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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious Ever Merciful

Al Masroor

NATIONS CANNOT BE REFORMED
WITHOUT REFORMATION OF YOUTH

The Holy Quran
Surah Al-Baqarah Chapter 2:Verse 33

قَالُوا سُبْحٰنَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا بِآيَاتِكَ
عَلَّمْتَنَا مَا كُنَّا نَعْلَمُ ۗ إِنَّكَ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٣٣﴾

[2:33] They said, 'Holy art Thou! No knowledge have we except what Thou hast taught us; surely, Thou art the All-Knowing, the Wise.'

Hadith – Seeking Knowledge is a Duty of
Every Muslim Man and Muslim Woman

Narrated by Hadhrat Anas bin Malik, Allah be pleased with him:

Said the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him):

"It is the duty of every Muslim man and woman to seek knowledge."

(Sunan Ibni Majah)



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- 10th-12th April – Jalsa Salana Australia
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- 31st May – Seerat un Nabi Jalsa



Perfect Knowledge by Promised Messiah

Dear ones, no one can fight God's designs. Be sure that the source of perfect knowledge is divine revelation which is bestowed on the holy prophets of God. Therefore, God, Who is the ocean of grace, did not design that divine revelation should be sealed up for the future and the world should thus be destroyed. The doors of His revelation and converse are always open. If will find them easily. The water of life has come down from heaven and has stopped at its proper place. What must you do, so that you might drink of it? You should, by some means or the other, arrive at that fountain and should put your mouth to it so that you might be filled with the water of life. The entire good fortune of a person consists in this that he should run in the direction in which he perceives that light, and should adopt

“The Perfect and Living God is He Who manifests Himself on His own. At this time also He has designed to disclose His own Being.”

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the way in which he discovers a sign of the Friend Who has been lost.

You have observed that light always descends from heaven and falls upon the earth. In the same way the true light of guidance also descends from heaven. Man's own devices and his own conjectures can not bestow true understanding upon him. Can you behold God without His manifestation? Can you see in the dark without the help of heavenly light? If you can, you may perhaps see in this case also. But our eyes, though in perfect condition, depend on heavenly light; and our ears, though they can hear perfectly, depend upon the air which circulates under divine direction. That God is not true who is silent and leaves everything to our conjectures. The Perfect and Living God is He Who manifests Himself on His own. At this time also He has designed to disclose His own Being. The windows of heaven are about to open and the day is about to dawn. Blessed are those who should rise up and seek the True God, the One Who is not overtaken by any calamity, the brilliance of Whose Glory is never dimmed.

Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam, pp. 128-29

Friday Sermon:

We encourage members to read Huzurs Friday sermons which can be found at:

<http://www.alislam.org/archives/y.php?y=2009&=Go>

For your benefit we have published below, a gist of Huzurs Friday Sermons from earlier this year, as provided by Ch. Hameedullah, Wakil A'Ala, Tahrik Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

On 27th February 2009, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V عليه السلام delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 17 of Sūrah Al-Mā'idah, which is translated as follows:

Thereby does Allāh guide those who seek His pleasure on the paths of peace, and leads them out of every *kind* of darkness into light by His Will, and guides them to the right path. (5:17)

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: The God of Islam is a Living God. In every age He sends His chosen servants for the guidance of mankind. Just as He sent the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم fourteen hundred years ago, so does He bring guidance to righteous people in this age. Ḥuḍūr presented several instances of how the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم brought light to a land that was steeped in darkness. For instance, Tufail bin 'Umrū, the chief of the Daus clan, accepted Islam when he heard verses of the Holy Qur'ān being recited by the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Later his family and his whole clan also embraced Islam as a result of the Holy Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم prayers.

