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Message from the National President Lajna Imā'illah Canada

In the name of Allah the Gracious, the Merciful

It is with great joy, I am writing these lines that Allah Almighty has enabled Lajna Imā'illah Canada to publish the series of these books for children. The objective of publishing these books is to provide children with a basic knowledge and understanding of revered personalities from our religious history and to develop a desire in their hearts to imitate them.

During several *tarbiyyati workshops* that I had with girls, they expressed their desire that they would like to know about the life of Ṣahābīyāt, of Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him). I hope these books can provide them valuable insight about these personalities *inshaAllah!* Moreover, these may be able to help and motivate readers to develop their bond with Allah Almighty – the Lord of all the worlds.

I am thankful to National Secretary Ishā`at Lajna Imā'illah Canada Dr. Amtul Qudoos Farhat Sahiba for gladly taking up this project and working hard until its completion. I pray that may Allah accept her humble efforts and reward her abundantly *Ameen!* Along with her there is a team who has helped in adapting the translation of these books in English. I am thankful to Rasheda Sial Sahiba, Nasim Sahi Sahiba, Ansa Talat Sahiba, Mansoorah Rauf Sahiba, Munazza Khan Sahiba and all other members of the team. May Allah reward them abundantly *Ameen!*

I hope and pray that these books will be beneficial for children *inshaAllah* and they will be able to gain knowledge about the revered personalities from the history of Islam after reading these.

May Allah accept this humble effort of Lajna Imā'illah Canada and enable us to further excel in our abilities *Ameen!*

Wassalam,

Amtul Noor Daud

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FOREWORD

It has long been felt by Lajna Imā'illah Canada that there is scarcity of books for English speaking Ahmadi children. As a humble effort to meet the needs of our children Lajna Imā'illah Canada has planned for a series of Islamic books for children in English language. The first in this series is entitled ***Ṣaḥābiyāt*** (the she- Companions of the Holy Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). It includes stories of selective Ṣaḥābiyāt and some noble wives of the Holy Holy Prophet^{sa}.

Most of these stories have been translated and adapted from Urdu books previously published by Lajna Imā'illah. A team of dedicated members have worked on this project under continued inspiration, guidance and advice by our National President Respected Amtul Noor Daud Sahiba. I am grateful to all of them from the bottom of my heart. Jazakum Allah wa Ahsanal Jaza!

Dear children we hope that you enjoy reading these stories of noble women in Islam and derive knowledge and maximum benefit out of their lives and character. Inshā Allah!

Happy Reading! And kindly keep praying for successful completion of future series on other topics. Inshā Allah!

Amtul Qudoos Farhat
National Secretary Ishā`at
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ḤADṢRAT FĀṬIMAH BINT AL-KHAṬṬĀB

Sister of Ḥadṣrat ‘Umar Fārūq^{ra} (the 2nd Khalīfah of Islām)

A Brave and Bold Woman in Islām

(may Allāh be pleased with her)



Dear children!

Stars are so beautiful! They awaken such strange enlightening emotions as we look upon them. Travelers are guided by the light provided by stars, and are thus able to pursue their journey. Lowering our gaze from those stars in the sky, we find that there are some people who are similar to stars. They live a life of humility yet they shine with such brilliance in the high stations of heaven that their radiant rays continuously enlighten the world.

Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra}, a companion of the Holy Prophet^{sa} was one such dazzling star who had been bestowed with the radiance of the Holy Prophet's^{sa} love. Acting upon the adage, "I heard and I obeyed" she did not require any testimony nor any verification. On one call of the Holy Prophet^{sa} she simply believed in him. Thus Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} was among the first ladies who accepted Islām.

First female believers of Islam

The ladies who accepted Islam after Ḥaḍrat Khadījah^{ra} were Ḥaḍrat Ummi Faḍl^{ra} (wife of Ḥaḍrat 'Abbās bin 'Abdul-Muṭṭalib^{ra}) Asmā' bint Abī Bakr^{ra} and Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra}. Along with Fatima^{ra}, her husband, Ḥaḍrat Sa'īd^{ra} bin Zaid^{ra} also accepted Islām. At that time, only twenty six people had become Muslims. Ḥaḍrat Sa'īd^{ra} bin Zaid^{ra} was an eminent companion of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. He was among the ten pious fortunate ones ('Asharah Mubashsharah) who had been given the glad tiding of entering paradise during their lifetime.

Family and Tribe

Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} belonged to Banū 'Adiyy which was a tribe of Quraish. She was sister of

Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar Fārūq^{ra} who held an eminent status among the Meccans and later became the 2nd caliph of Islam.

