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## A letter from Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Khalifatul Masih V

أيدى الله تعالى بنصره العزيز

Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya UK

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I am pleased that Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya UK is publishing a souvenir of the *Tariq* magazine dedicated to the memory of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى. The Khuddam in the United Kingdom are in particular fortunate beneficiaries of his participation in their activities and his direct guidance and supervision.

We all have a lot to learn from the loveable and loving personality of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى. The dynamic progress of the Jama'at achieved during his Khilafat was truly amazing. He had a passion for the progress of Islam.

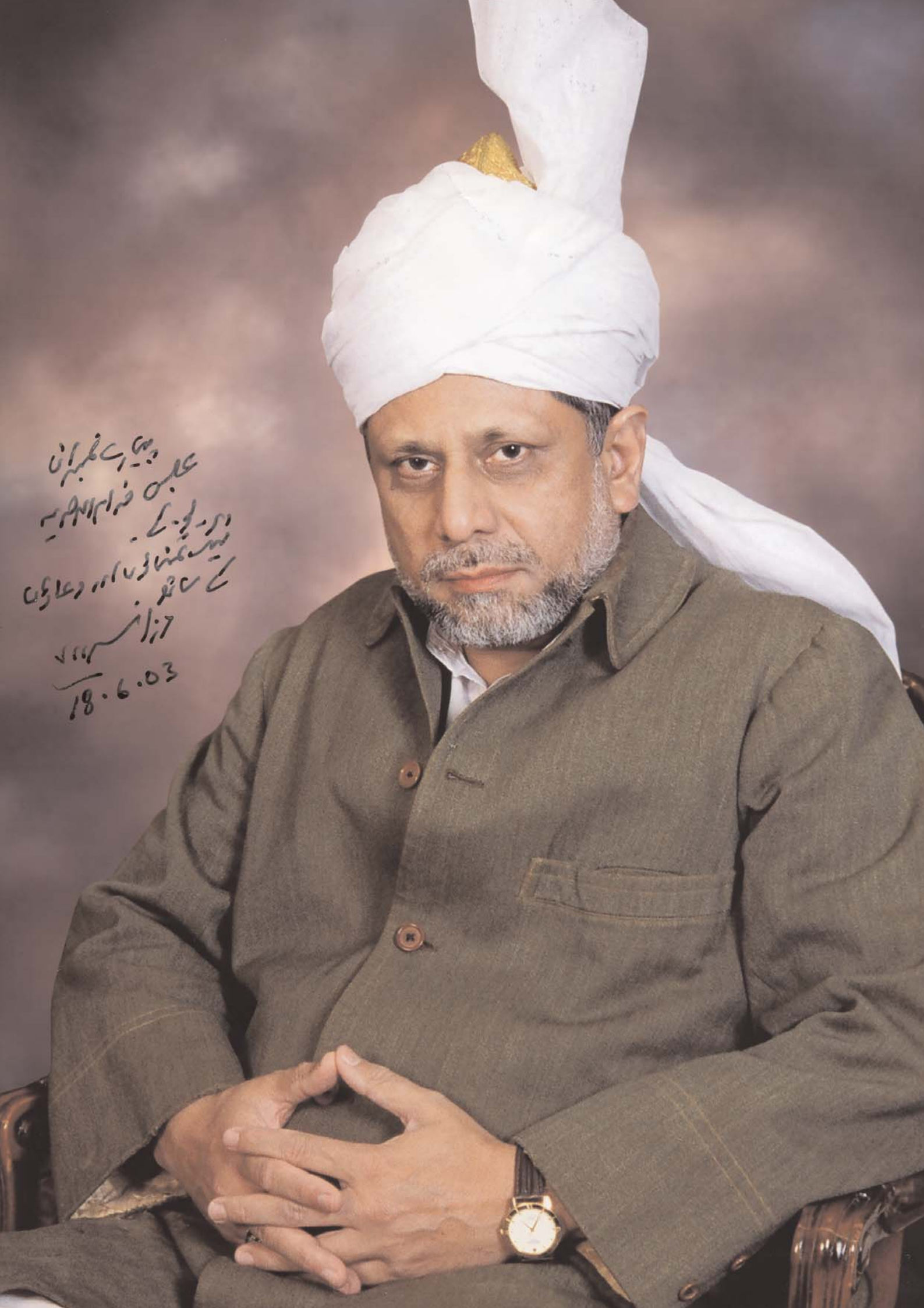
If we truly loved him, we should always continue to make every sacrifice for the advancement of the mission of the Promised Messiah عليه سلام to which he was wholly committed to enable the entire world to assemble under the banner of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. May Allah enable us to do that. آمين

واسلام

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Khalifatul Masih V



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## Our Huzur

**S**aturday 19th of April 2003 is a day that few members of the Ahmadiyya Community can ever forget. Such is the norm when events unfold to change the course of history.

On this date our beloved Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى passed away, leaving behind a Community shocked and numbed with sadness. Alhamdulillah, this feeling of desolation was short lived. The whole world was to witness the truth of the claim of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. This was manifested with the whole Community uniting under the leadership of Ameerul Momineen, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih AlKhamis ائده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز.

