

## IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE GRACIOUS THE MOST MERCIFUL

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

"And say, "O my Lord! Increase me in knowledge." 20:115



MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA EARLSFIELD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### 1-VERSE FROM THE HOLY QUR'AN

إِقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

**TRANSLATION:** Convey thou in the name of thy Lord Who created, [AL-ALAQ, Ch 96 V 2]

#### COMMENTARY

The very first word of the verse shows that the Qur'an was meant to be read and proclaimed to be collected and put together and conveyed to the whole world. Moreover, the verse embodies a prophecy that the Qur'an will be written and repeatedly read and recited. It is an undeniable fact of the history that as soon as a portion of the Qur'an was revealed it was committed to writing and that among all religious Scriptures the Qur'an is the most widely read. The mention in the verse of the Divine attribute (Rab) [The Lord] Who cherishes and sustains man through all the different stages of his development signifies that the spiritual development of man was to be gradual in stages till was to find its full consummation in the Holy Prophet.

### 2-HADITH(SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD<sup>SAW</sup>)

**TRANSLATION:** Qatiba told us that Lais told him what he had heard from Yazid bin Abi Habib and Yazid had heard from Abu Alkhair And Abu Al Khair related to Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umro<sup>ra</sup> that somebody asked the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> "Which deed is the best in Islam?" The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> said this that you feed someone and pray for someone's Peace, for that person whom you know and for that whom you don't know.

(SAHI BUKHARI VOL 1 PAGE 71 KITAB-UL-IMAN)

٢٨ : حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا اللَّيْثُ  
عَنْ يَزِيدَ بْنِ أَبِي حَبِيبٍ عَنْ أَبِي الْخَيْرِ  
عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو أَنَّ رَجُلًا سَأَلَ  
رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَيُّ  
الْإِسْلَامِ خَيْرٌ قَالَ تُطْعِمُ الطَّعَامَ وَتَقْرَأُ  
الْسَّلَامَ عَلَى مَنْ عَرَفْتَ وَمَنْ لَمْ  
تَعْرِفْ.

### 3-SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>AS</sup>

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> said “avoid from inflammation”

(NAZUL-UL-MASIH RUHANI KHAZAIN VOLUME 18 PAGE 403)

#### 4-SAYINGS OF KHULFA-E-AHMADIYYAT

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih al-khamis<sup>aba</sup> said that:

“Allah tallah says that I am Rehman and for this reason you beg huge things from me, likewise I am also Raheem therefore you should beg from me the lace of your shoe as well as the salt for your cooking pot. If we are to benefit from this attribute then every human being should increase in his humiliation and concentrate towards prayers.”

(DAILY AL-FAZAL 13-2-2007)

#### 5-INTRODUCTION TO A BOOK OF PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>AS</sup>

##### **PHILOSOPHY OF THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM**

It was originally written as an Address for a Conference of Religions which was held at Lahore (now in Pakistan). The conference was organized by a Sawami (Hindu) who called upon the representatives of different faiths to explain the teachings of their respective religions in connection with the following five topics:

- 1-Physical, moral and spiritual conditions of man.
- 2-Life after death.
- 3-The aim of life on this Earth and how that aim can be achieved
- 4-What is the impact of our actions on the life in this world and on the life hereafter.
- 5-God-realization and how it can be obtained; what are its sources?

The conference was held from 26<sup>th</sup> December 1895 and this address of Hadhrat Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> was read out by Hadhrat Maulvi Abdul Karim<sup>ra</sup>, a great companion of The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. Since the whole of the address could not be read within the scheduled time, another day had to be added to the conference, so that the address could be completely read there.

After the conference a large number of newspapers expressed their spontaneous admiration for this address and admitted that this was the best of all. That is what God had told the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> beforehand and he had issued a poster to that effect.

Since then it has been printed in a book from several times in editions of thousands of each, and one edition of one hundred thousand. It has become almost the best known book in the Ahmadiyya literature.

#### 6-FAITH ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

##### **FULFILLED PROPHECIES OF THE HOLY QURAN (TAKEN FROM [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org))**

Prophecy is foretold news about any future event. In religious world, a prophecy, quite distinct from an educated and wise guess, is considered the most authentic criterion and a vital proof for the truthfulness or otherwise of a prophet. **The Bible** has also mentioned this test and claims that the prophecies mentioned in it shall be definitely fulfilled.

