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Books Section at alislam.org

Numerous books and articles have been added to Alislam.org in the last year. Here are some examples:

- English translation of the book 'Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani in the light of his writings'. The English title is Essence of Islam. It is available in four volumes
- A Response to the Pope's Remarks about Islam by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V
- Muhammad: Seal of the Prophets by Muhammad Zafrulla Khan
- Islamic Concept of the State by Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan
- Dreams foretelling the Fifth Khilafat, (seen before the elections) by Ataul Mujeeb Rashed
- Rushdie haunted by his unholy ghosts by Arshad Ahmedi
- An Index has been added to the archives of Al Furqan magazine. We have the volumes from 1954 to 1977 online now.
- In Urdu books, *Khutbaat-e-Noor*, *Hayat-e-Noor*, *Hayat-e-Qudsi*, *Khutbat-e-Nasir*, *Fiqh Ahmadiyya*, *Hamara Khuda*, and *Mash'ale Rah* have been added.

News from ThePersecution.org

June, 2007 headings

- *Qadiani shukhs ka aghwa aur rihai* - BBC Urdu Service - June 16

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Other Developments

Now Q&A of Khalifatul Masih IV and Friday Sermons of Khalifatul Masih V are available on YouTube.com, DailyMotion.com and video.google.com. Enjoy checking out these features. One could search by typing Khalifatul Masih V or IV.

- Ahmadi woman's body exhumed - Daily Times, Pakistan - June 14
- Abuse of blasphemy laws: 'Police register blasphemy cases under pressure' - Daily Times, Pakistan - June 11
- Top Khatme Nabuat leaders among nine granted bail - The Daily Star, Bangladesh - June 7
- Pakistan's minorities - by Irfan Hussain - Khaleej Times Online, Dubai - June 7
- Open season on minorities - by Irfan Hussain - Daily Dawn, Pakistan - June 2

May, 2007 headings

- Dhaka fails to curb Islamism - The Daily Pioneer, India - May 24
- Trader kidnapped - Daily Dawn, Pakistan - May 22
- Taliban kidnap 'Qadiani' in Lakki Marwat - Daily Times, Pakistan - May 22
- *Taliban ke hatho qadiani ka aghwa* - BBC Urdu Service - May 21
- M. Dawam Rahardjo: Defending the nation's religious minority groups - The Jakarta Post - May 19
- Security tightened as militants threaten to blow up bridge - The New Nation, Bangladesh - May 18
- Threats prompt security alert in north-western Bangladesh - Daily News & Analysis, India - May 18
- Ahmadiyah followers in W Nusa Tenggara permitted to seek asylum - Antara News, Indonesia - May 16
- Militant leaders hold secret meeting in Khulna - The Daily Star, Bangladesh - May 15
- *Irtidad bill manzoor, aqliati bill mosturd* - BBC Urdu Service - May 8
- *Ahmadi Asan hudaf bun chukay hain* - BBC Urdu Service - May 7
- Pandering to Extremists Fuels Persecution of Ahmadis - Human Rights Watch - May 6

Books available on Amazon.com

1. The Holy Quran (English Translation by Maulwi Sher Ali)
2. The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam
3. Revelation, Rationality Knowledge and Truth
4. Islam's Response to Contemporary Issues
5. Jesus in India
6. Life of Muhammad

Regular sections contained at thepersecution.org website are:

- [Urdu Newspaper Clippings](#)
- [Articles/News in Urdu](#)
- Extracts from [Human Rights Commission of Pakistan](#), [Amnesty International](#), [U.S. Department of State reports](#).

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Ahadith on Gentleness and Forbearance

Ibn Abbas relates that the Holy Prophet said to Ashajj Abd al-Qais: You possess two qualities which Allah loves: gentleness and endurance (Muslim).

Ayesha relates that the Holy Prophet said: Allah is Gentle and loves gentleness in all things (Bokhari and Muslim).

Ayesha relates that the Holy Prophet said: Allah is Gentle and loves gentleness and bestows upon gentleness that which He does not bestow upon harshness or anything else (Muslim).

Ayesha relates that the Holy Prophet said: Gentleness adorns everything and its absence leaves everything defective (Muslim).

Abu Hurairah relates that a rustic passed water in the mosque and some people got up to rough-handle him, whereupon the Holy Prophet said: Let go of him and pour a bucket of water over it to wash it out. You have been raised up to make things easy and not to make them hard (Bokhari).

Anas relates that the Holy Prophet said: Make things easy and do not make them hard; and cheer people up and do not repel them (Bokhari and Muslim).

Jarir ibn Abdullah relates that he heard the Holy Prophet say: He who lacks gentleness lacks all good (Muslim).

Shaddad ibn Aus relates that the Holy Prophet said: Allah has prescribed benevolence towards everything. When you must kill a living thing do it in the best manner and so also when you slaughter an animal. Sharpen your knife and reduce its suffering (Muslim).

Ayesha relates: Wherever the Holy Prophet was given a choice he adopted the easier course, unless it was sinful, in which case he avoided it more than anyone else. Nor did he ever seek revenge for a personal wrong, unless it involved violation of a divine command in which case he exacted a penalty for the sake of Allah (Bokhari and Muslim).