Speaking of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in this context, Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: Although the plague had appeared in support of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, it caused him great anxiety and pain on account of the people's suffering and he offered fervent prayers because of his human sympathy. Maulvi 'Abdul Karīm Ṣāḥib Siakoti relates that he heard the Promised Messiah عليه السلام praying for the alleviation of the suffering caused by the plague and his prayers were so full of pain and anguish that one's heart melted just to hear them. Such was the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام compassion towards God's creatures.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: Even in this age Allāh purifies people's hearts, provided that man bows down before Him with a pure heart. Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام related several incidents of how pure-hearted and righteous people around the world are being guided towards the Promised Messiah عليه السلام through dreams and extraordinary signs. May Allāh continue to guide the world to the right path and enable us to remain steadfast upon our faith.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم has taught us many prayers to help us remain steadfast, and we should always keep offering these prayers. If we wish to tread the right path, we should always bear in mind three things: the

obligations we owe to Allāh, the obligations we owe to our fellow creatures, and the obligations we owe to our own selves. All these obligations are meant to uphold Allāh's Oneness.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام spoke about the situation in Pakistan and stressed the need for prayers. Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام also spoke of an Aḥmadī missionary who was shot and wounded in Pakistan and prayed for his early recovery.

At the end Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام announced the tragic martyrdom of Mubashir Aḥmad Ṣāḥib s/o Mahmood Aḥmad Ṣāḥib of Karachi, and the sad demise of Munir Hamid Ṣāḥib of USA, Mahmood Aḥmad Ṣāḥib of Qādiān, Sayyeda Munira Yusuf Ṣāḥiba, w/o Kamal Yusuf Ṣāḥib, and Mr. Bashir Aḥmad Ṣāḥib Siakoti of Rabwah and his wife Amatul Hayyee Ṣāḥiba. Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام led the *ghāib* funeral prayer of the deceased after the Jumu'a prayer.



Message from the Editorial Board:

Please send any relevant information or articles of interest to us for publication.

Please also visit the following informative sites, however please note that some may not be authentic websites:

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- www.alislam.org.au
- www.islam.ahmadiyya.net
- www.real-islam.org
- www.thepersecution.org
- www.tombofjesus.com

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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

On 20th February 2009, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V عليه السلام delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: In 1886, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام retreated for forty days of meditation and prayer in a house in Hoshiarpur. During this time he received many revelations from Allah. On 20th February 1886, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام published an announcement containing prophecies many of which have been clearly fulfilled. One of these prophecies related to the birth of a son who would possess extraordinary qualities. This was no ordinary prophecy, for it related to a person who would be the standard bearer of Islam in this age and would be called Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd or the Promised Reformer. This promised son was born to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام three years later, on 12th January 1889, and was named Mirzā Bashir-ud-dīn Mahmūd Aḥmad. The prophecy was fulfilled so clearly in his person that it was universally acclaimed. He became the second successor of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام after the demise of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I رضي الله عنه and his Khilāfat spanned more than half a century. The manner in which the Jamā'at spread outside the Indian subcontinent in his time speaks volumes about the way this prophecy was fulfilled.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: In 1944, after receiving the news from Allāh Almighty, Ḥaḍrat Mūṣleḥ-e-Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه announced that he was the person mentioned in the prophecy and through him the message of Islām would reach the corners of the earth and Allāh's unity would be established worldwide. Even non-Aḥmadīs were forced to confess that this son of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had indeed brought about a great reformation and had exalted the status of Islām and the Holy Qur'ān, and that he was imbued with spiritual and temporal knowledge.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: The words of the prophecy, "He will bring freedom to the oppressed" have also been fulfilled in a wonderful way. It was he who started the liberation movement in Kashmir and pioneered the All India Kashmir Committee of which he was the elected president. The prophecy also said that Allāh's protection would always be with him. Thus, throughout his life Allāh protected him and guarded him against the enemy. The prophecy that his fame would reach the four corners of the world was also fulfilled in his lifetime with the opening of missions around the world.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: We commemorate Mūṣleḥ-e-Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه Day as a reminder of our pledge to establish the truth of Islām and God's kingdom on earth. This day should and does remind us of our responsibilities and the need to utilize all our abilities for the progress of Islām. May Allāh help us in this. *Āmīn.*

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

~~On 13th February 2009, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V عليه السلام delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.~~

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: In *Sūrah Al-Fātiḥah* Allāh has taught us the prayer *اهدنا الصراط المستقيم* (guide us on the right path). With reference to this prayer the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has set out some points that lead to spiritual and temporal progress. These points reveal to us the scope of this prayer, the responsibilities that lie upon us after accepting the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, the purpose our lives should serve and the things we have to do to correct our errors and make progress.

