



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 "In the name of Allah,
 The Beneficent, The Merciful".



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EID MESSAGE

From the President A.A.I.I.
 of Trinidad and Tobago

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful. I bear witness that there is none to be worshipped but the One true God – Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammed (upon whom be peace) is his servant and final Messenger bringing to an end a chain of messengers who have been sent by Allah to all humanity since creation.

Almighty Allah says in Al-Quran chapter 2 Verse 183 "O you who believe'. Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil'!

Fasting is here prescribed by Allah the Creator, Sustainer and Nourisher of all Creation of all the Worlds – so that one is cleansed of

all evil both spiritually and physically. Everyday we are confronted by the evil which is influencing all forms of our society. Robbing, cheating, dishonesty, falsehood are now becoming a way of life. These evil thoughts are generated from our minds and then put into action. Allah in His wisdom has prescribed this cure for our benefit. We may accept or reject, the choice is ours.

Fasting is a physical action and Allah wants us to guard against some physical evil. We are accustomed to eating much more than to satisfy our daily physical requirements, which results in accumulation of toxic waste in our bodies bringing about physical discomfort in our everyday life. Pains at different areas in our bodies, stomach ailments, colds etc. are not infrequent.

Where have all these illnesses

gone during the Holy Month of Ramadan? Ask one who has fasted and he or she will tell you that the healthiest month of the year has been this Holy Month.

The evil which has been creating the problem has been removed. Allah has ordered that we keep away from Food and Drink from break of dawn to sunset so that our organs will get the rest which it requires after eleven months of stress and strain.

Those of our brothers and sisters who have kept the fast can testify to the fact that they benefitted immensely during the month.

Now that the Holy Month has come to an end and we have guarded against all evil – physical and spiritual, then it is our duty to continue to live such lives that will reflect the benefits derived. What we need everyday is clean thoughts and action with Allah as our constant Companion and making sure in satisfying our physical needs we do not go beyond the limit.

There are much more benefits we can derive if we follow the example of our Holy Prophet Muhammad (upon whom be peace)

The AHMADIYYA ANJUMAN ISHAATI ISLAM Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana joins with the Anjuman Sunnatul Association, the Tackveeyatal Islamic Association, the Trinidad Muslim League, The Tahreek Jadees Anjuman Ahmadiyya Association, the Islamic Missionary Guild, the Islamic Workers Council, the World Community of Islam in the West, all independent Jamaats, and the Community Development Division of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in conveying EID BLESSINGS on the General Public.

We believe in the finality of Prophethood in Muhammad.

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WOMAN AND THE HOME

The Islamic Social order recognises
Equal Partnership
of Man and Woman

By MAULANA MUHAMMAD ALI

The Home is a State in miniature:

According to the Islamic social system, marriage is a contract (4:2), and it is entered into by mutual consent expressed by the two parties, the man and the woman, in the presence of witnesses. This again shows that the male and the female in the Islamic home are two partners standing on the same level and having both their rights and obligations. Being, however, the basis on which human society is built, the marriage contract is not like an ordinary contract. It is necessary that publicity should be given to it. One of the factors that distinguishes marriage from fornication is its publicity (4: 24; 5: 5). Every contract of marriage must be made publicly known, even with the beat of drums, and it must be made in a public place: "Make public this marriage and perform it in the mosques and beat drums for it" (Msh. 13: 4).

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and keep optional fasts on certain days in the other months of the year.

Eid Mubarak to all our brothers and sisters where ever you may be.

May Allah Bless and Reward You.

Allahu Ackbar
Allahu Ackbar
Allahu Ackbar
Allah is the Greatest.
Allah is the Greatest.

Eid Message by Mr. Enayat Mohammed — President of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaati Islam Trinidad & Tobago Inc.