Ibn Mas'ud relates that the Holy Prophet said: Shall I tell you of those whom the Fire is forbidden to touch? It is forbidden to touch every accessible, easy, soft, gentle one (Tirmidhi).

The Holy Quran

On Gentleness and Forbearance

Allah, the Exalted, has said:

Those who suppress their anger and forgive people and Allah loves the benevolent (3.135).

Make forbearance thy rule and enjoin equity and turn away from the ignorant (7.200).

The wronged one who endures with fortitude and forgives indeed achieves a matter of high resolve (42.44).

And good and evil are not alike. Repel evil with that which is best. And lo, he, between whom and thyself was enmity, will become as though he were a warm friend. But none is granted it save those who are steadfast; and none is granted it save those who possess a large share of good. (41:35-36)

Synopsis of Friday Sermon—May 18, 2007

Translation by eGazette team. Team takes full responsibility for any errors or miscommunication in this Synopsis of the Friday Sermon.

Huzur continued with the subject of the **Divine attribute of Al Salam** in his Friday Sermon today.

The Promised Messiah^{as} wrote expressing profuse gratitude to God Almighty for bestowing a religion on us that is an incomparable source of gaining His nearness. He invoked blessings on the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw} for imparting this faith to us. Huzur mentioned that the companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw} nurtured the faith, and at times offered their lives for its defense. He said that if one truly and sincerely follows the Word of God one may experience His presence in this very world; to receive the beneficence of this Godly faith one is required to adhere to it by abiding by Divine commandments in the Holy Quran that may number 500-700.

God has named our religion “Islam” because all its commandments lead to peace, love and brotherhood. Islam entails abandoning all evil and endeavoring to gain the nearness of God Who Himself is called Al Salam and Who promises security and peace in this world and the Hereafter to those who do good works.

On reflection a Muslim’s sense of responsibility should be heightened in that Allah is associating him/her to a name that is also His own name. We will partake of His beneficence not by merely declaring ourselves as Muslims but by imbibing His attributes on a human level.

The Promised Messiah^{as} explained that the connotation of word Islam in the following verse:

“Nay, whosoever submits himself completely to Allah and he is the doer of good, shall have his reward from his Lord. No fear shall come on them nor shall they grieve.” (2:113)

Other Regular Updates

Our regular sections at **alislam.org** continue to grow with more content. Some of these include:

1. [Friday Sermons](#) archive of mp3, video, running translations on MTA, and summaries.
2. [Review of Religions](#)
3. www.khilafat.com that will take you to the new Khilafat page. This is being developed in preparation for Khilafat Centenary Jubilee Celebration.
4. New material is being constantly added on the new Hadhrat Jesus Christ page, www.alislam.org/topics/jesus/
5. www.alfazl.org will take you directly to [Alfazi](#) International and Alfazi Rabwah page.
6. [Alislam Urdu Library](#)
7. [Nazm](#) mp3 and real audio
8. [Jalsa Salana](#) annual conventions coverage from all around the world at www.JalsaSalana.org
9. [Alislam Store](#)
10. www.askislam.org and media.alislam.org for Q&A sessions and mta mulaqat in mp3 and windows media.

A Muslim is one who submits his entire being in the way of Allah and is firm on good deeds, spends all his abilities to seek the love and pleasure of Allah. Such a believer practices good purely for the sake of Allah as if he can see Allah reflected in his obedience.

The Holy Qur'an states, "And when they hear vain talk, they turn away from it and say, Unto us our works and unto you your works. Peace be on you. We seek not the ignorant." Al Qasas 28:56. Huzur said once a believer submits himself completely to seek the pleasure of Allah that equates not responding to what is frivolous with some thing that is equally thought less. As a true Ahmadi is one who promotes peace and security, therefore he avoids what is frivolous. Huzur said that this message of 'peace' signifies that one should avoid the unruly and the disorderly. Ahmadi, even when persecuted, do not take the law in their own hands and this is in line of this commandment that enjoins to avoid what is vain and frivolous. They avoid it because that is God's commandment and not because they cannot respond; they do not take the law in their hands and are not embroiled in the frivolous activities that others are. Others, who are ignorant, despite being associated with the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), as they have rejected the Imam of the age, are falling short in their conduct.

Huzur referred to the severe opposition the Community is facing currently in Sri Lanka. In their presumption to serve Islam, opponents of Ahmadiyyat have gathered, rallying behind a mullah, whereas in fact they are inviting the curse of God by persecuting, innocent Ahmadi, who profess Islam. They call us kafirs or infidels without any justification. Huzur said, we Ahmadi are the ones who propagate true Islam and are with whoever is inclined to seek peace and avoids evil-doers like them.

Citing Hadith Huzur said Allah has placed peace and security on this earth that is why we have to promote it amongst ourselves.

Excerpts from the last book of Promised Messiah^{as} — Message of Peace

My countrymen! A religion which does not inculcate universal compassion is no religion at all. Similarly a human without the faculty of compassion is no human at all.

