

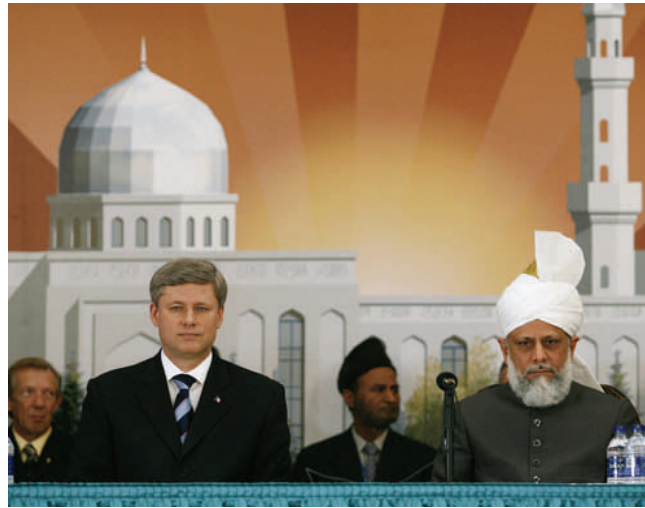
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## “I WILL CAUSE THY MESSAGE TO REACH THE CORNERS OF THE EARTH”

“The Mosque reflects,” the Prime Minister Stephen Harper said at the inauguration, “the true and benevolent face of Islam.” He praised Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad as a “courageous champion of religious freedom and of peace,” and applauded him for denouncing anyone who perverts faith by using it as a justification for violence. “However we define God, it is wrong to kill in his name,” Mr. Harper said. The Globe and Mail reported, “People sold their houses and children broke their piggy banks and actually this was a great example of sacrificing,” Mr. Lal Khan President of Ahmadiyya Jama’at of Canada said, adding the mosque complex will be open to everyone, whether they belong to Ahmadiyya or not.



Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper, left, sits next to Head of Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, right, during the opening of the new Baitun Nur Mosque in Calgary, Canada in July of 2008.

“We welcome everyone here, and this mosque will be a symbol of peace. I assure you, Calgarians will be proud of having this building in their city.”

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**“In the latter days, the sun shall rise from the West” —  
The Holy Prophet Muhammad <sup>saw</sup>**

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad recently completed a three week tour of USA and Canada in connection with the Khilafat Centenary Celebrations. His thanksgiving to Allah Almighty on successful conveyance of the message of Islam to many in these two countries can be reviewed in his [Friday sermon of July 11, 2008](#).

### **THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE LATTER DAYS**

The Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> and after him Hadhrat Umar were the main pioneers in the human society of pluralism, multiculturalism and religious tolerance. As such they laid the foundations of United Nations of the Latter days. These values did not exist before them to any significant degree! Religious tolerance is not a human invention but a divine prescription. For details of pluralism and multiculturalism and religious tolerance read the section on Hadhrat Umar.



Ahmadi Muslims from all continents and ethnic backgrounds during International Bai'at (pledge of fidelity) at the hands of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V

It had to be so as the previous prophets had a limited scope whereas the scope of the Holy Prophet Muhammad was universal and timeless.

Complete unification of nations was destined to occur under the banner of the Prophet Muhammad, may peace be upon him, in the time of Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. In the words of Promised Messiah:

“The era of the prophethood of the Holy Prophet has been decreed to last until the final days. He is the Seal of all the Prophets. It is for this reason that God did not wish for the complete unification of the worlds nations to occur in his lifetime, for this would have implied the end of his epoch. That is to say, it would have raised doubt that the age of the Holy Prophet had come to an end because the final task would have been completed. Thus, God decreed that the task of unifying the world's nations around one religion be completed towards the end of the era of the Holy Prophet, the time when Judgment Day is at hand. God chose a successor from amongst those who followed him to accomplish this and named him the Promised Messiah. He has also been referred to as the Seal of the Khulafa. The Holy Prophet came at the beginning of the Muhammadan era and the Promised Messiah has appeared at its end. It was essential that this age would not come to an end until his advent. The unification of nations is closely associated with his time. The Holy Qur'an has hinted at this in the verse (61:10),

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

That is, God is He, who has sent His prophet with complete guidance and a true religion, so that He may make him emerge

triumphant over all other religions and bestow him with universal victory... all those scholars who have come before us, have been agreed on the fact that this universal victory will occur in the time of the Promised Messiah.”

(Promised Messiah in Chashma Ma'rafat, Ruhani Khazain, Vol.23. p. 82-83)

As the prophets of God have a limited time span, for a long term mission Allah proposed the institution of Khilafat.

### THE TWO MANIFESTATIONS

Allah's Divine Power is manifested twice. I appeared from God as a manifestation; I am a personified power of God; and after me there shall come other persons who will be the second manifestation of Divine Power. (Promised Messiah)

Promised Messiah says in his book *The Will*:

“This is the Way of God. And ever since He created man on earth He has always been demonstrating this Divine practice. He



The Promised Messiah



Khalifatul Masih V

helps His Prophets and Messengers and grants them success and predominance, as He says: (58:22) *كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَأَغْلِبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي* And by predominance is meant that as Messengers and Prophets desire that God's will and purpose are established in the world and no one is able to oppose it, so, in turn, does God demonstrate with powerful signs their truthfulness as well as the truth they wish to spread in the world. He lets them sow the seed of it [the truth], but He does not let it come to full fruition at their hands. Rather He causes them to die at such time as apparently forebodes a kind of failure and thereby provides an opportunity for the opponents to laugh at, ridicule, taunt, and reproach the Prophets. And after they have had their fill of ridicule and reproach, He reveals yet another dimension of His Might and creates such means by which the objectives which had to some extent remained incomplete are fully realized.” (The Will page 5)

He further writes in the same book:

“So dear friends! since it is the practice of Allah (*Sunnatullah*), from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two Manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His practice (*Sunnah*) of old. So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgment. And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you, which shall always stay with you just as promised by God in *Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya*. And this promise is

not for my person. Rather the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: I shall make this *Jama'at* who are your followers, prevail over others till the Day of Judgment. Thus it is inevitable that you see the day of my departure, so that after that day the day comes which is the day of ever-lasting promise. Our God is He Who keeps His promise and is Faithful and is the Truthful God. He shall show you all that He has promised. Though these days are the last days of this world and there are many a disaster waiting to happen, yet it is necessary that this world continues to exist until all those things about which God has prophesied come to pass. I came from God as a Manifestation of Divine Providence and I am a personification of His Power. And after I am gone there will be some other persons who will be the manifestation of the second Power [of God]. So, while waiting for the second Manifestation of His Power, you all together keep yourselves busy praying. And let a *Jama'at* of righteous people, one and all, in every country keep themselves busy in prayers so that the second Manifestation may descend from the Heaven and show you that your God is such Mighty God. Consider your death to be close at hand for you never know when that hour will strike. ....