For the majority of Khuddam and Atfal in the UK, the next few days were a defining moment in their personal development. The wave of emotions that everyone endured rejuvenated their love for the institution of Khilafat and for the Jama'at. It was a new dawn, experienced by both the Jama'at collectively and each individual on a personal level.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى moulded the Khuddam and Atfal of the UK. At every opportunity, Huzur رحمه الله تعالى tried to instil into us the qualities that a true Muslim and Khadim should have. Huzur رحمه الله تعالى pushed us towards a better self, and lived and breathed our happiness and grief. The amazing thing is that probably every Khadim and Tifl in the world can lay claim to the same plethora of feelings that we observed so closely in the UK. This particular quality of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى is one that we can all individually cherish in our own way. Each and every single person used to think that Huzur رحمه الله تعالى was his very own.

This issue of Tariq Magazine is dedicated to the memory of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى. It is a humble effort on

behalf of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK to commemorate the life of someone who meant so much to us.

Many people have contributed to this magazine. Special prayers are requested for all of them and also for members of the Ishaat team. A special mention has to be made of Tariq Ahmad BT Sahib's incessant proof reading and interviews and to Mahmood Malik Sahib for editing the Urdu section. Most of the credit however for bringing this magazine to fruition must go to Tariq Chowdhry Sahib, Mohtamim Isha'at Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK. His determination, hard work, and dedication stand out as a testimony to the high ideals that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى expected each Khadim to achieve.

A common theme binds all the articles together like a thread weaved through cloth. This is the frequent reference to the love of, and insistence on the observance of Salat

To truly cherish the memory of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى we need to ensure that we follow in his example. In my very last "Daftari" (official) Mulaqaat with Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى I inquired of Huzur رحمه الله تعالى if there were any further guidance for Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK. Huzur رحمه الله تعالى smiled and replied that all the guidance had already been imparted; it was for us to act on it. As I made to leave, Huzur رحمه الله تعالى suddenly reiterated that Salat is one area that we must always continue to focus on.

To claim true affection for someone requires both hard work and determination. We would only be worthy of this claim if we follow in the footsteps of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ArRabi رحمه الله تعالى and adopt the ideals that he stood for - the love of Allah, His worship, and love for all mankind.

Mirza Fakhar Ahmad  
Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK







# Editorial,

OUR MENTOR ... OUR HUZUR رحمه الله تعالى

There are some in history that touch people's lives, there are others who influence and then there are those who mould others. Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى, our beloved Huzur, did all three. For Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK, a young inexperienced organisation, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى changed our lives, our direction...he changed us.

There is so much to reflect upon. How Huzur رحمه الله تعالى looked upon the youth of the UK as his very own. How he made us feel so unique, through no attribute of ours, but rather through the affection our beloved Huzur رحمه الله تعالى had for us. He nurtured us as a father would a child. Huzur رحمه الله تعالى guided us in all aspects of our lives; whether it was on our health or in serving humanity, or the importance of prayer and preaching. Huzur رحمه الله تعالى provided us with pearls of his great wisdom, calming words, or at other times a warming embrace.

His laughter and smiles filled our days. How, when you felt perhaps most alone, at your most bewildered, all it would take was a loving glance...for when Huzur laid his blessed eyes upon you, the burden of your troubles lifted away. Why? because he loved us, he cared for us and we had the comfort of knowing that this blessed person, prayed for us.

A day does not pass when our thoughts are not filled with memories of this beautiful human being. Everyone you talk to has their own very private moments and that's a reflection of the person that was, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى. Someone who would work tirelessly, with absolute devotion for the

Jama'at that meant everything to him, yet still treat his community of millions as individuals.

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK came into its own as a national Majlis, under the watchful eye and guiding hand of Huzur رحمه الله تعالى. He helped us to learn, to walk and then to run...picking us up when we fell and then instructing us on how best to develop our lives. Khuddam found our voice in "Tariq", which was published in the UK for the first time during the period of Khilafate-Rabia. How then do you pay homage to such man? Someone who made us what we are today.

We are truly blessed. We learnt at the very hand of our beloved Huzur رحمه الله تعالى. The greatest testament to his memory is to ensure we never forget what he taught us, be it as individuals, or as a Jama'at.

Our eyes are laden with tears, our minds are engulfed with memories and our hearts are filled with unbridled love. Huzur رحمه الله تعالى meant so much, to so many. He was man for all seasons, for all countries, for all people. Young and old, man, woman and child; whatever your culture or creed, all adored Huzur رحمه الله تعالى. Amongst the most poignant legacies of man who gave so much, is the sheer love of God and Jama'at which he not only instilled in the hearts of millions, but exemplified through his own shining example.