Her direct lineage, through Ka‘b bin Lu‘aiyy bin Khaṭṭāb bin Thaḳīl, linked with that of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Her father’s name was Khaṭṭāb bin Thaḳīl and her mother was Ḍuḥah bint Hāshim.[1] Hadrat Fatima was also known as Ummi Jamil.

Farsightedness and Trust

Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} was a farsighted and highly trustworthy lady. The following incident which actually is about Hazrat Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} explains her vision and sincerity to the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

These were the initial days of the Divine mission of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. The Holy Prophet^{sa}, Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} and a few other companions came to the Holy Ka‘bah and began to invite people to the message of Islām. They invited them to worship One God and forsake idol worship. Meccans became furious and started beating them. Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} was targeted the worst during this extreme barbarity.

Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} was victimised at other times too. Once ‘Utbaḥ bin Rabī‘ah, who had an eminent position among the chiefs of Makkah, came with great anger and hit the blessed face of Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} with a hard soled shoe. Then he jumped on his belly. Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} was seriously injured and became unconscious. The members of his family vowed that if Abū Bakr^{ra} did not survive they, in retribution, would not let ‘Utbaḥ bin Rabī‘ah go alive.

However Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} regained consciousness and the first words that he uttered were: How is the Prophet^{sa} of Allāh?

Upon hearing this, the people of Banī Tamīm (who were not yet Muslims), mocked at him that he was concerned about the Holy Prophet^{ra} when his own condition was miserable. They left Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} in his mother’s care alone and went back to their homes in anger.

Ummul Khair, Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra}’s mother, tried to feed him. However, despite her insisting, Hazrat Abu Bakr^{ra} refused to eat or drink. He was constantly asking about the wellbeing of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Ummul Khair, Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra}’s mother was not yet Muslim. She replied every time that she had no knowledge of his friend. (the Holy Prophet^{sa})

Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} was very anxious and worried about the condition of the Holy Prophet and he thought of Ummi Jamīl (Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra}). He asked his mother to go to Ummi Jamīl and find out how the Holy Prophet^{sa} was!

Seeing the anxiety of her son, Ummul Khair came to Ummi Jamīl and said: Abū Bakr^{ra} is most distressed and has inquired from you about the condition of Muhammad^{sa} bin ‘Abdullāh.

Ummi Jamīl was very farsighted and intelligent. She knew that *Ummul Khair* was not a Muslim yet. Therefore she did not tell her about the condition and whereabouts of Ḥaḍrat Muhammad^{sa}. She herself got ready and went to Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra}. When Ummi Jamīl saw Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} injured so badly and in such a great pain, her eyes bedewed with tears. With great agony she expressed these words,

‘By God those people who have treated you like this are disbelievers and most wicked. I wish that Almighty God will take revenge from them.’”

Then she too requested Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} to eat or drink something but Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} gave the same reply, “First tell me about the condition of the Prophet^{sa} of Allāh.”

Ummi Jamīl said that his mother would also listen if she told anything. Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} assuaged her not to be afraid of his mother. After being satisfied Ummi Jamīl said, *Alḥamdulillāh* (All praise is to Allāh) the Prophet^{sa} of Allāh is safe and sound and you don't need to worry about him. The Holy Prophet^{sa} was in *Dār-e-Arqam* at that time. Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} said, 'By God I will neither eat nor drink anything unless I have seen the Prophet^{sa} of Allāh.

Seeing such love and insistence of Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra}, Ummi Jamīl and *Ummul Khair*, supported him to walk to *Dār-e-Arqam* where the Holy Prophet^{sa} was staying. As soon as the Holy Prophet^{sa}, the Chief of worlds, saw Abū Bakr^{ra}, he moved forward, embraced him and kissed his forehead. This scene created such a state of solemnity that the companions sitting there were in tears. Meanwhile Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} thought of his mother who was not Muslim yet. Looking at his mother he turned to the Holy Prophet^{sa} who was the Mercy for mankind, and said, "O' Prophet of Allāh! Pray for the guidance of my kind mother (*Ummul Khair*)."

The Holy Prophet^{sa}, right away, raised his hands for prayer. With the special grace of Allāh, the mother of Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr^{ra} also became a believer.

