

HADHRAT MAULANA NOORUDDIN'S LOVE FOR THE HOLY QURAN.

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I رضي الله عنه had a deep and unique affection for the Holy Quran.

His love for the Holy Quran can be defined by an example of a lover who is deeply in love with something, and is so lost that he constantly talks about it in front of other people and finds peace when he is close to it. This was the condition of Huzur رضي الله عنه who was also deeply in love with the Holy Quran. His upbringing and his parent's prayers can be credited for this love. It is narrated that Huzur once said that I have listened to the Quran in my mother's belly and have learnt it ever since I was born. (PP13. Badr. 14 December 1911).

Huzur's mother used to take inspiring points out of the Quran and she used to tell them to him which in turn initiated his eternal love for the Quran. (Badr April 1913).

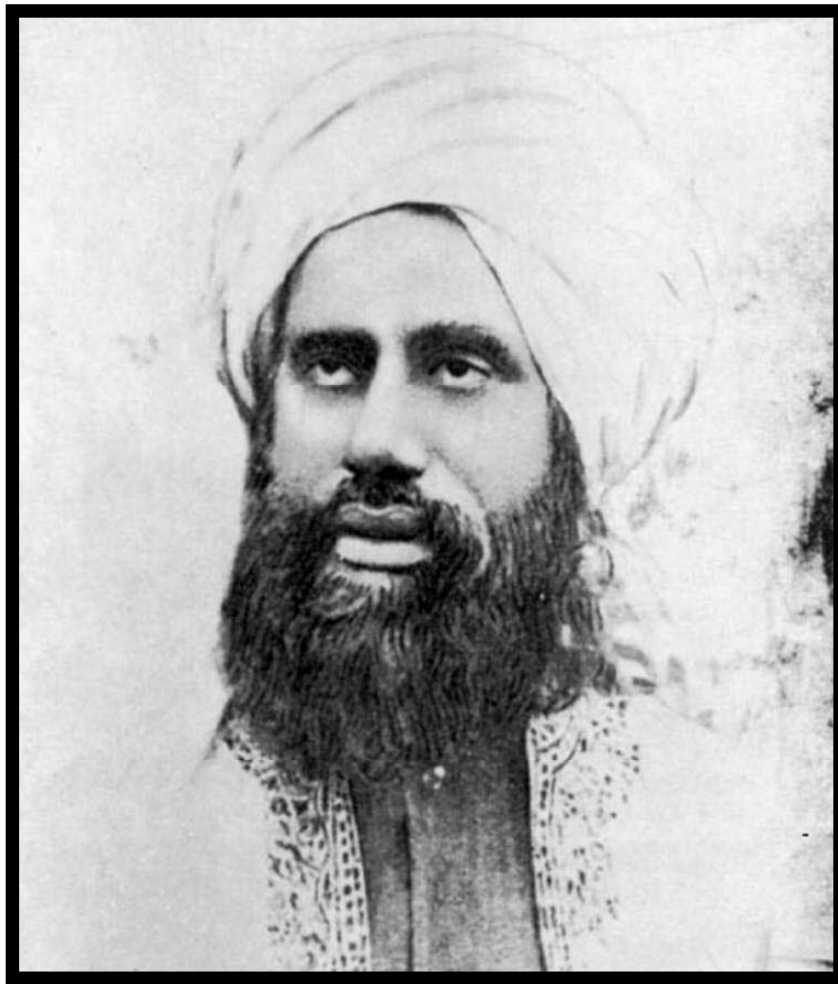
Huzur used to be the personal physician to the Maharaja of Kashmir for many years. Once whilst travelling, Huzur was injured following an incident with a spring and had to travel the remainder of the journey in a carriage. This lasted about a month and during this period Huzur learnt the first 14 parts of the Holy Quran by heart. Huzur's Darses were so powerful and full of knowledge that people used to travel from far off places to listen to them. He even taught the Maharaja of Kashmir 15 parts of the Quran.

In 1908 he was elected Khalifatul Masih after the demise of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and he performed Itiqaf in the first year of his Khilafat.

An eye witness account of his daily Dars during Ramadan is that Huzur رضي الله عنه would begin the Dars in the early morning and continue until Zohr prayer, after the prayer he continued till Asr and carried on till Isha prayer only taking break for prayers. Huzur رضي الله عنه finished about 3 parts in one day; he used to stop and explain difficult parts and also used to answer any questions anyone had. (Badr, 22 October 1908).

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I passed away on the 13 March 1914. In the early days of January of the same year Huzur fell ill and started feeling very weak but still carried on delivering the Dars at Aqsa Mosque. In this state of weakness Huzur used to stop many times on his way to the mosque to recover his strength and when he finally arrived he would deliver the Dars resting against a tree in Aqsa Mosque.

As Huzur's health deteriorated more and more he found climbing the stairs to the mosque difficult and thus began to deliver his Dars at Madrasa Ahmadiyya. His illness was such that two people used to support him while he was walking. Later his health deteriorated even more, so much so that was unable to walk, he started delivering his usual Dars at the house of his son Hadhrat Sahibzada Abdul Hai Sahib. When the doctors suggested to Huzur that due to the condition of his health he should stop delivering his usual Dars he replied, "The Quran is my soul, without it I don't have a meaning in life and hence I cannot stop delivering the Dars under any circumstances". On another occasion Huzur said, "I can still speak, what would I answer to God Almighty? So prepare for Dars so that I can read you the Quran." (Al Fazl 18th February 1914).



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In Huzur's final will he stated that the Khalifa after him should carry on the Dars of the Holy Quran and Hadith. (4th march 1914).

He once said that in heaven I would beg Allah سبحانه و تعالى to be given a copy of the Holy Quran so that I can recite and listen to the Quran both on the Day of Judgement and in Heaven. (Tadhkiratul Ahmadiyya Book 1 By Hadhrat Pir Siragul Haq Sahib)

It is stated that once Huzur رضي الله عنه said that the Holy Quran is a form of nutrition for me. If I feel weak, I recite the Holy Quran; it nourishes me and provides me with strength! (pp15 Al Hakm 1911).

To show our true love and affection to Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I رضي الله عنه we should love the Holy Quran as he used to love it. The true way of doing that is by learning the correct pronunciation of the Holy Quran and its meaning. The next step is to read tafsir from the books of Ahadith and tafsir by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and the Khulafa.

A collection of four volumes on the Dars of Holy Quran by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I رضي الله عنه are now available named "Haqaiq-ul-Furqaan". These books are full of fascinating facts about the Holy Quran. All Khuddam need to learn Urdu and make use of these great treasures. Without understanding the Holy Quran properly, the true love of the Holy Quran will not settle into one's heart. If for some reason khuddam are not able to read urdu then parents should be urged to at least read a couple of pages of these books everyday to their children be they Khuddam, Atfal or Nasiraat. May Allah help us fulfil this task. Amin.