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INTRODUCTION

Bismillah! With the grace of Allah and with your support and prayers and with the blessings of Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed, and the *Jama'at*, we are stepping into the second year of publication of this esteemed journal, *The HOPE Bulletin*. *JazakAllah!*

We hope that in the past year we have been able to meet your expectations and kept your interest. We urge you to submit your contributions regularly and give us your feedback.

As stated in the June edition, we are pleased to reproduce our Publication Guidelines that first appeared in our December, 2006 issue

GUIDELINES IN THE PUBLICATION OF *THE HOPE BULLETIN*

The HOPE Bulletin is a California *Jama'at* project, approved by the Central Anjuman. As a general policy we will not entertain any inflammatory material against any of the worldwide *Jama'ats* or against any global member. Our policy is to continue to build brotherhood and inter-*Jama'at* harmony among the worldwide Ahmadiyya community by reaching out to all through this esteemed news magazine. To avoid any misunderstanding we list below some of the salient features of the guidelines for the smooth operation of the magazine.

Letters to the Editor

All readers are welcome to write letters to the Editor, either by name or by designation, with one provision: The letter must clearly state "For publication" or "Personal." Any letter marked "For publication" will, if necessary, be edited or subject to "direct" and "indirect" quotes to make it newsworthy before publication.

Rules for article publication

We welcome submissions for publication of original short articles on Ahmadiyyat and general interest. We will appreciate it if the author specifies in advance “Edit” or “Not to edit.”

We will consider for publication articles written by non-Ahmadis, which are submitted to us by *Jama‘at* members, provided they contain information from which our global members can benefit.

With the understanding of webmasters of the *Jama‘at’s* websites and editors of our *Jama‘at’s* journals, magazines and newsletters, we will reproduce material of interest in *The HOPE Bulletin*.

Rules for *Jama‘at* news for publication

We will consider for publication *Jama‘at* news only if it is submitted to us by officials of that *Jama‘at*.

We welcome news from global *Jama‘at* members who would like to have their country and the Ahmadiyya community to which they belong acquainted with other worldwide Ahmadiyya communities.

Rules of publication of photographs

Photographs taken during Hazrat Ameer’s overseas tours, at the worldwide *Jama‘at’s jalsas*, conventions, conferences, festivals and prayer activities within *masjids*, social events etc. may be submitted for publication.

Historical photographs already published may be reproduced when discussing the *Jama‘at* history or the *Jama‘at’s* elders of the past

JAMA‘AT NEWS

Sydney Anjuman hosts International Convention

Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam (Lahore) Sydney considers itself deeply honoured to have had the pleasure of hosting for the second time an International Convention of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Lahore *Jamaat* from 5th April to 7th April, and the *Tarbiyati* Course from 9th April to 11th April. The following is a report of the grand occasion.

On Thursday 4th April 2007 the International Head of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam (Lahore), Hazrat Ameer Professor Dr Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha, arrived at Sydney Airport at 6.30 am together with 17 other delegates from Lahore, Pakistan. The contingent was received by the President of the Sydney *Jamaat*, Br Muhammed Sadar ud Dean Sahu Khan, and the Regional Coordinator, Mr Shaukat Ali, together with other members. A short while later the same morning delegates from Ohio, USA, Dr Noman Malik and Mrs Samina Malik arrived.

Later in the evening Mr Mehboob Raza (General Secretary of the Fiji *Jamaat*), together with his brother, Mr Abid Raza (President of the New Zealand *Jamaat*) and Abid Raza’s son, Ehtesham Raza, arrived and were received at the Sydney Airport. Another delegate from New Zealand, Mr Shabir Buksh, had arrived a few days earlier. Mr Muhammad Imran Sahu Khan, Mr and Mrs Mukhtar Ali Buksh and Mr and Mrs Abdul Nasim were the other delegates from Fiji.

The editor of *The HOPE Bulletin*, Mr. Akbar Abdullah, also attended the convention and had arrived from Fiji on Monday the 1st April 2007.

