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جَمْرِي  
اللَّهُ  
فِي حُلَّةِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

"The Champion of God in the mantle of prophets.

[Revelation vouchsafed to Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام Tadhkirah, p.100]

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I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is one (and) has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and messenger.

I solemnly promise that I shall endeavour till the end of my life for the consolidation and propagation of Islam 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 Ahmadiyya. Insha'Allah

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# SELECTED VERSES FROM THE HOLY QURAN

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ  
أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ  
وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا ﴿٤٠﴾  
ذَلِكَ الْفَضْلُ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ عَلِيمًا ﴿٤١﴾

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

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.

This grace is from Allah, and sufficient is Allah, the All-Knowing.

[An-Nisa', 4: 70-71]



# SPLIT WORD TRANSLATION OF THE SELECTED VERSES



الرَّحِيمِ	الرَّحْمَنِ	اللَّهِ	بِسْمِ			
the Merciful	the Gracious	Allah	in the name of			
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ①						
In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.						
الرَّسُولَ	وَ	اللَّهِ	يُطِيعُ	مَنْ	وَ	
Messenger	and	Allah	he obeys	whoso	and	
وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ						
And We would surely have guided them in the right path. And whoso obeys Allah						
عَلَيْهِمْ	اللَّهُ	أَنْعَمَ	الَّذِينَ	مَعَ	فَأُولَئِكَ	
on them	Allah	He bestowed	those	among	then these	
فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ						
and this Messenger of His shall be among those on whom Allah has bestowed His blessings,						
الشُّهَدَاءِ	وَ	الصَّادِقِينَ	وَ	النَّبِيِّينَ	مِّنْ	
the Martyrs	and	the Truthful	and	the Prophets	among	
مِّنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ						
namely, the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs,						
رَفِيقًا	أُولَئِكَ	حَسَنَ	وَ	الصَّالِحِينَ	وَ	
companion	these are	it became excellent	and	the Righteous	and	
وَالصَّالِحِينَ ٧٠ وَحَسَنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا ٧١						
and the Righteous. And excellent companions are these.						
عَلِيمًا	كَفَى بِاللَّهِ	وَ	اللَّهِ	مِنَ	الْفَضْلِ	ذَلِكَ
All-Knowing	Allah was sufficient	and	Allah	from	the grace	this is
ذَلِكَ الْفَضْلُ مِنَ اللَّهِ ٧١ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ عَلِيمًا ٧٢						
This grace is from Allah, and sufficient is Allah, the All-Knowing.						

# Introduction to chapter of the Holy Quran

## Surah An-Nisa (Chapter 4)

### سُورَةُ النِّسَاءِ

The English translation of the introduction to chapters of the Holy Quran as given by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV رحمه الله تعالى is being presented for the benefit of our readers.

This surah was revealed between the third and fifth years of migration. Including “Bismillah...”, it consists of 177 verses.

This surah starts with a verse that talks about the miraculous origin of humans from a single cell.

This surah has a deep connection with especially the concluding part of the preceding one. Besides dealing with the teaching of steadfastness, the preceding surah, towards its end, also teaches to exhort one another to be steadfast and safeguard one’s boundaries. Surah al-Nisa talks about bloody wars against enemies resulting in a large number of women being left as widows and children as orphans. In connection with the problems ensued by wars and the rights of widows and orphans, one solution to these problems has been presented in the form of polygamy, with the proviso that a momin [believer] maintains justice. In case of being unable to do justice, he will have to have one wife only.

This surah deals with the basic principles of the Islamic system of inheritance and their details.

The relationship between Judaism and Christianity and the advent of Hazrat Jesus عليه السلام has been discussed, that when the Jews broke all their covenants and became hard heartened and tried to kill Jesus عليه السلام on the cross, Allah the Almighty frustrated their plan of killing Jesus عليه السلام on the cross. It also proved as an exoneration for Hazrat Jesus عليه السلام and his chaste mother from all the allegations levelled against them by the Jews.

This surah also talks about the migration of Hazrat Jesus عليه السلام and mentions the prophecy that there would not be left among the People of the Book any group who did not believe in the truthfulness and natural death of Hazrat Jesus عليه السلام. This prophecy was fulfilled word for word by his emigration to Kashmir via Afghanistan.

# SELECTED SAYING OF THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ Hadith

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

عَنِ ابْنِ شَهَابٍ أَنَّ سَعِيدَ بْنَ الْمُسَيَّبِ، سَمِعَ  
أَبَاهُ رَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ، لَيُوشِكَنَّ أَنْ يَنْزَلَ  
فِيكُمْ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ حَكَمًا عَدْلًا، فَيَكْسِرَ الصَّلِيبَ،  
وَيَقْتُلَ الْخِنْزِيرَ، وَيَضَعَ الْجِزْيَةَ، وَيَفِيضَ الْمَالَ حَتَّى لَا  
يَقْبَلَهُ أَحَدٌ، حَتَّى تَكُونَ السَّجْدَةُ الْوَاحِدَةُ خَيْرًا مِّنَ  
الدُّنْيَا وَمَا فِيهَا.

It was narrated from Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه that the Messenger of  
Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“By Him in Whose hand is my soul, the Son of Mary will soon  
descend among you as a righteous judge; he will abolish the  
cross and kill the swine, and there will be no tribute (jizya), and  
he will distribute wealth such that no one will accept it, and one  
prostration will be better than the whole world and  
all that is in it.”

[Sahih al-Bukhari, Kitab Ahadith al-Anbiya, Hadith 3448]

## Selected Writings of

## The Promised Messiah and Mahdi

عليه الصلوة والسلام



“

I am not alone. That noble Lord is with me. No one could be closer to me than Him. It is only by His Grace that I have been granted a loving soul, ever willing to serve His cause in the face of suffering; so that I should render with zeal and sincerity, outstanding services in the cause of the faith and carry out to victory, great (spiritual) expeditions for Islam. He has commissioned me to accomplish all this, and none can make me desist from pursuing this cause.

[Ayena-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Roohani Khaza'in Vol. 5, p 35]

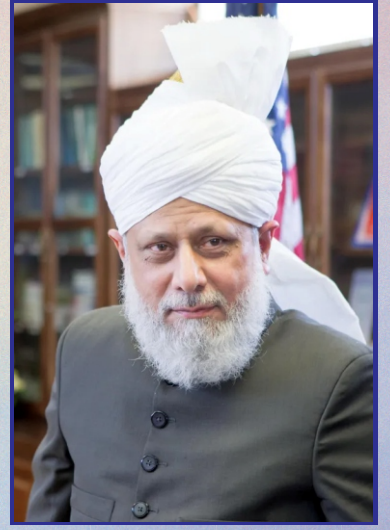
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# The Promised Messiah ﷺ

Friday Sermon by

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Khalifatul-Masih V ابن الله تعالى  
بمصر العزیز



Delivered on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Masjid Mubarak, Islamabad, Tilford, UK

After reciting the *Tashahud*, *Ta'awuz*, and Surah al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ stated:

In three days, it will be 23 March and it was on this day that the Promised Messiah ﷺ inaugurated the system of Bai'at [oath of initiation] and thus, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was formally established.

This day is commemorated in the Jamaat as the “Promised Messiah Day” and Jalsas [gatherings] are also held with regards to this day. As part of its commemoration, we learn about the claims and the purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah ﷺ as well. Thus, although three days still remain until 23 March, but the next Friday will be many days later.

Therefore, in view of this day, I will present some quotes of the Promised Messiah ﷺ in his own words. It may well be that due to the recent outbreak of the virus, it may not be possible to hold Jalsas in most countries. Therefore, in addition to my sermon, programmes will be broadcast on MTA with regard to this. Every Ahmadi should endeavour to listen to them at home along

with their children.

The Promised Messiah ﷺ was sent in subservience to the Holy Prophet ﷺ, to continue his mission and to propagate his faith across the world. Hence, the Promised Messiah ﷺ once stated:

“I invoke *durood* [salutations] upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ for it is for his sake that Allah the Almighty established this Community and it is due to his grace and blessings that we are witnessing these signs of support.”