Thus it was through Ummi Jamīl (Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra}) that Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr's^{ra} mother accepted Islam. We already have mentioned above that Ummi Jamīl was Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra}'s *kunniyat*. (*Kunniyat is a teknonym* in Arabic names, the name of an adult derived from his or her eldest child. It is expressed by the use of abū or ummi, i.e. "father of" or "mother alongside the given name of the child") The incidence above clearly shows how much trust and confidence a great companion Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq^{ra} had in Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra}. (2)

Incidence of her brother's acceptance of Islām

While Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} had been completely immersed in the love of Islām and the Holy Prophet^{sa}, her eminent brother 'Umar^{ra} bin Al-Khaṭṭāb was the worst of its enemies.

Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} had to pass through different trials and tribulations, and after each trial she emerged even more steadfast and sincere. It was due to her steadfastness and sincere love for the unity of Allāh that her brother also accepted Islam. 'Umar^{ra}, from 'Umar bin Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} became Fārūq the Great!

This was the sixth year of the Prophethood when Fāṭimah^{ra}'s brother 'Umar bin Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} came out of his home with a sword in his hand and an intention to kill Muhammad^{sa} (God forbid). He was furious since Ḥamzah^{ra}, the paternal uncle of the Holy Prophet^{sa} had accepted Islam and that was a huge blow to the Mushrikīn (polytheists) of Quraish.

They all gathered and Abū Jahl addressed the crowd. In his speech he declared a reward of one hundred red camels and forty thousand dirham upfront for someone who would kill Muhammad^{sa}.

'Amr^{ra} too was present in that crowd. He had no greed for the reward yet he had a great pride of his power and strength. Addressing the crowd in a loud voice he swore by Lāt and 'Uzzā (the idols in Ka'bah) that he will not rest until he has killed Muhammad^{sa}.

After the acceptance of Islām by Ḥaḍrat Ḥamzah^{ra}, the Holy Prophet^{sa} also had an intense desire that may Allāh honour one of the two pillars of Quraish, 'Amr bin Hishām (Abū Jahl) and 'Amr^{ra} bin Al-Khaṭṭāb with the wealth of belief. It was the effect of this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa} that Allāh chose 'Amr^{ra} bin Al-Khaṭṭāb to be a great helper of Islām. The day after this prayer Ḥaḍrat 'Amr^{ra} got out of his home with the intention to kill (God forbid) the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

When Ḥaḍrat Na‘īm^{ra} bin ‘Abdullāh (who had secretly accepted Islām) saw ‘Amr^{ra} with a sword in his hand, he inquired from ‘Amr^{ra}, “‘Umar where are you headed for?” He replied, “Today I am going to kill that man, who by claiming to be a prophet has shattered the Quraish. Not only he has dubbed us to be wicked, he talks ill about our idols and finds faults in our faith.”

At this Ḥaḍrat Na‘īm^{ra} said, “‘Umar^{ra} it is a very dangerous task and you are in a great peril. By God if you succeed in killing Muhammad^{sa}, ‘Abdu Manāf will not let you roam freely on earth.” ‘Umar^{ra} said, “I am afraid of no one, but it appears that you too have abandoned the faith of your forefathers. I better take care of you first?”

Hearing this Ḥaḍrat Na‘īm^{ra} said, “Before taking care of me you must worry about your own sister and brother in law; Fāṭimah^{ra} and Sa‘īd^{ra}. They both have become Muslim and being relatives have greater right on you than me.”

Such candidness and courage of Na‘īm^{ra} bin ‘Abdullāh greatly infuriated ‘Umar^{ra}. He went straight to his sister’s home. The door was shut. Inside Ḥaḍrat Khabbāb bin Al-Arat^{ra}, holding a book in his hand, was teaching the Noble Qur’ān to the household. ‘Umar^{ra} had heard his voice and violently knocked at the door. Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} understood that ‘Umar^{ra} was at the door.

She pushed Khabbāb bin Al-Arat^{ra} to the back of the house, quickly collected the pages of the Holy Qur’ān, bravely moved forward and opened the door. Full of rage Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar^{ra} entered in.

Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} putting her life at risk stood to face him. ‘Amr^{ra} enquired with a thunderous voice, “I have heard that both of you have accepted the faith of Muhammad^{sa}.” Saying this ‘Amr^{ra} encircled Sa‘īd bin Zaid^{ra}, his brother-in-law and began to quarrel with him.

Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} rushed forward to save her husband and herself became a victim of his fury. She was injured and was bleeding. Even though both were bleeding, Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} with great courage and audacity said, “What you have heard is true! We have believed in God and His Messenger^{sa}. You may do whatever you wish but we will not give up the True Faith.”

According to another tradition, Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} said, “O’ brother! Why do you make your sister a widow? You may kill me but the true faith cannot be extricated from the heart. Our end will be on the faith of Muhammad^{sa}.”

