

## Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya: The Second Manifestation of Divine Power\*

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*Ash hado al-laa ilaha il-lal-laho wahdahoo la shareekalahoo wa ash hado anna Muhammadan abdohoo wa Rasooloh.*

*Am-ma ba'do faoozo bil-lahay minash shaitan nir rajeem. Bismillah hir Rahman nir Raheem.*

قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكُ الْمَلِكِ تُؤْتِي الْمَلِكَ مَنْ  
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الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

“Say, ‘O Allah, Lord of sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whomsoever You please; and You take away sovereignty from whomsoever You please. You exalt whomsoever You please and You abase, You humiliate, whomsoever You please. In Your hand is all good. You surely have power to do all things.’<sup>1</sup>”

In the year 628, almost one thousand, four hundred years ago, just after the signing of Sul’h Hudaibiya, described by Allah as a “fathan mubeena<sup>2</sup>” – a manifest victory, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sent envoys to different capitals of the world, each with a letter inviting the rulers to accept Islam.

Khusro the Second, one of the most powerful and wealthy emperors of ancient Iran, read this letter and tore it to pieces...

Upon learning of this, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) declared:

**“What Khusro has done to our letter; God will do to his Empire.”<sup>3</sup>**

History records that the Holy Prophet’s words were fulfilled to the letter.

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**Brothers and Sisters**, I have been directed to explain how Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya is the manifestation of God's Power and why I have mentioned this historic account of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) will become clear shortly.

First, however, consider the significance of a word from the Quranic verse I recited - **Qadeer**.

The word "Qadeer" is derived from the Arabic root: Qaaf, daal ray.

Qadeer is the intensive form of Qadir and means, very powerful, most powerful, having or possessing full power – what He wishes becomes decreed and no one, and nothing can oppose or frustrate His Decree.

The word "Qudrat" is also derived from this same root.

Consider, then, that in "Al-Wasiyyat," in his book "The Will," the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) refers to himself as the physical embodiment of Al-Qadir – that is to say, the personification of Allah's Power.

The Promised Messiah (as) further uses the phrase "**Qudrat-e-Saanya**" to describe and explain Khilafat. He does not use the word "khilafat," and the question is why?

To understand this we need to turn to the famous vision of "The Red Drops."

In this vision Allah signed a document with red ink and people always emphasize that in the process some red drops miraculously appeared on his shirt. But I think it is much more important for us to consider the nature of the document that Allah had signed.

### **What was that document?**

The answer is in the Promised Messiah's own words describing the vision. He says:

**"I had written** certain divine decrees (Qazaa'o Qadr) **with my own hand** setting out **future events** and presented the paper to Allah, the All-Powerful. He dipped His pen in red ink and first flicked it in my direction and with the red ink that remained at the point of the pen, He put His signature to the document."

Thus, the desires and wishes and purpose of the Promised Messiah quite literally became the DECREES of God Almighty Himself.

Now we can see why the Promised Messiah (as) used the term, "Qudrat-e-Saanya." He used it deliberately and decidedly in stead of khilafat. He wanted to tell us what is meant by the term

“Khilafat on the Pattern of Prophethood,” the term used by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) when he foretold that Khilafat would re-emerge in Islam.

Such Khilafat, the Promised Messiah tells us, is a **Second Manifestation** of the Power and Might of Allah. Allah, Who is Al-Qadir – **Who can do whatever He wishes and Whose every wish becomes a Decree that no one and nothing can oppose or frustrate!**

How beautifully the Promised Messiah (as) has captured this in the following Urdu couplet:

**Qudrat say apnee zaat ka dayta haiy Haq suboot, iss bay nishan kee chehra  
numayee yahee tou haiy;**

**Jiss baat ko kahay keh karoon gaa yeh main zaroor, taltee naheen woh baat,  
khudayee yahee tou haiy!**

Translation: Allah provides proof of His own Existence by Manifesting His Might and Power; this is how we see the Countenance, the Face of the Invisible God. Whatever He determines to carry out; that thing can not be prevented from occurring or coming into being – **this is what being God means!**

Thus, the Promised Messiah (as) specifically used the phrase “Qudrat-e-Saanya” instead of “Khilafat” because the Khalifa now embodies the Power of Allah.