From the Sydney International Airport all the delegates were transported to the residence of the most senior member of the Sydney *Jamaat*, Dr Abdul Habib Sahu Khan. The President of the Sydney *Jamaat* formally welcomed the delegates and requested Hazrat Ameer Sahib to commence the proceedings with *dua*. Br Sadr-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan then gave a briefing of the programme for the convention. Lunch was provided by Dr and Mrs A.H. Sahu Khan and their daughter, Nur Jehan Alam. *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers were offered by all present. The delegates were then transported to the residences of their Sydney hosts.

On Friday 5th April the Convention was officially opened at 9.30 am by Hazrat Ameer Sahib. It was attended by approximately 100 people. The programme began with the recitation of a verse of the Holy Quran by Br Muhammad Zafrullah Sahu Khan, followed by the keynote address by Hazrat Ameer Sahib. Mrs Sabiha Saeed then spoke on the subject “*Imam of the Time.*” After morning tea Dr Noman Malik spoke on “*The Human Soul.*” Mrs Samina Malik presented a series of slides showing the extensive propagation work carried out in remote parts in the Middle East. She distributed a number of copies of our literature, including the Holy Quran, to various institutions.

It was then time for *Juma'ah* and Hazrat Ameer Sahib lead the prayers and delivered the *khutbah*. The subject for the *khutbah* was “*Tolerance and Humanity.*” He referred to the verses of the Holy Quran regarding the Jews, Christians, Sabians and Muslims. After the *Jumu'ah* prayers, *Janaza Ghaibana* was held for the soul of the recently deceased Mian Fazl-i-Ahmad Sahib, the Chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee at the Centre in Lahore. May his soul rest in peace. *Aameen.*

The afternoon session began with a *Tilawat Quran* by Loriza Sahu Khan after which Br Zahur-Ur-Rahman spoke on the subject “*Purpose of Life.*” This was followed by an address by Br Noor-Ur-Rahman, who spoke on the subject “*Three Messiahs Or One.*” After *Asr* prayers Brothers Shaukat Ali, Abid Raza and Mehboob Raza presented their reports. The day's programme concluded with dinner served at 8 pm. Both *Maghrib* and *Isha* prayers were held at the convention hall.

Proceedings continued on Saturday 6th April 2007 at 9.45 am with *Tilwat Quran* by Br Asim Khalil. The first speaker, Br Mudassar Aziz, explained the purpose, function and plan of the youth (*Shabaan*) in Lahore, Pakistan. Hazrat Ameer Sahib gave a running commentary on the slides showing young children's involvement at the Centre, children ranging from three to fifteen years old. The session concluded with *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers led by Hazrat Ameer Sahib. After morning tea break the session resumed with *Tilawat Quran* by Br Abdul Nasim. Dr Noman Malik then went on to deliver the second part of his talk on “*Human Soul,*” followed by another *Tilawat Quran* by a very young member, Suhayl Sahu Khan. The congregation was enthralled by the captivating *nazams* rendered by Br Muhammad Imran Sahu Khan of Fiji along with his nephews Usman and Zafrullah Sahu Khan.

The Official Reception at 6.30 pm was graced by the Mayor of Holroyd City Council, Dr Paul Brodie, together with Councillor Elizabeth Callahan and along with Elder Wesley Marne as the owner of the land on which the convention was held. The reception commenced with *Tilawat Quran* by the President of the New Zealand *Jamaat*, Br Abid Raza. The President of the Sydney *Jamaat* then welcomed the guests and invited Dr Paul Brodie to address the audience. In his address Dr Brodie acknowledged the importance and sincerity of our *Jamaat* and said how much he both appreciated and enjoyed attending our functions. He had personal praise for the Head of our Anjuman.