‘Amr^{ra} was flabbergasted at the display and acknowledgement of such strong belief of his sister. This was the moment when he himself was overpowered by the Divine Power. This was the fruit of the supplication of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

‘Amr^{ra} looked at the blood smeared face of his sister and was besieged. He remained silent for some time. Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} had accomplished the task of a *dā’ī* [i.e. inviter]. Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr^{ra} had understood that a person who tolerates such barbarity with such great patience and can withstand such a great torture and yet is unwilling to deviate from his path must himself be true and the path on which he is travelling be straight.

He said, “Fāṭimah now recite what you were reciting!” Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} cleaned the blood from her body; performed *wuḍū* (ablution) and began to recite the verses of the Words of Allāh. The melody, the pathos and exhilaration was such that Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr Fārūq^{ra} was sent into a state of ecstasy. Tears began to roll down like rain; another candle had been lit with an existing candle. Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr^{ra} had been captivated by the magic of Divine Words. His heart was melting and he had changed altogether. Hearing the verses of the Holy Qur’ān he lost all bonds of self-control.

In short, the way the heart of Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr^{ra} changed and flourished, it was due to the dauntless statement of Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra}.

After listening to the Qur’ān curiosity arose in his heart. Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr^{ra} stepped forward to hold the leaves of paper in his hands, Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra}, being sensitive about the sanctity of Qur’ān, at once called out that he had to be clean before he could touch the words of Allāh. Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr^{ra}, who was determined to move along the true path, immediately performed wuḍū. He then held the Qur’ān with great respect and love and began to recite chapter Ṭā Hā.



His body and heart were immersed in truth. He left his sister's home for *Dār-e-Arqam* and Knocked at the door. As the door opened Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar^{ra} impatiently entered it. The Holy Prophet^{sa} stepped forward and caught his shawl and said, “Why and with what intention do you come Ibn Khaṭṭāb?” He replied, “I have come to submit to Allāh and His Messenger^{sa} your Holiness^{sa}. Kindly accept my bai‘at (oath of allegiance)”. Hearing this, the Holy Prophet^{sa} exclaimed with joy, “*Allāh-o-Akbar*” [i.e. Allāh is the Greatest]. All the companions jubilantly raised Na‘rah-e-Takbīr [i.e. the slogan of greatness] in a manner that the hills of Makkah vibrated with the sound of Takbīr.

Acceptance of Islam by Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar^{ra} is one of the most important events in the history of Islām and is always narrated with reference to extraordinary bravery, steadfastness and courage of Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra}. Without caring for her life she acknowledged her faith in the unity of Allah and His messenger to her brother. Only Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} could do that!

Hijrah (Migration)

In the thirteenth year of prophethood (beginning of divine mission) the Holy Prophet^{sa} asked Muslims to migrate to Medinah. When caravans of Muslims began to migrate towards Madīnah Munawwarah, Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} with her husband Sa‘īd bin Zaid^{ra} also joined the caravan of the first migrants. In Medinah, they stayed at the house of Ḥaḍrat Abū Lubābah Anṣārī^{ra}. In Madīnah Munawwrah, Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} began to take part in Islāmic expeditions and playing her part in building the citadel of Islām.



Narration of aḥādīth:

There are many aḥādīth attributed to Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra}. There is a narration from Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} in which she said: I have heard the Prophet^{sa} of Allāh saying this: *My ummah* will remain with goodness and blessing so long as the love of the world does not overwhelm it, the scholars do not become disobedient and the reciters of the noble Qur’ān do not become ignorant and cruel. If the worldly temptations, debauchery and subordination overpower them I am afraid they will be engulfed by the torment. (3)



Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah^{ra} died in the reign of her brother Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar Fārūq^{ra}.

Ummi Jamīl (Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra}) had a very high position with respect to knowledge and excellence of morals. She was extremely intelligent, excelled in doing good work and abhorred wickedness. She exhorted to do good things and forbade doing bad things. (4) No doubt Fāṭimah bint Al-Khaṭṭāb^{ra} is counted as one of those worthy who are the pride personalities in Islamic history and the names of whom will live forever.



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Acronyms for salutation used in this book:

- *sa: Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam* (peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) for the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}
- *as: ‘Alaihis-salām* (peace be on him) for the Prophets of Allāh.
- *ra: Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu/ ‘anha/ ‘anhum* (May Allāh be pleased with him/her/them) for the companions of Holy Prophet^{sa} and of the Promised Messiah^{as}



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