Ḥaḍrat Mūṣleḥ Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه has said that the *هدى* (guidance) mentioned in this prayer has three meanings, (i) to show the path; (ii) to bring to the path; and (iii) to lead upon the path until one reaches one's destination. We should, therefore, pray, and we do pray, that Allāh may guide us on the path that is good and that leads to piety, and we may be able to attain piety and continue to progress even further. This includes both spiritual and temporal progress.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: This prayer also contains a denial of monasticism, because Allāh wants us to strive for His endless bounties and not to cut ourselves off from the world. This prayer also helps us in our quest for worldly knowledge and understanding, and also to lead us further on the path of spirituality so as to win Allāh's favour. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "The prayer, '*Guide us on the right path*', saves man from every weakness, reveals to him the strength

Mathematics Trivia

A man wanted to get into his work building, but he had forgotten his code. However, he did remember five clues.

These are what those clues were:

The fifth number plus the third number equals fourteen.

The fourth number is one more than the second number.

The first number is one less than twice the second number

The second number plus the third number equals ten.

The sum of all five numbers is 30.

What were the five numbers and in what order?

(Answer will be provided in the next edition)

of the religion and increases him in virtue. All kinds and levels of people can benefit from this prayer, for it leads everyone to a higher level, provided it is offered with total sincerity. In this prayer we seek goodness, tranquillity, strength and perseverance and it brings us great glad-tidings from the Almighty."

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "Treading *the right path* means to walk the path of true piety. The path of moderation lies in doing everything at its proper time on its proper occasion. This is the right path that we should follow and that has been made binding upon every believer, for this is what leads man to *Tauhid*."

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that when we offer this prayer we should do so on behalf of all mankind, and the believers and those who are members of this Jamā'at. In this way we will be praying for the whole of mankind and, feeling sympathy for our fellow creatures. We should pray for their well-being so that God may save them from destruction.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

On 6th February, 2009, Hadrat Khalīfatul Māsīḥ V أيده الله تعالى delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: One of Allāh's attributes is *Al-Hādī*, which means One Who guides His servants so that they are able to recognize Him and to admit that He is indeed their Lord. This Divine attribute comes into action particularly when people begin to deny His Lordship. This denial can assume many forms, for instance, when people take a human being to be God, or claim divinity for themselves on the basis of their personal power, or when big nations begin to think that they have become invincible and possess unlimited powers. When the world is in such dire straits, Allāh then manifests His own powers and shows the world that He alone is their true Lord and Master.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "When the world deviates from the path of moderation, so much so that it is filled with sin and transgression, and people discard the path that leads to the Lord of Glory, and forget what it means to be God's servants, and do not fulfil His obligations, and a sort of darkness envelopes the world, it is then that the Lord of Mercy sends an Imām for their guidance." Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: It is thus that the Divine attribute *Al-Hādī* comes into play and brings guidance to mankind. It is for the same purpose that Allāh has taught us the prayer اهدنا الصراط المستقيم (Guide us on the right path).

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Some Aḥmadī schoolboys have been arrested in Pakistan under the false charge of desecrating the name of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Such a charge can never be levelled against an Aḥmadī, not even a child, because the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has taught us to love the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in such a manner that others have no notion of it.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: "Who attains true salvation? Only one who truly believes in Allāh and considers Muḥammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to be the Intercessor between Him and all the creations, and acknowledges that under the heavens there is neither a Prophet equal to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, nor a book equal to the Holy Qur'ān, and that God has never desired eternal life for anyone except this Chosen Prophet who is living in the sense that the blessings of his law and his spiritual power will continue till the Last Day."