After another recitation of some verses of the Holy Quran by Loriza and Wariza Sahu Khan, the President introduced the Head of our Anjuman, Hazrat Ameer Professor Dr Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, who

then spoke on the theme of the convention, “Islam the Religion of Humanity, Peace and Tolerance.” At the conclusion of his address, Hazrat Ameer Sahib presented a copy of the Holy Quran to Dr Paul Brodie, Ms Elizabeth Calahan and Elder Wesley Marne. Dr Brodie repeated his sentiments towards both Hazrat Ameer Sahib and our society. He was very much moved when Hazrat Ameer Sahib handed over his personal writing pen to him with a fitting comment, “We believe in spreading Islam by the pen.” The vote of thanks was moved by Mrs Nur Jehan Alam followed by *dua* by our Vice President, Br Muhammad Usman Sahu Khan. Dinner followed.

On Sunday 7th April, proceedings resumed with *Zuhr* prayers. Hazrat Ameer Sahib’s presentation was preceded by *Tilawat Quran* by Br Muhammad Zafrullah Sahu Khan. Br Ibrar Ahmed Sayal was the second speaker for the afternoon. Mrs. Zubaida Ahmad addressed the ladies after the *Asr* prayers.

Before the appeal for funds for the Sydney Anjuman there were speeches delivered by Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, Brother Amir Aziz, Central Anjuman’s Director of Education at Lahore, Pakistan, and Brother Akbar Abdullah of the USA, Editor of *The HOPE Bulletin*, with Brother Mehboob Raza, General Secretary, AAAIL, Fiji, chairing the session..

The appeal for funds for the Sydney Anjuman’s proposed building project was made by Hazrat Ameer Sahib. His inspiring speech saw money coming from all sides and a sum in excess of 250,000 Australian dollars was promised/collected. This was well in excess of our expectation. *Alhamdulillah!* A concluding *dua* followed the vote of thanks by the President of the Sydney *Jamaat*.

As part of the official programme, a tour of the city was arranged for Monday 8th April 2007. Unfortunately, on this tour, a delegate, Ms Safia Saeed, tripped and the fall caused a fracture necessitating surgical intervention. I thank Allah that she made excellent recovery to be able to continue participating in the programmes of the convention, which continued in Canberra.

From the 9th to 11th April 2007, a *Tarbiyati* Course was held at the Toongabbie Community Centre. Participants – adults and children alike – found the workshop most informative and valuable. Lectures were delivered by Hazrat Ameer Sahib, Br Amir Aziz and Sister Zubaida Ahmad. Lectures which were to be delivered by Ms Safia Saeed could not take place because of the accident. However, her lecture notes were photocopied and distributed to all the members.

Throughout the period that Hazrat Ameer Sahib remained in Sydney after the convention, daily *dars-i-Quran* was delivered after *Fajr* prayers at the residence of Usman and Wahida Sahu Khan by Hazrat Ameer and Zahur-Ur-Rahman Sahib.

On 13th April, Hazrat Ameer Sahib led *Jumu’ah* prayers and delivered the *khutbah* at the Australian National University in Canberra. He spoke on “The Miracle of the Spiritual Development of the Human Soul.” *Jumu’ah* was attended by approximately 150 people, and included students, lecturers and others. The President of the Muslim Association at the University, Mr Abbas, was very impressed, as were others who attended. A lecturer in Islamic studies (at the university) who attended the *Jumu’ah* prayers was much impressed, and on congratulating Hazrat Ameer Sahib expressed his desire that Hazrat Ameer Sahib would stay back and be a regular speaker at the university.

On Saturday 14th April a function was held at the Multicultural Centre in Canberra. The function was attended by a number of dignitaries including members of the Legislative Assembly, the Director of Public Prosecutions and other members of the Judiciary. Our President was the facilitator. Dr Noman Malik recited and explained a verse of the Holy Quran. Member of Parliament, Mary Potter, welcomed Hazrat Ameer to the Australian Capital Territory. Our President then introduced Hazrat Ameer Professor

Dr Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib. The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Richard Refshaughe, moved the vote of thanks. After *dua* dinner was served. Of significance was an invitation by the Director of the Christian Institute, Professor James Haire, for Hazrat Ameer Sahib to deliver a lecture at their premises. The topic suggested by the Sydney Anjuman's President was "The Holy Quran as Supported by the Bible."