Don't think that God will let you go to waste. You are the seed, which the Hand of God has sown in the earth. God says that this seed will grow and flower and its branches will spread in all directions and it will become a huge tree. So, blessed is one who believes in what God says and does not fear the trials, which he suffers in His path. For, the coming of trials is essential so that God may try you to see who is true in his declaration of Bai'at (pledge of fidelity) and who is false. Whoever falters in the face of a trial would do no harm to God whatsoever and ill luck would only land him in hell. Were he not born, it would have been better for him. But all those who remain steadfast till the end—they will be shaken with quakes of calamities, and battered with storms of misfortune, ridiculed and mocked by people, and hated and reviled by the world—shall at last come out victorious. And doors of Blessings shall be thrown open for them.” (The Will. pages 7-12)

Promised Messiah says in the first few pages of his book *The Will*:

“God's Word informs me that many calamities will occur and many disasters will descend on the earth—some during my lifetime and some after I have gone. And He will promote and advance this *Jama'at* to the full. A part of it will happen at my hands, and some after me.

This is the Way of God. And ever since He created man on earth He has always been demonstrating this Divine practice. He helps His Prophets and Messengers and grants them success and predominance, as He says:

And by predominance is meant that as Messengers and Prophets desire that God's Will, or Purpose is established in the world and no one is able to oppose it, so, in turn, does

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Thus He manifests two kinds of Power. (1) First He shows the Hand of His Power at the hands of His Prophets themselves. (2) Second, when with the death of a Prophet, difficulties and problems arise and the enemy feels stronger and thinks that things are in disarray and is convinced that now this *Jama'at* will become extinct and even members of the *Jama'at*, too, are in a quandary and their backs are broken, and some of the unfortunate ones choose paths that lead to apostasy, then it is that God for the second time shows His Mighty Power and supports and takes care of the shaken *Jama'at*. .....

So dear friends! since it is the practice of Allah (*Sunnatullah*), from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two Manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His *Sunnah* of old. So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgment." The most detailed description of Khilafat by the Promised Messiah is in his book [The Will](#).

## THIS IS KHILAFAT OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD

بعد از خدا بعشق محمد مخمرم  
گرایں کفر بود بخدا سخت کافر م

"After love of Allah I am intoxicated with love of Muhammad! If this be infidelity by God I am a staunch infidel!" (Promised Messiah)

Prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad:

"Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchical despotism to last as long as Allah shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilafat on precept of Prophethood." The Holy Prophet said no more (Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal Vol 4 page 273) -

## A POEM IN THE PRAISE OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD

وہ پیشوا ہمارا جس سے ہے نور سارا  
نام اس کا ہے محمد دلبر مرا یہی ہے  
سب پاک ہیں پیمبر اک دوسرے سے بہتر  
لیک از خدائے برتر خیر الوری یہی ہے  
پہلوں سے خوب تر ہے خوبی میں اک قمر ہے

اس پر ہر اک نظر ہے بدر الدجی یہی ہے  
 پہلے تو رہ میں ہارے پار اس نے ہیں اتارے  
 میں جاؤں اس کے وارے بس ناخدا یہی ہے  
 پردے جو تھے ہٹائے اندر کی راہ دکھائے  
 دل یار سے ملائے وہ آشنا یہی ہے  
 وہ یار لامکانی وہ دلبر نہانی  
 دیکھا ہے ہم نے اس سے بس رہنما یہی ہے  
 وہ آج شاہ دیں ہے وہ تاج مرسلین ہے  
 وہ طیب و امین ہے اس کی ثنا یہی ہے  
 حق سے جو حکم آئے سب اس نے کر دکھائے  
 جو راز تھے بتائے نعم العطاء یہی ہے  
 آنکھ اس کی دور ہیں ہے دل یار سے قریں ہے  
 باتھوں میں شمع دیں ہے عین الضیاء یہی ہے  
 جو راز دیں تھے بہارے اس نے بتائے سارے  
 دولت کا دینے والا فرما روا یہی ہے  
 اس نور پر فدا ہوں اس کا ہی میں ہوا ہوں  
 وہ ہے میں چیز کیا ہوں بس فیصلہ یہی ہے  
 وہ دلبر یگانہ علموں کا ہے خزانہ  
 باقی ہے سب فسانہ سچ ہے خطا یہی ہے

سب ہم نے اس سے پایا شاہد ہے تو خدایا  
 وہ جس نے حق دکھایا وہ مہ لقا یہی ہے  
 ہم تھے دلوں کے اندھے سو سو دلوں میں پھندے  
 پھر کھولے جس نے جندے وہ مجتبیٰ یہی ہے

### Our Leader (Urdu Poem of Promised Messiah)

He is our leader, who is the source of all light;  
 His name is Muhammad; he alone is my beloved.  
 All Prophets are holy, one better than the other;  
 But from the Almighty, he is the best of the creation.  
 He is far better than those before him, he is a darling in  
 his qualities;  
 Every eye is focused on him, he is the full moon which  
 dispels all darkness.  
 Those who came earlier, were fatigued halfway; He it is  
 who brought us to the shore;  
 May I be a sacrifice; he alone is the guide.  
 He removed the screen, and showed the secret path;  
 He joined the hearts to the Beloved, such a friend he is!  
 That Friend, beyond all physical limitations, that  
 Unseen Beloved;  
 We saw through him, so he is the true guide.  
 Today he is the King of faith; the Crown of the apostles;  
 He is pure and holy, this is his eulogy.

All commandments ordained by the True God were demonstrated in practice by him;

He revealed all secrets, an excellent gift is this.

His vision is far-reaching like a telescope, his heart is close to the Friend;

In his hands is the light of faith; he is the fountain of light.

He revealed the weighty secrets of faith;

He is the King who grants wealth.

I am a sacrifice at that light; I belong entirely to him;

He is all, what worth do I possess? This is the final verdict.

That Unique Beloved is the source of all learning;

All else is a mere tale, this is the truth unblemished.

We found everything through him, O Allah You are a witness;

He is that manifestor of Beauty, who showed us the

Truth.

We were blind of the heart, with hundreds of knots upon the hearts;

The one who opened the locks is this very Mujtaba—accepted one.

[Qadian ke Arya aur Hum, Ruhani Khaza'in Vol. 20, p. 456, translation from Essence of Islam part I]

[Ahmad in the praise of Muhammad](#) is a booklet that can be bought from Al Islam Store.

