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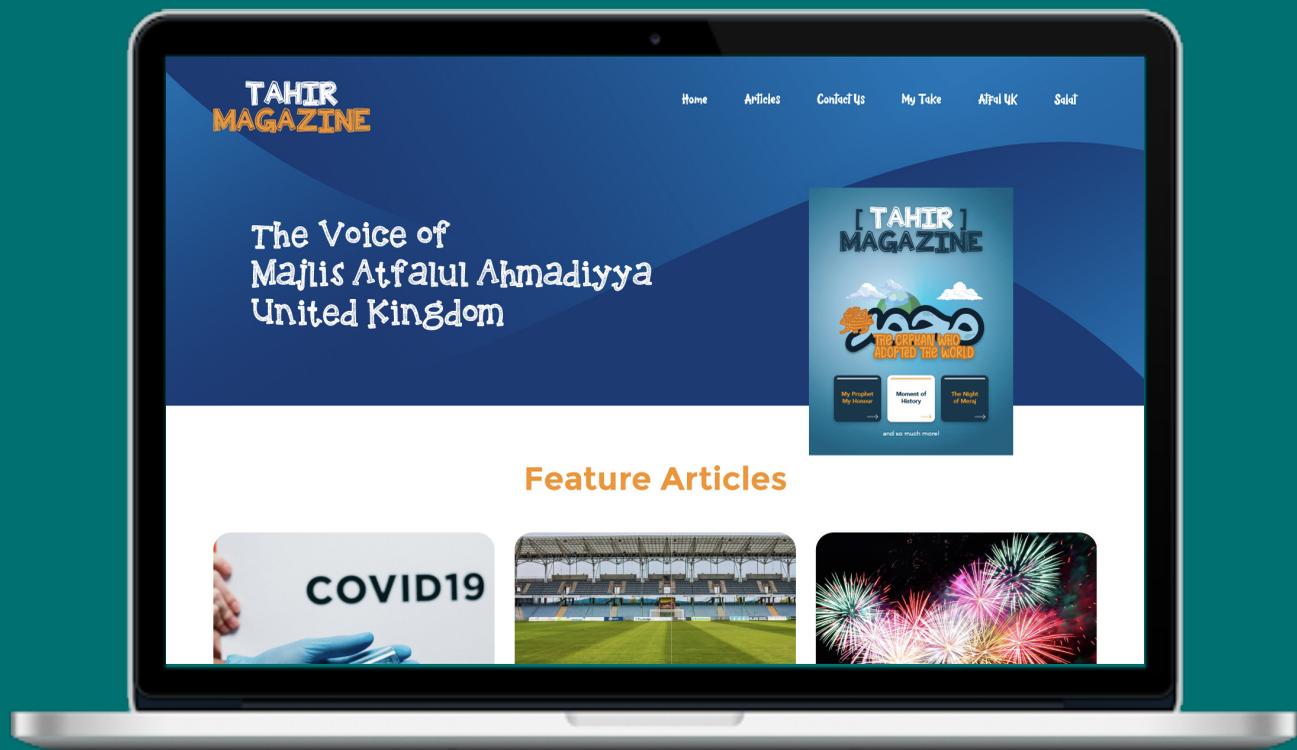
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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

And whoso obeys Allah and this Messenger of His shall be among those on whom Allah has bestowed His blessings, namely, the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs, and the Righteous. And excellent companions are these.

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَٰئِكَ رَفِيقًا

The Holy Qur'an Chapter 4 Verse 70

☪ A man asked the Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> “What kind of deeds are best in the sight of God.” He replied:  
“To pray on time” ☪

Sahih Bukhari, Timings of Salaat, Hadith Number 496  
(Saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>)

☪ Another point to bear in mind is that the most appropriate and advisable time for the acquisition of religious education is during the period of childhood. How much can one achieve if they begin to learn the basics of Arabic grammar in old age? Retentive faculties are sharp in childhood. The memory is never as firm in the later stages of one's life. ☪

From the writings of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>  
(Malfuzat, volume 1, p. 68-69)

# MUHAMMAD

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THE ORPHAN WHO  
ADOPTED THE WORLD

By Bilal Bonsu, 15, Leicester

A young boy, not even of 7 years of age was orphaned. Yet his message that adopted wisdom, spirituality and kindness has spread across the world.

The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was orphaned at a very young age, first with his father passing away a few months before his birth, and his mother passing away when he was at six years of age. Yet, with Allah's help, his message conquered the hearts of millions of people, by using compassion and justice. So how did this uneducated orphan in the Arabian desert, light up the world to spread Allah's message to humanity?

## His Early Life

After the passing away of his father and mother, it seemed like the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> had no guide or protection, but Allah was the one to safeguard him from the evils of the world, in order to reform the whole of mankind.

## Kindness to Humanity A Mercy to Mankind

The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was truly a mercy for mankind. It says in the Holy Qur'an 'and we have sent thee not but as a mercy for the entire universe for all peoples' (21:108). For example, he cared for the orphans, helped the destitute and the poor, and forgave even his worst enemies.

One such example of this was when the Muslims marched onto Mecca, and those people who had persecuted them for years were forgiven by the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. It has been mentioned in Huzoor's<sup>aa</sup> Friday Sermon on 10th January 2020 that when Abu Sufyan asked the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> if he would allow the killing of his own kith and kin, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> turning to Abu Sufyan, said 'It is not the day of slaughter. It is the day of forgiveness'. This shows the kindness, love and compassion the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> exhibited to all of

mankind, regardless of faith or background, friends or enemies, and that justifies him as the mercy for mankind.