"I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." (Isaiah 42:8-9)

"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He." (John 13:19)

In modern era atheists put the religions on trial by presenting criteria to check the genuine-ness or otherwise of the prophecies mentioned in the religious scriptures. Mr. Douglas E. Krueger, an atheist, on

Pages 96-98 of his book, "WHAT IS ATHEISM – A Short Introduction" has presented the following five criteria to judge a prophecy. He wrote:

"Some criteria are needed in order to distinguish cases of lucky guesses from those of true prophecy. Let us define a genuine prophecy as one that satisfies the following five criteria:

1. The prophecy must be clear, and it must contain sufficient detail to make its fulfillment by a wide variety of possible events unlikely.
2. The event that can fulfill the prophecy must be unusual or unique.
3. The prophecy must be known to have been made before the event that is supposed to be its fulfillment.
4. The event foretold must not be of the sort that could be the result of an educated guess.
5. The event that fulfills the prophecy cannot be staged, or the relevant circumstances manipulated, by those aware of the prophecy in such a way as to intentionally cause the prophecy to be fulfilled."

According to these criteria, we see that the Quranic prophecies, some of which are presented here, prove to be quite genuine and true. No one can ever imagine that an unlettered person living in a nomadic society of Arabia 1400 years ago can predict such amazing scientific events, as mentioned hereunder, to happen. It is very well beyond the human capacity to foretell or even visualize such incredible incidents. The only conceivable source of these prophecies and predictions is purely divine. Interestingly, all such prophecies are fulfilled by those who were not Muslims, rather many of them are atheists. Thus no question of staging the prophecy and manipulating the circumstances arises.

## **FINGER PRINTS**

**"Their skins will bear witness against them as to what they have been doing" (41:21)**

The finger prints system at borders, criminal investigation cells and immigration centres prove the fulfillment of this Quranic prophecy.

## **POLLUTION**

**"Corruption has spread on land and sea because of what men's hands have wrought" (30:42)**

One of the interpretations of the above verse of the Holy Quran is the environmental pollution, caused by human being. And that is spread both in land and sea due to our own inventions, i.e., fumes from chimneys of factories, chemical and nuclear waste, huge traffic in the cities, noise and creation of ozone hole are manifest testimonies of the fulfillment of this prophecy.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL**

**And after him We said to the Children of Israel, 'Dwell Ye in the promised land; and when the time of the promise of the Latter Days come, We shall bring you together out of various people.'" (17:105)**

Creation of Israel and gathering of Sephardic, Ashkenazi and the Jews of many other different races in Israel proves the authenticity of this prophecy and hence Quran.

## **GENETIC ENGINEERING**

**"They will alter Allah's creation." (4:120)**

The holy Quran has prophesied the plastic surgery, genetic engineering and cloning in this short and concise sentence.

## **ROADS IN MOUNTAINS**

**"And when the mountains are made to move." (81:4)**

Centuries before the invention of dynamite, the holy Quran prophesied the blowing up and moving of the mountains.

## **NEW TRANSPORT SYSTEMS**

**"And when the she-camels, ten months pregnant are abandoned." (81:5)**

**"And He has created horses and mules and asses that you may ride them, and as a source of beauty. And He will create what you do not yet know." (16:9)**

As we know people, specially those living in deserts, have now abandoned camels and other animals for travelling. But this prophecy of invention and emergence of new transport systems is on-going as we witness new and faster modes of transportation emerging all the time.

## **ZOO**

**"And when the wild beasts are gathered together." (81:6)**

Nobody could ever imagine that one day wild beasts shall be captured, tamed and put together in closed and open parks. The establishment of zoo have fulfilled this prophecy.

## **OCEANS LINKED**

**"And when the rivers are made to flow into each other." (81:7)**

**"He has made the two bodies of water flow. They will one day meet. Between them there is a barrier; they cannot encroach one upon the other." (55:20,21)**

**"And He it is Who shall merge the two seas together. This palatable and sweet, that saltish and bitter. And between them He has (presently) placed a barrier and a massive partition." (25:54)**

This phenomenal prophecy is an excellent proof of truthfulness of Quran. It was beyond imagination of any one living 1400 years ago to even think of linking of oceans which we see today in Panama and Suez canals.

## **MODERN COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

**"And when various people are brought together." (81:8)**

Fast transport systems, telephone, satellite systems and internet have brought so close to each other proving the truthfulness of the holy Quran.

## **WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

**"And when the female-infant buried alive is questioned about – For what crime was she killed." (81-9,10)**

Modern-day women rights and liberation associations may be brain-child of freedom-loving and egalitarian humanist / feminist people but foretold by Quran centuries ago.

## **BOOKS PUBLISHED AND SPREAD**

**"And when books are spread abroad." (81:11)**

The invention of printing press and publication houses and consequently spread of books every where is one of the marvellous prophecies of the Quran made in the dark ages of ignorance and illiteracy.

## **EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE**

**"And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and of whatever living creatures He has spread forth in both. And He has the power to gather them together whenever He pleases." (42:30)**

Having discourse with aliens is still an unrealized dream, but science is progressing in that direction. The presence of extra-terrestrial life has been proved by scientists. The next step is to see them and making a link with them. No religious scripture, except Quran, even hints about this great scientific discovery.