The Promised Messiah ﷺ further states,

“I openly proclaim and this indeed is my very belief and creed that no person can attain any spiritual benefit and blessing without following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.” [Lecture Ludhiana, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 20, p. 267]

It is owing to the spiritual blessings that he received from the Holy Prophet ﷺ that Allah the Exalted sent the Promised Messiah ﷺ for the reformation of the world. He sent him to re-establish the glory and grandeur of Islam. Hence, the Promised Messiah ﷺ states on one occasion:

وَأَرْسَلَنِي رَبِّي لِإِصْلَاحِ خَلْقِهِ

‘And God sent me so that I may reform mankind.’ [*Aijaz-e-Ahmadi*, appendix *Nuzul-ul-Messiah*, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 19, p. 178]

Then, further elaborating regarding the purpose of his advent, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام states,

“I must say – and I cannot be stopped from repeating – that I am the promised one who has been sent to restore the faith, to re-establish it in the hearts of men. I have been sent exactly as was sent the one to follow the man of God they call *Kalimullah*. I have come like him whose spirit underwent hardships in the reign of Herod and was at last raised to heaven.” [*Fath-e-Islam*, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 3, pp. 7-8]

Then, announcing that the Messiah, promised by the Holy Prophet ﷺ had appeared at his appointed time, he states:

“So, O my brethren! I implore you in the name of God, do not commit excesses against me, for it was imperative that I present to you those things which you initially would fail to comprehend. If you were already on the right path, then there was no need for my advent. I have mentioned previously that I have come in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, for the reformation of this Ummah in the same manner Jesus عليه السلام was sent to reform the Jews. For this very reason I have appeared in the likeness of Jesus, son of Mary عليه السلام and I have been commissioned with the same task that was assigned to him. After his advent, the Messiah عليه السلام removed the harmful innovations and erroneous beliefs held by the Jews. One of those beliefs

was that the Jews believed that Elijah would appear in this world again. In the same way, the Muslims of today believe that Jesus, son of Mary عليه السلام would descend from the heavens. Thus, the Messiah عليه السلام stated that Elijah would not descend from the skies and instead, John [the Baptist], son of Zechariah was Elijah [in spiritual form], those who wish to accept him should do so. The Messiah عليه السلام removed the misconception of the Jews and as a result of this was declared to be a heretic and an infidel, yet, he explained all that what was true. The same is the case for his spiritual manifestation, in that this humble one has also been declared a heretic like the Messiah عليه السلام. Is this not a similarity of the highest order?”

[*Izala-e-Auham*, Part II, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 3, p. 394]

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام did not only state that his advent was for the Muslims, but his advent was significant for every religion and every nation. At one instance, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام said:

“Finally, let it be clear that my advent in the present age is not for the reformation of the Muslims alone, but I have come to reform the people of all the three religions: Muslims, Christians and Hindus. Just as God has appointed me the Promised Messiah for the Muslims and Christians, so too am I the Avatar for the Hindus. For the past 20 years or so, I have been proclaiming that just as I have appeared in the spirit of the Messiah son of Mary عليه السلام for the purpose of removing sins which have filled the earth, so too have I come as Raja Krishna – one of the greatest Avatars of the Hindu faith. In other words, I

am the same person by virtue of spiritual reality. This is no fancy or speculation on my part. The God of heaven and earth has revealed to me, not once, but a number of times, that for the Hindus I am Krishna and for the Muslims and Christians I am the Promised Messiah.

“I know that the ignorant Muslims, on hearing this, will immediately say that by assuming the name of a *kafir* [disbeliever], I have openly accepted disbelief. But this revelation is from God and I have no choice but to proclaim it. Today it is for the first time that I am announcing it before such a large gathering, for those who are from God are never afraid of the reproaches of faultfinders.” [Lecture Sialkot, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 20, p. 228]

This was stated by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in *Lecture Sialkot*, which was a lecture delivered by him in front of a large gathering of Muslims and Hindus.

With regard to the significance of his advent, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام writes:

“When man acts contrary to the commands of God Almighty, it becomes a means of him committing sin. Even if a low-ranking soldier is sent by the government with a written order, the one who disobeys that directive would be deemed guilty and punished as a result. If this is the case with mere mortal rulers, what then would be the state of the one who disrespects and shows no regard for a directive issued by the Best of judges [i.e. Allah the Almighty]. God Almighty holds His honour dear to Him. In an age of sin and vice, God Almighty

commissioned His servant and sent him according to the need of the time so that he can guide people towards the right path. Thus, for one to trample all over this wise judgement is a grave sin.”

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام further states,

“...Man can never fathom the wisdom behind God’s design. After all, what is man that he can lay claim to understanding Divine wisdom. The wisdom of God’s design is evident and manifest for this age to see.”

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام then says:

“Previously,” the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is referring to his time, “if a Muslim would abandon his faith, there would be a great hue and cry. But now Islam is in such a weakened state that approximately 100,000 people have turned their back on Islam.”

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام further says:

“Islam is a pure and flawless religion. However, it has been attacked in such a manner that there are hundreds of thousands of books written which are filled with vile abuse against the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Some magazines are printed in the millions. If everything that has been written against Islam is gathered together at one place, it would form an enormous mountain.

“The case of the Muslims is that it seems as if they are lifeless and have become like corpses. In times like these, if God Almighty also remains silent, then one can only imagine what would be the outcome. One strike from God Almighty is far greater than even a thousand assaults of man and this one strike alone would be enough for His religion to triumph over others.

“The Christians have spent the past 1,900 years crying out that Jesus ﷺ was god. Subsequently, their religion grew and moreover the Muslims are helping them in this cause. The Christians have been equipped with an excellent weapon in that they say Jesus is alive and our Holy Prophet ﷺ has passed away.”

The Promised Messiah ﷺ further says:

“In Lahore, Lord Bishop presented this argument in front of a large congregation and no Muslim was able to reply to it. However, Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Sahib, a member of our community who was present at the time, stood up and quoting references from the Holy Quran, Ahadith, books of history and also from the Bible, proved that Jesus ﷺ has passed away and the Holy Prophet ﷺ is alive, because there have always been individuals who, having attained blessings through him, demonstrated miracles and excellences. The Lord Bishop was unable to reply to this.”

The Promised Messiah ﷺ then says,

“...I once sent an advertisement to a group of Christians in Ludhiana saying that there was little difference in our mutual beliefs. What harm is there if they were to accept that Jesus ﷺ had passed away and did not ascend to the heavens? At this, they became infuriated and said that if they accept that Jesus ﷺ had passed away and did not ascend to the heavens, then there would not be a single Christian left in the world.”

The Promised Messiah ﷺ says:

“Always remember that God Almighty is All-Knowing and Wise. He has

implemented this design so that the enemy may perish. Why do the Muslims remain adamant upon this point? Was Jesus ﷺ superior to the Holy Prophet ﷺ? If you hold animosity towards me then do not exceed all limits and act in a manner that would destroy Islam. God Almighty does not implement anything that is ineffective and without this belief, [i.e. regarding the death of Jesus] one cannot break the cross.”

[*Malfuzat*, Vol. 8, pp.174-175]

On another occasion, the Promised Messiah ﷺ said:

“The actual mission for which God has appointed me is to remove the estrangement that has come between man and his Creator and re-establish a relationship of love and sincerity between him and his Lord. He has also appointed me to put a stop to religious wars by proclaiming the truth, to create religious harmony, to reveal the religious truths that have long remained hidden from mortal eyes, and to display the true spirituality that lies submerged under the darkness of selfish passions. I have also been sent to demonstrate practically, and not just in words, how Divine powers enter man and how they are manifested through prayer and concentration.