## A Divinely-guided Guide

It is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an that the Prophets, to the believers, are like spiritual fathers, as they help to spread the message that helps a person nurture their spirituality and come closer to Allah Almighty. The Qur'an says in Chapter 33: Verse 7: 'The Prophet is nearer to the believers than their own selves, and his wives are as mothers to them. And blood relations are nearer to one another, according to the Book of Allah, than the *rest of the* believers from among the *Helpers* as well as the *Emigrants*, except that you show kindness to your friends. That also is written down in the Book.' Seeing this, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> is closer to them even if they were blood-related to him or not. We, as Atfal, can learn that by following the example of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in being kind and beneficent can help us ascend in spirituality and get closer and closer to Allah Almighty.

## Peace onto All Peoples

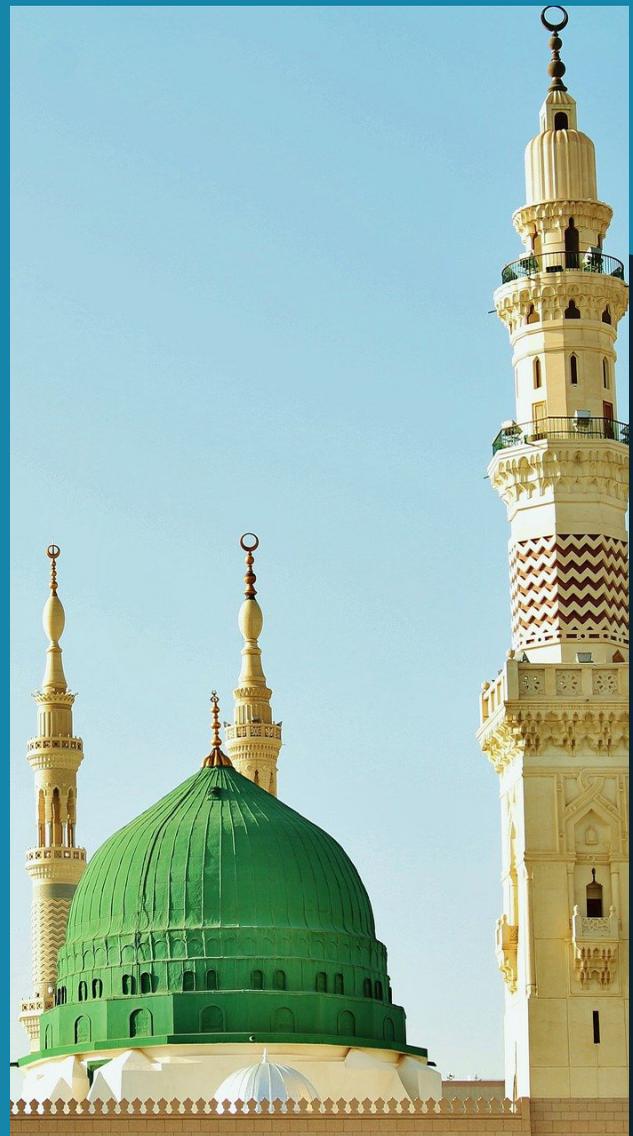
People, no matter what religion, were treated equally by the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. In one incident, a Muslim and a Jew were having an argument, over the superiority of their respective prophets. It seemed that the Muslim may have hurt the sentiments of the Jew during this. The Prophet then said, 'Do not exalt me above Moses', despite the Holy Qur'an stating that he was the best of all the Prophets.

In another example, the Christians of Najran came to have a meeting with the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in the mosque in Madinah. During the meeting, the Christians asked for leave as they needed to pray. The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> allowed them to pray within the mosque.

## Conclusion

The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> came from humble beginnings, from losing his parents at a very young age to being the best person raised for mankind, providing a message of peace, kindness, compassion and mercy to all peoples, no matter what faith, race or background.

Through showing peace and kindness, his message had been received by the hearts of many people around the world and as such, the Prophet<sup>sa</sup> has adopted the whole world.





## Moment From History

1st December 1902: The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> went to the rooftop of Masjid Mubarak in Qadian to see the new moon of Ramadan before offering Maghrib prayers.

Upon seeing a new moon, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> would recite the following prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلَهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْأَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ



## Dec 1902

Transliteration: Allahumma ahillahu a'ayna bil amni walimaani  
wassalamati walislami rabbi wa rabbukallah

Translation: Our Allah, make this moon ascend on us while we are in the  
state of peace, safety, belief and submission. O moon, Your Lord and my  
Lord is Allah.

Sunan Tirmidhi, Hadith number: 3451

# Reflected Through the Centuries

By Fareed Ahmad,  
Age 7, Bait Un Noor Region

## The Devotion of Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup> and Hazrat Hakim Maulvi Nooruddin<sup>ra</sup> towards the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good deeds that he will surely make them successors in the earth as he has made successors from among those who were before you." (Holy Qur'an 24:56)

Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup> was the first successor of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. He was the first among men to accept Islam. He was the closest companion of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and he always remained by his side whether it was peace or war. The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> sought his advice in almost every matter. He accompanied the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> during his migratory journey from Mecca to Madinah. He was the only companion of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in the Cave of Thaur where they both took refuge during this journey. He was a highly dedicated companion of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and he would always strive to surpass others in financial sacrifices. Once, for the battle of Mauta, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was in urgent need of finance. Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup> brought over everything that he had in his house to the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> always showed high regard for him and once said, "If I had taken anyone as my closest friend (*Khalil*) I would have taken Abu Bakr but he is my brother and companion."