The following morning the *Canberra Times* carried the headline "Muslim leader says extremists misinterpret Quran." A copy of this article will be made available to anyone interested.

On Sunday 15th April, to our pleasant surprise, Professor Andris K. Tebecis, PhD, the Regional Director for Australia-Oceania from the Sukyo Mahikari faith, called on Hazrat Ameer Sahib at the residence of the President of the Sydney Anjuman to express his appreciation. Hazrat Ameer Sahib presented him with a copy of the Holy Quran, *The Religion of Islam*, and *Muhammad in World Scriptures*.

On Monday 16th April Hazrat Ameer Sahib, together with the President of the Sydney Anjuman and Mr Muddasar Aziz, Personal Assistant to our Head, had a meeting with the Chief Justice of the Australian Capital Territory, Mr Justice Higgins. Hazrat Ameer Sahib presented him with a leather copy of the Holy Quran and the Chief Justice reciprocated with souvenirs pertaining to the Supreme Court.

Later in the evening Hazrat Ameer Sahib delivered a lecture at the Australian National University on "Embryology in the Light of the Holy Quran." The session was followed by questions and answers that continued well into the refreshment time following the lecture. The President of the Muslim Association at the University thanked Hazrat Ameer Sahib and requested that he contact him when next he is in Canberra so further lectures by him could be organised.

In addition to the above, *Quran dars* was delivered on a daily basis there after the *Fajr* prayers. Thanks to Hazrat Amir Sahib, Dr Noman Malik, Mr Amir Aziz, Mr Zahur-Ur-Rahman and Mrs Sabiha Saeed who shared this responsibility.

Hazrat Ameer Sahib has a love for poetry, and a renowned poet he is. A poetry session was therefore organised by Mrs Nur Jehan Alam on the evening of 17th April. Hazrat Ameer's poems included an English rendering of some of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib's poems covering issues suffered by the Ahmadees.

On 18th April a farewell for the delegates took place at the residence of Dr and Mrs Muhammad Ali Sahu Khan at Greystanes. Refreshments were provided for all present. Our President thanked the foreign delegates, those from inter-state, and our local members for their participation and support and formally fare-welled the delegates. Dr Muhammad Ali Sahu Khan also thanked everyone for their efforts. Mr Amir Aziz (the Head of Education at the Central Anjuman in Lahore) then introduced Loriza Sahu Khan (daughter of Usman and Wahida Sahu Khan) to call our young and very young speakers to deliver their speeches. The speakers included Zaine and Suhayl Sahu Khan (sons of Zakir and Renu Sahu Khan), Wariza Sahu Khan and Shahzia Sahu Khan. Hazrat Ameer Sahib presented certificates to those who attended the *Tarbiyati* course.

Our President thanked and congratulated Mr Amir Aziz for his efforts in being able to have the children speak after only a few lessons. Mr Zahur-ur-Rahman interpreted and explained some poems of Hazrat Mirza Gulam Ahmed Sahib. After that Hazrat Ameer Sahib spoke and performed the concluding *dua*. In his concluding speech he stressed the need to raise funds for the Anjuman through personal contacts, and for *Jamaat* unity to continue. He also reiterated that there was a need to have more frequent *dars-i-Quran*.

He said that he hoped to come to Sydney again, but this time for the opening of the proposed Centre, *Inshah Allah*.

On 19th April, *Fajr* prayers were held at the residence of Usman and Wahida Sahu Khan. Hazrat Ameer Sahib led the prayers and delivered Quran *dars*. Immediately after that Mr Amir Aziz conducted classes on how to prepare speeches and *khuthbas*. Hazrat Ameer Sahib and those in attendance made constructive suggestions as to the format. There was a lot of interaction amongst those present.

