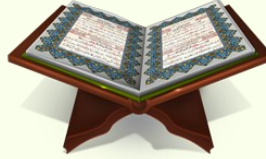


Lajna Imā'illah Edmonton East

The Holy Qur'an

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ①
 وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا
 الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا
 اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۖ وَيُمَكِّنَنَّ
 لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ
 وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۗ
 يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ۗ وَمَنْ
 كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ②



Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. [24:56]

Hadith

Prophethood shall remain among you as long as God wills. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood for as long as He wills and then bring about its end.

Kingship shall then follow to remain as long as God wills and then come to an end. There shall then be tyranny which shall remain as long as God wills and come to an end upon His decree.

There will then emerge Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood.

(Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal)

Teachings of the Promised Messiah^{as}

“Brethren, since it is the practice of God from ancient times that he shows two manifestations in order to frustrate two false exultations of His enemies, it is inconceivable that He should abandon this established practice. Therefore you must not be grieved at that which I have mentioned, nor should your hearts be afflicted, for it is necessary for you to witness the second manifestation whose appearance is better for you, for it is everlasting and unending till the Day of Judgment.”

“It is God’s design to gather around His Unity all those souls who possess innate faith and abide in different lands, be they in Europe or Asia, and to muster His people under one religion. This is the purpose of God for the accomplishment of which I have been commissioned. Therefore you should pursue this purpose with meekness through constant prayers, and you should work in unity after me until someone is raised amongst you with the Holy Spirit from God.”

(Al-Wasiyyat, pp.6-7 Ruhani Kaza'in, Volume 20, Pages 305-307)

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MTA Question/Answer Session

Muslim Television Ahmadiyya, telecasts a very interesting program for our Arab brothers which is called "Meeting With Arabs" (*Liqa' Ma'al Arab*) in which Arabs seeked answers from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV^{ra}. The following question was asked by an Arab brother.

Question: In this age, the world, especially the Muslim world direly needs the Institution of Khilafat. What is its importance?

Answer: The Muslims who should have been united and be in harmony, are divided in countless sects and divisions. It is not only in religious field but in politics too. When there is schism, they can achieve nothing in the world, which a united and harmonious people can do. By discord and disharmony the power of the Muslim world has not only disintegrated, but also they are using this broken strength against one another. When such are the conditions, the aggregate will be below zero. The groups may be very powerful, but if they will oppose and counteract each other in minor and major issues and remain busy in fighting, their power will be scattered and strength broken.

This is happening in every Muslim country. Unfortunately it is being named as Jihad. What will they gain from all this? What resources will remain for their own nation building, defence of Islam or fighting the enemy? Therefore, it is incumbent that Muslims should unite on the hand of One Imam. There should be one Imam of the Muslims of the whole world. But without Khilafat, it is just impossible. Khilafat is the successor after the prophet in the form of a person who is representing the deceased prophet and Khalifa is the vicegerent and his subordinate. He is the central authority. This is the basic principle of Khilafat.

Muslims do understand its need as well as importance. This need was felt after the sad demise of the Holy Prophet^{sa} also. In Islam, this is quite clear like broad daylight and is a part of Islamic teaching that without unity and harmony you cannot rightly work on the teachings of Islam. When you go to the mosque for Namaz five times a day, there must be an Imam. Standing behind an Imam is a demonstration of unity among people. That is why the Holy Quran especially emphasizes the need of congregational prayer. Imam is given so much importance that if the Imam falters, the entire congregation must follow his mistake even if they know that a mistake has been committed. What better instance can be presented for the need of an Imam and unity in his following? If Imam is mandatory in a small mosque, then how can the whole of Muslims Ummah survive without an Imam.

As far as the Ummah is concerned, there is commandment in the Holy Quran to turn their faces towards Qiblah. For the Muslims throughout the world, there is one and only one Qiblah. You may go anywhere in the world, the Qiblah remains the same. This is a pointer that it is incumbent for the Muslim Ummah that they should be united under one Imam. Had this not been the sole purpose, there would have been no Khilafat at all because the spiritual condition of Muslims in the days of the Holy Prophet^{sa} was a thousand times better than the Muslims of today. If they need to follow an Imam, how can we live without an Imam today when the condition of Muslims is crying for it. This is the answer why Khilafat is needed.