(Sahih Bukhari). At another instance, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> said "From those who are most beneficial to me among the people in their companionship and their wealth is Hazrat Abu-Bakr<sup>ra</sup>. (Jami' Tirmidhi)

When the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> fell seriously ill he instructed Hazrat Abu-Bakr<sup>ra</sup> to lead the daily prayers. After the sad demise of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup> became the first caliph of Islam. The time period of his Khilafat was very short and challenging. There were a number of tribes who renounced Islam because of their ill-motives. Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup> dealt with these issues and established the institution of Khilafat. After him three more rightly guided Caliphs served Islam and then according to a Hadith, monarchy took over.

Divinely guided Caliphate returned in Islam after the advent of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. The first Khalifa of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> was Hazrat Hakim Maulvi Nooruddin Sahib<sup>ra</sup>. His devotion to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> was a true reflection of the devotion that Hazrat Abu Bakr had towards the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. The same story of devotion and submission was seen after centuries. When the Promised

Messiah<sup>as</sup> accepted the first ever Bai'at in Ludhiana in 1889 Hazrat Maulvi Nooruddin Sahib<sup>ra</sup> was the first person to take Bai'at. In 1893 he went to Qadian for a short visit but when the time came for him to leave, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> asked him to forget about his hometown and make Qadian his permanent home. So he stayed there and from that moment he never thought of returning to Bhera, his native land. Such was his complete submission and obedience to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> has expressed his love and regard for him in one of his Persian verse as follows:

“How wonderful would it be if everyone among my followers were Nooruddin. It can happen only if every heart is filled with the light of certainty of faith.”

Hazrat Maulvi Hakeem Nooruddin<sup>ra</sup> was elected as the first Khalifa after the sad demise of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> in May 1908. In the short time period of his Khilafat he defended the institution of Khilafat following the footsteps of Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup>.

There was an uncanny resemblance among these two righteous men. The strength of faith, the purity of heart, the complete obedience, the greatest sacrifices and the unrelenting support of their masters is reflected across the centuries.

## 2 Key Events

### **1) Migration to Medina**

Took place in 622AD

After years of persecution, the Prophet<sup>sa</sup> sought refuge from the terror of the Meccan people in Medina.

### **2) First Bai'at at the hand of Hazrat Masih Maud (as)**

Took place in 1889

After being told by divine revelation that he was the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> of Qadian led 40 people in a pledge of allegiance (bai'at)



# The Seeing Heart of Muhammad

عَلَيْهِ  
الْصَّلَاةُ  
وَالسَّلَامُ

*By Yusuf Ahmedi, Age 13, Birmingham South*

The Night of Mi'raj is an important event that happened in the time of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. Mi'raj is an Arabic word meaning ascension.

The Mi'raj happened in the fifth year of the Holy Prophet Muhammad's<sup>sa</sup> prophethood. It is recorded in the Holy Qur'an as follows:

And He revealed His Word when he was on the uppermost horizon,  
Then he drew nearer to God; then he came down to mankind,  
So that he became, as it were, one chord to two bows or closer still.  
Then He revealed to His servant that which He revealed.  
The heart of the Prophet was not untrue to that which he saw.  
Will you then dispute with him about what he saw?  
And certainly, he saw Him a second time also,  
Near the farthest Lote-tree,  
Near which is the Garden of Eternal Abode.  
This was when that which covers covered the Lote-tree.  
The eye deviated not, nor did it wander.  
Surely, he saw the greatest of the Signs of his Lord.  
(Surah An-Najm, Chapter 53: Verses 8-19)

During this experience, the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> along with the angel Hazrat Jibril<sup>as</sup> passed through seven stages of heaven. At every stage there were some prophets depending on what their status was. For example, on the second stage they saw both Hazrat Isa<sup>as</sup> and Hazrat Yahya<sup>as</sup>. At other stages they saw Hazrat Adam<sup>as</sup>, Hazrat Yusuf<sup>as</sup>, Hazrat Idris<sup>as</sup>, Hazrat Harun<sup>as</sup>, Hazrat Musa<sup>as</sup> and Hazrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup>. After passing the seventh stage they became as close to Allah as anyone can be. This is a massive honour given to the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and not a single bit of arrogance came to him when experiencing it.

Many non-Ahmadi Muslims believe that the Holy Prophet's<sup>sa</sup> Mi'raj experience was a physical journey with his body. Ahmadi Muslims, however, strongly believe that this was a vision, and therefore a spiritual journey and there is a lot of evidence to prove this. For example, verse 12 of Surah An-Najm states:

**"THE HEART OF THE (PROPHET) WAS NOT UNTRUE TO THAT WHICH HE SAW."**

This shows that the journey was heartfelt and spiritual and not a physical ascension to heaven. There are several Hadith that talk about the Mi'raj too. In Sahih Bukhari, Kitab

At-Tauheed the whole incident of Mi'raj is mentioned and at the very end it says:

**"THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ THEN WOKE WHILE HE WAS IN THE SACRED MOSQUE."**

This clearly shows that the Mi'raj was not a physical ascension. In another narration it says that his eyes were asleep but his heart was not. This gives us an idea that he did not physically ascend because it clearly says his eyes were asleep. The meaning behind the heart not being asleep means that he was in another place mentally. This is also a proof that he did not physically ascend up to heaven.