Tariq Ahmad BT  
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## A Message of Thanks,

### THE TEAM BEHIND THE MAGAZINE

TEXT: TARIQ M CHOWDHRY, MOHTAMIM ISHA'AT

Producing a magazine on the life of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى has been a very challenging task, both physically and emotionally. Whenever the team worked on the magazine, our minds and hearts were cast back to a time that is cherished by us all. Coming back to the present was always followed by a deep sadness that our beloved Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى had departed from this world and we were left behind. Hazur رحمه الله تعالى was an extraordinary man and compiling a magazine about him could never be an ordinary task. The enormous wealth of memories and experiences Huzur رحمه الله تعالى has entrusted members of the Jama'at is engrained upon our hearts. Our job was to unlock those memories and portray a selection of some here that represented his endearing qualities. These memories were private, but we pleaded with those to share them with us.

One thing that is apparent, from all the articles in this magazine, is that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى made everyone feel singularly special; he would make us feel as if he was our most distinctive and best friend. A gentle smile as he passed by would be enough to lift our day and warm our hearts. He treated us individually, which truly made us feel we were the closest to him, but in reality, he was close to so many. His face displayed loving emotion to all he met. He would care for so many of our needs and gave so much from himself to help others. He cared intensely for mankind and felt the pain and suffering of all humanity. His prayers would always include prayers for the needy, the oppressed, the sick, the persecuted, the poor and all those he loved. His love for Allah, The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, The Promised Messiah عليه السلام, and the entire Jama'at was immense. He loved all of Allah's creations, because he loved Allah.

In producing this magazine, we thank Allah Almighty - the most perfect, who has no imperfections, and makes no mistakes. I hope and pray that he may accept this humble effort, and forgive any inaccuracy we may have made in this publication. We are

deeply indebted to Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V رحمه الله تعالى for his prayers, Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK and Majlis Amila - Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK for their prayers and support.

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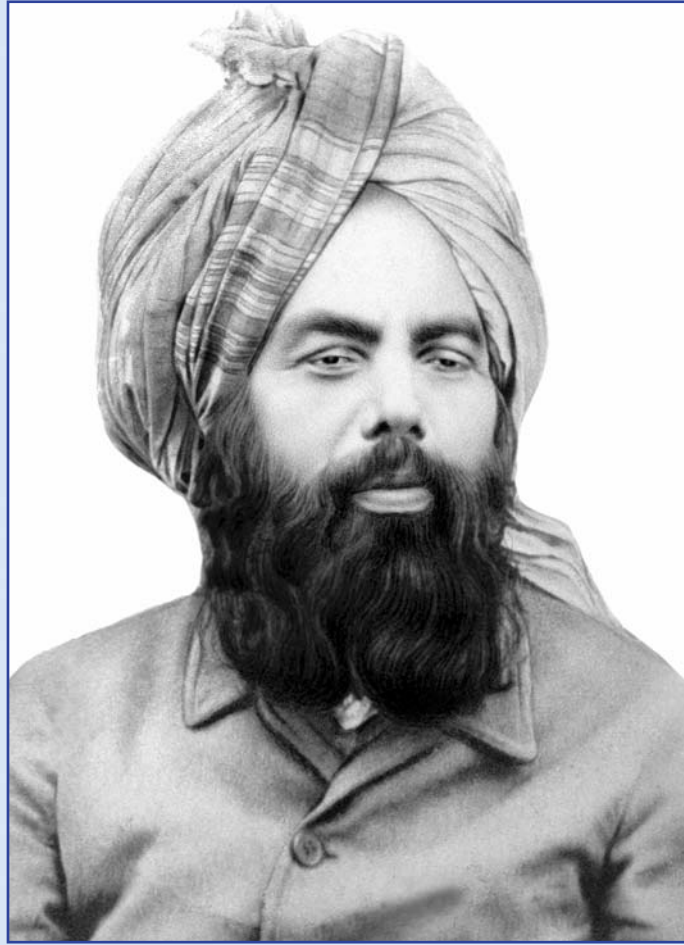


# Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام

## THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND IMAM MAHDI



**The Promised Messiah's** عليه السلام **Handwriting**



**Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام (1835 - 1908)**

### **The Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi**

**H**adhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام, The Promised Messiah, Imam Mahdi and Reformer of the Age, was born on Friday 13th February 1835 at Qadian, India. He came from the noble tribe of Barlas Mughals who had migrated to India in 1530AD.

His education amounted to elementary knowledge of Urdu, Persian and Arabic. By the time he was 18, he became a keen reader and spent most of his time in reading books from his father's library or in studying the Holy Qur'an. During his early youth, he became aware of the hostile attacks by non-Muslims on the teachings of Islam and was much perturbed to watch them pass unchallenged. He resolved to make a response to this onslaught by writing articles in papers and periodicals refuting the criticisms made against Islam and advancing arguments proving the superiority of its teachings.

In accordance with his father's wishes, he enlisted himself in 1863 for Government service and worked for five years as a reader in a Law Court at Sialkot. Back at Qadian in 1869, he received one of his first revelations: "He (God) will bless thee abundantly; so much so that Kings will seek blessings from thy garments."