Jumu'ah was again held at the residence of Dr and Mrs Abdul Habib Sahu Khan on 19th April. Hazrat Ameer Sahib led the prayers and delivered the *khuthba*. After the *Jumu'ah* prayers a number of people took *bai'at* at the hands of Hazrat Ameer Sahib. A number of people who were not present had indicated their desire to take the *bai'at*. Lunch was provided by the hosts, Dr and Mrs A.H. Sahu Khan and Mrs Nur Jehan Alam.

The following report was prepared and circulated in Canberra by the President, Mrs Alma Armstrong, a Christian, for the members of the Interfaith Group of which our President, Muhammed Sadarud Dean Sahu Khan, is an official member:

Muslim and Non-Muslim Relations

The function was held on Saturday the 14th April 2007 at the Notaras Multicultural Centre, Civic by Public Prosecutor Dean Sahu Khan in conjunction with Interfaith Forum ACT. Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha was the main speaker and he spoke on the need for greater understanding and dialogue between people of different faiths.

Dr Saeed is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, London and a Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Pakistan. He is President of an international Islamic society, the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Islam, Lahore.

His talk was attended by over a hundred people from a variety of religious backgrounds. Attendees included Revd. Professor James Haire, Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Richard Refshauge SC, ACT, Director of Public Prosecutions, members of the Judiciary, Professor Andris K. Tebecis, PhD, the Regional Director for Australia-Oceania from Sukyo Mahikari faith, MLA Mary Porter and Revd Dr Robert Withycombe from St. Mark's Theological Centre.

In his address Dr Saeed emphasized that "Islam" means "peace" and that much of the misunderstanding of the Muslim community has been brought about by extremist leaders and suiciding terrorists, whose behaviour is not supported by the Qur'an. He pointed out that quoting out of context from Scripture has damaged not only Islam but also Christianity.

He mentioned as an example Matthew ch. 10 v.34 in which Jesus is quoted as saying "I have come to bring not peace but the sword" (though worded differently in other translations). Taken out of context this gives a misleading view of Jesus' true message of our call to put God before everyone else. Similarly, Islam is portrayed as an inhumane, intolerant and a violent religion by quoting out-of-context verses from the Holy Qur'an. *Jihad*, he explained, is primarily a process of spiritual struggle against personal temptations and weaknesses. Only in the context of self-defence can physical resistance be religiously justified. The concept of *jihad* has been distorted by extremists to encourage the violence from which many now suffer. He also pointed out that expressly provided in the Holy Qur'an "there is no compulsion in religion."

He claimed that about 85% of philosophy and ethics of the world's religions are similar and that the "Golden Rule" is found in all Scriptures. He illustrated this with references not only to the three Abrahamic faiths but also by examples from Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism and many other traditional and regional religions.

He concluded by saying that "God is too big to be forced into any one single religion" and that "We must learn to be patient with each other and give understanding a chance."

(Courtesy *Bashshaar*, AAIL, Sydney, Australia)

Regional meeting in Essequibo, Guyana – Appeal by Mansoor Baksh

The regional meeting in Essequibo on June 24, 2007 was successful despite the heavy rains. There was a medium turn out of members. The President of SIV (Suriname) and the Liaison Officer of Lahore, Br Abdul Majeedkhan, accompanied by five others, attended the programme.

An appeal for help towards the US\$4,000 per year TV programme in Guyana was made. This expenditure is in addition to the various other projects of the EAOL.

While in Guyana, Mr. Majeedkhan requested closer cooperation between GAAII(L) and the EAOL.

I repeat my appeal to you and members of the International Community to send to me recordings of lectures and speeches that can be used in our television programme. Further, if *Jama'ats* can send speakers to Guyana for a short while, we can make recordings at the TV studio to be used for a long while. This will help in putting some variety on the show.