Non-Ahmadis who say that this was a physical incident know that if they're proved wrong then their claim about Hazrat Isa<sup>as</sup> being physically alive with Allah is also wrong. It is clear that this belief is not correct, as proven in the Holy Qur'an and Hadith.

One of the most important lessons about the Mi'raj is that it teaches us about the spiritual superiority of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> over all other messengers of Allah, who did not reach the same closeness to Allah as him. This is another reason why he has been called the Seal of the Prophets, meaning the greatest of all the messengers of Allah.

# my Prophet Honour ﷺ

By Mirza Rehan Ahmad  
Age 8, Muqami Region

Recently there has been some bad news regarding Islam, with the French President criticising it. The French President has said that Islam needs to be enlightened, and Islam in France should not be subject to foreign influences. We think this is wrong because the teachings that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> has taught us is that Islam means peace. His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aa</sup> said that we pray for ourselves and our Community, but we must also pray for the entire Muslim world. There are some world leaders who harbour malice and spread very negative thoughts and ideas regarding Islam. These days, rather than believing in God, these leaders consider the general public to be their God and change their policies and their statements according to the public's wishes. They lead their people astray by proclaiming that there is no God, whilst they consider the people whom they lead to be everything. Even if they do not explicitly make such comments, they harbour prejudice towards Islam, and the general public is also against Islam due to being unaware of its true teachings. Hence it is the duty of Ahmadi Muslims to present the

true image of Islam. His Holiness<sup>aa</sup> said that in recent days, the French President openly made comments against Islam, saying that it is in 'crisis.' If anything is in crisis it is their own religion; that is if they even adhere to any religion. As far as Islam is concerned, it is a living, growing and prospering religion. God Almighty has ensured that it continues to spread throughout the world, and as a result of the efforts made by the Community of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, it is spreading to all the corners of the Earth. People who think that the Holy Prophet's<sup>sa</sup> teachings lead to terrorism, they are wrong. Allah informs us in the Holy Qur'an, in chapter 21 verse 108:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

*And We have sent thee not but as a mercy for all peoples.*

So this tells us that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> had mercy for all mankind, wherever they lived and wherever they belonged (religion). One reason Islam is criticised is that people say it is unequal to women. The advent of the

Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> occurred more than 1400 years ago. Until then no religion or people accorded a woman such freedoms which recognised her intrinsic rights. Undoubtedly, in some countries where there was no rule of law they were free from all types of restrictions, but this also cannot be called freedom, rather it will be described as a license. True freedom is achieved when the laws of culture and civilisation are followed. Freedom which is attained by breaking the bounds of these laws is a fallacy because it is conducive not to ambition but to indolence instead. At the time of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, and prior to his advent a woman was not the owner of her property, but her husband would be considered the owner. She would not receive a share from the wealth of her father, nor was she considered the heir of her husband's wealth, though in some countries she was the custodian of her husband's assets, but only during his lifetime. Once a woman was married to a man, she was declared his forever, and in no circumstance could she part from him, but her husband had the right to divorce her; she had no right to separate from her husband, no matter how afflicted she might be. If a husband deserted his wife and paid no attention to her, or ran away from her, there was no law in place to safeguard her rights.

It was thought to be an obligation for her to resign to her fate and earn a living for both herself and her children. When displeased it was considered the right of a husband to physically discipline his wife at which she could not raise a voice of complaint. In some countries when the husband died, his wife would be considered the possession of his kith and kin. They could marry her to whomsoever they pleased, either as a favour or for a price. In fact, in some places she was considered the property of her husband. Some men were considered to be fully within their rights to merchandise their spouses or to stake them as a material asset in a gamble or a wager. Women had no rights over their children, either in their role as a wife or when separated from their husbands. They did not have any say in domestic affairs; even in religious matters they were thought to hold no status. They were, it was opined, to have no share in everlasting blessings. As a result, husbands would squander the property of their wives and abandon them without care for their provision or welfare.

To summarise, we must always remember that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was a kind and holy man and gave more to this world than modern politicians have.

## **Tips on Speaking to Someone who has misunderstandings about Islam**

**Pray for them, invoke blessings upon the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, inform them about how the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> was the most peace-loving person on earth and he upheld the rights of all people including women, children, elderly animals and our environment.**

# BRINGING THE OUTSIDE

# INSIDE

*By Raheel Imran  
Age 9, Mehmood Region*

In such uncertain times we have all been doing our part to help in the lockdown by spending most of our days indoors, in self isolation. However, this is the time to get creative as there are plenty of fun things and indoor activities for the family to enjoy each day by bringing the outside world inside. Every morning during quarantine we used to go for cycling with my father next to the River Thames, at home we used to play hide and seek and help my mum with house chores and organise all the cupboards, organise our groceries and Hoover the house. In our living room we prepared obstacle courses; placed different objects around the room, boxes, cushions, and our toys, then at the end we used to get a reward. We did drawings with chalk in our balcony with different colours. My sister and I did lots of drawings; we used to make rainbows and stick them to our windows. I also helped my mum with baking cakes and decorating them. We used to do exercise at home on the treadmill and also did PE online.