Following the death of his father, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Murtaza in 1876, he devoted all his time and energies to the Divine Assignment of serving Islam and reviving the true faith, an indication of which he had received in a vision some years earlier. He

had begun to write his famous book *Braheen-e-Ahmadiyya*. This book refuted the allegations levied at Islam and furnished powerful arguments to display the countless beauties of Islam. The first two volumes of this magnificent book were published in 1880, the third part followed in 1882 and the forth in 1884.

It was in 1882 that he saw the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in a vision and it was then that he received the revelation from God that he was appointed Mujaddid or a Reformer.

Under divine direction, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام established the institution of an Annual Conference (Jalsa Salana) in Qadian. He selected 27th, 28th and 29th of December of every year to be the period in which this Annual Conference would convene each year. The first Jalsa Salana took place in Qadian in the Aqsa Mosque; 75 people attended.

In 1886, under Divine Direction, he retired in seclusion for 40 days at Hoshiapur for meditation and prayers. During this period he received numerous revelations, including those prophesising the birth of an illustrious son, a blessed progeny for him and large and ever increasing following of devoted servants of Islam. The same year he was appointed by God as the Reformer of the Age. In 1889, he was commanded by Allah to raise a party of sincere followers and initiate them through formal Bai'at. The first initiation took place on 23rd March 1889 in Ludhiana which heralded the birth of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and revival of Islam.

In 1891, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام claimed that he was the Imam Mahdi and Messiah of the latter days as foretold by the Holy Prophet of Islam صلى الله عليه وسلم. He declared that he had been raised in the spirit of Jesus عليه السلام to be the Messiah of Islam. In 1896, he wrote the famous essay entitled 'The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam' which has since attracted many people to Islam by its lucid and persuasive style.

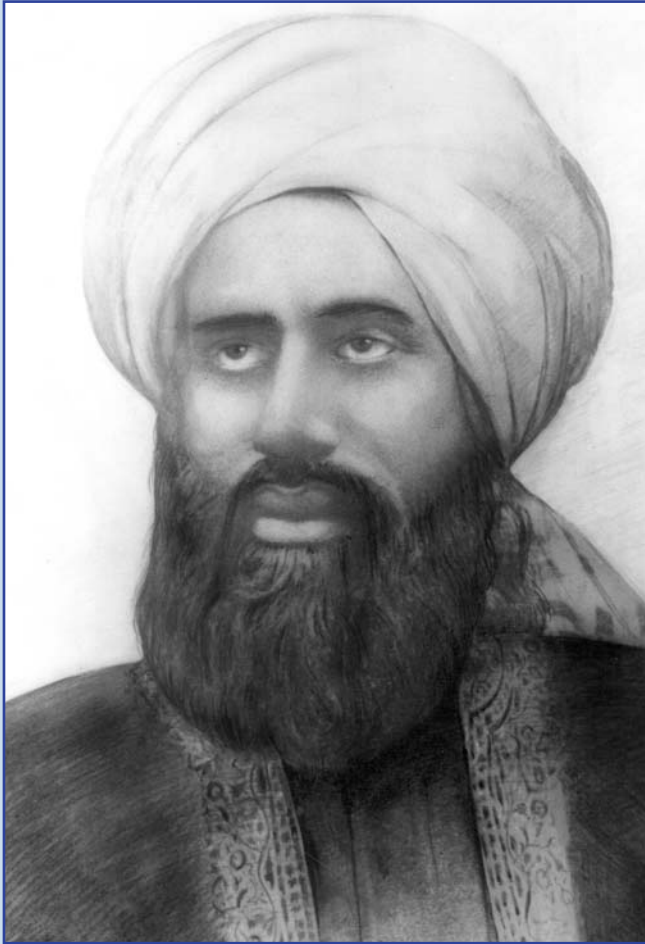
In 1905, he wrote 'Al-Wassiyat', informing his friends and followers that the time for his departure from this world was imminent and he urged his followers to submit to the second manifestation of Allah's Grace after him and continue their work for the victory of Islam. During his lifetime he wrote over 80 books, mostly in Urdu but some in Arabic and Persian, all glorifying Islam, the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet of Islam صلى الله عليه وسلم. Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام passed away on 26th May 1908 aged 73 at Lahore. He was buried in Qadian.

### **Children of the Promised Messiah** عليه السلام



# Hadhrat Maulvi Hakeem Nooruddin رضي الله عنه

## KHALIFATUL MASIH I



**Hadhrat Maulvi Nooruddin رضي الله عنه (1841 - 1914)**

### Khalifatul Masih I

(May 27, 1908 - March 13, 1914)

**H**adhrat Hakeem Hafiz Maulvi Nooruddin Al-Haji رضي الله عنه was the first successor to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. He was a man of great talent and was also the first person to take oath of allegiance at the hands of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. He was born in 1841 in Bhera, District Sargoda and his lineage can be traced back to Hadhrat Umar رضي الله عنه. He learnt the Holy Qur'an from his mother and travelled far in search of knowledge. At the age of 25, he travelled to the cities of Mecca and Medina. There he studied Hadith and performed Hajj.

