

MAULVI ABDUL WAHAB ADAM – AN EXEMPLARY AHMADI



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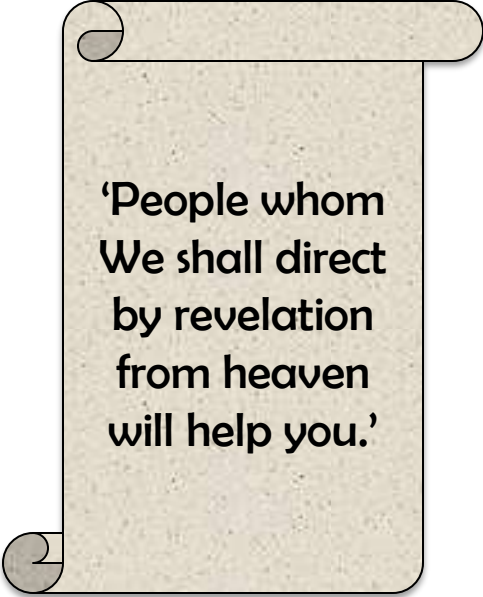
Today the Friday sermon delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was a tribute to the late Maulawi Abdul Wahab Adam Sahib.

Huzoor(aba) said that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) received revelations that he will be granted sincere helpers from places far and away.

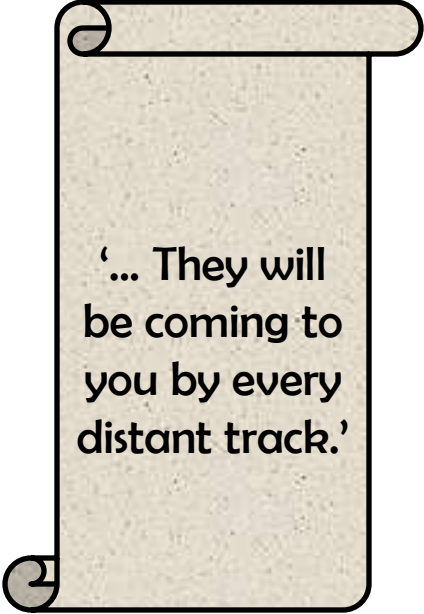
One such sincere and devoted individual was respected **Abdul Wahab Adam Sahib** who passed away on 22/6/14.

He was a exemplary Ahmadi, who was kind, compassionate, caring and showed perfect obedience to Khilafat.

Huzoor (aba) said the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) received the revelations:



'People whom
We shall direct
by revelation
from heaven
will help you.'



'... They will
be coming to
you by every
distant track.'

This revelation has been fulfilled with great glory, during the lifetime of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as well as during Khilafat Ahmadiyya.

Many committed individuals have dedicated their lives to the cause of the Ahmadiyyat with great zeal and sincerity becoming excellent helpers of the Promised Messiah and his Khulafa.

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Some of these people came from far off countries to learn faith and took the message back to their countrymen.

They showed high resolve and perfect conviction to dedicate their lives to serve faith and made huge sacrifices for the mission of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Such people are pious-natured and God's grace is on them and it makes them shine brilliantly like stars.

One such sincere and devoted individual was respected Abdul Wahab Adam Sahib.

This is a testimony of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah as well of Khilafat e Ahmadiyya.

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He dedicate his life for the service of Ahmadiyyat and came to Rabwah in really early days.

Huzoor worked with him for eight years in Ghana and found him extremely obedient to Khilafat.

His period of service spanned for over 50 years and can not be covered in short time.

He was a born Ahmadi and his parents accepted Ahmadiyyat by the Tabligh of Ahmadiyya Missionary in Ghana.

His father passed away when he was very young and he dedicated his life for the services of Ahmadiyyat to fulfil the pious wishes of his father.

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Wahab Sahib was born in district Adansi, Ghana in 1938 and received his early education locally.

He joined Jamia Rabwah in 1952 and in 1960 he obtained his Shahid degree.

He returned home to Ghana and served there till 1969.

He then became principal of Jamia in Ghana.

In 1971 he was appointed naib-Imam Fazl Mosque, London.

In 1975 he was appointed Amir and missionary-in-charge Ghana, a position he served for thirty nine years.

At the time residences used to be small mud huts with no bath rooms. Straw mats used to be stood on their sides to create privacy for bathing.

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Wahab Sahib trained in Rabwah when there was no electricity and drinking water was scarce.



The roof of the hostel building was made of unbaked bricks and leaked when it rained.



Wahab Sahib used to joke that at times their suit cases would float in rain water!



Wahab Sahib told that when he was in Rabwah, it took six months for his letters to reach his mother.

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He narrated that as a student he found studying logic and jurisprudence in Urdu quite difficult. He went to see Maulana Rajiki with a friend to ask his prayers. Maulana Rajiki raised his hands for prayer and asked them to join in prayer.

After finishing with prayer Maulana Rajiki told them that while praying he saw the Promised Messiah in a vision with his blessed hand on the heads of both the students.

He interpreted this to mean that they will be successful with the blessings of the Promised Messiah. Miraculously, Wahab Sahib was first in his class!