Woman's right to property :

In addition to its publicity, the marriage contract is given a sacred character by the delivery of a sermon, before the announcement of marriage is made. In the sermon, certain verses of the Holy Qur'an (3: 111; 4: 1 ; 33: 70, 71) are recited. These verses call attention to the one great need of life, its central fact, that there is a God above, to Whom both the male and the female are responsible. The contract, therefore, must not be taken lightly. Every right which the parties have, and every obligation which they owe to each other, is a duty imposed by God, Whose Law is the greatest of all the laws. A dowry is also settled on the woman at the time of the marriage. The settling of a dowry which amounts to making her owner of some property shows that on accepting her position as wife, the woman, instead of losing any of her rights as an individual, acquires a full and independent status as a person.

Woman as a ruler:

The individuality of the wife is not merged into that of her husband in the social system of Islam. While she loses none of her rights which she possesses as an individual member of society, her new life brings with it new responsibilities which carry with them new rights: "They (the wives) have rights similar to their obligations in a just manner" (2: 228). The broad rule is laid down in the Hadith: "Everyone of you is a ruler and everyone shall be questioned about those entrusted to his care; the king is a ruler, and the man is a ruler over the people of his house, and the woman is a ruler over the house of her husband and his children" (B. 67: 91). The home is a unit in the greater organization, and just as in the vaster national organisation, there must be somebody to exercise

the final authority, the smaller organisation of the home needs a similar arrangement. The husband is first spoken of as being "a ruler over the people of his house," and the wife is then described as "a ruler over the house of her husband and his children." The home is thus a State in miniature, where authority is exercised by both the husband and the wife. But unless one of them is given a higher authority, there would be chaos in this kingdom. The reason for giving the higher authority to the husband is thus stated in the Holy Qur'an: "Men are the maintainers of women because Allah has made some of them to excel others and because they spend out of their property" (4: 34). The husband provides maintenance for the wife and has the final charge of the affairs of the home, thus exercising authority over the wife when there is need for it. It is the man who can be entrusted with the maintenance of the family, and therefore it is he who must hold the higher authority.

The Qualities in which Woman
excels Man

The functions of the husband and the wife are quite distinct, and each is entrusted with the functions which are best suited for his or her nature. Man excels woman in physique and constitution; he is capable of bearing greater hardships and facing greater dangers. On the other hand, woman excels man in the qualities of love and affection. Nature, for her own purpose of helping the growth of creation, has endowed the female among mankind as well as the lower animals, with the quality of love to a much higher degree than the male. Hence there is a natural division as between man and woman of the main work which is to be carried on for the good and progress of humanity. Man is suited to face the

hard struggles of life on account of his stronger physique; woman is suited to bring up children because of the preponderance of the quality of love in her. The duty of the maintenance of the family has, therefore, been entrusted to man, and the duty of bringing up the children to woman. And each is vested with the authority suited to the function with which he or she is entrusted.

Woman's role in national activities:

This division of work is only the general rule; it does not mean that woman has entirely been excluded from other kinds of activity. Notwithstanding her rightful position in the home, as the manager of the household and the upbringer of children, woman took interest in all the national activities of the Muslim community. The care of the children did not prevent her from repairing to the mosque to join the congregation prayer (B. 10: 162); nor was this care an obstacle in her way to join the soldiers in the field of battle to perform a large number of duties, such as the carrying of provisions (B. 56: 66), taking care of the sick and the wounded (B. 56: 67), removing the wounded and the slain from the battle-field (B. 56: 68), etc. **She could do any work she liked.** Woman helped their husbands in the labour of the field (B. 67: 108); they could carry on business (B. 11: 40); they could sell to and purchase from men, and men could sell to and purchase from them (B. 34: 67). **Similarly, men would help their wives in the household work.**

Great stress is laid on good and kindly treatment towards the wife in the Islamic social order. "Keep them in good fellowship," "Treat them kindly" are the oft-recurring orders (2: 229, 231: 4 19). Kindness to the wife is recommended even when a man dislikes her, for "it may be that you dislike a thing while Allah has placed abundant good in it" (4: 19). The Hadith lays equally great stress upon good treatment of the wife. There is a most famous saying of

the Holy Prophet: "The most excellent of you is he who is best in his treatment of his wife" (13: 11). In his famous address at the Farewell Pilgrimage, he again laid stress on the good treatment of women: "O my people! you have certain rights over your wives and so have your wives over you ... They are the trust of Allah in your hands. So you must treat them with all kindness" (M. 15: 19).

