



HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD ^{AS}

(The Promised Messiah & Imam Mahdi)

- He was born in 1835 at Qadian and passed away in 1908.
- He received his first revelation of being commissioned to reform the world in 1882.
- His first voluminous book expounding the excellences of Islam was published in 1884
- He wrote more than eighty books.
- He established the Ahmadiyya Jama'at under Divine Command in 1889
- The Jama'at established by him is carrying on the propagation of Islam all over the world under the guidance of their spiritual leader, the Khalifatul Masih.
- The members of this Jama'at are now to be found in almost all the countries of the world.
- The Jama'at has an extensive programme for the building of mosques and production of Islamic literature in every country
- The translations of the Holy Quran have been published in many languages of the world. A purpose built modern design mosque was inaugurated in 2013 in NZ.

Hazrat Masih Maud ^{as}

The Promised Day is celebrated on 23 March.

- Why do we celebrate the day on 23rd March?
- Who was the Promised Messiah?
- Is there any prophecy about his coming?
- Did he call himself Prophet?
- Does his coming contradict the belief of Khataman Nabiyeen?
- Why is he so important in Islam?
- What special titles does he have?
- What did he do for Islam?
- How did he break the Cross?
- Which of his claims disturbed Muslims and Christians the most?

Ansarullah Pledge

I solemnly promise that I shall endeavour till the end of my life for the consolidation and propagation of Islam and Ahmadiyyat and for upholding the institution of Khilafat. I shall also be prepared to offer the greatest sacrifice for this cause. Moreover, I shall urge all my children to remain true to Khilafat e Ahmadiyya. Insha Allah.

Fulfilment of THE SIGNS of the coming of AL-MAHDI

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community differs from other Muslim sects with its claim that Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad(as) is the Promised Messiah and Mahdi as foretold in the Holy Scriptures including the Holy Qur'an.

The purpose of the Mahdi was to come and prove the truth of Islam over all other religions. He was to do this by knocking down each false argument with a rational, truthful one. God Almighty, in order to conclusively verify the truth of Ahmad(as), laid out many clear signs to strengthen the claim of Ahmad(as) that he was the awaited Mahdi by people of all major religions.

The chain of events following Ahmad's assertion, that he was indeed the awaited Mahdi, were amazing. If the Mahdi was to show the one true faith then he was that Mahdi. One by one, each opponent of Ahmad(as) was defeated, by strong truths and following are some examples.

One clear sign, happened before Ahmad's claim, and this was his epic book, Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya. In it are 300 arguments in proof of the truth of the Holy Qur'an and the prophethood of Muhammad(sa). A Muslim divine at the time reviewed the book and enthusiastically said, "We had been most anxious over a long period that of the body of Muslim divines someone, who may be inspired by God to stand up in support and defence of the Faith, should write a book which should be in accord with the need of the times, and which should be set out, on the basis of reason and spiritual arguments, to prove that the Holy Qur'an is the Word of God and the Holy Prophet(sa) was a righteous Prophet of God."

In 1890 when Ahmad(as) declared that God had revealed Jesus(as) was not alive in heaven, outrage began and Muslims and Christians alike began to denounce the claims of their respected religious authority, Ahmad(as). This storm of outrage started after he claimed to be Mahdi. God Almighty fulfilled the signs of the Mahdi despite lack of public support for him.

The advent of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi also brought many worldly signs that went with the claim. He prophesied many significant events like the First World War when he spoke of trees and wildlife decimated and this really resembled the War. He also specially talked about the fall of the Persian Empire: "The Palace of the Persian Empire has been shaken" (6) and the Emperor was dead in less than a year.

One of the Mahdi's objectives was to break the Cross with clear arguments and this was also fulfilled.

May God guide us to understand the truths of and signs of God, and continue to lead us to the path of peace. Amen (extract from *"Muslim Sunrise 2014"*)

QURAN ABOUT – ADVENT OF A PROPHET?

A WITNESS OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

Can he, then, who stands upon a clear proof from his Lord, and to testify to whose truth a witness from Him shall follow him, and who was preceded by the Book of Moses, a guide and a mercy, be an impostor? Those who are the true followers of Moses believe therein, and whoever of the opposing parties disbelieves in it, the Fire shall be his promised place. So be not thou, O reader, in doubt about it. Surely, it is the truth from thy Lord; but most men believe not.[11:18]

This verse is heralding the advent of a testifier who shall be amongst the followers of the holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) and he shall witness the truthfulness of the holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah upon him) at such time when it is made suspicious and doubtful. It is obvious that only that witness can be accepted who has pure character and has observed the incidence to be witnessed with his own eyes.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was raised in such age when Islam was either forsaken or corrupted. Huzoor challenged the followers and scholars of all religions to present such irrefutable evidence as he claimed to have presented for Islam, i.e., heavenly signs and live communication with God. Nobody dared to accept this challenge and thus proved the authenticity of Islam.

HIS NAME IS AHMAD

And call to mind when Jesus, son of Mary, said, 'O children of Israel, surely, I am Allah's Messenger unto you, fulfilling that which is before me of the prophecies of the Torah, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger who will come after me, his name being Ahmad. And when he came to them with clear proofs, they said, this is manifest sorcery.' [61:7]

In this verse the advent of a prophet has been heralded whose name shall be Ahmad. No doubt, the prophecy primarily found its fulfilment in the person of our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him). However, it also purports to the coming of a Prophet with the name of 'Ahmad', a subordinate to and a second manifestation of the Holy Prophet(sa) as mentioned in 62:3.

(http://www.alislam.org/library/books/truthfulness/question_3.html)

Baitul Muqet Mosque Visit

(Report by Basharat A. Khan)

One hundred members of Shanti Niwas Charitable Trust Inc of Onehunga, Auckland visited Baitul Muqet on Tuesday 3rd March 2015

Maulana Shafiq Ur Rehman greeted them before they were escorted to Men's Prayer hall on the first floor. He explained to them the architectural significance of *mehrab*, *dome* and *minaret* in a mosque before talking about *Qibla* direction and requirements of prayer etc. They were then taken to view the Ladies' Prayer Hall, before settling for some refreshment in Baitul Muqet Hall.

A short formal welcome was also organised after Qur'an recitation by brother Ajaz Khan, followed by Maulana Sahib welcoming the guests and giving a brief introduction of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at. As a token of remembrance, a crystal hologram of the Mosque and some books were given to Mrs Nilima Venkat, Poject Manager of Shanti Niwas Trust. Mrs Venkat thanked the Jama'at for the hospitality and said it was a wonderful opportunity to visit such a beautiful Mosque. This was followed by an interesting question and answer session. **A large portion of the guest, including some Muslim women, said that they had never before seen an inside of the mosque and were grateful to have been given this opportunity.** The guests walked around the Qur'an Exhibition display, before leaving the premises after 2 hours.