Let me now describe this phenomenon as it unfolded in Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

During the Khilafat of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (ra), Huzur (ra) faced intense opposition, the greatest, perhaps, came from a very powerful faction of individuals from within the Jama'at.

But the man whom Allah had bestowed the Holy Robe of Khilafat, though advanced in age, was fearless, and absolutely confident and certain and convinced of his own stature as a Khalifa established by God Almighty Himself.

Addressing these people he said emphatically, **“Nobody is going to make you a khalifa in my lifetime and nobody is going to elect you khalifa even after me. After me, only he will be khalifa who is placed by God and the one who would come after me would treat you in the way God wishes you to be treated.”**

Then Huzur (ra) added with great passion, **“Listen, my prayers are heard in Heaven, and my Master and my God acts even before my prayers are heard.”**

He did not mince his words. He went on to make his point absolutely crystal clear, **“Any quarrel with me is a quarrel with God. Forsake your sordid thinking and repent.”**

The end of that faction who stood in opposition to the Khalifa established by God is known to us all. In fact, as with Khusro the Second of Iran, their name is largely alive only because the Jama'at mentions them!

During Khilafat-e-Saanya, the Ahrar rose up in opposition and declared their aim was to destroy the Jama'at, to demolish it brick by brick quite literally! And while the Ahrar were Muslims, they also had the support of certain Hindu factions and some British government officials. Three different and powerful factions had joined forces, but look how such worldly powers were no match for the Power of God, the Al-Qadir, supporting the Khalifa He had established!

At the height of their power in 1934, when they were ready to celebrate the accomplishment of their deadly goals, the man wearing the Holy Robe of Khilafat declared with full, unshakeable confidence and utter certainty, “I see the ground slipping from under the feet of the enemy. I see their imminent defeat.”

AND soon the Ahrar were no more. They had disintegrated. They had disappeared from the face of the earth! Today they are forgotten. Google their name and you will find only a whisper.

Indeed, as with Khusro the Second, the Emperor of Iran, their name is alive only because the Jama'at mentions them!

Now we come to the time of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III. With regard to him, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the Second (ra) had promised, “I now convey this glad tiding to whomever will be appointed as Khalifatul Masih III – that when he will be established, believing in God, if any government dares to clash with him, they will be pulverized.”

At the time of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, who was an extremely talented politician, who was also adept at using the power of his office, decided to oppose and try to frustrate the aims and objectives of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

But look at the Power of God, the Al-Qadir, behind the Khalifa! See how it manifested in support of the man Allah had now bestowed the Holy Robe of Khilafat.

Bhutto did indeed succeed in pushing through the constitutional amendment declaring Ahmadis non-Muslims for the purposes of the Constitution, but look at the terrible consequences he met with.

It is related that Huzur (rh) had once been shown a document in which this man had written regarding Ahmadi Muslim military officers that, “They will be wasted out.” In response, Huzur declared, “Ahmadis will not be wasted out but he will be wasted out in every sense of the word.”

Google Bhutto and see how fully these words of the Khalifa became the Decree of God, executed ironically by Bhutto’s own handpicked General.

Now when we come to the time of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ra), it is important to understand how powerful this General was, because now he would try his hand at opposing and trying to frustrate the Khalifa established by Allah! Not only had General Zia taken over the government of Pakistan and executed Bhutto, but even America felt it could not do without his support.

In 1984, this man promulgated the now infamous Ordinance XX to legalize and indeed, institutionalize, the persecution of Ahmadis living in Pakistan. He went on to hatch a plot to try to arrest Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ra) but Allah frustrated and rendered futile his machinations and Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ra) safely migrated out of the country.

But look at the Power of God, the Al-Qadir. Look how He manifested His support for the man He had now chosen to wear the Blessed Robe of Khilafat!