The issue is that once Khilafat is terminated, then it is not within the power of the people to introduce it again themselves. This is a dilemma, which the Muslim world is facing today. Khilafat starts after the passing away of the prophet and if unfortunately once it is destroyed, it is impossible that it restarts without a prophet. As far as Muslims are concerned, they are victims of dual issues. According to a large number of Muslims, the chain of Khilafat ended with the Khilafat of Hazrat Ali^{ra}. After him, there was no Khilafat-e-Rashida. It was monarchy in the name of Khilafat and majority of Muslims agree that Khilafat-e-Rashida ended after Hazrat Ali^{ra}. So how can you start this Khilafat once again?

As far as Shi'a Imams are concerned, there is no problem for them because majority of them believes that Imamate continued till the twelfth Imam. Some believe it up to the sixth Imam. Some think that it is continuing till today. But majority of Muslims deprived of the blessings of Khilafat. Even if we accept the continuity of Imamate till today, they are unable to unite the whole Ummah on one hand. We are discussing the issue of uniting the whole Ummah on one hand and it cannot be achieved by partial or regional Khilafat. It can be achieved only by universal or global Khilafat, which will unite the whole Ummah.

Muslims believe that no prophet, of whatever category, can come now. This means that the single avenue to open the way of Khilafat has been barred. This is the big issue, which the Muslim Ummah is facing today.

The non-Ahmadi Ulema present the only solution of this problem and say that they also believe in the coming of a prophet. No doubt, he will be an old prophet, but they say that when he will come, he will be a prophet. Thus the lost Islamic Khilafat will once again be revived by Jesus Christ of Nazareth when he will descend with his old form and body. But the problem is that fourteen hundred years have passed, and there is no trace of second coming of that Jesus. There is no sign visible of his descent. World conditions have totally changed. Muslims have passed and are still passing through their worst phase of decline. But no Jesus has descended from the sky so far.

Now, the majority of Muslims are so much frustrated that they say that he has died or is living they are least interested. The scholars of al-Azhar University have repeatedly expressed their well thought and considered opinion that according to the Holy Quran, Jesus Christ has died and his second advent is absolutely impossible. It may be in their fancies, but practically, they have completely closed this door.

No one will ever descend from skies, and this is the big and difficult problem, which the Muslim world is facing today. With this they have not only destroyed the most important institution like Khilafat but they have also blocked the entrance of the beginning of Khilafat.

Source: Ahmadiyya Gazette, Canada. Khilafat Number, May 2001

Submitted by Amna Seher

It becomes very frustrating to the average American to appreciate Islam when issues surface that gives credence to those who argue that Muslims want to make Shari'a, Islamic law, the law of the land. While Americans in the post-911 period are constantly bombarded with Muslim explanations that Islam means peace freedom and the protection of basic human rights, we read that in Malaysia the country's highest court this month refused to recognize the conversion of a Muslim-born woman to Christianity, ruling that the matter was beyond the jurisdiction of the country's civil courts and should be handled by religious authorities. Only one Malayan justice dissented stating that the "fundamental constitutional right of freedom of religion" had been violated. The Malaysian case reflects the larger debate across the globe about the place of traditional Islamic beliefs in modern, multicultural democracies and highlights differences of opinion on the age-old question of the separation of religion and state. What does Islam advocate in regards to separation of religion and state? On the eve of Khilafat Ahmadiyya Centenary observances around the world, it is a question that should be tackled and delineated by members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. In Malaysia, its Constitution defends freedom of religion and declares Islam the official religion. The abandonment of Islam, or apostasy, is strongly opposed by many Muslims and in some Malaysian states is punishable by fines and imprisonment. The majority of Americans would argue that the merging of religion and government into theocracies fosters a system of repression, especially against minorities. There have been dire predictions that the ultimate goal of the Christian Evangelical movement is to make the U.S. Constitution conform to a strict, literal interpretation of Biblical law. Of even greater concern to Americans is the belief that Muslim immigrants are advocates of Sharia. This perception is held by many Americans, despite a recent Pew Research Centre Report that clearly states "Muslims like other Americans – are divided about the appropriate role for religion in the nation's political life. About half of Muslim Americans (49 percent) say mosques should keep out of political matters, while 43 percent believe that mosques should express their views on social and political questions. If we are to celebrate 100 years of Khilafat, what does it mean for American society?"

