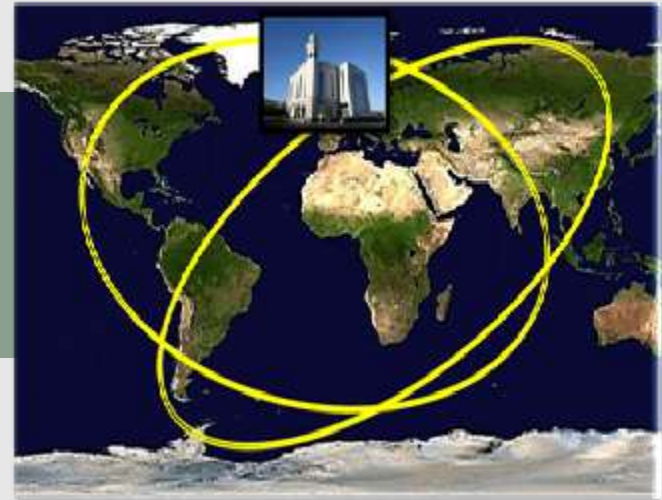


MUSLEH MAUD - THE PROMISED SON: FRIDAY SERMON ON GOD AND PRAYERS



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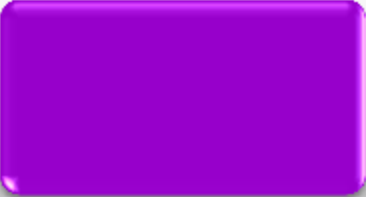
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Summary



The grand prophecy about the Promised son; to the Musleh Maud prophecy



Hadhrat Musleh Maud (ra) was a majestic orator and had extremely deep understanding of the religious concepts



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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that he had in mind to deliver today's sermon with reference to the Musleh Maud prophecy.

Many aspects of the God-given knowledge, intellect and wisdom of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) can be seen in his speeches, addresses and sermons even prior to
Khilafat

His discourses were replete with spiritual knowledge. Twenty three volumes of his speeches and 24 volumes of his Friday sermons have been published and work still continues

Fazle Umer Foundation was established to collate his works. They are also having his speeches, essays etc. translated. Perhaps they will be available soon in English language.

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Thus, he left us a treasure of his life's works and the work of the 52 years of his Khilafat.

Majority of the new Ahmadis and the younger generation are unaware of his literary style.

Even older and born Ahmadis are not fully aware of the majesty of his writings and depth of his knowledge and understanding

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Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said: 'I have continuously drawn attention of friends to prayer and the notes and letters that I receive from friends disclose that a section of the Jama'at is motivated to pray for the evils of the current world.'

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Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

‘Allah the Exalted states in the Holy Qur’an: ‘Or, Who answers the distressed person when he calls upon Him...’ (27:63) And He then states that Allah alone listens.

The Arabic word Muztir (the distressed person) connotes one who is pushed from all four sides to one direction...That is, he sees fire all around; ... Only one direction, that of Allah the Exalted remains for him and he catches sight of it, everywhere else he sees fire upon fire. He only sees peace in one direction.

You can understand from this that it is essential to have the element of belief in the subject of Muztir.’

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Muztir simply does not mean one who is in distress ... Only that state connotes distress when man does not see any sanctuary in the four directions but can only see it in one place. That is, the indication of distress is not that one sees fire in all four directions but its indication is also that one sees peace in one place and can be assured that there is no fire there. Such prayer gains acceptance with Allah the Exalted during which man submits before God in this condition. He has belief that there is no sanctuary for him except with God.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) described this state of Muztir in the words: O Allah there is no place of refuge from torment and misfortunes that come from You apart from this that I despair of everywhere else and blindly come into Your refuge.

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When God stated in the Qur'an 'Or,
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Here the word *Muztir* connotes
prayer of such a person who does not
consider anyone apart from God as
his Refuge and who does not call
anyone apart from God as his Refuge.

..that although God alone can
alleviate distress but people too can
help others with their God-given
capacity.. However, ..There are
thousands of ways in which man can
be distressed, ... Thus, unless a
person has perfect belief that only
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Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) explained that worldly governments merely exclude people with weaknesses from certain jobs but God transforms these weaknesses.... Such was the situation in Arabia. There was no administrative system in place, just disparate groups of tribes with no unity and no power... People of Makkah were considered quite lowly in worldly terms and those who became Muslims were deemed lowly even by other Makkans. But God transformed them into courageous and organised people!