“But, first and foremost, I have been sent to re-establish forever the lost belief in the Unity of God – *tawhid*—which is pure and luminous and unadulterated by any form of idolatry – *Shirk*. All this will not come about by my power, but by the Mighty hand of the Lord of heaven and earth. While God has taken upon Himself the task of my spiritual

training and has inspired me, through His revelation, with a zeal to bring about this reformation, He has also prepared hearts that are ready to accept my words. I observe that ever since God sent me, a great revolution has begun to take shape in the world.”

[*Lecture Lahore*, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 20, pp. 180-181]

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام stated this in *Lecture Lahore*.

Then expounding further on the fact that owing to God Almighty’s mercy and in order to save mankind, God Almighty sends His chosen servants and reformers, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام states:

“It is God’s eternal law that when suffering and hardship reach their extreme, His mercy is aroused and He creates the means for the alleviation of the world’s woes. For example, when drought causes a severe famine and people are about to perish, God the Noble causes rain to fall; when there is an epidemic and thousands begin to die, He causes some means for purifying the air or some remedy to be found; when a nation is in the grip of a tyrant, he is ultimately replaced by a just and benevolent ruler.

“In the same way, when people forsake the path of God and renounce *tawhid* and worship of God, He raises someone whom He grants perfect vision and honours him with His word and revelation, in order to guide mankind and bring about a reformation of the evil that has occurred.

“The truth is that God is the Sustainer on whom depends the existence and continuity of the universe. He does not deprive His creatures of His benevolent attributes, nor

does He suspend them. Rather, they instantly come into play when they are required.” [Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Part II, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 1, pp. 113-114, footnote no. 10]

On another occasion, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام states:

“Extremely blessed and fortunate is the one whose heart is pure and desires for the manifestation of Allah the Almighty’s greatness and glory because such a person is chosen by Allah over others. As for those who oppose me, our decision between us lies before Allah the Almighty. Allah the Almighty knows the reality of our hearts, He knows whose hearts are inclined towards the attraction of this world and whose hearts are filled with fervency and fervour for Allah the Almighty.”

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام further states:

“Remember well that one can only excel in spirituality when one purifies their heart. When one’s heart becomes pure and cleansed, it develops a particular strength and faculty to progress in spirituality. One is then endowed with all kinds of means to progress further. Ponder over the example of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم; he was alone and while in this very state, he proclaimed:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا

‘O mankind! truly I am a Messenger to you all from Allah’ [Surah al-A‘raf, Ch.7: V.159]

“Who could have imagined at the time that the claim of such an individual, who was all alone, would come to fulfilment? Moreover, he faced such hardship which we have not even endured a fraction of what he did.” [Malfuzat, Vol. 8, pp. 157-158]

Granting advice to the world in general, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام states:

“My ultimate advice to you is that you show concern for your faith. Let it not be the case that owing to your arrogance and negligence, you become counted amongst the rebellious ones in the eyes of the Almighty Allah.

“Ponder that God Almighty has looked upon you at a time that had been destined from before, thus strive so that you can become the recipient of these blessings. God Almighty witnessed from the heavens that one who had been granted honour is being tarnished under the feet and verbal abuse is being hurled at the Prophet, who is the best amongst all of mankind. He is counted amongst the evil ones and liars, and similarly, his book, which is the Holy Quran, is being described with ill words and deemed as a book authored through human effort.

“Thus, God Almighty manifested His promise, which has been recorded in the following verse [of the Holy Quran]:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَفِظُونَ

‘Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.’ [Surah al-Hijr, Ch.15: V.10]

“Today is the day for the fulfilment of this promise. Through mighty onslaughts and all kinds of signs, Allah the Almighty has proven that this community has been established by Him. Have you ever witnessed such clear and manifest signs of God Almighty as you have witnessed now? God Almighty fought against the non-Muslims like a wrestler and defeated them.

There was a battle in the case of Atham and now search for yourself and see where Atham is? Today, he lies buried in the ground. In accordance to the condition stipulated in the divine revelation, he was granted respite for a while and then in accordance to the condition mentioned in the divine revelation, he was taken in the grasp of the Almighty.

“The second contest was with Lekh Ram. Ponder how God Almighty triumphed in that contest. You witnessed with your very eyes that the signs regarding his death which had been divinely prophesied from before were all fulfilled. The sign of God Almighty’s wrath brought sorrow upon an entire people. Have you ever witnessed such glorious signs manifest right before your eyes? Thus, O progeny of Muslims! Do not dishonour the works of God.

“The third contest was on the occasion of the Maho Taso Jalsa. Again, reflect upon how God Almighty caused Islam to triumph and made you witness His sign. God Almighty had revealed from before to His servant that his essay will be declared supreme, and indeed this promise was fulfilled. Furthermore, the blessed impact of this essay had left everyone in awe of it. Was this the work of God or then someone else?”

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام here is referring to the Jalsa in which his book, *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam* was read out and God Almighty had revealed its success and supremacy from before. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام therefore had issued an announcement from before and in the end,

the non-Muslims all openly acknowledged that indeed out of all the essays presented, this was the most successful. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام further states:

“The fourth contest was the case against Dr Henry Martyn Clarke in which the Christians, Arya and Muslims in opposition to me, were all united in their efforts to falsely prove me guilty of attempted murder. God Almighty had revealed to me from before that they will fail in their efforts. This revelation was shared with almost 200 people from before and in the end, victory was indeed granted to us.

“The fifth contest was the case against Mirza Ahmad Baig of Hoshiarpur. His family members and close associates would ridicule Islam, whilst some of their staunchest apostates would strongly oppose the Holy Quran and would hurl abuse and demand a sign of Islam from me and even publish announcements for this. Thus, God Almighty revealed a sign that Ahmad Baig shall be made to witness the death of some of his relatives and also some afflictions and ultimately shall pass away within the period of three years. This is precisely what happened and he died within the time period outlined so that it could be made evident that one who exceeds the bounds shall ultimately be punished.” [Ayam-ul-Suluh, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 14, pp. 325-327]

Thus, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام warned the world that they ought not to oppose one who had been commissioned by God Almighty.

When God Almighty sends someone, He then supports him with His help and succour and shows His signs. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has stated, “God Almighty has revealed to me in manifest word, ‘A Warner came unto the world, but the world accepted him not; yet God shall accept him and demonstrate his truthfulness with powerful signs.’” [Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Part IV. Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 1, p. 665, Sub footnote, no. 4]

Thus, the spread of the Ahmadiyya Community in over 200 countries of the world is a testimony to the fact that God Almighty is continuously establishing the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in the world.

May Allah the Almighty enable us to contribute towards fulfilling the mission of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام; may He increase us in our faith and conviction and enable us to fulfil our responsibilities.



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# NEED OF PROPHETHOOD

According to the Qur'an and the Ahadith it is clear that prophethood is open and a prophet can be raised from the Muslim ummah, and one in specific, the latter day messiah would definitely be raised in the end times. Now people sometimes ask why the Muslim ummah would need a prophet. This question itself is a foolish question as a messiah is prophesied to come as a prophet by the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ himself. Furthermore, Allah has Given us many signs which show that there was a need of prophethood during the time of Ahmad عليه السلام and that he arrived at the most appropriate time according to the Qur'an and sunnah.

