

Musleh-e-Maud: The Prophecy and the Man

An Insight into the
Promised Reformer



Introduction

In 1886, the Promised Messiah, **Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as)** embarked on a spiritual retreat in Hoshiarpur, India. During this period of intense prayer and devotion, he received a divine prophecy regarding the birth of a blessed son who would possess exceptional qualities. This prophecy, later known as the **Prophecy of Musleh Maud**, outlined the characteristics and future achievements of this promised son.

The Prophecy of Musleh-e-Maud

In the announcement of February 20, 1886, the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says:
“God the Merciful, the Noble, the High, the Exalted, Who has power to do all that He wills (glory be to Him and exalted be His name), has vouchsafed to me the following revelation:

“I confer upon thee a Sign of My mercy according to thy supplications. I have heard thy entreaties and have honored thy prayers with My acceptance through My mercy and have blessed this thy journey. A sign of power, mercy, nearness to Me is bestowed on thee. A Sign of grace and beneficence is awarded to thee and thou art granted the key of success and victory. Peace on thee, O victorious one. Thus does God speak so that those who desire life may be rescued from the grip of death and those who are buried in the graves may emerge therefrom and so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of God’s word may become manifest unto the people and so that the truth may arrive with all its blessings and falsehood may depart with all its ills, and so that people may understand that I am the Lord of Power, I do whatever I will, and so that they may believe that I am with thee, and so that those who do not believe in God and deny and reject His religion and His Book and His Holy Messenger Muhammad, the chosen one (on whom be peace) may be confronted with a clear sign and the way of the guilty ones may become manifest.

“Rejoice, therefore, that a handsome and pure boy will be bestowed on thee. Thou wilt receive a bright youth who will be of thy seed and will be of thy progeny. A handsome and pure boy will come as your guest. His name is Emmanuel and Bashir. He has been invested with a holy spirit and he will be free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah. Blessed is he who comes from heaven. He shall be accompanied by grace (Fazl) which shall arrive with him. He will be characterized with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorder through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the Holy Spirit. He is the Word of Allah for Allah’s mercy and honor have equipped him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and understanding and will be meek of heart and will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He will convert three into four (of this the meaning is not clear). It is Monday, a blessed Monday. Son, delight of heart, high ranking, noble; a manifestation of the First and the Last, a manifestation of the True and the High; as if Allah has descended from heaven. His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of manifestation of Divine Majesty. Behold! a light cometh, a light anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour our spirit into him and he will be sheltered under the shadow of God. He will grow rapidly in stature and will be the means of procuring the release of those held in bondage. His fame will spread to the ends of the earth and peoples will be blessed through him. He will then be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. This is a matter decreed.”

Key Aspects of the Prophecy

A Great Reformer: The son would be a noble and intelligent individual who would serve Islam and humanity.

Extraordinary Knowledge: He would be granted both secular and spiritual wisdom.

Global Recognition: His fame would spread to the corners of the earth.

Victory of Islam: He would play a pivotal role in the revival of true Islamic teachings.

Divine Support: He would be a sign of God's power and truthfulness of Islam.

This prophecy was fulfilled in the person of **Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (ra)**, who became the **Second Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community** and led the movement for over 50 years, transforming it into a global mission. His life, achievements, and leadership stand as a testament to the truth of the prophecy revealed to the Promised Messiah (as).

Fulfillment of the Prophecy

- The prophecy of **Musleh Maud** (Promised Reformer) was fulfilled in the person of **Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad** (1889-1965). Born on January 12, 1889, in Qadian, India, he was the eldest surviving son of Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, The Promised Messiah. His birth occurred within the nine-year period specified in the prophecy made by The Promised Messiah in 1886.
- Despite health challenges and an early end to his formal education, Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad pursued extensive self-study in various fields, including religion, history, and literature. He became a distinguished scholar, embodying the prophecy's description of the Promised Son as "extremely intelligent and understanding" and "filled with secular and spiritual knowledge."
- In 1905, at the age of sixteen, he received his first divine revelation, and in 1907, he reported being taught the commentary of Surah Fatihah by an angel, marking the beginning of his deep connection with Quranic exegesis. Following his father's passing in 1908, he pledged unwavering dedication to his mission. He was elected as Khalifatul Masih II on March 14, 1914, at the age of 25.

Fulfillment of the Prophecy

- During his 52-year leadership, he significantly expanded the community's reach, establishing missions in 46 countries and translating the Holy Qur'an into 14 languages. He also founded auxiliary organizations to cater to different age groups and genders, enhancing community structure and member development. In 1944, he formally claimed to be the Promised Son foretold in the prophecy, based on divine revelations and dreams.
- His tenure was marked by resilience against internal dissent and external opposition, uniting and strengthening the community. His scholarly contributions, organizational initiatives, and global missionary efforts exemplify the fulfillment of the prophecy regarding Musleh Maud.

Claim to be the Promised Reformer (January 28, 1944)

On January 28, 1944, Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) claimed that he was the 'Promised Son' as mentioned in the prophecy regarding Musleh Mau'ood. In a number of public meetings, he told the community that his claim was based on various divine revelations and dreams. These meetings were held in Hoshiarpur (Feb. 20, 1944), Lahore (March 12, 1944), Ludhiana (March 23, 1944) and Delhi (April 16, 1944)

Contributions of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud (ra)

1. Organizational Development

- Established a structured administrative system for the Ahmadiyya Community.
- Founded five auxiliary organizations to serve different demographics.
- Strengthened the **Majlis al-Shura (Consultative Council)** to enhance decision-making.
- Implemented financial contribution systems to support community projects.

2. Educational Initiatives

- Founded various educational institutions promoting religious and secular knowledge.
- Authored **Tafsīr-e-Kabīr**, a ten-volume commentary on the Holy Qur'an.
- Encouraged research and scholarship in Islamic studies.

3. Global Missionary Expansion

- Established **missions in 46 countries**, spreading the message of Islam worldwide.
- Led the translation of the Holy Qur'an into **14 different languages**.
- Strengthened Tabligh (preaching) efforts, increasing the Community's global presence.

4. Scholarly Contributions

- Wrote extensively on theology, philosophy, and comparative religion.
- His **26-volume compilation, Anwārul Uloom**, includes over 800 writings and lectures.
- Delivered powerful speeches and sermons, clarifying complex Islamic teachings.

5. Resilience Against Opposition

- Unified and strengthened the Ahmadiyya Community amidst internal and external challenges.
- Defended Islam through intellectual debates and writings against misconceptions.

Conclusion

- The prophecy serves as a testament to the truth of the Promised Messiah (as)
- The impact of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud (ra) is still evident today and will be forever
- A reminder to continue seeking knowledge and serving faith