At night we watched documentaries and movies and discussed it and then asked questions. We made a tiny plant world in a terrarium and we got a big bowl and put rocks in it, small plants and flowers. It was so much fun. I had lots of fun and I learnt new skills.

Here's me enjoying some arts & crafts!





# Logging Off: Managing Social Media



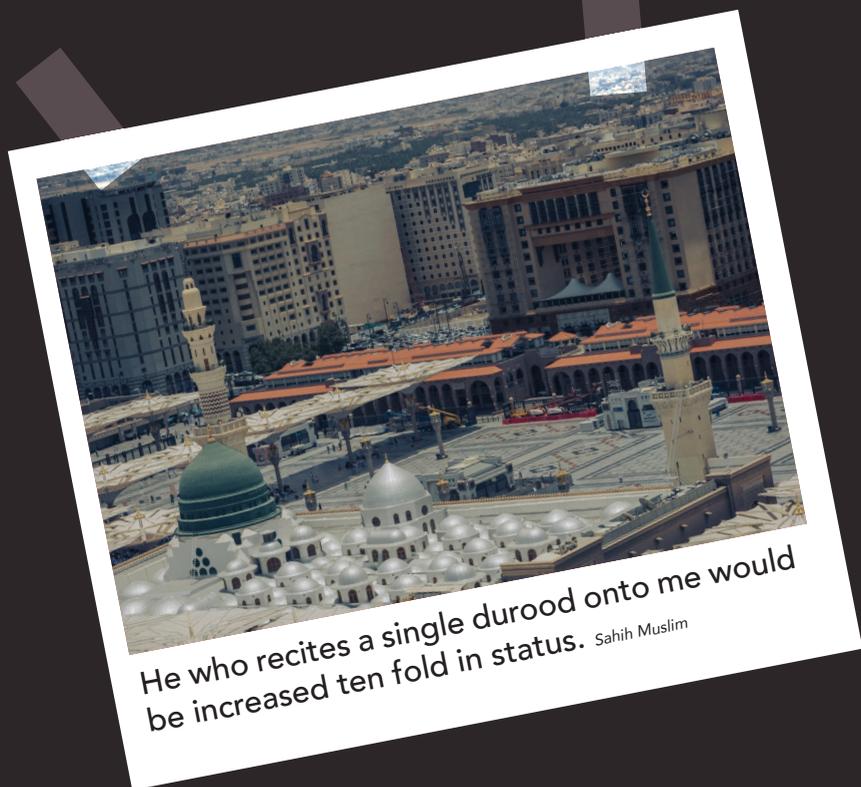
By Daniyal Shahid  
Age 12, Bait Un Noor Region

So let's discuss the dangers of the internet. Social media is something everyone is using right now. As we know, some of the apps that have been trending so far include Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook. **They are dangerous because they are taking over the world.** For example, someone could get hacked and all of their private information could be used by an unknown person or someone you don't know. Another example would be that if you show a video of yourself or you have maybe uploaded a photo then the dangers are that it could get viral and it could be shown across social media platforms. Well, these were some of the dangers. So, let's talk about cyberbullying; cyberbullying can easily happen from any online messaging platform. **Cyberbullying is when someone is continuously blackmailing you or bullying you for days or maybe a long period of time online.** This can happen when you are talking or communicating with someone you don't know or a stranger. If you come across a stranger, please tell a trusted adult immediately. And if you do not tell someone they might start asking

you questions such as, where do you live? How old are you? And they may start making you feel uncomfortable. 59% of teens that use social media have witnessed some form of cyberbullying and that, for various reasons, most children ignored the behaviour leading them to post private information. We children yet do not understand social media that well, we may post personal identifiable information online just for fun, or fall for scams. **We might fall for scams that offer things such as free access to online games or special features. Young people are easy to fall for scams because they have not yet understood or have not yet learned to be cautious.** Young or old, the best protection against all the scams is knowing that if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is not true. During a scam sometimes it will ask you to insert your email address and password and when the scammers find out they can use it wherever they want. And maybe its an email you use on every website you know. So that's why it is very dangerous to fall for scams as sometimes there is no going back. If you want to buy something or sign in, then you should trust the website.

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# The Power of Durood Sharif



He who recites a single durood onto me would  
be increased ten fold in status. Sahih Muslim

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى  
آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ  
اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ  
مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى  
آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

○ Allah bless Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> and his progeny, as you did bless Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> and his progeny. You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Gracious.

○ Allah prosper Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> and his progeny, as you did prosper Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> and his progeny. You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Gracious.