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Just as a leader or a king or a government is essential for the running of worldly systems, in the same way the prayer "Guide us on the right path", teaches us that the spiritual system also requires an Imam who can be followed. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: "It is worth reflecting that although no human being and no living being is bereft of Allāh's favours, we cannot say that Allāh has commanded us to follow all of them. Therefore, the meaning of this prayer is that, 'O Lord, enable us to follow the footsteps of those upon whom You have bestowed your favours and blessings in full measure.' Thus this prayer is a source of guidance for people of every faith and religion, provided they come to this path with pure hearts and pure intentions. Allāh says, "Those who strive to meet Us, we surely guide them to our ways." Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said:

May Allāh draw mankind towards the right path and enable us to continue towards our goal and to win His favour. *Āmīn*.

At the end of the Sermon, Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام informed the Jamā'at of the demise of the following members of the Jamā'at: Khatamun Nisa Dard Šāḥiba, w/o the late Maulana Muḥammad Shafi Ashraf Šāḥib; Saleema Begum Šāḥiba, w/o the late Dr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqui Šāḥib, and Afeefa Šāḥiba, w/o Suyuti Aziz Aḥmad Šāḥib. Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام also spoke of the martyrdom of Mirzā Muḥammad Akram s/o Mirza Muḥammad Aslam Šāḥib of Narowal. Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام led the *ghāib* funeral prayer of all these deceased after the Jumu'a prayers.

MAJALIS NEWS:

Majlis South Australia:

Message from Imran Ahmed, Secretary Ishaat Majlis SA

On 01st March 2009, we participated in Clean Up Australia Day. There were 38 khuddams, 20 Ansars and 14 Atfal who took part in the annual event. Our allocated area was Tapleys Hill Road on West Beach.

We also organized a charity day for the Fire Appeal by organising a Double Wicket Tournament at the Reynella East ground. The players were auctioned off by the Khuddam and Ansar brothers so that they could play with them. The event was enjoyed by all 94 members present on the day and in the course we collected \$1,500. There was also a food stall at the ground which was arranged by the Ansar and they collected \$191.45. Winner of the day were Omar Nasir and Zaheer Ahmad.

Majlis ACT

Message from Ata-ur-Rahman, Qaid Majlis ACT

Majlis Khuddam ACT started the month of March with Clean Up Australia Day. Four Khadims took part in cleaning up the area around Mt Ainslie Look Out. Not a bad place to be doing Khidmat-e-Khalq! An ABC cameraman was on site, who took videos of us whilst we were working. Alhamdulillah.

I also had the opportunity to perform Waqar-e-Amal in Sydney on Sunday 8th of March.

Our month also consisted of two congregational Tahajjud prayers, one at our Griffin Centre and the other at our suburban Namaaz Centres. Our Taleem n Tarbiyyat class was also held together with tahajjud. Khuddam also offered Nawafil fast for Khilafat and daily Centenary prayers.

Majlis Queensland

Message from Syed Mubarak Ahmed, Mohtamad Majlis QLD

Like previous years, Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Australia, Queensland branch organised Cleanup Australia Day activities in Logan City Council. This year three sites had been registered for cleanup and Majlis Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya Queensland was assigned the "b" site i.e. Browns Plains Road, Waller Road and Forestglen Park

A large number of Khuddam participated in the activities. The total number of Khuddam was 59 with 6 Atfaal and 3 guest volunteers. These volunteer participated in the cleanup activities and worked for 2.5 hours to clean the roadways and park

Majlis South Australia



Majlis ACT



Majlis Queensland



Majlis Victoria



Did you know?

Australia's Human Development Index (HDI) is the third best in the world, behind only Norway and Ireland (UNDP Human Development Report 2006).

assigned to us. The total length of the roadways cleaned was approximately 5km.

On 29 Mar, Brother Usman Khan saheb conducted the basic introductory informatic sessionn about driving Tractor for 19 Khuddam.

Majlis Victoria

Message from Osama Chaudhry, Qaid Majlis VIC

Khuddam took part in Australia Cleanup Day on 01/03/09. This year the site given to us for cleaning was Lloyd Park in Langwarrin. It's a huge sports complex with different sports grounds. 25 Khuddam took part in the cleanup.