A prophet is needed when the people are devoid of guidance and the Holy Prophet ﷺ made it clear that this would indeed occur in the Muslim ummah, and that a prophet would be sent to revive Islam. Allah States in the Qur'an:

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ

Corruption has appeared on land and sea because of what men's hands have wrought, that He may make them taste *the fruit* of some of their doings, so that they may turn back *from evil*. [Chapter 30 Verse 42]

Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad رحمته الله states:

“The words “land and sea” may signify: (a) such nations as had no experience of Divine revelation and those that believed in Heavenly scriptures or

(b) nations whose cultures and civilizations were based purely on reason and collective human experience and those whose cultures and civilizations were based on Divine revelation; (c) peoples living on the continents and those living in the islands. The verse means to say that the nations of the world had become corrupt to the very core—politically, socially, and morally, and their corruption was the result of “what their hands had wrought” [Five Volume Commentary of the Holy Qur'an, Pages 2069–2070]

The Holy Prophet ﷺ stated that a time would come when Muslims would be totally devoid of guidance. He رحمته الله stated:

عَنْ عَيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: "يُوشِكُ أَنْ أَوْسِيَّاتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ زَمَانٌ لَا يَبْقَى مِنَ الْإِسْلَامِ إِلَّا اسْمُهُ، وَلَا يَبْقَى مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ إِلَّا رِسْمُهُ، مَسَاجِدُهُمْ يُؤَمِّدُ عَامِرَةٌ وَهِيَ خَرَابٌ مِنَ الْهُدَى، عَلَمًا وَهُمْ شُرٌّ مَنْ تَحْتَ أَدِيمِ السَّمَاءِ، مِنْهُمْ أَوْ مِنْ عِنْدِهِمْ خَرَجَتْ أَوْ تَخْرُجُ أَوْ يَمْدَحُ الْفِتْنَةَ وَفِيهِمْ تَعُودُ"

‘Alī ibn Abī Tālib رحمته الله narrates that the Messenger of Allāh رحمته الله said: "A time will come in the near future when there will be nothing left of the Islam except its name. And there will be nothing left of the Holy Qur'an except its words. The mosques of that age will apparently be full of people, but will be empty of righteousness. Their ‘Ulamā’ will be the worst creatures under the heaven. Discourse will rise from them and will come right back to them."

[Mishkat Kitabul Ilm]



The Holy Prophet ﷺ further described the ummah by stating:

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "لَيَأْتِيَنَّ عَلَى أُمَّتِي مَا آتَى عَلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ حَذْوًا وَالتَّعَلُّ بِالتَّعَلِّ حَتَّى إِنْ كَانَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ آتَى أُمَّةً عَلَانِيَةً لَكَانَ فِي أُمَّتِي مَنْ يَصْنَعُ ذَلِكَ وَإِنَّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ تَفَرَّقَتْ عَلَى ثِنْتَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ مِلَّةً وَتَفْتَرِقُ أُمَّتِي عَلَى ثَلَاثٍ وَسَبْعِينَ مِلَّةً كُلُّهُمْ فِي النَّارِ إِلَّا مِلَّةً وَاحِدَةً قَالُوا وَمَنْ هِيَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ مَا أَنَا عَلَيْهِ وَأَصْحَابِي -"

Narrated ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr: That the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “What befell the children of Isra’il will befall my Ummah, step by step, such that if there was one who had intercourse with his mother in the open, then there would be someone from my Ummah who would do that. Indeed the children of Isra’il split into seventy-two sects, and my Ummah will split into seventy-three sects. All of them are in the Fire Except one sect.” He said: “And which is it O Messenger of Allah?” He said: “What I am upon and my Companions.

[Jami’at Tirmidhi #2641]

We should remember that the Holy Prophet ﷺ did not leave us alone in this condition. He ﷺ gave us the cure, and the prophecy of a reformer who would bring Islam back. Prophet ﷺ made it clear that this person would be of the lineage of Salman Farsi, meaning from the Persian Lineage as Ahmad al-Shakila was.

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ كُنَّا جُلُوسًا عِنْدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَأَنْزَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ سُورَةُ الْجُمُعَةِ {وَآخَرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ} قَالَ قُلْتُ مَنْ هُمْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ فَلَمْ يُرَاجِعْهُ حَتَّى سَأَلَ ثَلَاثًا، وَفِينَا سَلْمَانَ الْفَارِسِيُّ، وَصَحَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ

عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَدُهُ عَلَى سَلْمَانَ ثُمَّ قَالَ " لَوْ كَانَ الْإِيمَانُ عِنْدَ الثُّرَيَّا لَكَانَهُ رِجَالٌ - أَوْ رَجُلٌ - مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ -"

Narrated Abu Huraira: While we were sitting with the Prophet ﷺ Surat Al-Jumu’a was revealed to him, and when the Verse, “And He (Allah) has sent him (Muhammad) also to other (Muslims)....’ (62.3) was recited by the Prophet, I said, “Who are they, O Allah’s Messenger ﷺ?” The Prophet ﷺ did not reply till I repeated my question thrice. At that time, Salman Al-Farisi was with us. So Allah’s Messenger ﷺ put his hand on Salman, saying, “If Faith were at (the place of) Ath-Thuraiya (pleiades, the highest star), even then a man from these people (i.e. Salman’s folk) would attain it.”

[Bukhari, Volume 6, Book 60, Hadith #4897]

The Non Ahmadi Muslims themselves await the latter day messiah and are aware of his need and cannot deny it, as it was foretold by our Master Muhammad ﷺ. If one was to say that Holy Prophet ﷺ was chronologically the last prophet, what would that person do about the prophecies of the latter day prophet who was foretold by the Holy Prophet ﷺ himself? In reality, the Holy Prophet ﷺ was the last law bearing prophet and this is what he ﷺ claimed. He ﷺ told us to accept the latter day prophet even if we have to crawl on mountains of ice to get to him. A prophet is sent when the people are misguided and the world is full of corruption. How can we claim that the need of prophethood exists but the door of prophethood is forever closed?

Allah has made it clear that when the people become evil and misguided, a prophet is sent for their reformation. Allah states in the Qur’an:

وَلَقَدْ ضَلَّ قَبْلَهُمْ أَكْثَرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَ لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا فِيهِمْ مُنذِرِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

“And most of the ancient peoples had erred before them, And We sent Warners among them.”

[Chapter 37 Verses 72-73]

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was the last prophet but only in the sense of a law bearing prophet. The claim of the Holy Prophet ﷺ himself was that he was the last prophet and that prophets can come under him, and one prophet who was guaranteed was the latter day messiah.

Allah has further given us more signs of when a prophet would be needed. Allah states in the Qur'an:

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَ كُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾

And hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allah and be not divided; and remember the favour of Allah which He bestowed upon you when you were enemies and He united your hearts in love, so that by His grace you became asbrothers; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah explain to you His commandments that you may be guided.

[Chapter 3 verse 104]

Allah has Told us to be together and not be divided, but when we look at the ummah it is clearly divided. There is only one jamaah which is united under one khalifa as prophesied and that jamaah is Ahmadiyyat. The Holy Prophet ﷺ stated:

حَدَّثَنِي بَشْرُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْحَضْرَمِيُّ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ أَبَا إِدْرِيسَ الْحَوْلَانِيَّ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ حَذِيفَةَ بْنَ الْيَمَانَ، يَقُولُ كَانَ النَّاسُ يَسْأَلُونَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَنِ الْخَيْرِ، وَكُنْتُ أَسْأَلُهُ عَنِ الشَّرِّ، مَخَافَةَ أَنْ يُدْرِكَنِي فَقُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّا كُنَّا فِي جَاهِلِيَّةٍ وَشَرٌّ فَجَاءَنَا اللَّهُ بِهَذَا الْخَيْرِ، فَهَلْ بَعْدَ هَذَا الْخَيْرِ مِنْ شَرٍّ قَالَ "نَعَمْ". قُلْتُ وَهَلْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ الشَّرِّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ قَالَ "نَعَمْ، وَفِيهِ دَخْنٌ". قُلْتُ وَمَا دَخْنُهُ قَالَ "قَوْمٌ يَهْدُونَ بِغَيْرِ هَدْيٍ، تَعْرِفُ مِنْهُمْ وَتُنْكِرُ". قُلْتُ فَهَلْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ الْخَيْرِ مِنْ شَرٍّ قَالَ "نَعَمْ، دُعَاءُ عَلَى أَبْوَابِ جَهَنَّمَ، مَنْ أَجَابَهُمْ إِلَيْهَا قَذَفُوهُ فِيهَا". قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صِفْهُمْ لَنَا. قَالَ "هُمْ مِنْ جِلْدَتِنَا، وَيَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِالسِّنَّتِنَا". قُلْتُ فَمَا تَأْمُرُنِي إِنْ أَدْرَكَنِي ذَلِكَ قَالَ "تَلْزَمُ جَمَاعَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَإِمَامَهُمْ". قُلْتُ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُمْ جَمَاعَةٌ وَلَا إِمَامٌ قَالَ "فَاعْتَزِلْ تِلْكَ الْفِرْقَ كُلَّهَا، وَلَوْ أَنْ تَعْصُ بِأَصْلِ شَجَرَةٍ، حَتَّى يُدْرِكَكَ الْمَوْتُ، وَأَنْتَ عَلَى ذَلِكَ".