In the first issue of Khilafat Ahmadiyya Newsletter, Falahuddin Shams, Editor, observed: "The Promised Messiah's community has shown tremendous progress under his Khalifas in the first 100 years." Shams wrote: "Under this system, it is astonishing to see that no terrorism activities have taken place in this community. It is even more noticeable when we consider that it has members all over the world from all ethnic, geographical, racial and political lines." If there has been "tremendous progress" then members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community must define what Khilafat means for the average American. If you believe that Khilafat would be of benefit to American society, then you should write about it.

Source: <https://www.alislam.org/topics/khilafat/downloads/khilafat-newsletterMay.07.pdf>

Submitted by Amna Seher

Nasirat Corner

Rewards for Serving Parents

The Holy Prophet^{sa} once told a very interesting anecdote to his companions about three people. The three persons were once traveling when heavy rains began to fall. They took shelter in a cave. Incidentally, a big stone came hurtling down and blocked the opening of the cave. All the three travellers lost the hope of their survival. One of them told the rest not to lose hope and pray to Almighty Allah, by describing the most virtuous deed of their lives, for enabling them to get out of the cave.

One of them addressing Almighty Allah, submitted that he had old parents and several small children. When he would come back home after grazing the goats he would first offer the milk to his old parents and then to his children. Once when he came home quite late, his parents were asleep. He milked the goats as usual and holding the cup of milk went to his old parents, but did not disturb their sleep. The whole night he stood near his parents (to give them milk whenever they get up). He prayed to Allah to enable them to come out of the cave. Allah was pleased with the act of this man and the stone moved a little. Similarly, after the other two related their tales, the stone was fully moved and they were able to come out of the cave.

Source: *The Review of Religions*, August 1995

We want to hear from you!

Send your stuff (poem, personal experiences, jokes, drawings, articles, etc.) and you will see it published in the next issue,

Insha'Allah!



Don't forget to write a letter to Huzoor Anwar^{aa} this month!

Aloe Vera for skin

Aloe vera speeds up the healing process of burns.

It has antibacterial and antioxidant effects.

It is a natural moisturizer. It helps in preventing wrinkles. It makes the blemishes lighter and it reduces the occurrence of acne.

If you want to have soft and glowing skin, you do not need a ton of money. You just need to find aloe vera and try this simple and easy trick we are about to describe in this article.

The positive results from this treatment are visible only after a short time. These are the steps you need to follow:

Start by washing the aloe vera plant well. Do not peel it. You should try to soften the aloe vera leaf by thumping gently on it or by using a roller. Once you have softened it, cut the aloe vera leaf in two. Do not cut too big portions, as you will need the other half for future use. Using a knife cut the edges of the leaf. This will make it easier for you to peel the leaf. Next, using your fingers slit the leaf open. If it cannot be easily opened, use a knife and cut through its center. Try to take from the juice as much as possible using a spoon and put the aloe vera juice into a container. Using your fingers or the leaf itself, apply the aloe vera juice all over your face, rubbing. Then leave the aloe vera juice on your skin for about fifteen to twenty minutes. Once the juice dries on your skin, start peeling it off and then rinse your face with some warm water. Do not use soaps or other cleaners, as they will neutralize the effects of this remedy. Tap dry your face using a clean towel and enjoy the results.

Source: <http://makeyourlifehealthier.com/5-brilliant-reasons-apply-aloe-vera-face-7-days-heres-right/>

Submitted by Basima Sadaf

**Healthy Strawberry and Banana Smoothie**

By Fariha Sharif

During summer, everyone enjoys cold and fresh drinks, but the majority of them are too sweet - which is not always good for our health.

With this smoothie recipe, you will enjoy a fresh drink, without the concern of excess sugar in your body!

Ingredients:

Banana: one

Frozen strawberries: half cup

Orange juice: half cup

Method:

Simply put all the ingredients in a blender and mix them.

Your healthy and fresh smoothie is ready! Enjoy.