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Wahab Sahib had received many honours, among them were the following:

He was the first African central missionary from Ghana.

He was the first Amir and missionary-in-charge of Ghana.

He was the first African Ahmadi to have the honour of becoming Amir Maqami Rabwah in representation of Khalifa of the time.

He was the first African central missionary who was enabled to serve in Europe.

He also toured different countries in representation of the centre; countries like Canada, Germany, Benin, Mali, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Jamaica.

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Ghanaian Jama'at made vast advancements while he was Amir.

- There are more than four hundred schools in Ghana run by the Jama'at and seven large hospitals and two homeopathy clinics.
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- Wahab Sahib arranged for large billboards with the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) photograph erected on two highways of Ghana with the message that the awaited Messiah has come!

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He established a foundation in his mother's name which helps the needy.

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**Wahab Sahib also
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worldly accolades**

- At the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace in Korea, the USA gave him an award of “Ambassador of Peace” for his selfless services for peace.
- The Government of Ghana awarded him a special national award of “Companion of the Order of the World” in acknowledgement of his work in education, health, agriculture and national peace.
- In 2007 the University of Cape Coast, Ghana awarded him an honorary PhD.

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Other responsibilities held by Wahab Sahib were:

He was a member of Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana.

He was the vice-chairman of Ghana Integrity Initiative.

He was a member of National Peace Council.

He was a co-founder and national president of Council for Religions and he was a member of the National Reconciliation Commission.

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During the difficult times faced by the Jama'at in Pakistan in 1974, Wahab Sahib worked night and day with the Imam of the Fazl Mosque to raise awareness in the Press and Media.

He was made deputy editor of the magazine Muslim Herald in 1973.

He initiated two new columns in the magazine entitled London Diary and Questions and Answers.

The Question and Answer column was very effective and clear.

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Wahab Sahib's son says that his father was most sincere and loyal to Khilafat and wrote to the Khalifa of the time about every small matter.

- A week before passing the doctor advised that he should be hospitalised. Wahab Sahib said he would first seek permission from Huzoor.
- He was an extremely hard working person and at times would start work after Fajr and not stop except for Salat and food.
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- He always wrote to Huzoor in Urdu and in his own handwriting.
- He had a very pleasant personality and even in his last days he would always say he was feeling better than before.

When was given the diagnosis of Pancreatic cancer in Germany, he responded with a smile and said he had a God and a Khalifa to whom he writes for prayer. If death was destined for him, he was content to accept that.

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Wahab Sahib was extremely hospitable and caring; he used to prefer to serve others over his own needs.

He was most compassionate and used to serve poor and widows even when facing hardship himself.

He was extremely loyal and obedient to Khilafat and sought advice in every matter and counselled others to do so.



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Wahab Sahib was a role model for people.

Amir Sahib of Mali says that he remembers during the time he spent in Burkina Faso when Wahab Sahib used to live in a mud hut there.

Burkina Faso Jama'at was established in 1986 due to his endeavours.

When cycle riders from Burkina Faso arrived at their destination Tamale during the Khilafat Centenary celebrations, Wahab Sahib travelled nearly three hundred miles to welcome them personally.

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When the question of performing Hajj was raised Wahab Sahib remarked that he had already performed Hajj.

He explained that during the time of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) he decided to go to Hajj but was met with opposition and a visa was not granted to him.

When he mentioned this to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) , who said that God had shown him a vision in which Wahab Sahib is circuiting the Ka'ba and seventy thousand people are performing Hajj with him!

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Steadfastness was a great virtue of Wahab Sahib; he had amazing patience and self-control.

His son-in-law was martyred in USA leaving his young daughter widowed with three young children.

The day this happened was an annual event of Jamia Ghana.

Wahab Sahib showed extreme forbearance and attended the Jamia event for three to four hours and only told others of the tragic news at the end.

A Russian friend says that he went to Jalsa Ghana in 2008. Wahab Sahib invited him to his house and greeted him in such a warm manner that the guest forgot all the tiredness of his long journey. He remarked that he rather liked how Wahab Sahib greeted the President of the country and an attendant in the same kind and caring manner.

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Wahab Sahib used to coach people the etiquette of writing to Khalifa of the time and advised not to use tippex/correction fluid if a mistake was made as it was discourtesy to Khalifa of the time to send him a letter like that but to re-write the letter.

Wahab Sahib did not procrastinate and always finished what he started and was very encouraging to others.

Once he had to travel two to three hundred kilo metres on an extremely bumpy dust road to a Jama'at event. Upon reaching the destination he learned the event had been postponed. A telegram had been sent but had not arrived. Wahab Sahib did not express any disapproval at this.

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Many life-devotees write that in early days when there would be scarcity of milk for their little children, Wahab Sahib would promptly arrange for milk supply.

Once he met someone in Rabwah and was introduced to him. When the person explained whose son he was Wahab Sahib stood up and embraced him again saying he was the son of his teacher!

Khalid Sahib of the Russian Desk writes that when he came from Russia and met Wahab Sahib he commented: You are a very lucky person. And explained that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has foretold that Jama'at will spread in Russia and Khalid Sahib was lucky to be part of the blessed process.