PUBLICATIONS

100th Death Anniversary Year of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

As our readers are aware, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad passed away in Lahore on 26th May 1908. We have now entered into the 100th year since his demise, and a convention is planned by the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Lahore to be held in Lahore May 2008 to commemorate this anniversary. As the U.K. contribution to the marking of this anniversary, a 'blog' (or weblog) style page has been launched on the ahmadiyya.org website, and in one section of this we intend to follow, every few days, the notable events and statements of one hundred years ago in the last year of the life Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. This section 'category' (as is the proper term) is entitled *100th anniversary of death*. Both the main weblog and this particular category can be accessed from the home page of the website. Given below are direct links:

Main weblog: www.ahmadiyya.org/WordPress/

100th anniversary of death category:
www.ahmadiyya.org/WordPress/?cat=4

There are, at present, two other categories: *general* and *Holy Quran Study*. Please note that when you follow the link to the main weblog, you will see all the additions made during that month in all categories, arranged chronologically, with the latest at the top. Selecting a particular category by additions under that category only.

An item or post can only be started by the Administrator. Readers can submit comments on the posts. These comments are received by the Administrator and are only published after approval. The Administrator is Zahid Aziz. If you have any suggestions about topics that should be covered, or any other general observations, please do submit a comment under any post.

(Courtesy *The Light*, UK, July, 2007 edition)

PRAYER & HEALTH NEW

We give below once again the significant representation of the letters “A-H-M-A-D-I-S” to strongly emphasise the need of praying for the ailing brethren in our small community and to condole with the surviving members of the family on the loss of their love ones. This is what Hazrat Mirza Sahib would have expected from his followers.

Meaning of the letters in A-H-M-A-D-I-S

AFFECTION -----and love for one another.

HUMANITARIAN -----Pray for sick, condole death; donate for education and social welfare; contribute towards disaster relief such as for earthquakes, tsunami etc.

MEMORABLE ----- Memorable narratives of Hazrat Mirza Sahib are often read to bolster their Faith

ADMIRABLE -----Admired by others for their works.

DEDICATED ----- fully

IN ----- the

SERVICE ----- of Islam.

Thus, in summation:

“**AHMADIS** are that class of people who have **Affection** and love for one another, are **Humanitarian** in nature, often read **Memorable** narratives of Hazrat Mirza Sahib to bolster their Faith, are **Admired** by others for their literary works, and are fully **Dedicated In the Service** of Islam.”

EDUCATION

Countless people in Pakistan are stuck in a perpetual cycle of poverty. Though the parents are working hard to make a living, the meagre wages they earn are not enough for them to support their large families and there are many amongst our Ahmadi families who are towing the poverty line. This difficult situation often results in parents taking their young children out of school so they could work and help support the family. These children grow up and come to age where they have their own families, but without a proper education, they are left with the same fate as their parents, working difficult jobs with little pay. And the cycle continues.

In Pakistan, the Education Committee of the Central Anjuman, with initial contribution from our California *Jaman'at*, has started to give financial assistance to deserving Ahmadi children so they may obtain their education with ease without placing further burden on their impoverished families. The rules for obtaining such scholarship vests the Education Committee of the Central Anjuman at Lahore with disbursing these funds and the donors such, as the California *Jama'at* and others that have joined this programme, should may not be approached directly by needy students.

Students up to ninth grade are provided non-refundable student grants whereas interest-free student loans are made available to college, university and professional such as Medicine, Engineering, and Computer Science students. The recipient of the student loan is required to return the money in full over a given time. This same money is then re-used for other individuals in need.

The beautiful thing about donating towards this fund is that unlike other social welfare programmes, your contributions will be used multiple times, for years to come, *Inshallah*. We urge you to please give a helping hand with your regular monthly or quarterly contributions. In this regard, Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed may be contacted when you desire to contribute to this *Sadaqa Jarriya*.

May Allah (*swt*) bless you and reward you. *Aameen*.

