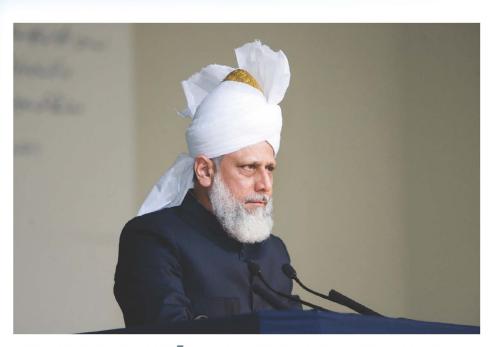
The family has always remained attached to the Jamā'at and has been actively participating in Jamā'at activities. They have witnessed the growth of the Jamā'at during all these years.

The family is well settled in the Ottawa area. Their eldest son, Arif Mahmud Ṣāḥib, is a Senior Economist with the Government of Canada Department of Global Affairs Canada.

Currently, they face certain health issues and request for prayers. May Allāh grant them health! Āmīn!



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HEAD OF AHMADĪYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY SAYS INJUSTICE IS ROOT CAUSE OF WORLD CONFLICTS

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmadªa delivers powerful response to false claims that Islām is linked to extremism.

December 15, 2015 - The World Head of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalīfa, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa}, has responded to critics of Islām who claim that the religion justifies terrorist or extremist acts. The Khalīfa^a made the comments during his Friday Sermon on December 11, 2015.

During his address, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} cited the examples of certain Western politicians and commentators who have falsely alleged that Islām encourages Muslims to engage in extremism and violence. His Holiness^{aa} said that the evil acts perpetrated by a well-known terrorist group have not only increased fear amongst the general public, but have also created an opportunity for misinformed or anti-Islāmic critics to level false allegations against the teachings of Islām.

His Holiness^{aa} added that the media response to attacks conducted in the name of Islām was entirely different to attacks conducted by non-Muslims.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmadªª said that

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His Holiness^{aa} said the teachings of Islām offered no justification or license to those who sought to spread Islām through violence.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmadª said that

Islām has never taught that people should be converted by force. In the Holy Qur'ān, God Almighty said to the Prophet Muḥammad^{sa} that 'Had God so desired, all who are on the earth would have believed.' However God said that it would never happen that all of mankind would become believers and so it is clear that there is no compulsion permitted by Islām.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued by saying that "the Holy Qur'ān categorically states that the sword must never be raised to force people to accept Islām, rather Muslims should attract people to Islām by presenting the beautiful teachings of the religion and through setting the very best moral standards."

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} cited chapter 43, verses 89-90 of the Holy Qur'ān that state: "*I swear* by his *repeated* cry 'O my Lord!' that these are a people who will not believe. Therefore, turn aside from them, and say, 'Peace'; and soon shall they know."

Commenting on this verse, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmadª said that,

In this verse the Holy Prophet^{sa} was instructed that even after suffering countless wrongs at the hands of disbelievers, his response should only be to say 'My only message to you is of peace and will continue to be so for the sake of establishing reconciliation.' Therefore when the Holy Prophet^{sa} himself was instructed to act in this peaceful manner, it is incumbent on all Muslims to forever carry this message and spirit forward.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmadª said that a lack of justice and fairness were the root causes of the many conflicts witnessed in the world today.

Highlighting the role of certain major powers in fuelling extremism, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmadªa said that,

Several western media outlets and commentators are now accepting that their own governments played a role in the creation of the extremist Muslim groups due to the effects of the Iraq War or as a result of the Syrian crisis. The root cause of all of these issues is a lack of justice in the world.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued by saying:

Where on the one hand the major powers are attempting to defeat the extremists through air strikes, they are also seemingly ignoring those groups or individuals who are trading with the terrorists or providing them with deadly weapons. Thus the peace of the world is not only being destroyed by the Muslim groups who are acting against Islām but also by the major powers who prioritise their own interests above others.

Concluding, His Holiness^{aa} said that it is the duty of every Aḥmadī Muslim to spread the true and peaceful teachings of Islām and to work towards peace at all levels of society.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmadª said that

Every Aḥmadī Muslim must consider it his or her duty to spread the beautiful and peaceful teachings of Islām. The world at this moment in time is standing on the brink of disaster and so every single Aḥmadī Muslim must make an effort to save the world from destruction.

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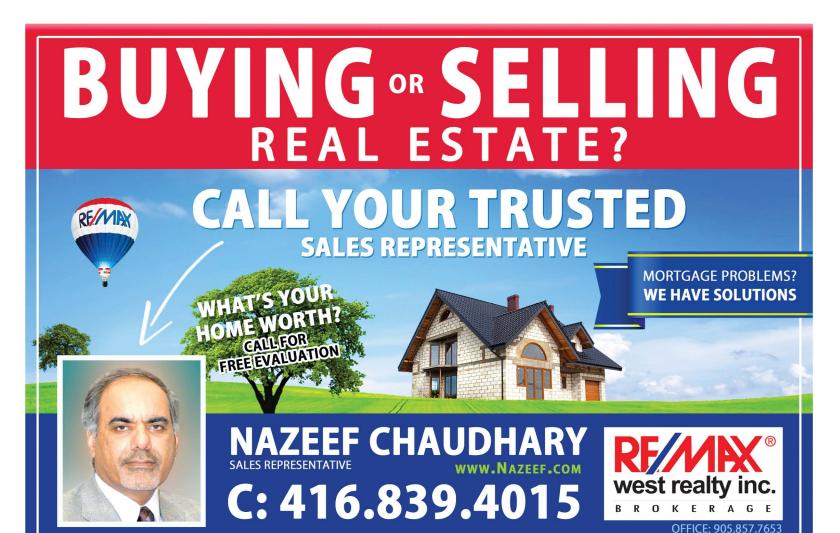
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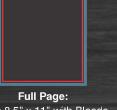
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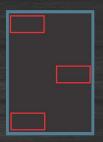


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