On his return from Arabia, he established a school of Qur'anic studies and started a clinic that offered treatment in natural medicine. His main objective was to serve his countrymen and spread the Qur'anic teachings. God had given him a miraculous healing power and his prayers were abundantly accepted. When the Maharajah of Kashmir heard of his fame, Maulvi Nooruddin was appointed as his court physician.

In March 1885 a fellow Hindu passed on to him an announcement published by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. This impressed him very deeply. Soon after he went to see Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in Qadian عليه السلام, who had not yet made any proclamation about himself. But Hadhrat Maulvi Nooruddin رضي الله عنه recognised the truth which he personified and became his most devoted companion. Later, it was on March 23rd 1889, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام accepted the first ever bai'at in Ludhiana, and Hadhrat Maulvi Nooruddin رضي الله عنه was the first person to take Bai'at. Soon after he settled in Qadian, where he established a clinic giving free treatment to the poor. He fully immersed himself in the company of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and dedicated his life to the cause of this mission. He taught the Holy Qur'an and Ahadith to the children of the Promised Messiah and to hundreds of other students. He was also appointed President of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام called him 'Siddiq' on account of his piety, sincerity and truthfulness.

After the sad demise of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, he was elected as the first Khalifa. On that occasion, nearly 1200 members of the Jama'at took Bai'at at his hands. During his leadership he inculcated very high moral qualities within the Jama'at. On May 30th 1908 he set up the Baitul Maal or Treasury. On March 5th 1910 he laid the foundation stone of Masjid Noor. On July 25th 1912, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I laid the foundation stone of Taleemul Islam High School.

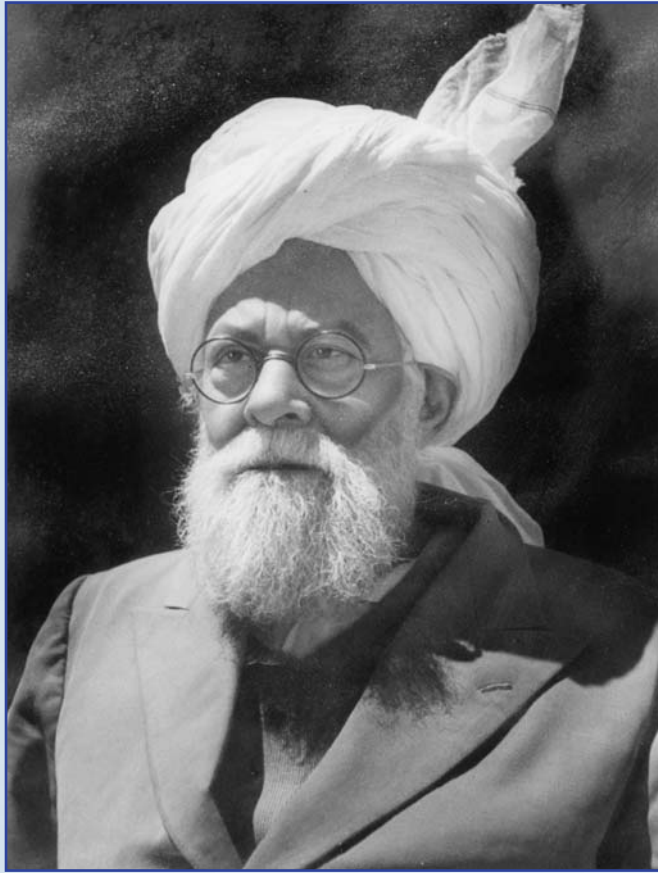
In January 1914, Hadhrat Maulvi Nur-ud-Din رضي الله عنه fell seriously ill. His health continued to decline as the time passed, but his Dars-e-Qur'an were not interrupted. On 13th March 1914, the last Friday prayer of his Khilafat was led by Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad رضي الله عنه. The same day, at 2:20pm, he passed away while saying his prayer.





# Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, رضي الله عنه

## MUSLEH-MAU'OOD, KHALIFATUL MASIH II



**Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad**  
(1889 -1965), Musleh-Mau'ood رضي الله عنه

**Khalifatul Masih II**  
(March 14, 1914 - Nov 8, 1965)

**H**adhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad AlHaji رضي الله عنه was the second successor of the Promised Messiah and also was blessed in being his son. He was born on January 12 1889. He was that son whose birth had been prophesied to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and thus was also known as the Musleh Mau'ood. He was educated in Qadian and learnt the Holy Qur'an and other books on Islam from the first Khalifa.

He received his first revelation in 1905, when he was only 16. The revelation was as follows: "I will place those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the day of Resurrection "

In 1907, an angel taught him the commentary of Sura Fatihah. From then onward, he was gifted with an amazing knowledge of the commentary of the Holy Qur'an. In September 1912, he performed pilgrimage to Mecca.

On the 14th March 1914 he was elected as Khalifa at the tender age of 25. There were approximately 2000 people present who took bai'at at his hands. Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad رضي الله عنه was exceptionally blessed with qualities of great leadership and wise judgement. On January 1st 1919, various departments were set to streamline the working of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya. In April 15th 1922, the Majlis-e-Shoora was established

as a permanent advisory body to the Khalifa. On May 20th 1928, he inaugurated Jaami'ah Ahmadiyya, an elite institution for training and producing qualified Muslim missionaries. In December 1930, his elder brother Hadhrat Mirza Sultan Ahmad رضي الله عنه took Bai'at at his hands and became the forth Ahmadi son of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, thus fulfilling the prophecy 'He will convert three into four'.