## Extract from Malfuzat

A collection of sayings and incidents from the life of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>

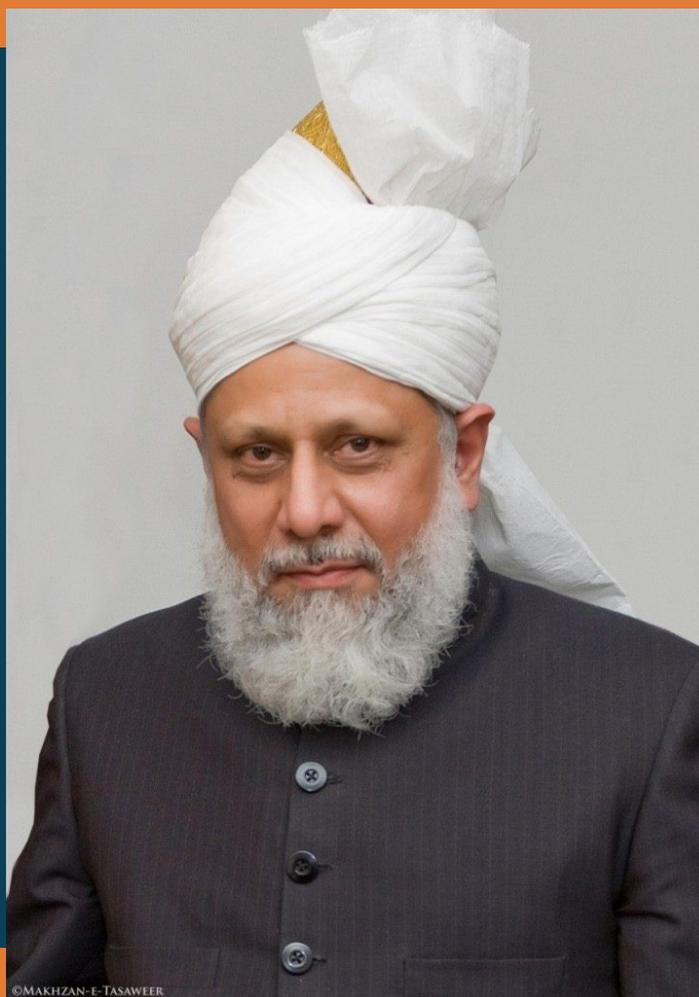
### Serving Humanity

One day, some village women came to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> to obtain some medication for their children. The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> remained busy in attending to them and giving them medicine. Hazrat Maulvi Abdul-Karim Sahib<sup>ra</sup> submitted: 'Your Holiness<sup>as</sup>, this is a great inconvenience to you, and much of your valuable time is wasted.' The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> said: 'This too is religious work. These are people in need. There is no hospital nearby. It is for the sake of these people that I order and store all sorts of allopathic and Graeco-Arab medication, which proves beneficial when the time comes. This is a task that brings great spiritual reward. A believer must never show indolence and unconcern for such work.'

# Abid Khan Sahib's diary

## A Gift to India

Jalsa Salana 2017 Part 1



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Shiraz sahib informed that under the instructions of Huzoor<sup>aa</sup>, the Indian Jamaat was providing the means of education for thousands of children and students from deprived backgrounds in all parts of India. Speaking about the vast project, Shiraz sahib said:

“Huzoor<sup>aa</sup> told me that when he came to Qadian in 2005, he saw that there was still so much poverty in India and that people were struggling to provide education for their children. Thus, he instructed our office to establish a proper system of providing for the education of boys and girls who otherwise could not afford schooling.

and some older Indian students have qualified as doctors, engineers and in many other fields. What a beautiful gift to the Indian nation bestowed by Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya! Similarly, there are many small thousands have benefited children who are able to read and write and have regular education all through the blessings of Khilafat.”

Shiraz Sahib continued:

“Through this educational scheme, Huzoor<sup>aa</sup> has established a lasting revolution in India, whereby he made it clear that poverty should not be the reason that any child is deprived of education.”

# Jokes Riddles Puzzles

Which word becomes shorter  
when you add 2 letters to it?

the word 'short', add er and you get 'shorter'

Which word in the dictionary  
is spelled incorrectly?

the word 'incorrectly'

You'll find me in Mercury,  
Earth, Mars and Jupiter, but  
not in Venus or Neptune.  
What am I?

the letter 'r'

Doctor, Doctor, my son has  
swallowed my pen, what  
should I do?

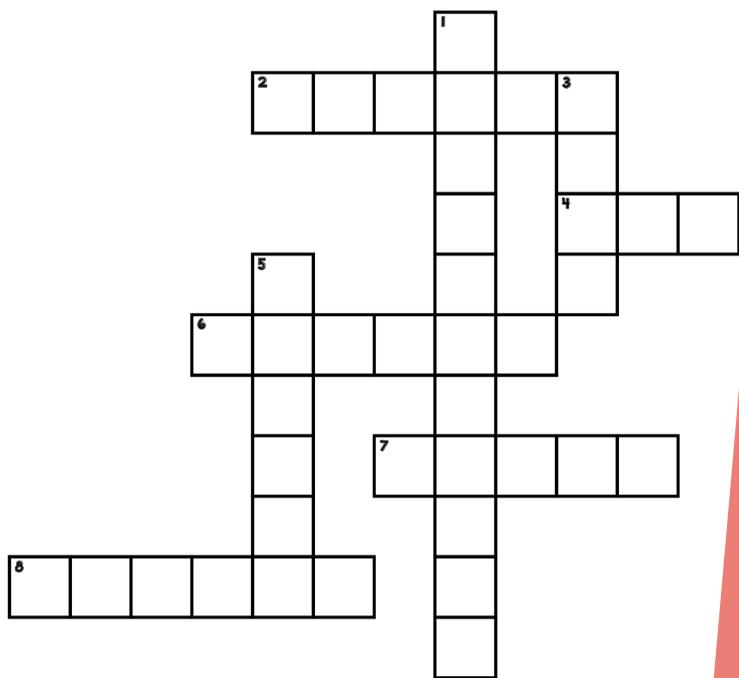
Use a pencil 'till I get there!

