

PROMOTE THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THE PROPHET (SAW)

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SUMMARY

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih spoke to the world media last Friday with the intention of upholding the honour of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Thus true Islam was very well publicised in the world. It was a special blessing of God that this message received good coverage

All the Ahmadis who are listening to me should avail this opportunity provided by God. For one, as I mentioned in last Friday sermon, present the beautiful teaching of Islam to the world through your practice

Those who are from God should be respected so that world peace is maintained

May God enable every Ahmadi to do this important task and duty and may He give sense to the world

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that it was God's work that He put in the heart of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih to give a discourse to the Ahmadi response to the hurtful film in USA and He also attracted a large number of reporters

After Friday Prayers as Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih was leaving, Ameer sahib told him that the gathered media wished to ask him some questions.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih went to speak to them with the thought of upholding the honour of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and felt that if the message about Islamic teaching could be conveyed in a better light, meeting the media was good

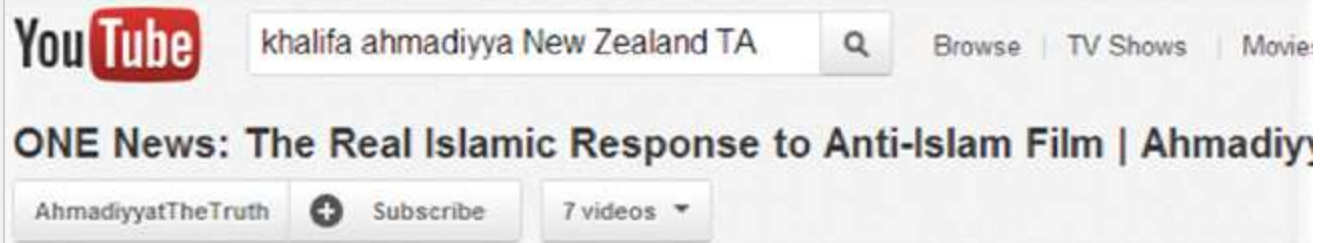
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Among the gathered media there were reporters from news papers and TV; the BBC's News night, New Zealand national TV as well as French TV

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The station that we hold the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in our hearts cannot be perceived by a worldly person. That is why they have no insight into the deep hurt it has caused us

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The New Zealand reporter stressed and repeatedly mentioned that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih had spoken severely in his sermon and had said that all these people would go to Hell

He was replied that people who acted in this manner towards the beloveds of God and did it persistently, mocking and deriding them, then God's decree also comes to pass and He chastises them

The New Zealand and neighbouring Jama'ats should now try and take the message about the high status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). They should plan programmes regarding the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

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The Newsnight reporter present said that he had seen the film and there was nothing in it to merit the reaction and was just light-hearted humour!

He also said that the Friday sermon was also quite detailed on the subject and in places harsh words were used to refute what was simply humour.

Such is the state of their morals

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih asked him that if someone verbally abused his father and said vulgar things about him what would his reaction be?

He was told that the station of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was much higher than this for Muslims

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Thus the message about the true status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and the true Islam was very well publicised in the world. It was a special blessing of God that this received the coverage that it did

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said: **'Now, the message about the true status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) needs to be taken further** and this wide coverage should be availed of. **This is the task of every local Jama'at and every Ahmadi.**

All the Ahmadis who are listening to me should avail of this opportunity provided by God. For one, as I mentioned in the last Friday sermon, present the beautiful teaching of Islam to the world through your practice

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Books on the blessed life of the Prophet which have been translated in English should be widely distributed in the English speaking world



For example, the book by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) 'Life of Muhammad', published in English, also the book by Mirza Bashir Ahmad sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) on the blessed life of the Prophet has been partly translated in English



The rest of it should also be translated and quickly published by the publication department

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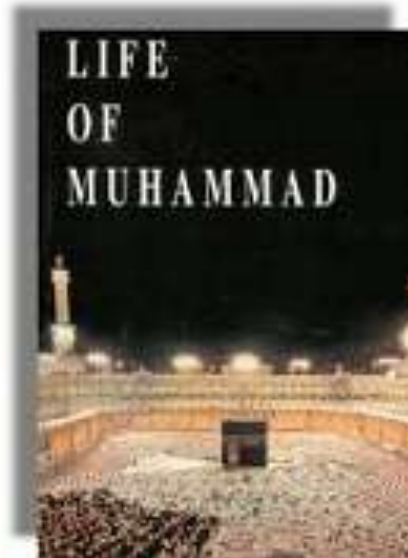
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Life of Muhammad



This book by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) 'Life of Muhammad' is a comprehensive book that briefly covers all aspects of the blessed life

It should be published on an extensive scale. If it is not in stock, it should be promptly published

Vakil ul Isha'at Tasneef should report on into how many languages it has been translated

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We are going to present the beautiful aspects of the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to the world

This is our task and should be discharged with determination

For this, efforts should be made for all kinds of programmes; seminars and conventions should be held for Non-Muslims

‘My last Friday sermon should be translated in every language and published in a small pamphlet form and distributed as a campaign in the manner peace leafleting was done, within next 7-10 days’

We have to make concerted efforts to silence these people and at least let the decent and educated people know that this wrong way is destroying peace

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that recently here in the UK and in the Commonwealth Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated all year round.