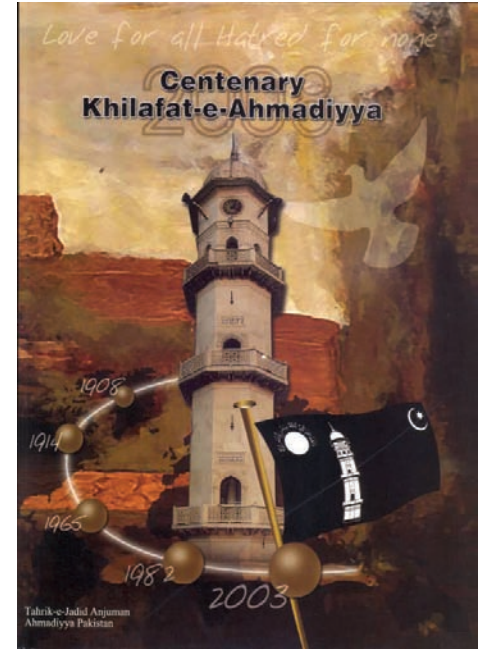
### A WONDERFUL RESOURCE

This is a detailed souvenir and album regarding Khilafat Centenary Celebrations published by Tahrik-e-Jadid Pakistan. Title Story as described in the cover of the album:

The 1500-year history of Islam has been captured in the title. The procession of the believers of the unity of Allah embarked upon their journey in a state of helplessness, but sure that in the end, the message of Allah and His Prophet would prevail.

Despite many obstacles that lay in its way this Divine promise was fulfilled.

Over a period of 23 years, the founder of Islam laid the foundations for a spiritual revolution through the Holy Qur'an. After his demise, Khilafat followed in the footsteps of the Prophethood. The companions of the Holy Prophet and the *Mujadideen* (religious reformers) began to emit spiritual light in the way stars light up the night. This Khilafat was followed by Monarchical rule and then a period of total darkness [*Fajr A 'waj*] which was only brought to an end with the advent of the Promised Messiah. In this way, the prophecy of Khilafat in the footsteps of Prophethood was once



again fulfilled. The groundwork for the revival of Islam was set in Qadian. Again this procession travels the path of the triumph of Islam, holding aloft the banners of love, approaching its destination. On the 27th of May, 2008, it will pass the milestone of the 100 year Khilafat Jubilee.

### **THE HOLY QURAN ABOUT KHILAFAT**

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

“Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will, surely, make them successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will, surely, establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will, surely, give them in exchange security and peace after their fear; They will worship Me and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso disbelieves after that, they will be the rebellious.” (The Holy Quran 24:56)

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV in the very first Friday sermon of his Khilafat on [June 11, 1982](#) described the commentary of part of this verse in the following words:

'Khilafat has been established to spread the message of the unity of God. This is the immutable promise of Allah. It will not go in vain neither it can change. As is implied in the Quranic words, *يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا* God says that the reward for obedience to Khilafat is that you will worship Him and not associate any partner with Allah. You will worship Him with all sincerity and

hold Him to be One. You will sing his praises. This is the final Paradise promised to the Ahmadiyya Community in Islam (Jamaat). We have experienced both pain and happiness and felt the pleasure of having remained grateful throughout. I am sure that the position of eminence in this regard, occupied by the Jama'at is unparalleled.....

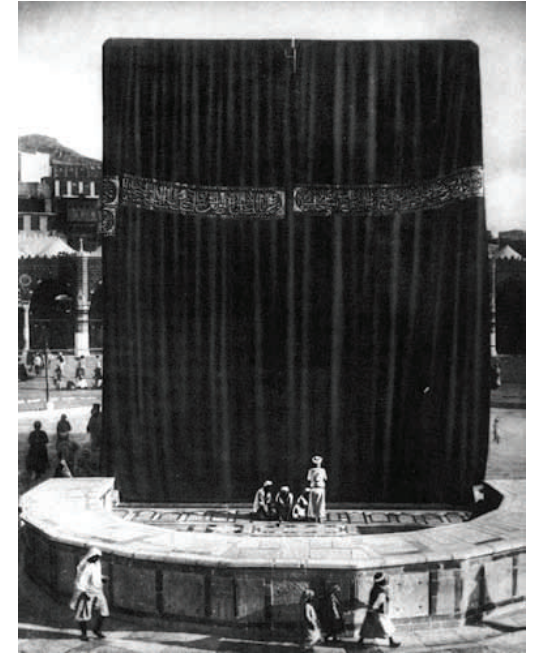
We have an absolute belief that Allah will not strip Ahmadiyya Khilafat of its glory. It will last forever. Allah will cause it to flourish and prosper. This blessed tree (*Shajra-e-Tayyaba*) is perfumed with the fragrant scent and has deep spiritual roots in the earth and no power can uproot it. Allah has promised about it:

أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ

تُؤْتِي أَكْلَهَا كُلَّ حِينٍ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهَا

(The Holy Quran 14:25-26)

God is forever worthy of praise and all gratitude is due to him. Praise and gratitude do not have a specific connection to anyone person; not to any Khalifa before me nor myself and nor any future Khalifa. Rather they are bound to the very institution of Khilafat. It is an elevated spiritual position which cannot suffer from death and decay, God willing.



(The Holy Quran 24:56) وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

Although Allah has promised you that He will appoint you as vicegerents in the world, in the first part of the verse about Khilafat, He has also charged you with some responsibilities also. His promises are for those of you who believe in Him and act righteously. Thus, if the Jama'at remains virtuous - and we pray and shall make every effort to ensure that it does so -- then! the above mentioned promise of Allah will also be fulfilled in our favor and Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya being the Shajra-e-Tayyaba will have its branches stretch to the heavens in all the glory."

To complete the commentary of the verse about Khilafat, we borrow from what Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV said to the Advisory Council (Majlis Mushawarat) in 1984:

"However, this progress will also cause them anxiety and they will pass through periods of great difficulty. Allah admonishes them to seek power through their righteous deeds, promises them greater power in return and assures them that He will take care of the fears and anxieties which will arise as a result of this. Allah has taken on this burden Himself. In the words of a poet:

تو مشق ناز کر خون دو عالم میری گردن پر

[Take all things in stride; leaving the troubles of both the worlds to me (God)],

That is to say, continue to move forward, you have no final destination. With every step forward the promises of Allah will be fulfilled and you will be granted greater power. Your progress will ignite the fire of hostility and you will face great challenges. However, Allah has told you not to concern yourself with them,

for He is sufficient in dealing with them. You have been consoled by Allah.

And He has assured you that all the power you attain through your righteous deeds will result in greater supremacy. Do not feel threatened by fear nor be over come by it, otherwise you will become disbelievers.

يَعْبُدُونِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئاً

Allah wishes the Jama'at to be free from idolatry. We should continue to seek progress through righteousness. May Allah acknowledge our good deeds and reward us beyond the extent of our efforts, and may we realize that our strength is a result of His grace and not our own efforts. This is the reality of our situation. Your good deeds will not yield any fruit on their own. Rather once they are acknowledged by Allah, He will bestow countless blessings upon you and you will be the recipients of divine glory which will kindle the flame of jealousy. Your prosperity will be unpalatable for others and will make them restless. They will feel threatened by you and will therefore oppose you and seek to harm you. But Allah says that it is His responsibility to help you through these difficulties. He has therefore admonished us to have great conviction in his words. He has promised that these difficulties will not depose us from our position of strength. God shall avert all threats away from us and will turn our state of fear into peace.