What are dinosaurs called  
when they sleep?

Dino-snore!

What's a pirate's favorite  
letter?

You'd think it was "R" but 'tis  
the "C" they love!



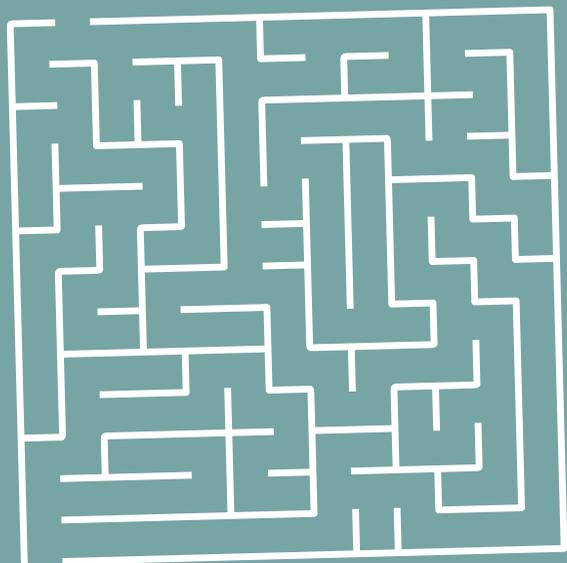
**Across**

- 2. where the Holy Prophet sa migrated
- 4. The first child to accept Islam
- 6. What colour do you get when you mix blue and red?
- 7. Who is the prime minister of the UK?
- 8. The birth place of the Promised Messiah (as)

**Down**

- 1. The big tower in Paris
- 3. The name of the first Prophet
- 5. The world's biggest country

Start



End

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Baseerat Ahmad taking part in the weekly National Online Talm class



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Hashim Khan, 11, West Midlands

Atfal from West Midlands presenting the recovery position, as taught in the First Aid Atfal Trainee Scheme



A Tifl sharing his Arabic skills which he developed during the month of Ramadan by attending the Arabic Crash course run by Atfal Talm team

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# KHIDMAT E KHALQ ACTIVITIES

By the grace of Allah, under the guidance of the National Atfal Khidmat-e-Khalq UK department, Masroor, Middlesex, Muqami, Nasir and Tahir Region worked together to donate over 500 gifts to Salvation Army in Horsham to serve those in need and to inculcate the spirit of giving in Atfal. Serving the creation of Allah in every capacity possible. Unfortunately due to the coronavirus pandemic, Atfal were unable to deliver the gifts themselves but Khuddam from their respective regions donated on their behalf with Mohtamim Atfal UK, social distancing guidelines were adhered to at all times.

Below are comments from some Atfal who took part:

“I participated in this noble cause because I felt it was right. Helping others has always had a soft spot in my heart. Also by doing this I felt I was spreading the message of Islam to the corners of the Earth. This also made someone out there who needs help and made them feel happy and important.”

*Basil Ahmed Shoaib*

*Age: 13*

*Qiadat: Kingston*

“When I heard that the Jamaat was buying presents for Salvation Army I wanted to donate some money. It was the first time I had contributed in this. This was a really good way to spend my money. I will try my best to keep taking part in opportunities like this in the future. InshAllah.”

*Jazib Ahmad*

*Age: 13*

*Qiadat: Raynes Park*

“It always feels good to share and donate things. Your kind deed pleases Allah and you get lots of prayers from others.”

*Arshmaan Bajwa*

*Age: 9*

*Qiadat: Epsom*

“I donated money to give toys as people in this crucial time have nothing and everyone else does so I did it so no one has to feel left out.”

*Hamdan Ulhaq*

*Age: 11*

*Qiadat: Hayes East*



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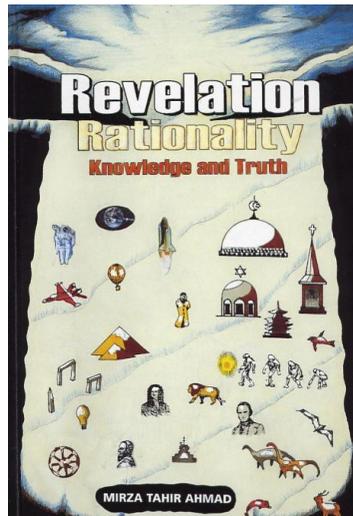


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# Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth

Shajeel Shah, Age 14, Lower Morden



'Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth' by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>th</sup> is an intellectually advanced and interesting book, linking science and religion in the most logical sense. Published in 1998, it addresses issues which are now most prominent in modern society. This great piece of literature explains the philosophical truth of how religions were founded and how if there is any disunion between religion, rationality and revelation, the concept of irrationality is present. The book further explains that some religions' original conceptions have been misunderstood and as a result, they have been manipulated into something completely different. In examining 'secular viewpoints', this book clears up misinterpretations of religions by leading

philosophers. It is heavily concentrated on the truthfulness and rational perspectives of all major issues which 'intrigue the modern mind'.