## **AIR TRAFFIC SYSTEM**

## "And by the heaven full of tracks" (51:8)

While prophesying about modern transport systems, Quran also foretold the air-traffic system which is an essential part of aviation. A person living in desert 1400 years ago cannot talk about such advance technologies unless revealed to him by God Almighty.

## AIDS

**"It never happens that permissiveness overwhelms a people to the extent that they display their acts of sex shamelessly and they are not uniquely punished by God. Among them, invariably, pestilence is made to spread and such other diseases, the like of which have never been witnessed by their forefathers."** (Ibn-e-Majah, Kitab-ul-Fitan)\* see footnote

You need at least a doctor of medicine and an expert of social behaviour at the same time to talk about such behaviours and their fatal consequence. Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was neither of them, but a Prophet of God who didn't copy from the Bible and paste in the Quran and foretell the same fate of perverts of Sodom and Gomorrah for the future perverts, but a unique disease never heard or known by earlier people, AIDS! The medical scientists are unanimous that this disease is never recorded in the annals of history.

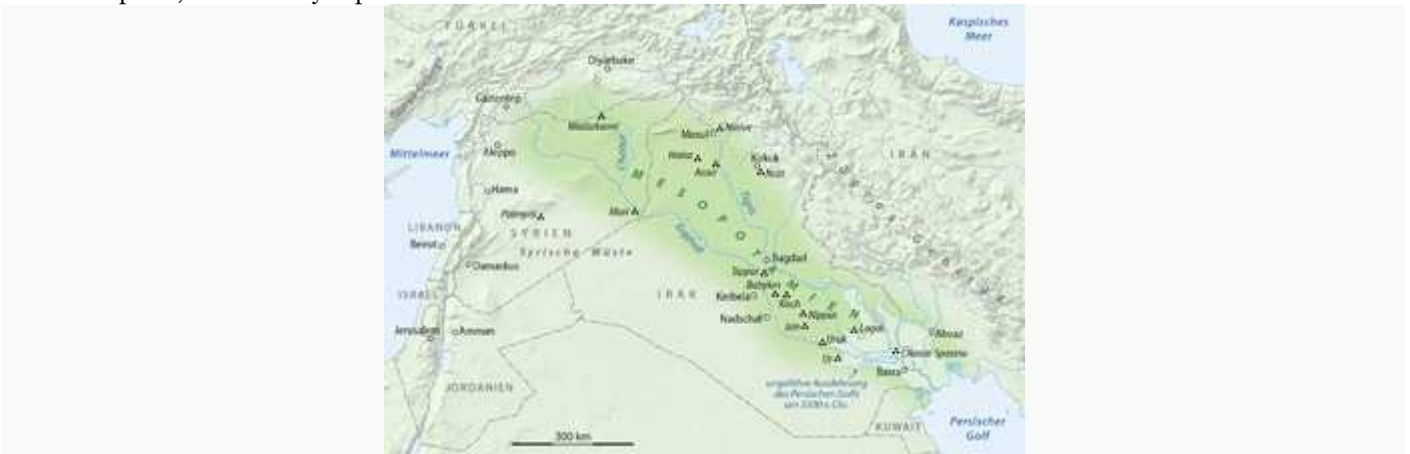
\*. Hadith along with Sunnah is the secondary source of Islamic Sharia consisted of the deeds and sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him and his progeny). The Holy Quran emphatically describes the position and status of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as an ideal and best exemplar (33:22) and not a mere post man who just delivers the message. The Muslims are enjoined to follow the way of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Allah says, "And whatever the Messenger gives you, take it; and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain from that."(59:8). The holy Quran states that his assertions are not based upon his own desires but on the revelations from God. (53:4,5)

In the light of these Quranic injunctions, the deeds and sayings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) the prophecies mentioned in Hadith are also very important and proves the truthfulness of the person upon whom this Holy Book (Quran) was revealed. There are many prophecies of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) which have been fulfilled during the past centuries. We are mentioning here only one of his prophecies which has been fulfilled in the modern times.

## 7-ARTICLE OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

### MESOPOTAMIA

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Map showing the extent of Mesopotamia

**Mesopotamia** (from the **Ancient Greek**: Μεσοποταμία: "[land] between rivers"; **Arabic**: بلاد الرافدين (*bilād al-rāfidayn*); **Syriac**: ܒܝܬ ܢܗܪܝܢ (*beth nahrain*): "land of rivers") is a name for the area of the **Tigris–Euphrates river system**, corresponding to modern-day **Iraq** and to a lesser extent northeastern **Syria**, southeastern **Turkey** and smaller parts of southwestern **Iran**.