This process of continued progress is called Khilafat. It is the most perfect system whereby humanity is blessed with a continuous chain of representatives of Allah. Because of your proximity to them you, too, become vicegerents of Allah. But, if you drift away from Khilafat you cease to be so. It must also be kept in mind that

the viceregency of the Jama'at is valid only as long as it gathers around a Khalifa who is appointed by God as His representative to the Jama'at and the Jamaat's representative to Him. In this way the Khalifa has a dual role. God speaks of those who move away from Khilafat with the words:

وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ

i.e., those who separate themselves from this institution deny God for it is He who has created it,

فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

i.e., denial of Khilafat results in disbelief in God and estrangement from Islam.

Not to preach the message of Islam from fear of potential risks and dangers is tantamount to associating partners with God. If you wish for refuge then banish all such thoughts. Those who harbor such fears will be cast adrift from belief in the oneness of God. We can only place our trust in Him and He is sufficient for us. He has always been sufficient for us and has never forsaken us. He is faithful like none other. We shall never be unfaithful to Him. We are not going to retreat whether we are threatened with the slaughter of our children, frightened by the hideous countenances of our opponents' faces or engulfed by darkness. We have to remain steadfast through out. We are not going to fall back even a step, nor come to a halt. Rather, we will continue to advance in every sphere of life. With every step forward we will trust Allah with greater conviction." (The Report of Majlis Mushawarat. 1984. pp.237-247)

## **KHILAFAT IN GENERAL**

The Khilafat page on our website:

[www.khilafat.com](http://www.khilafat.com) or <http://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/>

USA Gazette May and June 2008 is about Khilafat in general:

<http://www.ahmadiyyagazette.us/>

Canada Gazette May and June 2008 is about Khilafat in general:

<http://www.ahmadiyyagazette.ca/archive.php>

Summer 2008 Muslim Sunrise is also on this topic:

[www.muslimsunrise.com](http://www.muslimsunrise.com)

Some additional useful links:

<http://www.alislam.org/library/links/00000082.html>

<http://www.alislam.org/library/links/00000078.html>

To review the distinction between the word Khalifah and Caliph please review an article by Mubasher Ahmad, M.A., LL.B.:

<http://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/khilafat-and-caliphate.pdf>

### **Muhammad Zafrullah Khan: A Love for Khilafat**

Personal reminiscences of a close companion of Sir Zafrullah Khan on his high regard and close relationship with Khalifatul Masih. This article was published in Muslim Sunrise in Fall or September of 2007, it will be soon available in the archive section at muslimsunrise.com.

### **HADHRAT ABU BAKR (ra)**

Hadhrat Abu Bakr has the distinct and paramount honor of being mentioned in the Holy Quran in the following verse:

“If you help him not, then know that Allah helped him even when the disbelievers drove him forth while he was one of the two, when they were both in the Cave, when he said to his Companion, ‘Grieve not for Allah is with us.’ Then Allah sent down His peace on him, and succored him with hosts which you did not see, and humbled the word of those who disbelieved, and it is the word of Allah alone which is supreme. And Allah is Mighty, Wise.” (The Holy Quran 9:40)

A small booklet about Hadhrat Abu Bakr by Adam Hani Walker, UK: <http://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/Hadhrat-Abu-Bakr-20080304MN.pdf>

### **HADHRAT UMAR (ra)**

The Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> and after him Hadhrat Umar<sup>ra</sup> were the main pioneers in the human society of pluralism, multiculturalism and religious tolerance. As such they laid the foundations of United Nations of the Latter days. These values did not exist before them. To appreciate this concept we have to know the history of the Roman and Persian Empires that existed at the time of dawn of Islam.

According to Gibbon, in *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, when the grandson of Nushirvan, Khosrau II took over Jerusalem, in 614, the sepulcher of Christ and the stately churches of Helena and Constantine were consumed or at least damaged by the flames, the devout offerings of 300 years were looted in one day. The true cross was transplanted to Persia and 90,000 Christians put to sword.

In 624 AD the Roman Emperor Heraclius advanced into northern Median, he destroyed the great fire temple of Gandzak (Gazaca) and thus avenged the destruction of Jerusalem.

Contrast this with what happened in 638 AD under the rule of the second of the rightly guided Caliphs, Hadhrat Umar. After a brief and bloodless siege, Muslims seized control of Jerusalem from the Byzantines in February 638. Caliph Umar accepted the city's surrender from Patriarch Sophronius in person. Umar was shown the great Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and when the time for prayer came he was offered a place to pray in it, but he refused. He knew that if he prayed in the church, it would set a precedent that could possibly lead to the building's transformation into a mosque. He instead prayed on the steps outside, allowing the church to remain a Christian holy place. To ensure Christian freedom of religion Umar also laid the condition that not more than one Muslim should ever enter the church at a time.

(Sir William Muir. *The Caliphate: Its Rise, Decline and Fall from original sources*. The Religious Tract Society, 1891. Page 145.)

The covenant that Hadhrat Umar gave to the people of Jerusalem speaks volumes of his character and the religious freedom that is a fundamental character of Islam. The treaty was written in 638 AD and stated:

“This is the protection that the servant of God, Umar, the ruler of the Believers, has granted to the people of Jerusalem. The protection is for their lives and properties, their churches and crosses, their sick and healthy and for their co-religionists. Their churches shall not be used for habitation, nor shall they be demolished.”

This was despite the fact that Holy Quran considered declaring anyone a literal son of God to be a grievous blasphemy. The treaty continued,

“Nor shall any injury be done to them or to their compounds, or their crosses, nor shall their properties be injured in any way. There shall be no compulsion for these people in the matter of religion, nor shall any of them suffer any injury on account of their religion.”

Muslims believed that Jesus Christ was put on the cross but did not die on the cross. This strong belief bordering almost onto certain knowledge did not make Umar take away the religious freedom of the Christians of Jerusalem.

The Caliph meant to deliver on these promises the covenant concluded with the words, “Whatever is written herein is under the covenant of God and the responsibility of His Messenger, of the Caliphs and of the believers and shall hold good as long as they pay their taxes.”

Hadhrat Umar also visited Bethlehem; and having prayed in the church of the Nativity, left a document with the Patriarch, who accompanied him on the pious errand, securing the Christians the possession of the building, with the condition that not more than one Muslim should ever enter at a time. (Sir William Muir. *The Caliphate: Its Rise, Decline and Fall from original sources.* The Religious Tract Society, 1891. Page 145.)

A picture is worth a thousand words:

The square minaret of the Umar Mosque, with a dome of the Christian Quarter in the foreground, is an eloquent testimony of events showing early Muslim’s religious tolerance, from fourteen centuries ago.



This picture very powerfully established Islamic belief in freedom of religion and puts to rest, the accusation, for all periods to come that Islam was spread with sword. For the Muslims the political struggle was always divorced from the freedom of religion.

The modest Umar Mosque was built in the 12th century directly across from the main entrance of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. The mosque is named after Hadhrat Umar<sup>ra</sup>, whose actions after his takeover of Jerusalem ensured, in the eighth century, that the Church of Holy Sepulcher remained open to Christian worship. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, known as the Church of the Resurrection to Eastern Orthodox Christians, is one of the most sacred places in Christianity. It stands on a site that encompasses both Golgotha, or Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, and the tomb (sepulcher) where he was buried. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher has been an important pilgrimage destination since the 4th century, and it remains the holiest Christian site in the world.