One chapter which I especially liked is the 'Question of Suffering'. This chapter explains that **the cycle of life and the progression of an ecosystem cannot take place without eventual death i.e. the act of suffering. For example, for a food chain to function a plant must be eaten by another organism and that organism must be eaten by another organism etc. The topmost organism would then die and decompose.** Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad<sup>th</sup> states that 'suffering has to be accepted as a part of nature, as something that cannot

## A brief introduction to the book

'Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth' is a book written by the fourth Khalifa, Harat Mirza Tahir Ahmad<sup>ra</sup> in which he seeks to respond to modern day allegations against religion and matters which modern day philosophers and thinkers are pondering over today. It discusses evolution, life on earth, western philosophies, the plague and holocaust amongst an array of many more matters!

be done away with and cannot be run away from. Either way, one must learn to live with suffering.' Therefore, as Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad<sup>th</sup> elucidates in this chapter, in order for an ecosystem to sustain itself with the organisms and materials living within it, the contributors of the ecosystem must die. This is the only way life can be balanced. Consequently, the atheist argument 'if suffering exists then God cannot be' does not counteract God's omnibenevolent attribute. Instead, it only magnifies the entity of God's consideration for mankind because the very act of suffering allows for ecosystems to advance.

There are many more chapters that go into such immense detail on this particular topic, but another that I found to be quite thought-provoking was a chapter titled: 'The Qur'an and the Existence of Extra-terrestrial Life'. The concept of life beyond Earth has always fascinated me and the chapter within this book was particularly interesting to read because it shed light upon this delicate topic from a religious perspective. As Muslims, we believe that God, Al-Khaliq (The Creator, The Maker), has constructed the heavens and the Earth and has filled plentiful living organisms within it. It is also mentioned that on the Day of Judgement, all those who lived shall unite and be judged by God. Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad<sup>th</sup> says that the Qur'an:

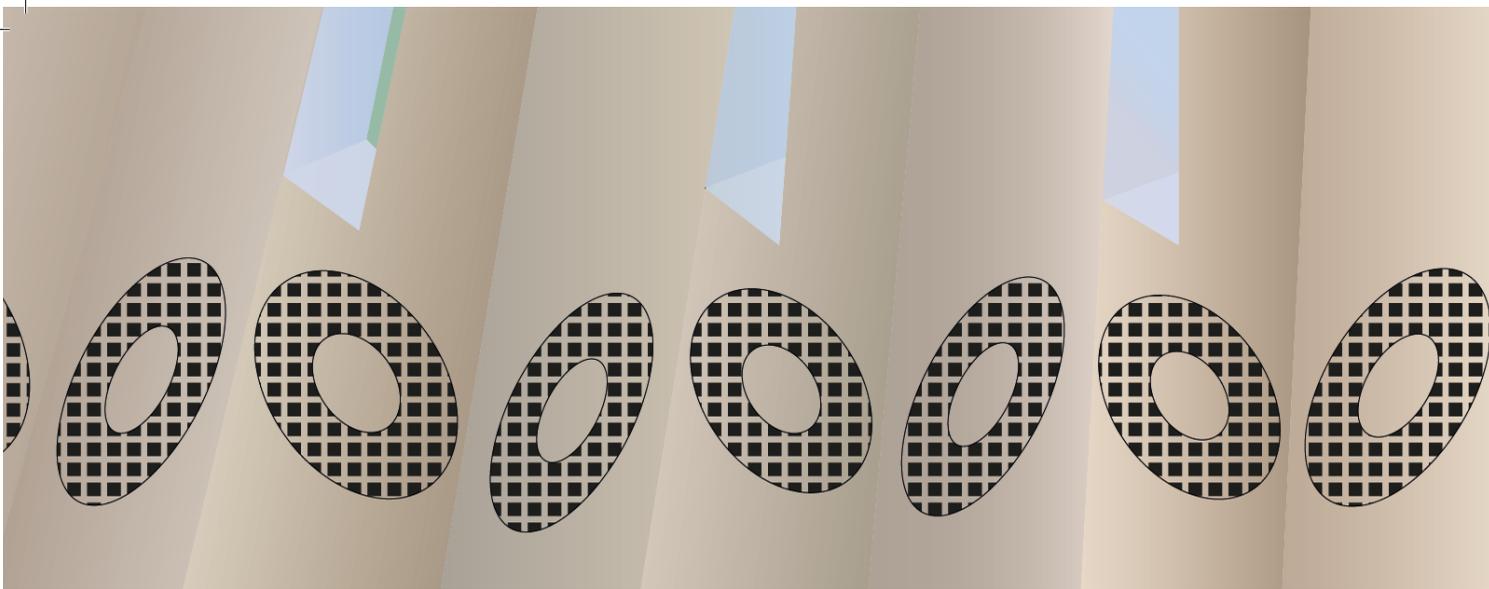
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**'NOT ONLY SPEAKS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE, IT CATEGORICALLY DECLARES THAT IT DOES EXIST - A CLAIM THAT EVEN THE MOST MODERN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE SO FAR WITH ANY MEASURE OF CERTAINTY.'**

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Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad<sup>th</sup> goes on to say: 'He (Allah) will bring together the heavenly bodies and the life on Earth when He so pleases.' Then chapter 42, verse 30 of the Holy Qur'an is explained. I find it astonishing that in this remarkable book, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad<sup>th</sup> has gone into such intricacies with topics I had previously not even understood, and explained them in such a lucid yet nonetheless deeply intriguing manner

As the best book that I read in 2020, I highly recommend this intriguing literary achievement to anyone interested in philosophy or science, for it dispels common misconceptions and enlightens us all with the great essential knowledge.



# Jumma Notes

Use the following page every week  
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from the Friday Sermon!

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