Though marriage, according to Islam, is only a social contract, yet the rights and responsibilities consequent upon it are of such importance to the welfare of humanity that a high degree of sanctity is attached to it. But in spite of the sacredness of its character, Islam recognises the necessity, in exceptional circumstances, of keeping the way open for the

dissolution of the marriage tie. Before Islam, people went generally to one or the other extreme in the matter of divorce. According to the Hindu law, marriage once performed can never be dissolved. The right of divorce, according to the Jewish law, belongs to the husband who can exercise it at his will. The Christian law recognises the right of divorce only when there is faithlessness on the part of either of the parties, but the divorced parties are precluded from marrying again. Islam adopts a middle course among all these extremes. It allows divorce but considers it a hateful thing; it requires the exploration of all possible ways of reconciliation; and while recognising the wife's right to divorce for any sufficient reason, restricts the husband's right to it.

ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IN THE WORLD TODAY — IRANI OR IRONY?

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"They presume to lay thee under an obligation by becoming Muslims. Say: Lay me not under an obligation by your Islam; rather Allah lays you under an obligation by guiding you to the faith, if you are truthful." HQ; 49: 17.

The world today is bombarded with the word "I S L A M". News papers, magazines, radio and television, through mass communication, have highlighted the events which are taking place in Muslim countries, such as Pakistan, Iran, the Middle East, Africa, Indonesia, the Phillipines, and other Muslim communities scattered throughout the world. **ISLAM** and in particular **ISLAMIC REVIVALISM** is a household topic on the lips of every concerned earthling. To a large extent however the main focus of attention is on IRAN, where under the pressures of Muslim religious

feeling, the Shah of Iran has been removed from his homeland in which he lived as a monarch to his people for over twenty years. Apparently, the purpose of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, was to remove a Temporal Monarch — the Shah, and replace it with a Religious Monarch — the Ayatollah. **The Irony of it, is that Islam as a religion does not support the philosophy of monarchy in any form.** We shall therefore consider the Islamic Revolution in Iran, as it bears specific significance to the Ahmadiyya Movement in that it brings to fulfilment, the prophetic foresight of the Holy Founder, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (Mahdi) and Mujaddid of the age in which we live.

America's Disciple in the East

During the regime of the Shah, Iran, among all Muslim countries of the world, has felt the greatest impact of Western Civilization. Western technology, Western ideals, Western Capital, Western way of

life, were so entrenched within the fabric of those elements of the society influenced by the Shah, that in fact it could be said that the 'twin' of the West existed in Iran. Iran was America's most important disciple in the East. This is manifested in the turmoil and insecurity which America and Western countries are experiencing since the fall of the Shah. To lose a brother is a painful blow. To lose one who is a 'twin' could be mortal. The 'blood' which flowed through the veins of America and Iran was 'oil'.

Islam Vs Irani Violence:

The Islamic Revolution in Iran, spear-headed by Ayatollah Khomeini is clouded under the impression that it is a Revolution against the Shah, when it is in fact a revolution against Western Materialism and Western Ideals. The fact that Ayatollah Khomeini has issued a decree that Government offices must be stripped of its carpets and western trappings, bears ample testimony to this fact. Ironically however, the Revolution continues to use Western Weaponry and Western Practices of Execution by the firing squad. It is pathetic to note that a revolution which was guised under the cloak of Islam — the religion of Peace, now reflects one of violence and mass murder, obscured in the westernized word "execution". Today, Muslims have reached to that depth of degradation where 'Mullahs' walk the streets, fully armed, in order to enforce Islam — the religion of Peace. How prophetic has been the Qur'anic verse: "Lay me not under an obligation by your Islam: rather Allah lays you under an obligation by guiding you to the faith, if you are truthful".