The Arabs of Makkah had no concept to follow a system or be obedient. They used to murder others if they felt insulted. These ignorant Arabs were transformed by God.

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Once a learned and able companion of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood (ra) was still in the street when he heard the Holy Prophet's (pbuh) voice asking people to sit down. He promptly sat down and crawled his way to the mosque. When asked why was he doing this, he replied that he was obeying the commandment of the Prophet (pbuh) to sit down. He did not wish to risk the chance to meet his ending while disobeying the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

This was the revolutionary change that took place in the ignorant Arabs that developed perfect obedience to the commandments of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

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On the other hand, the people of Medina were regarded as peasants by other Arabs; they were looked down by the rest of the Arabs who considered them not even worthy of fighting with. Yet, after being associated with the Holy Prophet (pbuh) a great change came in the people of Medinah.

So much so that when at the time of Battle of Badr, one of the greatest warrior of Makkah who was covered in iron helmet and body armour, riding a horse and was protected by two fierce fighters was attacked by two 15 year old peasant boys from Medina and was killed.

Thus, it was belief in the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that made the people of Medina courageous and valiant fighters.

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Another episode of false sense of pride of Arabs of that time is that a man wanted to marry a girl and asked her father to let him see her. The father in his false pride refused despite a clear directive from the Holy Prophet (pbuh) that it was permissible to see the girl for the purpose of Nikah. Meanwhile, the girl was listening to all this and she came out with her face uncovered and addressed the man and said there she was, he could have a look. The man responded that he need not look because his preference was for a girl who was obedient to God and His Messenger.

Thus, God transformed the hearts of the Arabs that all that mattered to them was the pleasure of God and His Messenger.

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Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

'Only Allah the Exalted can change hearts. Cowards become brave under the commandment of God and the brave become cowards under the commandment of God. Miserly become generous under the commandment of God and the generous become miserly under the commandment of God. The ignorant become scholars under the commandment of God and scholars become ignorant under the commandment of God... .., when Allah wills to enhance a nation, its cowards become brave, its ignorant become scholars, its miserly become generous and its foolish become wise. Many such examples have been seen in one's life.'

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We have seen this among Ahmadis as well. An uneducated person becomes an Ahmadi with sincerity, he becomes articulate and many a great Maulwis avoid challenging him.... This clearly shows that our knowledge, our bravery and our sacrifices are not our own but are a result of God-given enablement. If it was not all God-given .. what connection would it have had with sincerity? '

Those who have a connection with Him are taught in most amazing ways by God, for He has recourse to everything. If there is any deficiency God provides it; ...He has all kind of treasures and He provides to His servants from these treasures in such an astonishing manner.'

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Once, a renowned American priest visited Qadian along with another priest. Dr Khalifa Rasheedud Din sahib showed them around. Qadian did not have any civic authority at the time and rubbish would collect in streets. The priest made a jibe about the cleanliness of the village of the 'new Messiah'. Dr Rasheedud Din sahib responded by saying that India was still under the governance of the 'first Messiah' [British Indian Raj] ... and that the governance of the 'new Messiah' had not yet been established.

The priest then went to meet Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) and questioned the suitability of Qadian as the place from where the message could be taken to the entire world. The reply was that Qadian was bigger than Nazareth where the advent of Jesus (on whom be peace) took place. Of course, this rendered the priest speechless.

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Once a Mullah came to Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) and asked him to give a proof of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). Hadhrat Musleh Maud told him it was in the Qur'an ... he was told that every verse of the Qur'an was a proof of the truthfulness of 'Mirza sahib' ...

The Mullah was asked to choose a verse of his own liking and he chose: **'And of the people there are some who say, 'We believe in Allah and the Last Day;' while they are not believers at all.'** (2:9) ... So, Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) pointed it out to him that the verse speaks of some among the Muslims going the wrong way, would God then not send a Prophet for their reformation?
This silenced him.

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‘Everything comes from God, human strength cannot do anything , this is why remember that unless prayers are made in a state of being Muztir, that is, with this belief that it is only God Who fulfils all the needs of the world, they will not be accepted. ...; it is only the Being of God Who has power over everything and Who has the power to change hearts and their inner most sentiments. Unless prayer is made in a state of Muztir, unless it is made ... with perfect faith in God, it is not accepted. However, when prayer is made in this tenor, it certainly reaches God’s heaven and is definitely accepted.’

These were just a few glimpses of the Friday sermon of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him). If we wish to change our situation we have to turn to God in this manner. May we be those who pray in this vein!