Narrated Hudhaifa bin Al-Yaman: The people used to ask Allah's Messenger ﷺ about the good but I used to ask him about the evil lest I should be overtaken by them. So I said, "O Allah's Messenger ﷺ! We were living in ignorance and in an (extremely) worst atmosphere, then Allah brought to us this good (i.e., Islam); will there be any evil after this good?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Will there be any good after that evil?" He replied, "Yes, but it will be tainted (not pure.)" I asked, "What will be its taint?" He replied, "(There will be) some people who will guide others not according to my tradition? You will approve of some of their deeds and disapprove of some others." I asked, "Will there be any evil after that good?" He

replied, “Yes, (there will be) some people calling at the gates of the (Hell) Fire, and whoever will respond to their call, will be thrown by them into the (Hell) Fire.” I said, “O Allah s Apostle! Will you describe them to us?” He said, “They will be from our own people and will speak our language.” I said, “What do you order me to do if such a state should take place in my life?” He said, “Stick to the group of Muslims and their Imam (ruler).” I said, “If there is neither a group of Muslims nor an Imam (ruler)?” He said, “Then turn away from all those sects even if you were to bite (eat) the roots of a tree till death overtakes you while you are in that state.” (Sahih Al Bukhari Volume 9, Book 88, Hadith #206)

This hadith itself shows that a life without an imam and unity is a useless life. This is the sad life the Muslims are living because of their rejection of the latter day prophet whom the prophet ﷺ told us to accept. Allah also states:

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَآخْتَلَفُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا  
جَاءَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٠٦﴾

And be not like those who became divided and who disagreed *among themselves* after clear proofs had come to them. And it is they for whom there shall be a great punishment. [Chapter 3 Verse 106]

The only way the true believers would become reunited would be with the coming of a prophet. Allah did not leave believers in such a condition of division and sent His messenger to reform Islam and create the jamaah which the Prophet ﷺ prophesied. Why would Allah leave the Muslims in division and darkness if He has stated:

اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُخْرِجُهُمْ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى

النُّورِ وَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٢٥٨﴾

Allah is the friend of those who believe: He brings them out of every kind of darkness into light. And those who disbelieve, their friends are the transgressors who bring them out of light into every kind of darkness. These are the inmates of the Fire; therein shall they abide. [Chapter 2 Verse 258]

Allah has Clearly Stated that He is the friend of the believers and continues to guide them from darkness into light. It is not possible that He would leave this ummah without guidance. Allah States:

هُوَ الَّذِي يُنَزِّلُ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ لِيُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُمْ لَرَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٠٧﴾

He it is Who sends down clear Signs to His servant, that He may bring you out of every kind of darkness into the light. And verily, Allah is Compassionate and Merciful to you. [Chapter 57 Verse 10]

Allah has Explained how he brings the people from darkness into the light. He Has Clearly Stated that He sends down clear signs to his servant and reveals signs upon him which causes the people to come back to the true teachings.

It is clear that Islam would need a reformer and the time which the Holy Prophet ﷺ told us for the coming of the messiah was indeed the 14th century and this prophecy did not fail. Allah Sent Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad ؑ who fulfilled all signs and gave Islam life once again.

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# Virtuous Deeds are Never Wasted

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I remember once reading about an old fire-worshipper of ninety years of age in Tadhkiratul-Awliya'. It so happened that in a period of extended showers, the man was feeding seeds to the birds on the roof of his house. A noble man approached him and said: 'Old man, what are you doing?' He responded: 'Brother, the rain has been falling incessantly for six or seven days now and so I am feeding the birds some grain.'

'You do so in vain,' said the noble man, 'You are a disbeliever, what reward can you attain for such action?' The old man responded, 'I will surely receive my reward.'

The noble man relates that he went for Hajj and saw the same old man circuiting the Ka'bah from a distance. The noble man was astonished to see this and relates that when he approached him, the old man was first to say: 'Did my feeding seeds to the birds go in vain or have I received my reward?'

Now one ought to reflect that Allah the Almighty did not even waste the good deed of a disbeliever, then would He let the virtuous deed of a Muslim go in vain?

[Pleasant Stories & Anecdotes, pp39-40]

# Truthfulness of Promised Messiah ﷺ

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## Introduction

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian ﷺ (1835-1908) after receiving revelations from the Almighty Allah claimed to be the reformer of the latter days. He claimed to be a Mujadid, the Mahdi awaited by Muslims and also the second coming of Jesus Christ. He rose to the status of a non-law bearing prophet. He says that he would not have attained anything if he was not a true follower of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ his master.

His opponents call him an imposter and a liar, and his followers have been declared non-Muslims in some countries of the world. The main body of Muslims continue to wait for the Mahdi to appear and for Jesus Christ to descend from the skies to revive Islam. As they wait, the community founded by the Promised Messiah (the name generally used for Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad) continues to spread far and wide under the divine system of Khilafat. Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (May Allah be his Helper) is currently the Caliph or 5<sup>th</sup> successor of the Promised Messiah ﷺ.

In this article, I will try to critically

evaluate the claim of the Promised Messiah ﷺ and using many sources like the Holy Quran and other divine scriptures, logic, recognized religious principles, historical facts, previous prophecies, the character and life of the claimant, etc. will try to determine step by step the truthfulness of his claim.

## What is Truthfulness?

The English word 'truthfulness' means speaking the truth especially habitually and consistently. It means candid and reliable and one who does not tell a lie. One that conforms to the truth. One who is dependable and trustworthy.

## The Philosophy of Truthfulness

If a person makes a claim or narrates an incident, especially if there is no clear witness and the statement is debatable or liable to doubt, it is human nature not to accept the claim unless it was made by someone who you have known for a very long time as an honest and truthful person. Even then, if the claim is contrary to your long-held beliefs you may reject the claim and declare this person to be a liar. You may start to believe that you had misunderstood this person's superficial

honesty and now you have realized that he is not who he seemed to be. Due to these views, friends become foes and may drift apart. When a person who has led a life of piety and is well respected in his community makes a big claim like being in communion with God or being a prophet, the behaviour and reaction of people around him can be divided into four types:

1. A small number who know him very well accept his claim without question.
2. Some reject him outright and start working against him.
3. Some question his claims and speak to him or his followers and look at the arguments in favour of his claim and then either accept or reject his claim.
4. Some are uninterested and just ignore him and do not actively work for or against him.

### **The Characteristics of a Truthful Person**

A person who is truthful is generally respected and trusted by people around him. He is not a hypocrite, and his outer and inner selves are in conformity. He says what he believes, and he preaches what he practices. People are safe from his actions and words. When he makes a promise, he keeps it. He speaks the truth and gives true evidence even if it be against himself or his loved ones. He consistently speaks the truth and does not care if there are any negative repercussions or how his truth will be seen by the people around him.

### **How can you Determine the Truthfulness of a Prophet?**

Based on the discussion above, now we will focus on the universal debate about the truthfulness of a prophet. Even today the greatest prophets are not universally accepted by mankind. The prophet of Islam Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ is accepted as a true prophet by billions of people but is still refuted by billions. It is a historical fact that whenever a prophet makes a claim of being sent by God to guide mankind, he is rejected, ridiculed, and opposed by the majority of people.