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Victoria also organized Al-Masroor Cricket tournament on Monday 9 March 2009. Two teams from Halqa Al-Tahir & Halqa Al-Nasir participated in the tournament. Halqa Al-Tahir won the tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Births:

May Allah grant the newborns a healthy life and enable them to be a dedicated servant of Islam.

- Mr & Mrs Azmatullah Bajwah of QLD have been blessed with a baby girl, Fauzia Bajwah on 07th March 2009.
- Mr & Mrs Farhaaj M Shaikh of SA have been blessed with a baby girl, Mia Shaikh on 5th Dec 2008.
- Mr & Mrs Imran Ahmed of SA have been blessed with a baby boy, Ayaan Ahmed on 10th Feb 2009.

AUSTRALIA – some facts and information

Australia's economy is open and innovative, with a commitment from the Australian Government to maintain the strong economic growth that has taken place since the early 1990s. Over the past decade, solid productivity gains have been accompanied by low inflation and interest rates.

Australia is one of the few countries belonging to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) where general government net debt has been eliminated. According to the OECD's 2006 economic summary of Australia, living standards have steadily improved since the start of the 1990s and now surpass those of all the industrialised nations that form the Group of Eight except the United States.

Australian exports, which in 2007 totalled \$218 billion, are a mix of minerals and energy, manufacturing, rural products and services.

Australia has a well-developed education system with participation rates among the highest in the world. Each year, Australia welcomes an increasing number of international students, with current figures rating Australia 3rd among English-speaking countries as a student destination (2007).

Australia's aid program aims to help people in developing countries to lift themselves out of poverty and responds quickly when disaster strikes. The primary focus is the Asia-Pacific region, which has the world's highest concentration of people living in poverty. Australia also provides aid to developing countries in Africa and the Middle East.

The key objective of Australia's foreign and trade policy is to promote our security and long-term prosperity. The challenge is to protect and advance Australia's national interests in a rapidly changing environment, while supporting a stable global order. The three pillars of Australia's international engagement are: active participation in the institutions of global governance, including the United Nations and the WTO; enhancing Australia's alliance with the United States; and engaging with the states and institutions of the Asia-Pacific region.

The quality of life enjoyed by people in Australia is one of the highest in the world. Australia's clean physical environment, health services, education and lifestyle combine to make it an attractive place to live. Australia's ancient Indigenous traditions and multiculturalism are reflected in the diverse cultures and forms of artistic talent present in the country.

Source: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/aib/overview.html>

GENERAL

Report for Clean Up Australia Day for Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Sydney

Report submitted by Muhtamim Khidmate Khalq, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia, Ataul Awal Nasir Ahmad saheb.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya participated in Clean Up Australia Day on the 1st of March 2009 which marked the second Clean Up Australia in the second Centenary of Khilafat . Materials and registration details had been prepared earlier on in the week. Khuddam arrived around 8:00am and began registering for the event. The program began at 8.30am with silent prayer which was led by Ameer Sahib, Maulana Mahmood Ahmad Shahid.

After silent prayer, Khuddam were assigned their duties and were sent to start the massive clean. Khuddam covered the areas of the mosque, Hollinsworth Road and Richmond Road leading up to Blacktown Station which in total was 10km. Drinks and other essentials such as gloves and spare rubbish bags as well as First Aid were supplied and being driven around continuously for Khuddam.

The cleaning ended at 11:30am with all members heading back to the mosque for washing up and then preparing to participate in the BBQ provided by Clean Up Australia Organisation at Nurragingy Reserve. Khuddam made their way to the reserve and after eating made their way home. The total time spent on the cleaning was four hours in which 66 Khuddam, 15 Ansar and 9 Atfal participated.

All in all it was an enjoyable and successful day.

Signs and Prophecies about the Promised Messiah^{as}

Speech presented by Sharfraz Ahmad Rahim on Sunday 29th March 2009 on the occasion of Jalsa Messiah Maud day in Sydney at Baitul Huda Mosque. Part of the contents were kindly supplied by Brother Mohammed Iqbal of Auckland.

The founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} claimed to be the Promised Reformer, The Promised Messiah and Mahdi of our age.