The Umar Mosque was built near the site of these events in 1193 by Saladin’s son Aphdal Ali. The location is not exact, for the entrance to the Church was on the east in Hadhrat Umar’s time; the present entrance was only inaugurated in the 11th century. Reached by a short stairway that descends from Christian Quarter Road, the mosque has a distinctive square minaret. The base of the minaret contains some Crusader masonry and was given its present form around 1460.

Umar’s tolerant attitude becomes even more impressive when we look at the historical comparisons especially in the early centuries. Umar’s glorious examples were not followed at the time of Crusades or even in more recent history. In the words of Pickthal,

a British Historian and a writer of several books and translator of the Holy Quran and the first British Muslim convert, "One remembers that not a Muslim is left alive in Spain or Sicily. One remembers that not a Muslim was left alive and not a mosque left standing in Greece after the great rebellion in 1821."

Michael H Hart in his famous book *The 100*, that has been translated in 15 different languages, ranks Hadhrat Umar above 49 other very influential people, including President Thomas Jefferson, President John F Kennedy, Queen Elizabeth I, Zoroaster and Rene Descartes.

One of the commonest charges brought against Islam historically, and as a religion, by Western writers is that it is intolerant. Whereas it is true that some Muslims are intolerant possibly even fanatic but Islam is a tolerant religion the verse of the Holy Quran that allowed defensive warfare conclude with the following words, "If Allah did not repel aggression of some people by means of others, cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of Allah is often commemorated, would surely be destroyed." (22:41) In other words the purpose of Jihad is only to ensure religious freedom of all religions and safeguarding their places of worship. The Quran mentions the names of churches and synagogues before the mosques. Can an equal example of tolerance be shown from another scripture?

Plato emphasizes the importance of knowledge to rule. Machiavelli stresses the need of deception for rule. For example, Machiavelli states: "For a long time, I have not said what I believed, nor do I ever believe what I say, and if indeed

sometimes I do happen to tell the truth, I hide it among so many lies that it is hard to find."

In the modern western democracies, the shades of Machiavellian strategy are visible in the leadership styles of politicians and dictators. The secret to rule in the modern world depends more on the image and style as opposed to substance. The institution of Khilafat, on the other hand, is required to employ righteousness and morality and they showed during their times that these are indeed Realistic Strategy in Governance?

James Michener in an article 'Islam: The Misunderstood Religion,' writes, "No other religion in history spread so rapidly as Islam. The West has widely believed that this surge of religion was made possible by the sword. But no modern scholar accepts this idea, and the Qur'an is explicit in the support of the freedom of conscience." It was precisely this freedom of conscience that led to the rapid spread of Islam in the time of the Divinely guided Khalifas.

"If we compare the rights given by Hadhrat Umar to the minorities with the rights they had under the Persians and the Roman Empire, we find day and night difference. These were the two neighboring Empires close to Arabia, the rights of the minorities in these Empires were worse than those of the slaves. The Syrian Christians even though they had the same religion as their Roman rulers did not have the right to own property. On the contrary, the Syrians Christians were considered to be property themselves and with the transfer of land property rights they were also transferred to the new owner. The Jews were even worse off. They could not be even considered subject nation. Even the subjects have some rights, but for the Jews there was no mention of the phrase rights."

(Alamma Shibli Noomani. Al Farooq: A comprehensive treatise on the life and character of our leader, the second Caliph Hadhrat Umar<sup>ra</sup>. Islamiyyat Publishers, Lahore, 2004. Page 251.)

In Persia, in the seventh century according to famous historian Edward Gibbon, 960 elephants were maintained for the use and splendor of the Great King. His tents and baggage were carried into the field by 12000 great camels. Six thousand guards successively mounted before the palace gates. The service of the interior apartments was performed by 12000 slaves and 3000 virgin concubines.

In contrast to the Persian king the simplicity of Hadhrat Umar was exemplary. 'Where is the Caliph?' 'Where is the Caliph?' the visitor would ask, as he looked around the court of the Madinah mosque; and all the while the monarch might be sitting in homely guise before him."

Hadhrat Umar set standards of republican and democratic behavior. At the time of his taking of office he is reported to have said, and it is recorded in 1888 encyclopedia Britannica:

'By God, he that is weakest among you shall be in my eye the strongest, until I have vindicated for him his rights; he that is strongest I will treat as the weakest, until he complies with the law'. It would be impossible to give a better general definition of the function of the state.

Throughout the Islamic empire, he separated the judiciary from the executive, which is a modern concept. Once he was summoned to the court of law in a legal dispute with Hadhrat Ubayy bin Ka'abra. Shibli reports that on Hadhrat Umar's arrival in the court, the Qadi (Chief Justice) of Medina, Hadhrat Zaid bin Thabit<sup>ra</sup>, stood in respect and offered him a seat, but Hadhrat

Umar<sup>ra</sup> declined and sat adjacent to Hadhrat Ubayy bin Ka'ab<sup>ra</sup> telling the Qadi: "This is the first injustice that you have committed in this case" (Shibli, p. 274). He thus emphasized in practice that even the head of state was not above the law and should be treated equally.

Hasan records the following words of Hadhrat Umar's will, which confirm that Hadhrat Umar<sup>ra</sup> did not even forget the non-Muslim minorities (Dhimmis) on his deathbed:

My bequest to my successor is that covenants with the Dhimmis should be observed faithfully. They should be defended against all invasions. No injustice should be done to them. They should be treated as full fledged citizens and should enjoy equality before law. Their taxes should be fair, and no burden should be imposed on them which they cannot bear.

(Prof. Masud Ul Hasan. Umar Farouque<sup>ra</sup>. Islamic Publications Limited, Lahore, 2000. Page 148.)

"Can any victor nation treat the conquered with a greater sense of justice?" (Shibli Page 253)

Detailed views of many a [non-Muslim writers about Hadhrat Umar can be reviewed online](#).

### **HADHRAT UTHMAN (ra)**

[December 2007 Review of Religions](#) is about Hadhrat Uthman.

Also see the link: <http://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/uthman.html>

### **HADHRAT ALI (ra)**

[December 2007 Review of Religions](#) is about Hadhrat Ali.

Also see the link: <http://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/ali.html>

## HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH I (ra)

Hadhrat Al-Haaj Maulana Hakeem Nooruddin (1841-1914)

The greatest achievement of Hadhrat Hakeem Nooruddin Bhervi was that he laid down the foundations of Khilafat. For details please [review an article](#) by Maulana Azhar Haneef.