When the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria took place the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote a book by the name of 'Tohfa e Qaisariyyah' and sent it to the Queen

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) drew the attention towards inter-faith links and respect of religious holy persons and Prophets to promote peace in the world

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained that a person falsely claiming to be the Prophet of God is not allowed to prosper or establish a strong, dedicated and long term following.

When Prophets claim to be from God and their communities grow, it proves their truthfulness

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‘Therefore, this law is part of the eternal practice of Almighty God that He does not grant respite to a false prophet. Such a person is soon seized and suffers his punishment. In view of this, we shall honour and accept as true all those who claimed to be prophets at any time, and their claim was established and their religion became widespread and flourished over a long period.’

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‘Therefore, this principle is an ultimate truth and endless blessing, and withal lays the foundation for conciliation, in that we affirm the truthfulness of all prophets whose religion has been well-established, has survived for a long time period and has had millions enter its fold. This is a very blessed principle. If all the world were to adhere to this fundamental principle, thousands of disorders and blasphemies, which disturb the peace among general public, would be eradicated’

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‘Therefore, people subscribing to this kind of belief—who defame the prophets of other nations by declaring them false—are always enemies of peace and harmony, because there is no greater mischief than abusing the elders of other nations.

Sometimes a person would rather die than hear disparaging words for his elders. If we have an objection over the teaching of a religion, we should not attack the honour of the prophet of that religion or mention him in an unseemly manner... It is not the practice of God to grant honour to a fabricator, to spread his religion among millions, and to safeguard the fabricated religion for a long time’.

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‘Therefore, a religion which spreads in the world, takes root, and finds honour and long life, cannot at all be false in its origin. Therefore, if anything in that teaching is found objectionable, it can either be because the teachings of that prophet have been altered, or because a mistake has been made in the explanation of his teachings. It is also possible that we may not be justified in our objections. It may be observed that some priests raise objections about certain tenets in the Holy Quran, even though they believe them to be true and as the teachings of God according to the Torah. Therefore, such objections are due to one’s own mistake or due to haste.’

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‘In summary, welfare of humanity, peace, harmony, righteousness, and fear of God call for adhering to the principle that we do not declare such prophets as false concerning whose truth the opinion of millions of people for centuries has been established, and they have been supported by God since time immemorial. I am confident that a seeker of truth, whether Asian or European, will cherish this principle, and will profoundly regret that he did not believe in it all along...This is our principle. Islam is proud to be unique in subscribing to this beautiful and handsome principle’

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‘This is an important tenet: a false prophet should not achieve the grandeur, acceptance and greatness as that of a truthful one. Prosperity should not result from the plans of liars as it does from the activities of a truthful one. That is why the first sign of the truthful is that perpetual support is with the truthful, and God plants his religion in the hearts of millions, and grants it long life. Therefore, keeping in view the day of our passing away and the day of recompense, we should not malign such a great sage; rather, we should garner true respect and true love for a prophet who carries such signs. This is the first principle which God has taught us. Through this we have become inheritors of a great moral code’

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that in terms of those who practice it, Islam is the leading religion of the world whereas in terms of numbers it is the second

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We respect other religions of the world and accept their holy persons were commissioned by God

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This is only because of the beautiful teaching of the Qur'an and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

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In spite of the fact that those opposed to Islam use offensive words for the Prophet (pbuh) and make his crude caricatures, we do not use any wrong words for any Prophet of other faiths nor do we disparage them

- Yet by targeting Muslims the others disturb world peace

They provoke and incite and when some Muslims are inflamed they say Muslims are extremists and all manner of action should be taken against them

- They dare to do this because there is no unity in the Muslims

Worldly people do not comprehend the station of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) that we have in our hearts. They cannot appreciate how much a true Muslim loves him

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In this age, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has inspired great love for the Prophet (pbuh) in our hearts. In his celebrated 'Qaseeda' (eulogy) he thus expressed his ardent love for the Prophet (pbuh)



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Such are the lessons in love that we have been taught about the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and these worldly people say what does it matter, it is only light humour



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When morals are declined to the lowest ebb, that is when the world peace is destroyed

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Our task is to promote the blessed life of the Prophet (pbuh) as much as possible

- In order to prepare for this every Ahmadi should read the book 'Life of Muhammad',

In addition, in accordance with personal academic ability and discernment other books on his blessed life should also be read

- The world should be informed through networking, through articles and pamphlets about the beauty and grace of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

This is our task which should be discharged with determination

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May God enable every Ahmadi to do this important task and duty and may He give sense to the world so that sensible people dismiss those who perpetrate vulgar and wicked derision and the world also saved from Divine wrath. May God make it so.