As the persecution of the Ahmadis continued, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV warned Gen Zia to stop and issued a mubahila challenge to him. His response was only to escalate the persecution thus indicating his acceptance of the mubahila challenge.

Huzur soon declared, “I swear by God that when our Lord comes to assist us, there shall be no one there who will help you. When God’s decree will shatter you into pieces, all traces of your identity shall be wiped out, and the world shall forever remember you with disgrace and disgust.”

The statement made by the Khalifa would soon manifest itself as a Decree of Allah. Within days, Zia was blown out of the sky and people, as Huzur declared, only remember him in disgrace and disgust.

Let me now come to the events unfolding before our own eyes. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis (may Allah strengthen him with His Mighty Help) has recently sent letters to many heads of State:

- To President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Huzur wrote, “the Third World War looms almost certainly before us.”

- To Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Huzur wrote, “If such a war occurs, it will result in a chain reaction of human destruction.”
- To President Barack Obama, Huzur wrote, “rather than focusing on the *progress* of the world ... we [must] increase our efforts to *save* the world from this destruction.”

These are ominous words and the writing of such letters to the Heads of State is a most significant event - these are letters coming from *that* person who has *that* same Power, that same God, the Al-Qadir, supporting him Who is the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth, Who had established the 1st four Khulafa of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (as), Who had established the Khulafa-e-Rashideen of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw).

There is a message here for the world and also for us, the members of the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah. We need to pay close attention to what this event signifies.

The Promised Messiah (as) has told us what is the purpose of our Community and we need to re-reflect on this as we reflect on the significance of these letters.

“God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith.”

This is the holy mission of the Promised Messiah, the Ghulamay Sadiq - the Truest and Most Sincere servant of the Holy Prophet Muhammad - sal-lal-laho alaihay wasallam - may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him! And this is the work which his Khulafa are continuing to carry out, and we have a duty to assist in these blessed endeavors.

The only way to prevent the catastrophe that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis is warning the world about again and again, is for the world to come under the shield of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya; and we have to play our role in taking this message to one and all.

Do not think we are weak - we are doing this at the behest of that same All-Powerful, that same Al-Qadir God Who promulgated as His decree the document written by the Promised Messiah in the vision of the Red Drops. We are doing this at the command of that same Allah Who fulfilled the prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (saw) regarding Khusro fourteen hundred years ago.

The Promised Messiah (as) has foretold of a huge and bright victory for Islam. He writes:

“Do not 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 flourish and its branches will spread in all directions and it will become a huge tree.”

The destiny of the world is now tied up with the purposes and objectives assigned by God to Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, alaihis-salam, and these are being furthered now by his Khulafa.

The welfare of the world lies in accepting and obeying and attaching firmly to this Divine bounty that Allah has bestowed upon the world after a long lapse of some fourteen centuries. Now the value and qadr of a country or a nation or a people – or, for that matter, any one, or the whole world, will be based on its valuing of the Mission of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

In summary, what I wish to submit is that we must understand the true import and value of this Quadrat-e-Saanya - this Second Manifestation of Allah’s Power. We must try and comprehend the Power and Might and design and intent of Allah - that is conveyed in these words when they are used to describe Khilafat!

The Promised Messiah was told that now all those who take shelter in his house alone shall be saved. How powerfully he says [Urdu]:

Sidq say mayree taraf aayo, issee main khair haiy; hain darinday har taraf main aafeeyat ka hoon hisar!

Translation: Come to me, in full sincerity, take shelter in me, there is certainly an abundance of good in this alone; Wild beasts are roaming all around, I alone am the citadel of security.

Wa-akhiro dawana anil hamdo lil-lahay rabbil aalameen!

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<sup>1</sup> The Holy Quran, Sura Al-Imran, Chapter 3, verse 27.

<sup>2</sup> The Holy Quran, Sura Al-Fath, Chapter 48, verse 2.

<sup>3</sup> Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran by Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad; 1996, Fifth Edition; Islam International Publications Ltd., pp. 247-251