The Promised Messiah writes about Hakeem Nooruddin:

“All my friends are righteous. But the foremost amongst them with regards to spiritual foresight, knowledge, soft-heartedness, patience, faith and religion [Islam], compassion, recognition of the truth, the fear of Allah, conviction, steadfastness, blessedness, eminence, and true righteousness is Hakeem Nooruddin Bhervi. He is a savant, an expert in Islamic Jurisprudence, a great scholar of Ahadith, an outstanding physician, has the honor of performing the Hajj and visiting both Mecca and Medina, a Hafiz of the Holy Qur'an, a Qureshi and a descendant of Umar Faruqra, whose name is as blessed as indeed is his heart, that is, Hakeem Nooruddin Bhervi. May Allah reward him in this world and in the hereafter. He is the best among all my followers and the most sincere, upright, loyal, compassionate and faithful.” (Hamamat-ul-Bushra, p. 15)

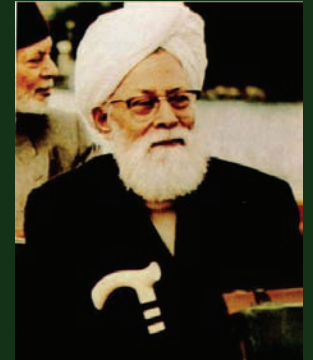
Gazette or Al Nur USA January 2008 volume is about Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I Hakeem Nooruddin.



The biographies written about him by Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan and Syed Hasanat Ahmad can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.alislam.org/library/noor.html>

## HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH II (ra)

Rejoice, therefore, that a handsome and pure boy will be bestowed on thee. Thou wilt receive a bright youth who will be of thy seed and will be of thy progeny. A handsome and pure boy will come as your guest. His name is Emmanuel and Bashir. He has been invested with a holy spirit and he will be free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah. Blessed is he who comes from heaven. He shall be accompanied by grace (Fazl) which shall arrive with him. He will be characterized with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorder through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the Holy Spirit. He is the Word of Allah for Allah's mercy and honor have equipped him with the Word of Majesty. (Revelation of Promised Messiah)



Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad (1889-1965)

The whole of the prophecy about the promised son can be reviewed [online](#). Announcement by Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad about the [Claim of his being the Promised Son](#). Because of the mentioned prophecy he is known as the Promised Reformer (Musleh Mau'ud) in the Ahmadiyya community. USA Gazette, February 2008 volume is about Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II. February 2008 Review of Religions is also about him and will be soon available on [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)

Other useful links:

<http://www.alislam.org/library/mahmood.html>

<http://www.alislam.org/library/books/Truth-about-the-Split.pdf>

### **HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III (rh)**

**We give thee good news of a boy as an addition to thee.**

*Revelation of Promised Messiah (Tadhkarah 4th edition page.529)*

Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (1909-1982)

He was a great supporter of the faith, and a Hafiz of the Holy Qur'an was born on 15th November in Qadian to Hadhrat Musleh Mau 'ud<sup>ra</sup> and Hadhrat Sayyeda Mahmudah Begum. He committed the Holy Qur'an to memory at the age of 13. In 1922, he was admitted into the Madrasa Ahmadiyya. After completing his Maulawi Fadil from the University of Punjab, Lahore in July 1929 he did his B.A. from Government College Lahore in 1934. He went on to do his M.A. from the University of Oxford returning to Qadian in 1938. He was appointed the Principal of Jami'a Ahmadiyya, Qadian until 1944. Thereafter, between May 1944 and November 1965 he served as the Principal of Ta'lim-ul-Islam College. He had the honor of being imprisoned for the sake of Allah during the persecution of the Jama'at in 1953. Hadrat Musleh Mau'ud<sup>ra</sup> appointed him as the President of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya in 1955. In accordance with the decree of God he was elected as the third successor of the Promised Messiah in the Mubarak Mosque, Rabwah, on 8th November, 1965.



At the time of inauguration of Basharat mosque in Spain he said: Islam teaches us to live with love, harmony and humbleness. And enjoins doing good to others regardless of their being Muslims or not. That is what the humanity needs... My only message is:

### **LOVE FOR ALL HATRED FOR NONE**

(The address of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih III at the foundation laying ceremony of the Basharat Mosque, Spain, Daura Maghrib, p. 544)

At another instance he said, "The same All Powerful and Omnipotent Who has appointed a humble and worthless soul like me as the Khalifa; also filled your hearts with love and compassion for me. My words penetrate your hearts, and move you to fulfill your religious obligations zealously." (Friday sermon 6th May, 1966, Khutbat -Nasir, Vol. 1, p.247)

"It is our belief that God alone appoints Khalifas. If this function had been left to human beings, even then they would have selected someone superior among them. But since God makes the choice, He makes no mistake. He might select an apparently weak person whom people generally look down upon. After selecting him, God shows His great and mighty glory through him which melts away the appointee's former self and casts him into a new mould. He disappears from this world into the glory of God whereupon God takes him into His protection and warns his opponents to fight Him if they have the power to do so. He tells them that although His choice was a weak person lacking knowledge and vigor and, in their view, short of piety and righteousness, yet God has taken him into His care, and they will have to submit themselves to him. This happens because God wishes to show to the world that through Khilafat His will is fulfilled to the utter bewilderment of people's reckoning." (Alfazl, 17th March, 1967).

Review of religions, March 2008 is about him it will be soon available on [www.lislam.org](http://www.lislam.org).

### **HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV (rh)**

**Once Musleh Mau'ud told Hadhrat Sayyeda Ume Tahir, "God has revealed to me that Tahir will one day become Khalifah."**

(Aik Mard-e-Khuda p.208)

Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (1928-2003)

"My father Khalifatul Masih IV, also possessed a distinction in hospitality. He was very respectful to the guests. Our doors were open to all kinds of people. Coming of a guest was always a joy for our father. I remember that during Jalsa Salana, various preparations were made with such zeal as if a wedding was to be held. Some times, I recall he vacated the whole house for the guests and he himself put up a tent in the courtyard. Even on other days, Khalifatul Masih IV (Hudur) made sure that each guest was properly entertained. If a servant was not available, he himself made all the arrangements including preparation of food. He was so fond of entertaining the guests that my mother used to tell him jokingly, that it seems as if he had appointed people to get the guests from the railway and bus stop and bring them straight to our home."

(An article written by Khalifatul Masih IV's daughter in Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada, May-June 2008 Khilafat edition)

"Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad was a pre-eminent writer who authored over 20 books and lecture compilations, including the scholarly masterpieces Murder in the Name of Allah, Gulf Crisis and the New World Order, Christianity-A Journey from Facts to



Fiction, Islam's Response to Contemporary Issue and the critically acclaimed Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth, completed in 1998. Commenting on this book, a prominent member of the British Parliament, Mr. Tom Cox, stated: 'This sort of knowledge of the scriptures cannot be acquired by just simple studies. This is a gift from God that is granted to a few and it is a gift to be called revelation. I have no hesitation in asserting that you are the recipient of that revelation that is given to few-very few whom He chooses. I can safely say that you are indeed the prince of the learned of the world of Islam today and I salute you.' .....