Once Wahab Sahib's photograph was seen on the front page of a Ghanaian newspaper and it was explained that it was given prominence in light of his peace-making efforts prior to elections in Ghana.

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Shamshad Sahib missionary to the USA writes that when he served in Ghana he was transferred to Sierra Leone.

The Amir Sahib went to Wahab Sahib and requested cancellation of his transfer.

Wahab Sahib counselled him about the workings of the administrative system of the Jama'at and said that at the top is our Khalifa of the time who wishes Jama'at to progress in the entire world. The Khalifa of the time knew where Shamshad Sahib was needed and that was why he is being transferred.

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Ata ul Mujeeb Rashed Sahib writes that when once Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) went to Islamabad and was out of town he appointed Wahab Sahib as Amir Muqami and appointed Maulana Abul Atta as the deputy Amir.

He did this to make a point. Perhaps some people wondered why such a capable Ghanaian was not made Amir of Ghana instead of a Pakistani person.

The Khalifa of the time wanted to indicate that let alone make him an Amir of Ghana, he was being made Amir Muqami Rabwah!

Certainly, Wahab Sahib instilled a regard for Khilafat in the hearts of Ghanaian Ahmadis.

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While Wahab Sahib was in the UK recently, Ghana Jama'at decided not to hold their Jalsa saying their organisation was not good.

Huzoor was displeased at this and told Wahab Sahib that while he was here people in Ghana were having strange thoughts!

Wahab Sahib was very sad at this and telephoned Ghana and spoke to them softly, advising them.

Bilal Sahib writes that this was the only time he had ever seen Wahab Sahib serious and worried. This was borne of his love for Khilafat.

On his return he had the entire Ghanaian Amila write letters of apology to Huzoor and they held their Jalsa which was more successful than ever.

Indeed, this was owing to his obedience to Khilafat.

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Once Wahab Sahib was on leave but Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (Allah have mercy on him) told him he had no leave and sent him off to work in villages.

Wahab Sahib said the useful experience he gained from this made him realise the wisdom behind the decision of the Khalifa of the time.

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While he was here in the UK his television broke down on the day he had to watch some important broadcast from Ghana on which he had to report Huzoor.

- He was most pleased when Salim Haq Sahib's children fixed the TV, he gave them chocolates and said these were the soldiers of the Messiah and will be the source of advancement of the Jama'at.

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Huzoor (aba) said he had also lived in Ghana and had also stayed at Wahab Sahib's house. He took care of guests well thinking about Pakistani diet etc, not just for Huzoor but all Pakistani guests.

One quality of his that Huzoor observed was observance of Nawafil and Tahajjud.

Once he travelled long distance and arrived at Tamale late in the evening. Had dinner around 11.30 p.m. and retired at midnight.

Huzoor (aba) says he was awakened at around 1.30 a.m. when Huzoor saw Wahab Sahib in the courtyard of the mosque offering Nawafil with great humility and meekness.

He would have hardly slept for half an hour or so.

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Huzoor said that once a missionary in Tamale spoke disrespectfully to Wahab Sahib in front of non-Ahmadis.

Wahab Sahib did not react other than saying to him in Urdu that he could have at least taken care in front of non-Ahmadis.

Huzoor was angry at the attitude of the missionary and told him off but Wahab Sahib was only concerned about the dignity of the Jama'at.

That missionary went to Rabwah and was relieved of his dedication but Huzoor says he was astonished to see Wahab Sahib's steadfastness.

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Wahab Sahib had no worldly greed. In early days Jama'at gave low-cost land plots to workers.

Last year Wahab Sahib wrote to Huzoor and said that he wanted to give his plot of land to the Jama'at,...

... perhaps because the Jama'at was spending on his treatment here.

It was a property worth 250,000 Rupee that he gave to the Jama'at.

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Wahab Sahib was granted great honour in death by the government of Ghana.

- His funeral took place in the State House. Where the President, Deputy President and other Ministers expressed their views and Wahab Sahib was afforded full protocol. Religious leaders also paid tribute to him.
- Our Jamia principal spoke on the Islamic philosophy of life and death and Wahab Sahib was buried in the Moosian graveyard in Ghana with full honour. Ghanaian TV gave coverage to the occasion.

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Vice President of Ghana Amissah-Arthur has paid great tribute to Wahab Sahib and has said that he was a glorious leader of the nation and will never be forgotten.

Former President of Ghana John Agyekum Kufuor said that he was a great religious and national leader.

Dr Mustpha Ahmad, a Member of Parliament and state minister said that Ghana has lost an estimable son and said that he will always be remembered.

Archbishop of Accra said that he was a standard-bearer of service to humanity.

A bishop of the Methodist Church said that a peaceable man has gone to God. Deputy Chairman Muslim Commission of Ghana said that Ghana has lost one of its big pillar.

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Wahab Sahib leaves behind his widow four sons and three daughters. May God keep them all in His protection and keep them connected to Khilafat and the Jama'at and grant them steadfastness.

May God elevate the station of Wahab Sahib and grant him place near His beloveds.

Huzoor (aba) said he would lead funeral Prayer in absentia of Wahab Sahib.

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