Islamic Revivalism in the world today is therefore a revolt against the ideals of Western nations, and not a revival of Islam. The Muslim world has taken eighty eight (88) years to realise this. In 1891 the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, contrary to beliefs held by the Muslim world about

Dajjal, Gog and Magog, declared: "How can I make the blasphemous statement, that the one-eyed Dajjal, like God Himself, will give life to the dead, and will show manifest signs of the powers of Divinity? In my opinion the word 'Dajjal' denotes some flourishing nations and his "ass" may mean the railway train which one finds running for thousands of miles in countries of the East and West". (*Izalah Auham* p. 478). Dajjal has been repeatedly mentioned in Hadith and the Ahmadiyya Movement has repeatedly shown that Dajjal, Gog and Magog, which are mentioned in the Qur'an are identical. The Qur'an states:

"Even when Gog and Magog are let loose and they sally forth from every elevated place." (Qur'an: 21: 96).

DAJJAL, GOG AND MAGOG

Gog and Magog (Ya' juj and Ma'juj) are mentioned in the eighteenth chapter in association with the description of Dajjal. Towards the end of this chapter, a great potentate, Dhul Qarnain is spoken of as undertaking journeys in different directions to fortify the frontiers of his empire. This potentate is historically proved to be Darius I, the emperor of Persia. In his northern journey Dhu-l-Qarnain comes across a people who appeal to him:

"O Dhu-l-Qarnain! Gog and Magog do mischief in the land. May we then pay thee tribute on condition that thou raise a barrier between us and them?" (Qur'an; 18: 94)." We are further told that Dhu-l-Qarnain actually constructed this wall (known as Alexander's Wall) In verse 97, we are told that when the wall was completed, they (i.e. Gog and Magog) were not able to scale it, nor could they make a hole in it. In verse 98, Dhu-l-Qarnain is reported as saying, that even this wall will be of use only up to a certain time, and it will at last collapse. The following verse is then presented:

"And on that day we shall let some of them (i.e. Gog and Magog) surge against others" (Qur'an: 18; 99). The Qur'an therefore indicates

historically the onslaught of Gog and Magog is in Persia. Today, IRAN stands on the land which was FORMERLY KNOWN AS PERSIA, and is witnessing what the Muslim poet, the late Muhammad Iqbal, immortalized in his famous couplet:

"The forces of Gog and Magog have all been let loose, let the Muslim's eye see the commentary on the verse yansilun". The Qur'anic verse referred to is Qur'an: 21: 96 and reads:

"When Gog and Magog are made to overcome the world and they shall break forth from every elevated place".

The Ahmadiyya Movement has emphasized time and again, that Dajjal and Gog and Magog, of which the recorded sayings of the Prophet speak, are no other than the nations of Europe and America.

CREATURE FROM THE EARTH

With specific reference to Iran, it is necessary to mention that among the trials reported in the Hadith, the menace of Dajjal has been given the greatest prominence, and after this, the trials of Gog and Magog. Certain other things have also been stated in a very brief manner. Among these is the coming forth of the dābbat al-ard (Beast from the Earth). It is important because we find it mentioned in the Qur'an also:

"And when the word comes to pass against them, We shall bring forth for them a creature from the Earth, that will speak to them, because people did not believe in our messages". (Qur'an: 27: 82)

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, has regarded Dābbat al-ard as applying to the 'Ulama' who are solely engaged in earthly pursuits. There is no doubt that the appearance of the Promised Messiah has been fixed at a time when the so-called 'Ulama' will be in a deplorable condition. It is reported in Hadith:

"There will be a great number of reciters of the Qur'an at that

time, but very few will be possessors of knowledge ... some people of my Ummah at that time will read the Qur'an, but it will not even pass down their throats" (**Kanz al-'Ummal Vol. 7, No. 1732**)

Another report states:

"It (i.e. the Qur'an) will say that I went forth from you and have come back to you. I am read but I am not acted upon. At that time the Qur'an will be taken up" (**Ibid., No. 1801**)

Elsewhere it is mentioned:

"A time of utter consternation will come over my Ummah and the people will go to their 'Ullama' but they will find them monkeys and swines" (**Kanz al-'Ummal Vol., H. No. 2013; Muslim, Ibn Ma jah and Musnad of Ahmad**).