A POEM

I knelt to pray but not for long,
I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work
For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,
And jumped up off my knees.
My religious duty was now done
My soul could rest at ease.

All day long I had no time
To spread a word of cheer.
No time to speak of Allah to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time, the time to die.

I went before the Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in His hands God held a book;
It was the book of life.

God looked into His book and said
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down...
But never found the time!

(Courtesy of *A Spiritual Note*.)

WHAT OUR READERS SAY

Captain Abdus Salam Khan, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Thanks for information about *Jama'at* activities. I do wish if someone at the Centre in Lahore can identify all the persons in the 1988 *Jalsa* photo you published in your supplement of Mansyur Basuki. It is a memorable photo and we need to preserve it, along with the identity of the participants.

With best wishes and regards.

Jalal Ud Dean, Suva, Fiji Islands

Thank you for that sterling work you've done on the late Maulana Jaggoe Sahib. That was just excellent. When people do wonders for Allah, He always rewards people in this world and as exemplary for others to follow. Circulation of the special Tribute Supplement is one such example to the world.

Khalid Ahmad, new reader

May God give you health & life so that you can keep on doing what you are doing for the *Jamaat*. Please put me on your mailing list. Thank you.

LESSON OF THE DAY

In extolling the excellence of following the Holy Prophet (pbuh) with love and fidelity, Mirza *Sahib* writes in the following excerpts:

"By walking under his shadow for ten days one obtains that light which before him could not be obtained in a thousand years....

We have found every light by following the immaculate Prophet (pbuh) and whoever follows him will also find it and he will become so accepted of God that nothing will be impossible for him. The Living God Who is hidden from people will be his God and all false gods will be trodden under his feet. He will be blessed everywhere and Divine Power will be with him. Peace be on him who follows the guidance" (*Siraj Munir*, p. 82).

"It is my personal experience that to obey the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, with a sincere heart and to love him ultimately make a person beloved of God. God creates in his heart a burning for His Own love and such a one, withdrawing his heart from everything else, leans towards God and

his affection and desire remain only for God Almighty. Thereupon, a special manifestation of Divine love falls upon him and, bestowing upon him the full colour of love and devotion, pulls him towards itself with great force. He then overcomes his passions and from every direction extraordinary works of God Almighty appear as signs in his support and to help him" (*Haqiqatul Wahi*, p. 65).

HOPE MEMBER SERVICE

Recipe of the Month

Carrot Burgers

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups diced carrots
- 2 cups crushed cornflakes
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Hamburger buns

Method of Preparation

- Place carrots in a saucepan with a small amount of water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until tender; drain.
- In a bowl, combine carrots, cornflakes, eggs, celery, onion, salt, sugar and pepper; mix well. Form into six patties.
- Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat; cook patties for 3 minutes on each side or until browned.
- Serve on buns.

PHOTO GALLERY

The following link opens to a spectacular collection of photographs at Makkah and Madina. If you have already performed *Hajj* these three dimensional photographs will take you to a "sentimental journey"; and if you have yet to perform *Hajj* then these photographs will take you to most delightful and pleasant "spiritual journey." Please click on the given link to access scenes listed below:

http://www.everymuslim.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=34&Itemid=45

1. 3D View of Kaaba – Day View

Three dimensional view of the Haram of Makkah. Wonderful day view. Feel as though you are in the Haram.

2. 3D View of Masjid-e-Nabawi in Madinah

Experience the view inside the Prophet's Masjid in Madinah. Feel as though you are present there. A unique view. A 3d Virtual experience.

3. 3D View of Masjid-e-Qiblatain

A spectacular view of Masjid-e-Qiblatain in Madinah.

4. 3D View of Qubla Masjid

A spectacular three dimensional view of the outside of Quba Masjid.

5. 3D View of the Kaaba- Night View

Amazing three dimensional view of Kaaba. Wonderful view.

6. 3D View of the Uhud Mountain in Madinah

Three dimensional view of Uhud Mountain in Madinah. Spectacular and unique view.

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