He persists with his claim against all odds and gradually the number of his followers increase, and he is successful. His opponents and arch enemies are proven wrong and disgraced. This universal success is due to the strong divine support he has. God says in the Holy Quran:

Allah has decreed: ‘Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.’ Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty (58:22).

Even in this verse, there is a hidden prophecy that if one claims to be a prophet and then fails and his opponents win, he cannot be from God. If, however, his opponents fail in all their plans and are not able to harm this person, he is true and surely from God.

The question is “How do you know whether the claimant to prophethood is truthful and has been sent by God or is just another imposter?” We will have to address this in a scientific way

considering the religious doctrines and facts on this topic. We will consider this analysis under the following headings and apply each specifically to examine the claim of the Promised Messiah ﷺ, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian ﷺ.

### Prophecies Before his Advent

1. Has the coming of this prophet been mentioned in the revealed books?
2. Have previous prophets foretold about his advent?
3. Have previous saints mentioned him?
4. Does the person possess the qualities and description mentioned?
5. Is the time of his coming right?
6. Are any specific signs of his coming been mentioned and fulfilled?

### His life and Character

1. Are his life, characteristics, and qualities of a truthful person?
2. Does he have extraordinary qualities and communion with God?

### His Prophecies and Proofs that he is from God

1. Did God punish him or was he successful?
2. Do his prophecies come true?
3. Did he win in prayer duels against his opponents?
4. Did he successfully challenge his opponents?
5. Has he shown any miracles that prove that he has God's support?

We will take each of the above topics

individually in relation to the claims of the promised Messiah and see whether he was truly sent by Allah the Almighty.

### Mention in previous scriptures:

In the Holy Quran when Sura Juma' was revealed and the following verse was recited:

And *among* others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise.[62:4] indicating a second coming of the Holy Prophet there were some companions sitting with the Holy Prophet ﷺ. This incident is detailed by Hadhrat Imam Bukhari as follows:

It is narrated in Sahih Bukhari that Abu Hurairah رضى الله عنه states: "One Day we were sitting with the Holy Prophet when *Surah Juma'* was revealed. I asked the Holy Prophet, "Who are the people to whom the words '*And among others from among them who have not yet joined them*', refer. Salman the Persian was sitting among us. Upon my repeatedly asking him the same question, the Prophet put his hand on Salman and said, "If Faith were to go up to the Pleiades, a man from these would surely find it" (Bukhari).

Scholars believe that the reference to the Second Advent of the Holy Prophet ﷺ metaphorically refers to the advent of the Imam Mehdi ﷺ.

This verse and the commentary given by the Holy Prophet ﷺ embodies many prophecies. Firstly, it states that a time will come when faith will deteriorate.

Secondly, it will be revived again. Thirdly it states that the person who will be sent by God to revive Islam in its original state will not be an Arab but will be of Persian descent. Now when we look at the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, we see that he was of Persian descent, and his ancestors settled in the Indian Subcontinent.

In The Holy Quran Allah further states:

And remember 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 Torah, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger who will come after me. His name will be Ahmad.’ And when he came to them with clear proofs, they said, ‘This is clear enchantment.’ [61:7]

The prophecy in this verse may apply primarily to the Holy Prophet, but it may also apply to the Promised Messiah and Mahdi عليه السلام because his given name was Ahmad and he was called “Ahmad” in Divine revelations (Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya), and in his person the Second Manifestation or Second Advent of the Holy Prophet took place (as discussed above with reference to Sura Juma’). In the next verse, the Holy Quran states that this Ahmad is called to Islam. In the time of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام he was declared a non-Muslim by his opponents and was called back to Islam. So, in this verse he may have been mentioned clearly by name. The verse mentioned may have two inferences, primarily The

Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and secondary The Promised Messiah عليه السلام.

In the bible, the eclipse of the sun and moon are mentioned.

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.” (Math. 24:29). This was a famous sign was fulfilled in the time of the Promised Messiah. This will be discussed in detail later.

The coming of the promised Messiah from the East is also mentioned in the Bible: “For as lightening cometh from the east and shineth unto the west, so shall the coming of the son of man be.” (Math.24:27)

In Talmud, the authentic book of Jewish diction – the advent of two Messiahs is mentioned and that the latter one shall be greater the former and, after him, his son and grandson shall be his successors. This was fulfilled in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah in letter and spirit. After him the promised son, Hadhrat Mirza Basheer Uddin Mahmood Ahmad (RA) and his Grandsons became Khalifahs of the worldwide community.

### **Prophecies of Previous Prophets about the advent of the Promised Messiah:**

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم made several statements regarding the identity of the Imam Mahdi. He said:



1. His name would resemble that of the Holy Prophet.
2. He will be of Persian descent and related to the Holy Prophet.
3. He will come from the east of Damascus.
4. He will be of dark complexion, neither white or black, have sharp eyes, soft hair and a long beard.
5. He will suffer from two diseases.
6. He will receive divine revelation.
7. The duration of his mission will be 40 years.
8. He will be supported by heavenly signs.
9. He will re-establish Khalifat.

All these prophecies were fulfilled in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام

### Testimony of previous Saints

Only two examples that are very specific are presented below:

Guru Baba Nanak was a very righteous and holy man who indeed received revelation from God. His words are recorded and preserved in the Holy Book of the Sikhs. It is stated in Janam Sakhi one of the holy books of the Sikh faith:

“The reign of the Mughals shall last from 1578 to 1897 of the Bikram era, then a Reformer shall rise. (Janam Sakhi of Bhai Bala pg. 272).

It is further stated:

“A time shall come in the latter age when people shall cease to act upon their scriptures and observe no fasts or

prayers, Jogies, Sanyansies, Barhamcharves and Brahmins would be labelled as Gurus. Then a perfect teacher shall crush them all. Such is the decree of heaven, which shall surely come to pass (Janam Sakhi pg. 527).

Guru Nanak also prophesised that he would be a Muslim, righteous and true, and that he would come from near Batala in the district of Gurdaspur and that he would be from the Mogul Tribe (Janam Sakhi pg. 234, 251 and 452).

Hadhrat Nematullah Shah Wali رحمه الله, a prominent Muslim saint, prophesised in his famous poem that the coming of the promised one shall be the Promised Mahdi and also the Promised Messiah. He also mentioned that this Promised One's name shall be Ahmad and that when his tenure would end, one son of his, shall be his true spiritual inheritor and would carry out his mission. This was fulfilled in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in letter and spirit. After him as promised his son, Hadhrat Mirza Basheer Uddin Mahmood Ahmad رضي الله عنه succeeded him.

### Characteristics of the promised Messiah as Mentioned in Prophecies.

In various prophecies, many characteristics of the promised messiah were mentioned. A few examples will now be discussed to see how these were present in the person of Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام:

The Holy Prophet described the physical

characteristics of the Messiah to come. His complexion would be brown, he would have black hair, soft eyes and a long beard. This was the exact description of Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام. Interestingly the Holy Prophet ﷺ also described the first Messiah, Jesus Christ عليه السلام, with completely different features clearly telling us that they will be two different persons.

It was also stated metaphorically that he will have two illnesses one affecting the upper body and the other the lower half. The promised Messiah suffered from migraine and polyuria.

He was to be born as a twin and so was he born as a twin with a sister.

He was to be of Persian descent and so he was.

### **Is the time of his coming right?**

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام came at a time that was the correct time for the coming of the Messiah. All the conditions mentioned in the Holy Quran and the previous scriptures had been fulfilled. The perfect timing is a powerful sign in its own right to prove beyond doubt the truthfulness of his claim.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has himself said:

“In this age, the world is brimming with disagreements. The Jews say one thing, whereas the Christians profess another and aside from this, the ummah of Muhammad is mired in internal conflicts. Meanwhile, the idolaters present their

opinions against all of the others. So many new religions and beliefs have arisen that everyone seems to be practicing their own unique brand of religion. Therefore, in conformity with the established practice of Allah, it was essential that a *hakam* [arbiter] should have come to settle all of these disputes. Hence, that very *hakam* was bestowed the titles ‘the Promised Messiah’ and ‘the Blessed Mahdi’, meaning that, he was deemed to be the Messiah on account of resolving external disputes and he was proclaimed the destined Mahdi on account of settling the internal conflicts.”