Early in 1890, God revealed to Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} that Jesus Christ had died a natural death and that the belief that he was still alive in heaven was false. The Promised Messiah^{as} announced this fact openly to the world and declared that Jesus

“And He will raise him among others of them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise.”

“Is it not enough to establish the truth of my claim that the Holy Quran has discussed in graphic detail the signs of and circumstances relating to my coming?”

son of Mary could not possibly come back to life as the latter day Messiah. He told the world that the prophecy of the Holy Prophet regarding the coming of a Mahdi and a Messiah had been fulfilled in his own person. He further proclaimed that God had appointed him to bring about a reform in the world and to re-establish the supremacy and glory of the religion of Islam.

The followers of all great religions – Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Zoroastrians, and Confucians — anxiously awaited the advent of a Promised Reformer, as predicted in their holy scriptures. The Jews expected the Messiah to rejuvenate Judaism; the Christians claimed that the second advent of Jesus would bring nigh the Kingdom of Heaven; the Muslims believed the Messiah and Mahdi would join forces to bring about the final renaissance of Islam; Hindus awaited the coming of God Him-self in the form of Krishna; and the Buddhists were hopefully waiting for the reincarnation of Buddha.

In Chapter 62, verse 4 of The Holy Quran, Allah says:

“And He will raise him among others of them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise.”

The reference in the verse above is a well known saying of the Holy Prophet regarding the second advent of Holy Prophet himself in the person of the Promised Messiah in the latter days. Hadrat Abu Hurairah ra says, “One day we were sitting with the holy prophet when the sura Jumma was revealed. I enquired from the Holy Prophet saw who are the people to whom the words ‘and among others of them who have not yet joined them’ refer. Salman the Persian was sitting amongst us. Upon my repeatedly asking him the same question the Holy Prophet saw put his hand on Salman and said ‘if faith were to go up to the Pleiades, a man from these would surely find it.’ This saying of the Holy Prophet saw shows that the verse applies to a man of Persian descent. And Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was of Persian descent.

Again we read in the Holy Quran in Chapter 9, verse 33:

“He it is who sent his messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, that he may make it prevail over every other religion even though the idolaters may resent it.”

Commentators of the Holy Quran agree that as stated by the sayings of the Holy Prophet saw, the ultimate triumph of Islam will take place in the time of the Promised Messiah when all the various religions will have appeared and will make their utmost endeavours to propagate their own teachings.

I wish to highlight some prophecies mentioned in the books of Ahadith (traditions of Holy Prophet saw) relating to the Promised Messiah & Mahdi and emphasising the importance of recognising him. The Holy Prophet Muhammad saw said:

“How can my followers are destroyed when I am at their beginning and Jesus son of Mary is at their end”. (Masnad Ahmad: Kanzal Ummal; Vol.7, p203)

“How will you be when Mary’s son will descend among you; and he will be your guide from amongst you?” (Bukhari: Books of Prophet, Kitabul Anbiya)

Another famous saying of the Holy Prophet saw is: “La Mahdi illa Isa” (Ibn Maja, kitab ul fitan, Bab Shiddatuz Zaman) which means that there will be no Mahdi except the person will appear in the spirit of Jesus as and whose teachings will be like those of Jesus as because he will neither physically resist evil nor fight: he will spread the truth through his holy example and through heavenly signs, and will be both the Promised Messiah and Mahdi.

The Holy Prophet also says:

“He who dies in a condition that he has not recognised the Imam of his age dies a death of ignorance.” (Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 4, p. 96)

And further, he says:

“When you hear the advent of Mahdi it is then enjoined on you to enter into his Bai’at (i.e. to enter into his fold) even if you have to walk on snow by crawling and creeping to reach him.”

(Kanzal Ummal; also footnotes to Masnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 6, p. 29-30)

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad⁹⁵ the Promised Messiah & Mahdi says in Tazkiratush-Shahadatain:

“Now about my claim which is supported by a host of arguments and proofs....

- Is it not enough to establish the truth of my claim that the Holy Quran has discussed in graphic detail the signs of and circumstances relating to my coming?
- In a way, my name too has been foretold.
- Even the name of my village, namely, Kadaa is also there in the traditions.
- The traditions further prove that the Promised Messiah will be born in the thirteenth century and will appear in the fourteenth.