Like his grandfather and father, Hudur was also a gifted poet. He is credited with numerous Urdu poems on a variety of emotional subjects including his love for Allah, the Holy Prophet Muhammad, and the *Aseeran-e-Rahe Maula* (Ahmadis unjustly imprisoned for professing their faith), a topic Huzur felt very deeply about. Lajna Imaillah Karachi first published a compilation of his poems, *Kalam -e-Tahir*, in 1995, with subsequent revisions in 1997, 1998 and 2001."

(Khilafat Centenary Souvenir published by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in USA)

"At the very early stage of his mission, Hadhrat Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup> received the revelation from God:

**'I shall cause thy message to reach the comers of the earth.'**

(Tadhkirah: English translation, Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, 1976, p 184)

At that time, it appeared to his opponents an empty boast. Today, as God Almighty had foretold, the message of Ahmadiyyat has spread to the ends of the earth, and Ahmadiyyat is spreading by leaps and bounds.

Since his arrival in London, every year, the Ahmadiyya Convention has been held in London, UK (in 2001, the Convention was held in

Germany). In 1993, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV led an initiation ceremony, where individuals who have joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat during the year, formally participated live via satellite transmission. The ceremony is known as the 'International Bai'at (Initiation).'" (Ahmadiyya Gazette USA, May-June 2008—Khilafat edition)

[A man of God](#) is the biography of Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad and can be bought at the online store of [alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)

Review of religions volume of April 2008 is about Khalifatul Masih IV it will be soon available on [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)

<http://www.alislam.org/library/tahir.html>

### **HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V (at)**

**I am with you, O Masroor!**

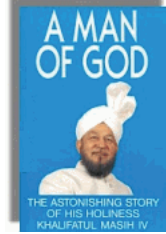
Revelation of Promised Messiah (Tadhkara 4th edition page 630)

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (Born on September 15, 1950)

There is a large collection of true dreams foretelling the fifth Khilafat. Here is an example:

Mr Muhammad Sharif Odeh, Ameer of Kababir, Palestine, in his letter dated May 28, 2005 writes (the original letter is in Arabic, this translation is from its Urdu rendering):

"In May 2002 I recommended to a Palestinian friend (Amjad Kameel) that he should participate in the Jalsa Salana of UK of that year. He said that he would let me know after *istikharah* on this matter. A few days later he told me that in a dream he sees himself in London and is meeting the Khalifa but instead of



Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad Sahib, some other person is the Khalifa. He proceeded to describe him as having a short beard, and described his eyes etc. I told him that I did not want to know, but understood it to be an indication of the demise of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV. Soon I forgot all about it. In April 2003 when Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV passed away I was informed over the telephone by Mr Ataul Mujeeb Rashid about my membership in the Khilafat Committee. I was very nervous given the gravity of this task and involved myself in much prayer. When we reached London, and before the election were lined up for entering the mosque for the *Maghrib* and *Isha* Prayers I happened to look behind me and saw the individual whom I had the intention to vote for. I felt it inappropriate to be standing ahead of him so I left my spot and went to the rear. At that moment two individuals arrived, one was Chaudhary Hameedullah Sahib, and the other person I did not know. But his sight much impressed me and affected my heart like a current. I started wondering as to who was this person? I was so deeply moved with this thought that I doubted my very ability to survive. During the election proceedings I saw Mirza Masroor Ahmad and recognized him as the same person whose sight had touched my heart so profoundly. I raised my hand to vote for him and noticed that the majority had voted for him as well. At this my sentiments of deep anguish was suddenly lifted and I felt such happiness as I have never felt in all my life. Upon my return to Palestine I met Mr Amjad Kameel at the home of Mr Hani Tahir. He did not have MTA in his home and had not yet seen the picture



of Hazoor. During that meeting I showed him the photograph of Hazoor, upon seeing it he blurted out that this was the same person he had seen in his dream. Even the coat and the chair were the same! I say to the doubters that if Allah does not appoint the Khalifa, then who showed Mr Amjad Kameel his image, and who is the one that made me leave my spot in the lines and led me to the rear where I saw the face which moved me so deeply, a person that was totally unknown to me?"

Other dreams in this regard can be reviewed at the following link: <http://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/dreams.pdf>

The Centenary Khilafat Speech and its running live translation in English along with the clip of Pledge that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V took from the members of the community on the historic day of 27th May 2008 is available on Khilafat page:

<http://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/>

The new MTA documentary about Khalifatul Masih V – Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the current Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is available online. The documentary covers events up to Dec 2007.

<http://www.alislam.org/khilafat/fifth/index.html>

[Preaching peace and tolerance in the face of persecution](#) (The Times London interview).

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/faith/article4132236.ece>

Speech by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V on Khilafat Centenary Function in QEICC London:

<http://www.alislam.org/multimedia/10thJune2008Speech.mp3>

The True Islamic Jihad by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V Khilafat Centenary Celebration reception in June 2008, at [Tysons' Hilton, McLean, Virginia USA](#).

### AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUES AROUND THE WORLD

This can be bought online at [Al Islam Store](#).

### THE DIVINE GUIDANCE ABOUT LEADERSHIP IN THE LATTER DAYS

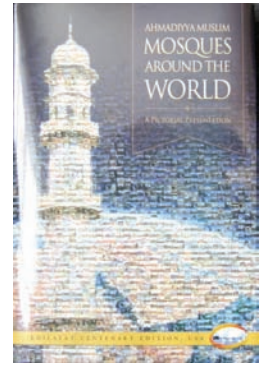
Here we would like to share what all different religions have to say about the latter days.

Maulana Daud A. Hanif, Missionary In charge in USA writes in an article:

The Divine leadership began with the appointment of Hadhrat Adam as the first Prophet and Khalifatullah (vicegerent of God) for the guidance of mankind. Through him very basic principles of communal life were introduced for the first time, and the best way of governing human society was taught and implemented in that age. Thereafter, a progressive set of guidance has been provided befitting human evolution in the ever-dynamic world throughout history up to its full maturity.

History of world religions shows that there has been a conscious progression from the teachings of Hadhrat Adam<sup>as</sup>, to Hadhrat Noah<sup>as</sup>, Hadhrat Abraham<sup>as</sup>, Hadhrat Moses<sup>as</sup> and to Hadhrat Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> finalizing in the form of the Holy Qur'an.

The Holy Qur'an is a compendium of all that is good; lasting and imperishable in its teachings and with a good deal more, consisting of that which the earlier Scriptures lack but which mankind sorely



needed for its moral and spiritual development. All the right ideals, principles, ordinances and commandments which are of permanent utility to man have been incorporated in it. The Holy Qur'an stands, as it were, a guardian over previous Books and has steered clear of all those defects and impurities, which were found in them. It claims that it lacks nothing (6:39) and is complete and perfect in every respect. Here I quote from the relevant verse of the Holy Qur'an. It reads, "This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favors upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." (5:4)

Thus according to the divine guidance the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> is the sole guide for all mankind. So his leadership was to continue in one form or other till the end of times. About the latter days scriptures of all religion mention many similar signs and appearance of a guide through whom mankind would be united. ....