*(The Philosophy of Divine Revelation [English translation of Haqiqatul Wahid], p. 57)*

In one of his famous Urdu couplets, he states:

“This was indeed the appointed time for none other than the Messiah;

Had I not been appointed, someone else would surely have appeared!”

*(Durr-e-Sameen, p. 196)*

In a very interesting booklet entitled fourteen signs announcing Christ’s return published by Tomorrows World (<https://www.tomorrowsworld.org/booklets/fourteen-signs-announcing-christs-return/content>), the authors quote several verses of the Gospels and come up with 14 signs that point to the timing of the second coming of Jesus Christ. For individual references please look at the link provided above.

The signs mentioned are:

1. Wars, violence, and lawlessness.
2. Drought and famine.
3. Earthquakes and other natural catastrophes.
4. Disease epidemics.
5. The rise of an aggressive, fundamentalist Islamic power.
6. An ascendant European union seeks global primacy.
7. A powerful religious figure leads a religious revival.
8. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God preached to all nations.
9. Faith again becomes a matter of life or death.
10. A crisis strikes Jerusalem.
11. The abomination of desolation.
12. The great tribulation—the collapse of the English-speaking nations.
13. Heavenly signs and the day of the Lord.
14. The seven last plagues.

Many prophecies of the Quran and the sayings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ point to similar things about the latter days when the Promised Messiah will come.

In Sura Takwir, The Holy Quran points to a time when camels will be abandoned, and new forms of transport will be available. There is mention of development of zoos, publishing of books and periodicals in vast numbers, the

joining of seas, the awakening of women's right movements and so on.

The eclipse of the sun and moon is also mentioned. This great sign will be discussed in detail later.

### **Are any specific signs of his coming been mentioned and fulfilled?**

If a person is truly from Allah, then there should be mighty signs of support. For the Mahdi there were many clear signs from Allah – signs that were truly divine. One such great sign was the sign of the eclipses. We will discuss this sign in some detail.

### **The eclipses – A great sign**

The Holy Qur'an mentions it briefly:

When the sun is wrapped up (Holy Qur'an, Chapter 81, verse 2)

The Holy Bible also informed us about this: But in those days, after that tribulation, the Sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light (The Holy Bible, Mark Chapter 13, verse 24).

But it is a famous hadith which makes this Heavenly Sign very clear:

The Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said: "Surely two signs will appear for our Mahdi which have never appeared before (as signs of truth for anyone else), since the creation of the heaven and earth. In the month of Ramadhan, the moon will be eclipsed on the first of its nights (of its days of eclipse), and the sun will be eclipsed on the middle day (of its days of eclipse). Both these eclipses will take

place in the same month of Ramadhan. And these two signs have never occurred before since Allah created the heavens and earth.” (Sunan Dar Qutni)

Now we see from this Hadith that:

- There must be a claimant of Mahdi.
- Two eclipses will happen in the same month of Ramadhan.
- The 1st eclipses will happen on the 1st day of the three days of the full moon (the 13<sup>th</sup>).
- The 2nd eclipse will happen on the 2nd day of the three days of eclipse of the sun (the 28<sup>th</sup>)
- This should have never happened before, nor will it happen again.

When Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام, claimed to be the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Muslims quoted this hadith to prove he was false. For four years, every time Ramadhan came, they said he was false as there were no eclipses as prophesised. Then by the grace of Allah in 1894 during the month of Ramadhan it happened exactly as prophesised in India and the sub-continent. Then the following year in 1895 it happened again in the other hemisphere, in USA. We can go far back in records and there were never any two eclipses happening on these precise days during a month of Ramadhan and it has not happened since. Now with eclipses on particular dates, no man can control this. This is why we call it a Heavenly Sign.

Several signs like his appearance and

characteristics, his Persian descent, the signs about the timing of his coming, the time and place of his birth and so on have been mentioned elsewhere in this document.

### **Are his life, characteristics, and qualities of a truthful person?**

The Holy Quran in Surah Younas states:

I have indeed lived among you a *whole* lifetime before this. Will you not then understand? [10:17]

The Holy Prophet ﷺ was told by God to tell the people that his life *before* prophethood is proof for the truthfulness of his claims. The same is the case with the Promised Messiah ﷺ. When his life *before* his claims is assessed, it becomes as clear as daylight that he was a very truthful person. He himself received the revelation, “I have spent a whole lifetime among you before this, then do you not understand?” (*Tadhkirah*, p. 111).

He also writes, “You cannot find any fault, imposture, lies, or fraud in my life (prior to my claim) such that you may think that a person who is accustomed to lying and defrauding others has lied again (about his claims). Who among you can allege such a fault in my life? Hence, it is the grace of God that He has kept me righteous from the beginning and this is an argument for those who ponder” (*Tadhkiratush Shahadatain*, Ruhani Khaza’in, vol. 20, p. 64).

When Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام wrote his first books, *Brahin-e-*

Ahmadiyya Vol 1-4 from 1880-84 (he started the community 1889) Maulvi Muhammad Hussain of Batala wrote about the author of these books and said: *As for the author, we can say, there had been few Muslims, if any, who have been so constant in their services to Islam, service by purse and pen, by personal character and by speech and silence* (Ishaat-us-Sunnah Vol VII).

As is well known he became an arch enemy of the Promised Messiah ﷺ after his claim. His testimony about the unblemished and perfect character of the Promised Messiah ﷺ proves that the Promised Messiah's claim was true according to this verse of the Holy Quran. His master The Holy Prophet ﷺ was called Al-Amin the truthful and trustworthy, but after his claim he was initially rejected and called a liar by the same people. What a close resemblance!

### **Does he have extraordinary qualities and communion with God?**

From his initial writings in the early 1980s to his death in 1908, he continuously and consistently received revelations from Allah. He made hundreds of prophecies that were fulfilled and still being fulfilled. He had great spiritual knowledge and won debates against Hindus, Christians, and his opponents. His writings were considered the best and most illuminating. His commentary and knowledge of the Quran were unparalleled. Everyone including people that were not his followers accepted

these facts. Throughout his life he received divine support, guidance, and protection. He was always successful, and his enemies were always defeated and defamed. The press clippings and books and statements published during his time all provide written proof of these claims which can be studied in detail ([www.al-islam.org](http://www.al-islam.org))

His unwavering trust in Allah, his prayer duels and his challenges to the whole world will be mentioned later.

### **Did God punish him or was he successful?**

God says in the Holy Quran:

And who is more unjust than he who forges a lie against Allah or gives the lie to His Signs? Surely, the unjust shall not prosper. [6:22]

And again, God says:

And if he had forged *and attributed* any sayings to Us, We would surely have seized him by the right hand, And then surely, We would have severed his life-artery. [69:45-47]

These verses clearly mention that one who forges a lie against Allah will not prosper. We see that the Promised Messiah ﷺ, continued to claim that Allah spoke to him and gave him knowledge of future events and glad tidings about His support. He claimed to receive revelations and published these revelations in his numerous books. He was not punished but continued to prosper.

The June of 1876 was a tragic time for the Promised Messiah ﷺ as his father passed away. Earlier, on the same day, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad ﷺ had received a revelation from God revealing about his father's death. The Promised Messiah ﷺ was quite saddened by the death and was worried about the troubles his family would now face, with limited financial means. However, since Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad ﷺ was an individual loved by God, Allah Almighty sent another revelation:

*"Is Allah not sufficient for his servant?" (39:37)*

This assurance filled the Promised Messiah ﷺ with contentment that Allah Almighty would always provide for him. In 1868 or 1869, the Promised Messiah ﷺ received the revelation:

*"Thy God is well pleased with what thou hast done. He will bless thee greatly, so much so that Kings shall seek blessing from your garments."*

He received revelations for nearly 40 years, but God did not punish him. His prosperity only grew with time and the number and devotion of his followers continued to increase. Are the Quranic verses wrong or is he a true claimant? I will let you decide....