It is one thing to recognise **Dajjal**, which as already indicated is the powerful Western thought, influence and practices in the modern world, but the challenge is how to avert it. Hadith answers this for us:

"When he (**Dajjal**) makes his appearance and I am in your midst, I will overpower him by arguments; and if, when he makes his appearance, I am not in your midst, everyone should argue with him" (**Kanz al-'Ummal Vol. 7, No. 2076**)

Again:

"So when he makes his appearance and I am in your midst, I will overpower him with arguments on behalf of every Muslim; but if he appears after me, every one should argue with him on his own behalf" (**Ibid., No. 2079**).

THE MAHDI NOT AYATOLLAHS NEEDED

It is evident that **Dajjal** cannot be fought with weapons, but must be fought with arguments. Is it any wonder that the **Mahdi**, **Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad**, indicated to us, that the **jihad** of this age is with the pen? It is ironical to note that Iranian muslims practice Islam, under the watchful eyes of "Mullahs" well armed with guns slung across their shoulders, instead of

the greatest weapon of our age — **The Holy Qur'an**.

The cry of the leaders of Iran — the **Ayatollahs**, is for the emergence of an Islamic Republic. The same cry has been made in Pakistan, and one can make ones own judgement as to its success. To create an Islamic Republic in the world, is a responsibility which is entrusted only to those who are Divinely guided and has received Divine communication from God to do this stupendous task. The Divinely guided person of this age is **Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad**, and by Divine communication, the Divinely appointed Islamic Republic is the **Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam**.

THE DIVINELY APPOINTED ISLAMIC REPUBLIC

In this age we feel honoured to be called an 'Ahmadi' a citizen of that divinely guided Islamic Republic, for in the world today

OPENING ADDRESS

By **Mrs. Baj Khan** — **Cane Field, Guyana. (Ahmadiyya Youth Seminar)**

Honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen and youths.

The task which I am favoured with today could be considered a very dignifying one. However, before going any further, I am obligated to say "Thanks" to Almighty God, and to those who have invited me to open today's seminar.

Time and again, I am forced to ask the question, whether our undertakings have any merit in their many aspects. For us to get an answer, we must assess ourselves whether or not we are behaving as we are commanded. Many seminars and training courses are held by religious groups, which turn out to be showpieces, as they have no bearing and impact on the people involved, after all has been said. I only hope that this is not going to be so with this particular set of youths. Many of you have left your homes and families, hundreds of miles away, sacrificing your comfortable way of life for comm-

with the 'revivalism of Islam', the image of the Muslim as a humble, peace loving servant of God, is fast deteriorating. It is only the image of **Ahmad** as reflected in an 'Ahmadi', which can face the challenge of **Dajjal**, **Gog and Magog**, and establish the "ISLAM" as the obligation Allah has laid on us by guiding us to the faith — and who can be the better guide (**Mahdi**) than the **Mahdi** himself — **Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad**, for in this age he has received the most guidance of all. He is the only one who has received abundant communication from God and given the authority to create a Republic in the form of a Universal Jamaat, the **Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam**. Herein lies the significance of taking bai'at (pledge) into this Movement. His Movement, the **Ahmadiyya** movement, is the only movement equipped to encounter **Dajjal**. It is well equipped. Its weapon is the Holy Qur'an, and its armour is its Divine guidance from a living God.

unity way of life, which at times could be very embarrassing and hard. If, however, we are to adhere to our Islamic way of life, we are going to find ourselves a happy community and will enjoy being together with people from various countries, and walks of life. As Youths, you are showing an example which needs to be complimented. I hope you all will take along pleasant memories from this humble area, and the discussions which will be undertaken and the decisions arrived at, will not be of personal again only, but also a gain for the community.

I welcome you all to our humble district and may the homes where you stay, be a pleasant abode. In stretching out our hands and hearts, we have become one block or community, and I only hope that this will exist for many years to come, regardless where we shall be. I now say to you "God blessings and thanks for your involvement".