He wrote a large number of books, including the ten volumes of the Tafseer-e-Kabeer, the detailed commentary of the Holy Qur'an. He laid the foundations of the Movement by organising different departments and activities. In 1947 he moved the Headquarters to Rabwah in Pakistan and under his leadership the Movement progressed rapidly worldwide. To intensify the missionary work in foreign countries, a new scheme named Tehrik-e-Jadid was initiated, which was based on observing 19 principles or demands. Under this scheme, the Ahmadis were urged to lead a simple life and to make more sacrifices of their time and money for the cause of Islam. It was on December 28th 1957, that Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad رضي الله عنه announced a new plan to expand missionary work to educate and impart religious training to the rural population inside Pakistan. This scheme was called Waqfe-e-Jadid.

As the community was growing rapidly, it was divided into different age groups to ensure better training of all Jama'at members. Lajna Imaa'llah was established in December 25th 1922 and was for ladies above the age of 15. Majlis Nasiratul Ahmadiyya was established in February 1939 and was for girls aged 7-15. Majlis Ansarullah was established on July 26th 1940 and was for men aged 40 and above. Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya was established on December 25th 1938 and was for boys aged 15 - 40. Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya was then set up on July 26th 1940 for young boys aged 7-15.

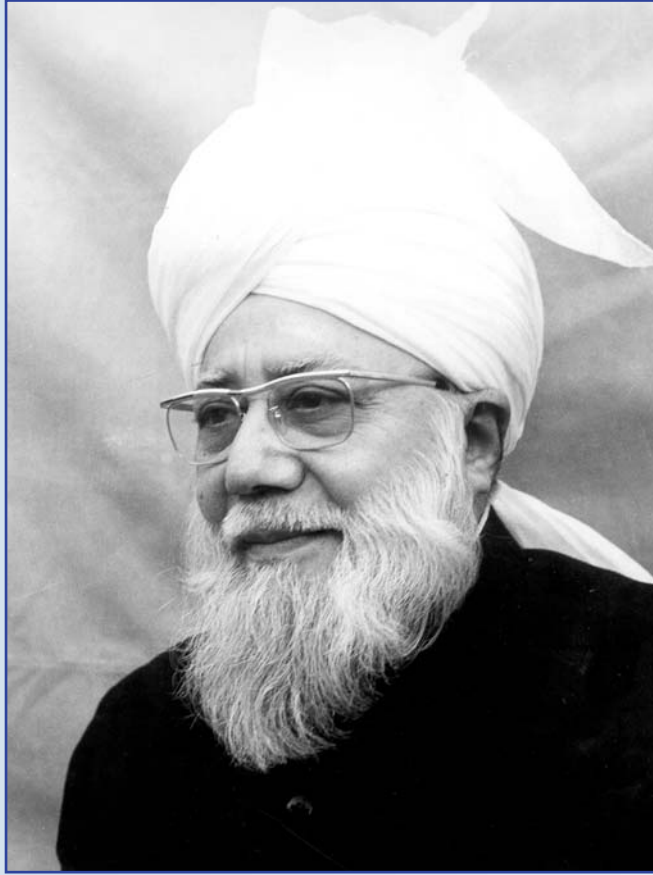
It was on January 28th 1944 that Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad رضي الله عنه claimed for the first time that he was indeed the Promised Son as mentioned in the prophecy regarding Musleh Maud. In August 1947, when Pakistan was created, Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad رضي الله عنه along with his followers moved from Qadian to what was then a barren land, which was ultimately named Rabwah (An Elevated Land). However, 313 Ahmadis, called Darveshaan, stayed behind to take care of Qadian.

On March 10th 1954, Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad رضي الله عنه survived an attempt on his life, but was seriously wounded in his neck. This consequently weakened his condition and at 2am on the 8th November 1965 aged 76, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II رضي الله عنه passed away.



# Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى

## KHALIFATUL MASIH III



**Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (1909 -1982)**  
**Khalifatul Masih III**  
(Nov 9, 1965 - June 9, 1982)



**A photograph of Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى in his youth.**

**H**adhrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى was the third successor. He was born in Qadian on 15th November 1909 and had the honour of being the son of Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad and grandson of the Promised Messiah.

He committed the Holy Qur'an to memory when he was just 13. He was educated at Baliol College, Oxford. On his return from England he was made the first Principal of the Ta'lim-ul-Islam Degree College. He later held the position of President Khuddamul Ahmadiyya in 1939 and in 1954 became President of Majlis Ansarullah. From June 1948 to June 1950, he played an important role in the Furqan Force. In May 1955, he was appointed Sadr, Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya.

Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى was elected as the Khalifa on 8 November 1965; there were approximately 5000 Ahmadis present who took Bai'at at his hands. During his Khilafat, he established the Fazl-e-Umar foundation, which promoted research, education, missionary work and the economic welfare of the Jama'at. During his visit to West Africa, he also established the Nusrat Jehan Scheme (named after Hadhrat Ummul Mu'mineen, Sayyidah Nusrat Jehan, the wife of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام). This scheme helped organise volunteer teachers and doctors to help establish hospitals and schools in West Africa, purely for the service of humanity and without any profit motive.

On the last day of Jalsa Salana 1973, Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى announced this grand scheme, not only to mark the 100 years of Ahmadiyyat but to also plan an intensive programme to be undertaken during the next century for spreading Islam.

On May 29, 1974, with the attack on the Rabwah Railway Station by the Nishtar College students, severe violence broke out against Ahmadis throughout Pakistan. It was backed by the then government of Pakistan headed by Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Houses of Ahmadis were looted and burnt and a number of Ahmadis were killed during these acts of violence. The community were subjected to social boycott and many high ranking Ahmadi civil and army officials were forcibly retired. During this critical period, the Ahmadis, under the guidance of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III رحمه الله تعالى, faced all hardships with great patience, endurance and prayers. In the end, on 7 September 1974, the National Assembly of Pakistan passed an amendment to the Constitution, which declared the Ahmadis in Pakistan to be non-Muslims.

It was on October 9th 1980, that Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى laid the foundation stone of the Masjid Basharat in Spain and it was on this occasion that he announced the grand motto, 'Love for All Hatred for None'. During his leadership as Khalifa, which extended over 17 years, Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى guided the community through many trials and tribulations. He passed away on 8th June 1982 aged 72.



# Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى

## KHALIFATUL MASIH IV



Photo by: Mrs Mumtaz Khan

### Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (1928 -2003)

**Khalifatul Masih IV** رحمه الله تعالى  
(June 10, 1982 - April 19, 2003)



**H**adhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى was born in Qadian on 18th December 1928 and also had the honour of being the son of Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad and grandson of the Promised Messiah. His maternal grandfather, Hadhrat Dr Abdus-Sattar Shah, was a devoted companion of the Promised Messiah, whose lineage can be traced back to Hadhrat Ali رضي الله عنه

He was educated at Government College Lahore and then later at the University of London. He held the position of President of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya; later the position of Nazim Waqfe Jadid and then President of the Ansarullah. He served the Jama'at in many capacities during both Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II رضي الله عنه and Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III رحمه الله تعالى .

Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى was elected as the Khalifa on 10 June 1982. He consolidated the Movement in various ways, particularly in encouraging members to spread the message of Islam through their own good example and personal conduct. He travelled to many countries across the globe, infusing a new spirit of commitment and service among the Ahmadiyya Jama'at.

Since 1984, due to hostile political conditions in Pakistan, he left to reside in London, England. On 3rd April 1987, anticipating the challenges the next century is likely to pose and to hasten the spiritual revolution which Ahmadiyyat, as the revival of the true Islam, had been divinely commissioned to bring about, he launched the Waqf Nau Scheme. Members of the Jama'at were invited to dedicate children after or even before birth to the services of Islam. In 1992, a separate Wakalat Waqf-e- Nau was created.

On 31st December 1993, Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى delivered his Friday Sermon in Mauritius and Muslim Television Ahmadiyya commenced its 12 hour coverage on satellite. On 7th January 1994, MTA started operations in full. His contribution to MTA's programming was immense and included Homeopathy teaching, Question and Answer sessions for Arab, French, German, Bangladeshi, Bosnian and English viewers.

In December 1991, Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى undertook the historic trip to Qadian, India to attend the 100th Annual Conference (Jalsa Salana). On 14th October 1994, Baitur Rehman, Maryland, USA, was opened and on the same date an MTA base station was established in the USA. On 5th July 1996, MTA's programmes began to be transmitted on the global beam. During Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad's رحمه الله تعالى Khalifat, the Holy Qur'an had been translated in 56 languages in addition to the 100 languages in which selected verses from the Holy Qur'an had been translated.

During his 21 year period of Khalifat, the seed of Ahmadiyyat the true Islam had been sown in many new countries, making 175 countries in total and the Jama'at expanded from 10 million to over 180 million . He passed away on 19th April 2003 aged 74.

**Left:** A photo from the early days of Khilafat

# Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز

**KHALIFATUL MASIH V**



Photo by: Umair Aleem

**Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (1950 -Present)**  
**Khalifatul Masih V**  
(Elected on 22 April 2003)



**H**adhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز was born on 15th September 1950 in Rabwah, Pakistan. He is the son of Hadhrat Mirza Mansoor Ahmad who was the son of Hadhrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad رضي الله عنه, the youngest son of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is also the maternal grandson of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II رضي الله عنه.

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز underwent his primary education at Taleem-ul-Islam High School Rabwah and obtained his BA from Taleem-ul-Islam (TI) College Rabwah. In 1976 he earned his Masters of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the Agricultural University Faisalabad, Pakistan.