### **Do his prophecies come true?**

During his lifetime the Promised Messiah made hundreds of prophecies, and all were fulfilled and are still being fulfilled in a glorious manner. I will give only a few examples here:

God says in the Holy Quran about the great devastating floods during the time of Prophet Noah ﷺ:

But We saved him and those who were with him in the Ark; and We made it a Sign for all peoples. [29:16]

During the time of Noah ﷺ, a flood came which destroyed his opponents. Only Noah ﷺ and his followers survived in the Ark. In the same way, at the time of the Promised Messiah ﷺ, a great epidemic of plague spread in accordance with the prophecies. A large number of people died including many opponents of the Promised Messiah ﷺ. It was in the midst of this epidemic that the Promised Messiah ﷺ was given the revelation, "I shall protect everyone who is within the four walls of your home". Explaining this revelation, he writes, "This should not be taken to mean only such people who dwell in my house made of brick and mortar; rather, this also refers to all those who follow me completely and dwell in my spiritual home" (Noah's Ark, p. 19). And this is precisely how it happened. History tells us the fact that everyone within the house of the Promised Messiah ﷺ literally remained safe from the plague, and those who were his sincere followers also remained safe.

Furthermore, the Promised Messiah, may peace be upon him, received many revelations, for instance, he was informed *"I will cause thy message to reach the corners of the world", at a time when no one knew about Qadian, the*

*small village in India where the Promised Messiah ﷺ was born. The nearest post box was 10 miles away. Today we see that his message has indeed spread to more than 200 countries of the world and there are many channels run by MTA, an international TV station run by his community, sending his messages to all corners of the world every second.*

*Then in the very early days God said to him: "Kings shall seek blessings from thy clothes". African Kings have accepted Ahmadiyyat and have been given pieces of cloth from the clothes of the Promised Messiah for blessings.*

When his landmark lecture 'Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam' was read in Lahore in the Conference of Great Religions in 1896, The Promised Messiah ﷺ had been foretold by Allah that his Lecture will be declared supreme over all other lectures. As prophesised, his Lecture was most comprehensive and drew large crowds. Even the time of the conference had to be extended to allow the completion of this wonderful lecture. All the newspapers unanimously agreed that Mirza Sahib's lecture was supreme.

His opponents made many false cases against him, but he prophesised that he will be declared innocent and every time all those who planned against him had to face defeat and humiliation. Why did God always support him if he was an imposter?

### **Did he win in prayer-duels against his opponents?**

During his lifetime he had prayer duels in

line with the Quranic teachings about Mubahala (Quran 3:62) with many of his opponents who were healthier and younger than him. In every instance he was victorious. The case of Alexander Dowie the founder of Zion is a clear example of divine support for the Promised Messiah ﷺ. Mr. Dowie tried to humiliate the promised Messiah ﷺ by calling him insects not worthy of his attention and continued to talk against Islam. But when the promised Messiah called for a prayer-duel this arrogant man's life took a nosedive and he lost everything and died a disgraceful death during the lifetime of the truthful person. The Sunday Herald -Boston published the story with the Picture of the Promised Messiah ﷺ with the eye-catching caption "Great is Mirza Ghulam Ahmad the Messiah". Many other papers in America covered this extraordinary success. Alhamdulillah. All praise belongs to Allah. The deaths of Lekh Ram and Henry Martin Clarke are other examples of his prayers being accepted.

In fact, God had revealed to him that anyone who intends to harm him will be harmed by God and anyone who tries to help him will be helped by God. Throughout his life this revelation was fulfilled many times. Even today His successors, the Caliphs are enjoying the same support from God, and we have seen strong Governments and heads of states perish and crumble when they tried to harm this divine community.

## **Did he successfully challenge his opponents?**

Throughout his life the Promised Messiah عليه السلام challenged his opponents to come forward and see who has the power of the acceptance of prayers and healing. He challenged the world to write commentaries of The Holy Quran like him. He challenged opponents to come to prayer-duels. Many of his challenges were accompanied by a heavy cash reward if he was defeated, but no one ever came forward. Many of his challenges still stand unanswered.

Why was he always successful if he was an imposter?

## **Has he shown any miracles that prove that he had God's support?**

Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام did perform many miracles. Once there was a student called Abdul Karim, who contracted rabies. In those days there was no cure for rabies, so the doctors declared him incurable. They left him to die. Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام, prayed for him and the person was cured. The doctors said that this is a miracle as there was no possibility of him surviving.

He was taught 40,000 Arabic root words in a single night by Allah the Almighty. He started to write books in Arabic and challenged even the Arabs to write similar books. He once delivered a fluent speech in Arabic which was revealed to him as he spoke. This sermon famously called Khutba Ilhamia or the revealed sermon was a great sign. The promised Messiah عليه السلام writes in his book 'Haqiqatul Wahi':

'On the morning of 11th April 1900, the day of Eid-ul-Adha, I received a revelation, 'Today you shall make a speech in Arabic. You are given the power'. This was followed by the revelation: The Gracious God has endowed this address with eloquence. This sermon was recorded down by transcribers as he spoke.

There are numerous other miracles. The fact that Kings have taken blessings from his clothes and that his message has spread to the corners of the earth are true miracles when we consider the time these prophecies were made. The death of Lekh Ram was a miracle as the day and mode of his death had been foretold. His prayer-duels and all the other prophecies that were fulfilled were indeed miracles.

His enemies tried to harm him, made false cases against him and some opponents tried in every way to stop his cause and end his community, but all failed. God was always by his side, and he was always triumphant.

## **Conclusion**

The claims of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام have been examined from different perspectives and he has successfully passed all tests that we set out. It can be said beyond doubt that according to the Holy Quran and the sayings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and all other possible means of verifying someone's truthfulness, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام of Qadian was a truthful person and all his claims were true.





# Pain for seekers of truth

Translation of a Persian poem by

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi عليه السلام  
Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

The pain that I have in my heart for the seekers after truth;  
Cannot be described in my brief statements.

بدل دردی که دارم از برائے طالبان حق  
نہے گردد بیان آن درد از تقریر کوتاہم

My heart and soul are so deeply engrossed in their concern;  
That I care not for my heart, nor am I aware of my life.

دل و جانم چنان مستغرق اندر فکر او شان ست  
کہ نے از دل خبر دارم نہ از جان خود آگاہم

I am nevertheless happy that I pine for God's creatures;  
The cries that I utter in pain are a source of delight for me.

بدیں شادم کہ غم از بہر مخلوقِ خدا دارم  
ازیں در لذت کز درد مے خیزد ز دل آہم

My purpose, yearning, and heartfelt desire is to serve humanity;  
This is my job, this is my faith, this is my habit and this is my way of life.

مرا مقصود و مطلوب و تمنا خدمت خلق است  
ہمیں کارم ہمیں ہارم ہمیں رسم ہمیں راہم

I do not venture into this path of admonition and good counsel on my own will;  
Goodwill for humanity keeps pulling me forward.

نہ من از خود نہم در کوچہٴ پند و نصیحت پا  
کہ ہمدردی برد آنجا بہ جبر و زور و اکراہم

What is the worth of empty words in the spirit of human sympathy;  
Were I to offer a hundred lives in ransom, I would feel inadequate and apologetic.

غمِ خلقِ خدا صرف از زباں خوردن چہ کارست این  
گرش صد جاں بہ پاریزم بنوش عذر میخوام

Finding the world in darkness, I pray to my Lord:  
May He grant my prayers of the small hours of the night.

چو شام پر غبار و تیرہ حال عالمے بینم  
خدا بروے فرود آرد دُعا ہائے سحر گاہم