The dictates of your wisdom require that you abandon the course of callousness and adopt an attitude of compassion and sympathy. The hardship of this life is like unto a journey in a desert in the midst of summer on a hot sunny day. It would be futile to take this arduous journey without cool water. It is cool water of mutual love which you so direly need.

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He explained the Divine deal which is for those who show true patience as is mentioned in the verses of Sura Raad.

“Gardens of Eternity. They shall enter them and also those who are righteous from among their fathers, and their wives and their children. And the angels shall enter unto them from every gate, saying, “Peace be unto you, because you were steadfast; behold, how excellent is the reward of the final abode!” (13:24-25)

The patience that is for the sake of Allah and not due to any fear of the non-Divine forces is accepted by Allah. As Ahmadis have shown patience for His sake He has and will continue to reward them in different ways in this world and in the Hereafter. Allah protects the Ahmadis and helps them overcome their other weaknesses.

It is mere supposition of the non-Ahmadis that they can frighten us, be it the governor of Sri Lanka, the Pakistani mullah, the so-called religious scholar of Bangladesh or the extremist of Indonesia. Although we shall not take the law in our hands we have the glad tidings of peace and security in this world and the Hereafter. Indeed those who fulfill the rights of Allah and are kind towards mankind are given the glad tidings of Paradise. “And those who believe and do good works will be admitted into Gardens, through which rivers flow, wherein they will abide by the command of their Lord. Their greeting therein will be ‘Peace’. 14:24 Sura Ibrahim.

Elucidating this verse Huzur said: Indeed it is worship of God for which man was created, endeavors for the glory of His religion, endeavors to make physical and financial sacrifices to propagate the faith, effort to summon people to the faith, to point the True God to them. He highlighted that this is also the teaching in Al Imran, “enjoin what is good and forbid evil” (3:111). Huzur said while a believer actively shuns evil himself he also takes the message of peace to others and in this age it is only the Ahmadis who are partaking of this beneficence.

Among good works, kindness to close relations has high priority and it also facilitates peace in society. Fulfillment of this obligation is applicable to one’s brother as well as to the outsider. Care of the needy promotes peace as does fulfilling one’s promises and whatever one is entrusted with. Not only does one have to be considerate about the rights of others, in instances where no rights are applicable, one should demonstrate goodwill and kindness and look after others.

Citing Hadith Huzur said a Muslim is a brother of another Muslim. He neither oppresses him nor leaves him alone in time of need. One who helps a brother will be helped by Allah. Allah will remove the trouble of one who removes the trouble of a Muslim and one who covers the faults of others Allah will cover their faults on the Day of Judgment.

Huzur added that many disagreements stem from negative conjecture and inference about others. He gave some examples of instances, which are presented to him, where brother bears ill will to brother on mere suspicion and doubt. Marital disharmony also often originates from such feelings. Moreover, It is indeed ill will that has prevented the Muslims from accepting the divinely appointed Promised Messiahas.

Truth and honesty are pivotal among good works. Falsehood jeopardizes one's faith. If one is to seek beneficence from the God of Islam, then no matter what, truth should never be abandoned. Another good work is forgiveness. It promotes love and affection. However it is not applicable to a habitual criminal who disturbs the calm of society. Huzur counseled that people should not make recommendations on behalf of such people because this does not promote peace. Huzur read a relevant extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and added that it is not up to individuals to mete out punishment, as one's ego might get in the way. Therefore any such cases should be referred to the administration of the Community or recourse to law should be taken so that the objective to preserve peace in society is maintained.

Thankfulness and expressing gratitude is also a 'good deed'. It includes gratitude to fellow men as well as to Allah. Then there is establishment of justice, which unfortunately is made a mockery of in some Muslim countries. For example in the current upheaval in Pakistan neither is the judiciary acting fairly, nor the government; the judiciary is caught up in egotistical issues and is being used by the political parties for their ulterior motives. The government is left with nothing for allowing erosion of justice and the poor are bearing the brunt of it all. Let alone others, it is our own, who are deprived of the beneficence of peace and security. They need to ponder over the state of affairs; evidently it is due to not following the Divine commandments, due to the rejection of the Imam of the age, who was sent with a message of peace and security. This person made the claim in the name of God that peace and security was with him and he was promised this by the Omnipotent God. Huzur read out the text of the relevant revelation of the Promised Messiah and said that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) associated this to Allah and today we witness the verification of his claim taking place before our very eyes in the shape of the achievements of the Community. There are pockets where the Community is facing difficulties, but these are relatively minor and are not an impediment to our achievements. In fact these are trials which enhance a believer's faith. Huzur said therein is a warning for all those who do not believe the Promised Messiah^{as}, they should pay heed for Allah has promised peace and security to him and with Allah's fulfillment of His justice and equity the Community shall stay in peace and security. Huzur urged to pray for the people of the countries where our Community is being persecuted, and asked for prayers for the Ahmadis of Sri Lanka where trouble is intense. He asked the Ahmadis of Sri Lanka to be patient and steadfast and that Allah will fulfill His promises.

In conclusion Huzur prayed that may we be mindful of our deeds so that we may be among those who attain His blessings and peace and security in accordance with His promise made to those who do good works. May Allah enable everyone to do so!■