- In the Sahih Bokhari is found the full description of my physical being.
- And this too is laid down in as many words that the Promised Messiah will appear to the East of Damascus. And is not Qadian in fact to the East of Damascus?
- Similarly the timely occurrence of lunar and solar eclipses in the month of Ramadhan just when I had announced my claim to be the Promised Messiah and the people at large had refused to accept this claim as authentic.
- Similarly, in keeping with the prophecies of the Quran and the traditions, the invention of the railways and the camel's consequent redundancy;
 - obstacles to the performance of Pilgrimage to Kabaa;
 - the age of the triumph of the cross;
 - the appearance of hundreds of signs at my hands,
 - the present time being exactly the time fixed by the earlier prophets;
 - my being commissioned to the present office at the start of the century;
 - visions and dreams experienced by thousands of virtuous people testifying to my authenticity;
- the statement of the Holy Quran and of the Holy Prophet, that the Promised Messiah will be one amongst the Ummat;
- my affairs being visited by divine succour;
- the pledge of Bai'at (initiation) at my hands by about two hundred thousand people and consequently their following the path of truth and virtue;
- the crumbling of Christianity as a religion and the subsequent softening of the hold of trinity like the melting snows;
- the current polytheism, alcoholism, sexual promiscuity, dishonesty and falsehood which have run rampant on a global scale and resulted in a great upheaval and crisis in the world
 - and on every dimension tremendous revolutionary changes are taking place in the world;
 - and as will be borne out by all reasonable people the world needs a reformer;
 - and finally the failure of all to compete with me in miraculously competitive writing
 - and in showing heavenly signs and the fulfilment of hundreds of thousands of divine prophecies in my support.

“There will then be only one religion that will prevail in the world and only one leader.”

In short, all these signs and proofs and corroborative circumstances should be sufficient evidence for a God-fearing person to accept my claim.....” (Tazkiratush-Shahadain p38,39)

If God has promised reformers in all major faiths, then how could God send different Messengers simultaneously — each calling to the same God in his own diverse way, inviting mankind unto divergent paths and conflicting ideologies? That was the question addressed by Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} under Divine guidance and revelation. It was revealed to him that all the prophecies regarding the advent of various reformers were no doubt true. They, however, implied that only a single claimant would be raised who would combine in his person the qualities, roles, and spiritual powers of all the great World Reformers whose advent had been promised.

Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the Imam of the age and the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, was perfectly true when he prophesied:

“Remember, that no one will descend from heaven. All our opponents who are alive today will die and no one will see Jesus son of Mary descending from heaven. Then their next generation will pass away and no one of them will see this spectacle.

Then the generation next after that will pass away without seeing the son of Mary descending from heaven. Then God will make them anxious that though the time of the supremacy of the cross had passed away and the world had undergone great changes, yet the son of Mary had not descended from heaven. Then the wise people will suddenly discard this belief. The third century after today will not yet have come to a close when those who hold this belief, whether Muslims or Christians, will lose all hope and will give up this belief in disgust. There will then be only one religion that will prevail in the world and only one leader. I have come only to sow the seed, which has been sown by my hand. Now it will sprout and grow and flourish and no one can arrest its growth.” (Tazkaratush Shahadain, p. 64-65)

Thus Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, was the Messiah for Christians and Jews, the Masiadarbahmi for the Zoroastrians, Krishna for the Hindus and the Promised Messiah and Mahdi for Muslims. His coming is the fulfilment of prophecies contained in the ancient books and hence evidence of his truth. As he himself is a witness of the religion of Islam, his coming is an invitation to the followers of other religions to come and enter the universal brotherhood of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

God has graciously chosen us. The Promised Messiah delivered his message of unification, salvation and peace and after his demise God has bestowed the institution of Khilafat (spiritual Caliphate) which, continues and grows stronger by the day. Allah may give us all Ahmadis the strength, courage and wisdom to spread the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat to the entire world which was revived by the Promised Messiah in this age under divine guidance.

Ameen.