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN THE 20TH CENTURY

By MUSTAPHA KAMAL HYDAL

In the history of mankind there have always been righteous people — prophets — sent by Allah for the reformation of men. During the lifetime of these messengers, there were collected around them a group of people who believed in them and who carried on their mission for some time after their death. The last of these prophets was the Holy Prophet Muhammad, upon whom be peace, who brought the complete code for the reformation of man until the Day of Judgement. Even during his lifetime, he too gathered a group who swore allegiance (*bai'at*) to him for the defence and propagation of Islam. Thus the Holy Qur'an affirms: "Those who swear allegiance (*bai'at*) to thee do but swear allegiance to Allah. The hand of Allah is above their hands." (HQ. 48: 10). But more than this, the Holy Prophet was assured that for ever among his followers there would be Khalifas — rulers — who would carry out the Prophet's mission in establishing the religion of Islam (HQ. 24: 55). The Holy Prophet himself had prophesied that these spiritual reformers would be spaced a hundred years apart, appearing at the head of every century. But as a prophet has always been given a *people* to aid him in his mission, so too the Khalifas of the Holy Prophet are given assistance from among the Muslims. Thus the Holy Qur'an enjoins: "And from among you there should be a party who invite to good and enjoin right and forbid wrong." (HQ. 3: 103).

At the beginning of the fourteenth century of the Muslim Era, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was raised by Allah as the spiritual Khalifa of the Prophet Muhammad and he was entrusted by God with the task of defending and propagating Islam. As the Muslims of his

time were very much disunited, Hazrat Mirza Sahib first established his claim as the Promised Mujaddid according to the Qur'anic verse 24: 55, then he founded the Ahmadiyya Movement according to the injunction of Chapter 3: 103 and required its members to swear allegiance as the Holy Qur'an instructed in 48: 10. Thus as the Holy Prophet united people of all religions under the banner of Islam, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad united all Muslims under the common banner of the Ahmadiyya Movement. It is this Movement, *formed under Allah's command*, which is entrusted with championing the cause of Islam in this age.

The Holy Prophet had prophesied that one day *the sun* will rise from the West. The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement interpreted this prophecy by stating that the time has now come, that it is the *sun of Islam* which will rise from the West, and it is the Ahmadiyya Movement which is destined to bring about this rising. But the propagation of the Truth of Islam in Western countries meets with many a stumbling block. Four of these may be enumerated here viz., (a) The Sonship of God (b) The denial of Divine Revelation (c) Religious Prejudice (d) The deluge of Immorality. In solving these problems the Ahmadiyya Movement has made the most significant contribution to world religion.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad never swerved from the principle that all arguments must be extracted from the Holy Qur'an. He not only proved the death of Jesus Christ from the verses of the Holy Qur'an, but he interpreted on the strength of Divine authority, that all the prophecies concerning the return of Jesus were fulfilled in his own person. With irrefutable arguments he shattered the very crux of the Christian Church. *He further established that Jesus lies buried in*

Kashmir and thus he did not rise from the dead as Christians think.

The other barrier to the acceptance of Islam by Westerners is the belief in Divine revelation. In fact one of the reasons for disbelief in God is the objection that if He spoke in the past why has He stopped speaking to men now. Hazrat Mirza Sahib offered his own reception of Divine revelation as a testimony that Allah still reveals Himself to men; and the fact that this communication between man and God is found only in Islam, is evidence that this religion alone is a living one.

The followers of every religion due to pride, deny that Paradise can be entered by others, and due to narrow-mindedness, they condemn the good in other religions. But

Hazrat Mirza Sahib preached and practised that the Holy Qur'an teaches that mankind is a single nation and that good is found among all men. This is best seen in the fact that although he waged a relentless war against the Christian false doctrines, he was at the same time full of praise for the same Christian Government for the spirit of religious freedom and toleration they were encouraging. Unlike other Muslims he never believed that the European nations were incapable of accepting Islam.

There are many people — Muslims not excepted — who sincerely believe that it is impossible to live a life according to religious teachings, particularly Islamic teachings. To such the desires of this world seem incompatible with the requirements of Islam. But in a world inundated with every form of immorality, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad founded the Ahmadiyya Movement thus providing a veritable Noah's Ark to save the world from this deluge. This Ark he fitted out with all the teachings of Islam based on the 'pair' — i.e., the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet Muhammad; and every oarsman in this Ark pledges (*bai'at*) to hold religion

EDITORIAL

We bear witness to the fact that no god exists except Allah, He is Singular and has no sharer with Him, and We also bear evidence that Muhammad completely served Him and delivered His message.

