

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Extracts from the Friday Sermon by Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* ایده اللہ تعالیٰ
delivered on February 23, 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.**

Why do we celebrate the day of 20th February?

Our Imam, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh V* ایده اللہ تعالیٰ, says:

20th February is the day when the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, having received the news from God, foretold the birth of a son and published an announcement to that effect. This announcement mentioned various attributes of the Promised Son and was published on 20 February 1886. It is in this context that we hold celebrations on 20th February, or on an alternate date if this date is unfeasible. We celebrate Musleh Mau‘ūd Day and hold Jalsas in celebration of the fulfilment of a great prophecy, and not to celebrate the birth of Ḥaḍrat Bashir-du-Din Mahmood Aḥmad رضی اللہ عنہ, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh II* رضی اللہ عنہ. I thought it necessary to explain this because some young people sometimes ask why, when we celebrate Musleh Mau‘ūd Day, do we not celebrate the birthdays of other Khalīfas. So it should be clear that this day is not the birthday of Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ, who was born on 12 January 1989.

The status of Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ in the eyes of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ.

With regard to his status in the eyes of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ, I will cite an account related by Pir Manzoor Muhammad Ṣāḥib رضی اللہ عنہ. About six months prior to the demise of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ, Ḥaḍrat Pir Manzoor Muḥammad Ṣāḥib رضی اللہ عنہ, the author of Yassar-nal-Qur‘ān, said to Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ that, after having read the Announcement, he had come to know that Mian Ṣāḥib, i.e. Ḥaḍrat Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Aḥmad was the Promised Son. Hearing this, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ said: I already know this. Do you not see that I meet Mian Ṣāḥib in a special way and hold him in high regard? Pir Ṣāḥib wrote down these words and presented them to Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ to sign them. Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ wrote that he had said these words to Brother Pir Manzoor Muhammad Ṣāḥib رضی اللہ عنہ and then signed it dated 10 September 1913. On the evening of 11 September 1913, a day after the above mentioned episode, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ was lying down and I was massaging his feet. Without any prior conversation, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ said to me: Do not publish this yet (that is to say, his testimony that Mirzā Bashir-ud-Din رضی اللہ عنہ is the one the prophecy refers to), until a time when there is opposition.

The dream of Ghulām Husain Ṣāḥib

Ghulam Husain Ṣāḥib, an elder from Sialkot, wrote to Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh II* رضی اللہ عنہ after he announced that he was Musleh Mau‘ud. He said: My dear leader and guide, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh II* رضی اللہ عنہ, Musleh Mau‘ud! Having

read the Al-Fazl of 30 January, I am deeply grateful to Allāh for having made true a dream of mine. Huzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ might remember that during the lifetime of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ, in the office of Al-Faḍl and in the presence of the late Shadi Khan Ṣāhib of Sialkot, I had congratulated you, for Allāh had shown me in a dream that you would be the Khalīfa after Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ, and you would be successful and become the recipient of Divine revelation. I had also related this dream to Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ and he had happily agreed to this and said: This is why some people have started opposing him. I had also related this dream to the late Syed Hamid Shah Ṣāhib. God be praised that Huzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ himself has now announced in 1944 that he is the Musleh Mau‘ud, for I had known with certainty even during the life of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh I* رضی اللہ عنہ that he was God’s Khalīfa and Musleh Mau‘ud.

The statement of Sheikh Noor Isma‘il of Sarsah

Ḥaḍrat Sheikh Noor Isma‘il of Sarsah relates: I heard from the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, not once, but many, many times, that the son mentioned in the prophecy is Mian Mahmood. And we also heard him say that Mian Mahmood is so full of religious zeal that I specially pray for him.

Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ud’s رضی اللہ عنہ claim in the light of Divine revelation

Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ did not claim to be Musleh Mau‘ud until God told him. He only announced it after he was given clear permission to do so. He said: Indeed, because so many of the signs foretold by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام have been fulfilled, many in the Jamā‘at said that the prophecy relates to me. But I had always held that until God clearly instructs me to make such a claim, I will not do so. Finally the day came when God decided that I make the announcement. In a Jalsa in Hoshiarpur he said: “In accordance with the commandment of God, I swear by His name and announce openly that, according to the prophecy of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, God has declared me to be that Promised Son, who was going to spread the name of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام to the corners of the world.” Then, during the Jalsa in Lahore, he said: "I swear by the One and Supreme God — to swear falsely in Whose name is merely the work of the accursed ones, and whoever makes a false claim in His name cannot escape His punishment — that God informed me in Lahore, at the house of the advocate, Sheikh Bashir Aḥmad Ṣāhib, on 13 Temple Road, that I am indeed the fulfilment of the prophecy of Musleh Mau‘ūd, and that I am that very Musleh Mau‘ūd through whom Islām would reach the corners of the earth and the unity of God would be established in the world."

The statement of Arjang Singh, a Sikh journalist

A non-Muslim Sikh journalist Arjang Singh, the Editor of *Rangeen Amritsar* writes: In 1901, while Mirzā Bashir-du-Din Mahmood Ahmad was only a child, Mirzā Ṣāhib published a prophecy which said: “You will have a son that will one day become My beloved. Through him I will dispel darkness and draw the world towards him. This is not a prophecy but a succour for the heart. Praised be the one who disgraced my enemies.” This prophecy is indeed amazing. In 1901, Mirzā Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood was not a great scholar nor did he show any political prowess. Hence to have predicted at that time that he would have a son with such abilities is a sign of spiritual power. It might be argued that in making this prophecy Mirzā Ṣāhib laid the foundation of a hereditary system whereby his son would be his successor. But this thought is false, because Mirzā Ṣāhib did not lay down any condition that his successor must be from his family. Hence his first successor was one who had no relation with his family at

all. And it was quite possible that even after Maulawi Hakim Noor-ud-Din Şāhib, the first Khalīfa, some other person could have become Khalīfa, because Maulavi Muhammad Ali Şāhib, Amīr Jamā‘at Lahore, was also a candidate for that position, but the majority sided with Mirzā Bashir-ud-Din Şāhib and he was elected Khalīfa. If a spiritual power was not working through Mirzā Şāhib, then how would he know that he would have such a son? At the time that he made the announcement, he had three sons, and he prayed for all of them, but the prophecy related to only one of them. We find that he indeed turned out such that he brought about a revolution in the world.

The statement of Maulavi Zafar Ali

Maulavi Zafar Ali Şāhib of *Zameendar* openly admitted: Listen with open ears that, till the last day, you and your cronies will never be able to compete with Mirzā Mahmood. Mirzā Mahmood has the Qur’ān and the knowledge of the Qur’ān. What have you got, who have never read the Qur’ān even in your dreams. Mirzā Mahmood has a community that, at his slightest command, is willing to lay down their very lives at his feet. Mirzā Mahmood has scholars who are experts in various fields of knowledge and he has made his mark in all countries of the world.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor عليه السلام to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

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