He concludes his article with the following description:

Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> being a spiritual son and deputy of Hadhrat Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> carried out the peaceful mission in the latter days through propagation till his demise on May 26, 1908. He delivered speeches and wrote over eighty books in Arabic, Persian and Urdu, expounding the teachings of the Holy Quran. Reader can access some of these books on internet at [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org). The uphill task of winning the hearts of diverse mankind belonging to all countries of the world continues under the guidance of his holy Successors after him.

Besides the dynamic books & literature in 52 languages of the world a network of life devotees and volunteers, Muslim television Ahmadiyya; an international satellite television

broadcasting message of peace in diverse languages 24 hours daily. The community has already won over millions of people belonging to all walks of life in 189 countries in Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe and America within just one century. A complete victory of peace in all countries of the world had been prophesied in three centuries (Tazkiratush shahadatain Page 64) a century ago. The progress achieved in one century has been mentioned above in brief only and we are fully confident of a complete victory within forth coming century or two (In sha Allah).

The full article can be [reviewed online](#).

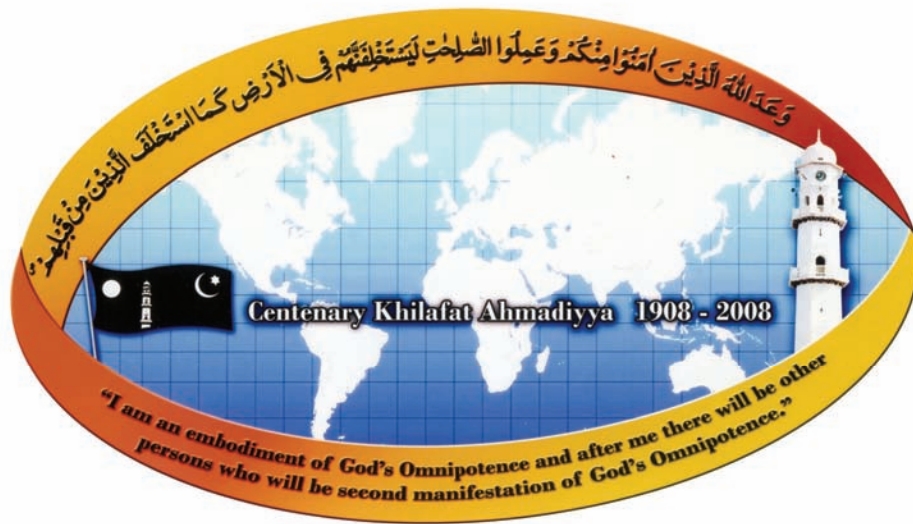
The winter or December 2007 volume of Muslim Sunrise was on Second Coming of the Messiah. The following articles are relevant under the topic under discussion here by Maulana Daud A. Hanif:

Advent of the Promised Messiah: Signs and Prophecies, Prophecies from major religions fulfilled in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, The Coming of the Second Messiah, Solving what world religions consider a mystery.

These articles will be soon available in the archive section at [muslimsunrise.com](http://muslimsunrise.com)

### **PROPHECIES ABOUT VICTORY OF AHMADIYYAT—TRUE ISLAM**

In 1903, Promised Messiah predicted: "Ye all people, listen carefully, and remember, that these prophecies are from God Almighty, Who made the earth and the heavens. He will spread this, His Own Movement, in all foreign countries; with reason and argument, He will make it prevail everywhere. The days are coming --indeed they are very near, when, all over the world, there shall be only one religion which people will mention with respect. Allah will



invest this religion, with extraordinary blessings even such as shall seem to be supernatural; and He will utterly disappoint those who long to see its destruction.

And this dominance shall last for ever, even until the coming of Day of Judgment.

Hear well, and clearly, bear in mind that no one will come down from the heavens. The present generation will pass and then the children of their children also shall pass away, and they also shall not see the son of Mary coming down from the sky. Then Allah will cause a great uneasiness to spring up in their minds, that the time of the dominance of the cross also had gone by and the world had passed into another phase, another era, but Isa, the son of Mary, had not come down from the heavens. Then, all at once, so to say, people endowed with wisdom and discernment will get disgusted with this belief; and counting from this day, the third century will not be completed, when all those waiting

for the appearance of Isa, among the Muslims, as well as the Christians, will give up this belief in a great disappointment and a pitiful disillusionment. Then, all over the world, there shall be only one religion, only one guide, only one leader. I have come but to sow the seed, and this task has been duly achieved at my hand. The seed shall now grow and multiply; it will come into bloom and bear fruit-and there is no one to stop it from doing so". (Tazkria-tulShahadatain, pp. 64-65)

Promised Messiah writes: "God has informed me again and again that He will grant me great glory and will instill my love in people's hearts. He shall spread my Movement all over the world and shall make my sect triumphant over all other sects. The members of my sect shall so excel in knowledge and insight that they will confound everyone with the light of their truth, and by dint of their arguments and signs. Every nation will drink of this fountain, and this Movement will spread and blossom until it rapidly encompasses the entire world. Many tribulations and obstacles



Masjid Baitun Nur Calgary, Canada. The Largest Mosque of Canada.

shall come, but God will remove them all and will fulfill His promise. God addressed me and said: 'I shall grant thee blessing upon blessing until kings shall seek blessings from thy garments!' So O ye who listen! remember these things and keep these prophecies safe in your boxes, for they are the words of God that will one day come to pass. I do not observe any goodness in my own self, and I have not done the things which I should have done. I consider myself no more than an unworthy laborer. God's grace was all that helped me through. Therefore, boundless gratitude is due to the All-Powerful and Merciful God Who accepted this handful of dust despite all its ineptitude." (Divine Manifestations p. 24-25)

### **JEALOUSY OF THE OPPONENTS**

The Holy Quran had not only predicted the success of the true followers of the Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> in the latter days but had also drawn an image of their ardent opponents in the last verse of the Sura Fatah:

"Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. And those who are with him are hard against the disbelievers but tender among themselves. Thou seest them bowing and prostrating themselves in Prayer, seeking Allah's grace and pleasure. Their marks are upon their faces, being the traces of prostrations. This is their description in the Torah. And their description in the Gospel is like unto a seed-produce that sends forth its sprout, then makes it strong; it then becomes stout, and stands firm on its stem, delighting the sowers - That He may cause the disbelievers to boil with rage at the sight of them. Allah has promised, unto those of them, who believe and do good works, forgiveness and a great reward."



A scenic view of the Calgary mosque

In the words of the Holy Quran the disbelievers boil with rage at the success of the believers. The disbelievers of true Islam that is the Ahmadiyyat in Indonesia are boiling in rage and taking away the basic human rights of the Ahmadis. They are themselves exposing their moral and spiritual bankruptcy. View a ten minute video titled [Militant Thugs \(Mullahs\) of Indonesia - Al Jazeera Report on Youtube.com](#).

### **MTA DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT KHILAFAT**

The MTA documentaries about Khalifatul Masih I, II, III, IV and V which were released during Jalsa Salana UK 2008 are now available in web version on the [multimedia page of alislam.org](#). You can download them on your computer to learn about the lives of Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyyat. ▪