Every religion observes a festival in commemoration of some great event. In Christianity, the Festival of Carnival precedes the period of abstinence known as Lent. But in Islam, the Festival of Eid ul-Fitr succeeds the period of abstinence known as Ramadaan. While Carnival means goodbye to flesh — Eid means a return to food and regular diet. Eid is essentially a joyous occasion to the one who has fasted, as it is his abstinence that makes his heart grow fonder.

During the month of Ramadaan which precedes Eid ul-Fitr, a True Muslim devotes himself to the worship of Allah and the control of his own will-power. Now on the day of Eid ul-Fitr he demonstrates the moral and spiritual lessons learnt, through FELLOWSHIP — a word having roots in two Arabic words viz. FALAAH (the developing of the inner faculties) and SHAFa (coupling or linking). Thus Eid is an occasion of FELLOWSHIP or FALAAH-SHAFa in that a Muslim having developed his inner faculties through fasting and prayer, now links himself with his brothers in humanity to uplift them morally and spiritually. *This linking or coupling is symbolized through actual physical embrace on the day of Eid ul-Fitr.*

The Festival of Eid ul-Fitr culminates the period of fasting

during the Holy month of Ramadaan, the lunar month of the Muslim Calendar in which the Holy Qur'an, the Divine Scripture, was first revealed. *Ramadaan is, therefore, the birthday of the Holy Qur'an or the anniversary of its first revelation.* Muslims celebrate this birthday not through feasting, but through FASTING, and they discontinue the Fast (al-Fitr means the breaking of the Fast) not through over indulgence, but through a return to a normal diet (Eid means to return).

On the occasion of Eid ul-Fitr 1979, therefore, the AHMADIYYA ANJUMAN ISHAATI ISLAM, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana extends to one and all — hearty Eid Greetings. EID MUBAARAK!

MAULANA TUFAIL EXPECTED

Hazrat Maulana Sheik Muhammad Tufail, Ahmadiyya Missionary resident in U.K. is expected to visit Trinidad sometime in September. Maulana Tufail, Editor of *al-ahmadiyya*, monthly Journal of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaati Islam (Lahore) United Kingdom, has made several visits to the Caribbean and South America. He was also Missionary appointed by the Central Anjuman to work in Trinidad for three years from 1966.

Maulana Tufail has been specially invited by the youths of Fireburn, and his visit is being arranged by the Fireburn Muslim Youth Group in collaboration with

the Ahmadiyya Youth Movement, Trinidad. It is intended that while in these parts Maulana Tufail will also visit Guyana and Suriname to renew old friendships and re-establish old acquaintances.

Maulana Tufail's several years of Missionary work in Trinidad, Guyana and Suriname resulted in the formation of strong Ahmadiyya Anjumans as Branches of the Central Anjuman in Lahore, in each of these three territories. He also initiated and supervised the formation of a Council linking the Ahmadiyya Anjumans in the Western Hemisphere. Maulana Tufail's last visit was in December 1977 and January 1978 when he was present at the formation of the Council of Ahmadiyya Anjumans Ishaati Islam, Western Hemisphere as a new body in accordance with the Plan for the formation of Ahmadiyya Jamaats outside of Pakistan as outlined by the Central Anjuman at Lahore. On that occasion Maulana Tufail's visit to Suriname stirred up the true Ahmadies to the extent that soon after, they succeeded in scoring a victory in their election — thus

making the Suriname Islamic Association (S.I.V.) a wholly Ahmadiyya organisation. His visit to Trinidad to attend the Annual Jalsa of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaati Islam Inc. Trinidad & Tobago had a similar effect in demarcating once and for all, the A.A.I.I. Trinidad as a Branch of the Central Anjuman, from a few Ahmadies who wished to disassociate themselves from the Centre at Lahore.