At the young age of 17, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز became a Moosi and at the age of 27, he devoted his life for Islam. Under the direction of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III رحمه الله تعالى, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز proceeded to Ghana as part of the Nusrat Jehan Scheme. During this time at Ghana, he was the Founding Principal of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School in Salaga, a school in the northern region of Ghana, where he served for two years. His success at this school made him the obvious choice for the Ahmadiyya Secondary School at Essarkyir where he served for a further four years.

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز was also appointed as manager of the Ahmadiyya Agricultural Farm in Depali, northern Ghana, where wheat was successfully grown for the first time. This revolutionised the country's economy and paved the way for self sufficiency. Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad held numerous offices in Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and in 1989 he was appointed as Naib Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

From 1994 to 1997 he was Chairman of the Nasir Foundation and at the same time he was President of Tazaeen Rabwah Committee (committee for the beautification of Rabwah). His personal efforts led to Rabwah becoming lush green. On 19th December 1997, Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى appointed Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad as Nazir A'la of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya. On 30th April 1999 Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز also had the additional honour of becoming a prisoner in the name of Allah, in Rabwah, when he and Col. Ayaz Mahmood, a general establishment officer, were arrested on a charge of blasphemy under the growing wave of persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز was released on 10th May 1999.

On 22nd April 2003 at 11:40pm London Time, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز was elected as Khalifatul Masih V. Since his election as Khalifa, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز has inaugurated the Baitul Futuh Mosque in Morden, London, the largest mosque in Western Europe. He has toured parts of Europe and completed a memorable and historic tour of West Africa.

**Middle:** A photo of the the International Bai'at in 1997. Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز sits opposite Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى

**Bottom:** Reception at the London Mosque UK, on Huzur's أيده الله تعالى بنصره العزيز arrival from the historic West African Tour in 2004.



# A most affectionate special message

FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY FROM HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V

TEXT: HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V أيدى الله تعالى بنصره العزيز

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.ALISLAM.ORG/KHILAFAT/FIFTH/MESSAGE20030511.HTML](http://www.alislam.org/khilafat/fifth/message20030511.html)

## Most precious friends of the Community

اسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

(Peace be upon you)

The passing away of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى was like a tremor that shook the entire Community. Indeed our eyes are tear-filled and our hearts grieving and distressed, yet we submit to the Will of our Lord and bow down to His decree. Our hearts resound to the cries of our souls, in that, Inna lillahi wa inna alaihi raji'oon. We all are [consigned] trusts of God [on this earth] and accept this weighty trial that has come from Him.

How Dear is our Lord Who has sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in this era to reform the world and to establish the Shariah of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) and in order for this great cause to prevail continually has promised a 'second manifestation' that is eternal and shall continue till the Day of Judgement and which transforms the state of fear of the believers at the passing away of each Khalifa into peace through a new Khalifa.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام wrote:

*"So my dear ones! It has been the way of Allah from the beginning that He displays two 'manifestations' of His Power in that two false delights of the opponents are manifestly demolished. It is therefore not possible that God Almighty should now abandon this long established way. Therefore, do not grieve at what I have imparted to you and do not be heartbroken for you are destined to witness the 'second manifestation' which will be better for you because it is everlasting and its linkage will not be terminated till the Day of Judgement". (Al Wasiyyat. Roohani Khaza'een. Vol. 20 pages 305, 306)*

It is a tremendous grace and favour of Allah the Exalted that He changed the state of fear generated at the passing away of Huzur رحمه الله تعالى into peace and set the 'second manifestation' in motion through Divine decree. Therefore assist me with prayers, because one individual alone cannot honour the magnificent task that Allah the Exalted has designated to us. Engage in prayers and make these prayers abundant and demonstrate that as ever, today too, the 'second manifestation' and the Community is as one being and Inshallah will always remain so.

The 'second manifestation' is an immense gift from God with an objective to unite a nation and protect it from discord. It is that string in which the Community is threaded like pearls. If pearls are scattered about they are neither safe nor do they look beautiful. Indeed pearls threaded in a string alone are secure and at their loveliest. True faith cannot advance without a 'second manifestation'. Therefore keep a link of love, sincerity and devotion with it, make your zeal for obedience to Khilafat everlasting. Develop the fervour of your love for it to such an extent that all other relationships appear trivial compared to it. All blessings are in loyalty to the Imam and this alone is a shield for you against all trouble and strife. Hence Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) said: 'Just as only that branch is fruit-bearing that is attached to a tree and a severed branch that is cut off from a tree cannot bear fruit, similarly only that person can serve the Community beneficially who is devoted to the Imam. One who does not keep a bond with the Imam, despite having all the knowledge of the world, cannot be of any help.'

So, if you aim to progress and be triumphant over the world, then my advice to you and my message for you is to maintain a bond with Khilafat and to firmly hold onto this chord of Allah. All our advancements are inherently dependant on a bond with Khilafat. May Allah help and support you and may He enable you to be inspired to a supreme sense of sincerity and devotion with the Khilafat e Ahmadiyya.

Wassalaam,

Khaksar

Mirza Masroor Ahmad  
Khalifatul Masih V

London 11th May 2003