Widely considered to be the **cradle of civilization** in the West, **Bronze Age** Mesopotamia included **Sumer** and the **Akkadian**, **Babylonian**, and **Assyrian** empires, all native to the territory of modern-day **Iraq**. In the **Iron Age**, it was controlled by the **Neo-Assyrian** and **Neo-Babylonian empires**. The indigenous Sumerians and Akkadians (including Assyrians and Babylonians) dominated Mesopotamia from the beginning of written

history (c. 3100 BC) to the fall of Babylon in 539 BC, when it was conquered by the [Achaemenid Empire](#). It fell to Alexander the Great in 332 BC, and after his death, it became part of the Greek [Seleucid Empire](#).

Around 150 BC, Mesopotamia was under the control of the [Parthians](#). Mesopotamia became a battleground between the Romans and Parthians, with parts of Mesopotamia coming under ephemeral Roman control. In AD 226, it fell to the Sassanid Persians and remained under Persian rule until the 7th century Arab [Islamic conquest](#) of the [Sassanid Empire](#). A number of primarily neo Assyrian and Christian native Mesopotamian states existed between the 1st century BC and 3rd century AD, including [Adiabene](#), [Osroene](#), and [Hatra](#).

## 8-PART OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF A BOOK OF PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>AS</sup>

### THE WILL



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَآلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ ط 3

Since God Almighty has informed me, through recurrent revelations, that the time of my demise is near, and since these revelations have been of such force as to shake me to the very core of my being-turning my heart cold to this life- I have deemed it appropriate to write a few words of admonition and advice for my friends and other such persons as may wish to derive benefit from my words. To begin with I commit to writing the Divine revelation which informed me of my imminent death and motivated me to undertake this task. The following is the revelation which was received in the Arabic language. Later the revelation in Urdu will also be mentioned.

### ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ARABIC REVELATION

The appointed time of your death has come close and We shall leave no trace of anything the allusion to which might reflect adversely upon your honour. Very little is left of the term which God has ordained with respect to you. And We shall dispel and demolish and leave no trace of any objection intended to defame and humiliate you. We have the Power to show you a part of the fulfilment of our prophecies about opponents or cause you to die. You will die while I am pleased with you. We shall always cause the manifest signs to remain as a testimony to your truthfulness. The promise which was made is close. Proclaim the bounty of your Lord which has been bestowed on you. The one who adheres to Taqwa and is steadfast, God does not waste the reward of such righteous ones.

It should be remembered here that when God Almighty says that He will not leave behind any such objections against me as might be the cause of my disgrace and defamation, the statement has two meanings: (1) first that He shall refute and wipe out all objections which are published with the intention of defaming me. (2) second that those who raise such objections and do not refrain from mischief, nor desist from vilification, We shall rid the world of their presence and wipe them off the face of the earth, with the result that with their destruction their objections would also be wiped out.

[TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH]

## 9-ACTIVITIES OF MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA EARLSFIELD

### 1-GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of Khuddam was held at Saint anns Drive, Garrate Lane on 28<sup>th</sup> November, the pictures of which are given below.



### 2-HOMELESS FEEDING

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Earlsfield had the chance of feeding the homeless in central London near the embassy of Zimbabwe. Five Khuddam collected rice and daal from Baitul Futuh which was distributed between the needy in central London

### 3-TABLIGH BOOK STALL

Khuddam also had the chance of arranging a book stall to distribute free books and pamphlets spreading the true light of Ahmadiyyat. Five Khuddam attended this book stall and many pamphlets and books were distributed.

### 4-LOCAL IJTEMA COMMITTEE MEETING

On 28<sup>th</sup> December 2012 a meeting of the Local Ijtema Committee was held to discuss the plans for the preparation of Ijtema.

### 5-DISTRIBUTION OF SWEETS IN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

On December 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 four Khuddam and a tiff had a chance of visiting an old people's home on trinity road and distributed sweets between the elderly.

REFORMATION OF NATIONS CAN NOT BE  
DONE WITHOUT THE REFORMATION OF  
THEIR YOUTH  
[AL MUSLEH MAUD]

LOCAL IJTEMA MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADYYA EARLSFIELD



MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA EARLSFIELD HELD ITS LOCAL IJTEMA ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013  
KHUDDAM AND ATFAL PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT WITH GREAT VALOUR AND ENTHUSIASUM

SADR EARLSFIELD JAMA'AT OPENED THE IJTEMA WITH PRAYERS AND THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ACADEMICS AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS OF ATFAL AND KHUDDAM. THIS PROGRAMME WAS CONCLUDED BY SADR SAHIB MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA UK AND DISTRIBUTED PRIZES BETWEEN THE AWARD WINNING KHUDDAM AND ATFAL AFTER WHICH LUNCH WAS SERVED. KHUDDAM PLEDGE WAS RECITED BOTH AT THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF THE IJTEMA.