The youths in contemplating to bring Maulana Tufail have recognised the need for more and capable missionaries to assist in the vast field of the propagation of Islam. It is well known that Maulana Tufail's personality and methods of missionary work have previously inspired youths of the Western Hemisphere to seek knowledge at the Headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman at Lahore, and to return home to assume local leadership. It is hoped that this visit of Maulana Tufail will likewise generate participation among the youths in leadership roles for the propagation of Islam through Ahmadiyyat.

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above all other worldly pursuits.

There can be no doubt that while the future of the world depends upon Islam, *the future of Islam depends upon the Ahmadiyya Movement.* For the Ahmadiyya Movement stands for the Glory of Islam, of the Holy Qur'an and of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

We accept Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, the founder of the Ahmadiyyah Movement as the Mujaddid of the 14th century and we affirm that he never claimed to be a Prophet.

DR. NAZEERUL ISLAM

Dr. Nazeerul Islam, Muslim Missionary of the A.A.I.I., Lahore, Pakistan, now stationed in London, attended the Congress of the Guyana Ahmadiyya Anjuman held in Georgetown on Sunday June 10, 1979. Dr. Islam was specially invited by the Guyana Anjuman to deliver the Feature Address at the Congress. Member Anjumans of the Council of Ahmadiyya Anjumans in Suriname and Trinidad equally assisted the Guyana Anjuman in defraying the cost of Dr. Islam's airfare from London.

Dr. Islam arrived in Trinidad on Thursday June 7, enroute to Guyana. He conducted the Juma Prayer Service at the Headquarters of the Trinidad Anjuman, the Mosque, Fireburn, after which he held a two-hour discussion with the Executive of the A.A.I.I. Trinidad, leaving later the same night for Guyana, accompanied by Mr. Kayoum Mohammed, Trustee of the Trinidad Anjuman. While in Trinidad, Dr. Islam was a house guest of the President of the Trinidad Anjuman, Mr. Enayat Mohammed.

After the Congress in Guyana, Dr. Islam was taken on a three-

week lecture — tour throughout Guyana. Following his Guyana visit, Dr. Islam paid a two-week visit to Suriname, accompanied by Maulavi Mohammed Rasheed, Missionary of the Guyana Anjuman. He returned to Trinidad on Sunday July 15, in time to address the Special General Meeting of the Trinidad Anjuman which was held at the Mosque, Siparia.

In Trinidad, Dr. Islam also gave lectures at the Mosques at Iere Village, New Grant and Four Roads and he conducted Juma again at the Anjuman's Headquarters at Fireburn. Dr. Islam, accompanied by the Religious Head and Missionary of the Trinidad Anjuman, Maulana M.K. Hydal, also visited the ailing Mrs. Aziz Ahmad, wife of the deceased former President of the Trinidad Anjuman. He offered prayers for her recovery and conveyed the concern for her health as felt by the Vice-President of the Central Anjuman, Dr. Saeed Ahmad. During his stay, Dr. Islam was invited to the homes of several Executive members of the Trinidad Anjuman. The day before his departure he had lunch with the Religious Head of the Anjuman,

while a Farewell Dinner with the Executive of the Anjuman was held at the home of the President, Mr. Enayat Mohammed.

In his Farewell remarks, Dr. Islam commented on the sincerity and devotion to Islam and Ahmadiyyat, of the Western Hemisphere Ahmadies. He pointed out that inspite of our differences, if we can laugh one with another, this can only be an indication of the purity of our hearts and a manifestation of the love we bore for one another. He also indicated that a great misunderstanding that the Western Hemisphere Ahmadies were separate from the Central Anjuman at Lahore, was removed, and he commended the Council of Ahmadiyya Anjumans for collaborating and co-ordinating the work of Branches of the Central Anjuman.

Dr. Islam left for London on Saturday 21st July, having been escorted to the airport by the President and the Religious Head of the Trinidad Ahmadiyya Anjuman.

FOR THOSE WHO HEARTS ARE INCLINED

THE CALL is the Call of Muhammad, in this confused and spiritless world.

THE CALL is for me to wake up, and arouse my sleeping soul.

THE CALL must I extend, to the frontiers of this Globe.

THE CALL must I lend a helping hand to conquer the rest of the world.

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