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Al-Hilal Editorial Staff

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## A Prayer for Parents from the Holy Qur'an

رَبِّ اَرْحَمُهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

**rab·bir·ham·hu·mā ka·mā rab·ba·yā·nī sa·ghī·rā**

‘My Lord, have mercy on them even as they nourished me when I was a little child.’

17[Banī Isrā’īl]:25

**rabb**

رَبِّ

My Lord

**ir·ham·hu·mā**

اَرْحَمُهُمَا

have mercy on them

**ka·mā**

كَمَا

even as

**rab·ba·yā·nī**

رَبَّيَانِي

they nourished me

**sa·ghī·rā**

صَغِيرًا

when I was a little child

# Selfless Sacrifices

*Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad,  
Khalifatul-Masih II, radiyallahu 'anhu*

When an effort is made in the cause of the community, it is not necessary that a person's sacrifice may bear fruit in his lifetime. It is possible that many make sacrifices without seeing any results, and some others may make sacrifices and see the results. The results of national strives should not be seen at individual level. The nations, who learn this lesson, continue seeing celebration after celebration. But the nations who forget this lesson can never succeed in their objectives.

During the early days of the beginning of the war between Germany and England, I read in a paper that the only son of an old lady, who was 80, died in the war. As the lady was of a good stature so the government thought of consoling her. She received a letter from the war minister to see him.

It was decided that the war minister himself honor her and convey the news of the death of her son. The lady came and the war minister thanked her on behalf of the king and said, "You have presented the highest sacrifice for your country but, alas, your son has been killed in the war."

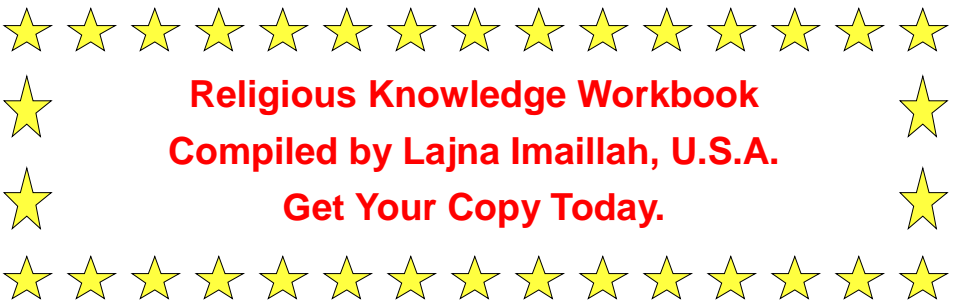
As the lady emerged after listening to the news, her body was shaking with sorrow that it was difficult for her to stand and her back was giving in. But to show that the death of her son was not a big deal to her, she laughed a fake hysterical laugh, saying, "If my son died so what! He gave his life for the nation and the country."

Despite that the observer of this incident was a German enemy, he writes that seeing that scene their eyes swelled. Imagine that internally her sorrow was so great that it was difficult for her to keep standing but to show the observers she made hard effort to get support from her stick, and said laughing, “It is not a big deal that my son has died. He died for his country.”

These are the people who are not promised a reward in the hereafter. They do not believe in life after death. Their lives pass telling others that there is no life after death. They make a sacrifice and they are not blessed with a celebration after sacrifice but yet they do not avoid to offer sacrifice and no one from them says, “Tell us, will we get a reward for this sacrifice or not?” They know that the life of the nation is their life.

Do not look at your sacrifices with the point of view whether they will benefit the person making the sacrifice. We should not look at the sacrifices with the point of view how they will benefit us during our lives. Rather we should look at them with the viewpoint that I am a member of Ahmadiyyat so if I do not see the day of celebration, but my nation one day sees that day of celebration, it is like I saw that celebration.

Translated from *Sochnai ki Bātaiñ*, pp. 38-40.



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**Research Triangle Nasirat Share their Religion and Sewing Talents**

**Sarah Azam**  
**Research Triangle NC**

Our Nasirat took a field trip to visit a Mennonite Church and Genesis Homes, a homeless shelter, in Durham, NC. While at the church we took a tour with Mrs. Cathy, the wife of the church's priest and learned all about the Mennonites, a Christian sect.

At the church, we didn't have to take off our shoes or say a special prayer when we entered. We told Mrs. Cathy that we recite a special prayer for entering and leaving the mosque, which I recited with translation. Mrs. Cathy then showed us the place where they meet for prayer and meditation. The room was lined with benches with a wooden pocket on the back, where the Bible and the book of their religious poems are kept. A stage was in the front of the room. Instruments lay to the side and an overhead projector near the stage, which they use for displaying the songs they sing together. Mrs. Cathy said that on Sundays, when people are entering, someone, usually a teenager, plays the flute to indicate to the people to come in and sit down quietly and start meditating. The instruments they play in the church include: guitar, violin, and the piano. Someone also sings spiritual songs. When every one has entered and has been seated, the sermon begins.

The younger children only stay until the opening words of the sermon. They go into the basement of the church where children church is held. They also have a syllabus like Nasirat for different ages in which they learn about the life and teachings of Hadhrat Jesus, peace be upon him. Our Nasirat Secretary and another Aunty asked Mrs. Cathy a lot of questions and also told her the similar things about our religion. When we went down to see the basement, Mrs. Cathy told us a brief history about how her

Christian sect came into being. Mennonites are like other Christians, but they don't like wars and are a peace-loving, community oriented people. After the tour Mrs. Cathy served us some apple juice and cider and we all shared the prayers we recite before eating.

After the tour of the Church, Mrs. Cathy took us to the Homeless Shelter. We got to meet some of the families living there and took some hats we had made for the children. We saw about 4-5 children there and we distributed the hats, which made them very happy. We gave the rest of the hats to the office lady to distribute them among the families who were not there at the time. We even gave one hat to a lady who was admiring the hats very much. The families were impressed by the hats we'd made and asked if we could come and teach them someday. They also asked what other things can we make and if we can teach those as well. We left after a while and told the lady who helped us meet the families how to contact us so we can help in other ways in the future. We all thanked Mrs. Cathy for sharing so much information and for all the help. We all enjoyed the trip and felt very happy to make other children happy. We also gave them a card with prayers and after few days they also sent us the following thank you card:

*Dear Nasirat of Ahmadiyyat,*

*Thank you so much for your wonderful gift of warmth. The children and their parents really like the hats! Thanks for sharing your talents with us—we are all impressed.*

*We look forward to an ongoing relationship with all of you. Hopefully you can come teach us [how to make hats] and share in other ways, too!*

*Sincerely, Ann Tropiano, on behalf of all of the Families at Genesis Home.*



# The Magic of Caring

*Marium Ahmad, Age 10,*

*Maryland*

This is a story I learned at the Nasirat Camp in Baitur-Rahman Mosque:

There was an old woman who had just come to Mecca. On reaching there she met a man who warned her to watch out for a man named Muhammad (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam). He said that the man had magic and could change her religion. “Oh, thank you for telling me,” the woman said.

One day as the old woman was walking home holding a lot of bags, Muhammad (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam) saw her and asked her if she needed help. “No thank you,” said the woman. But being the caring man that he was the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam) helped her anyway.

As they walked together, Muhammad (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam) asked the old woman why she worshipped idols and many other questions. When they finally got home the old woman said, “Since you are so nice I’ll tell you a secret. There is a man here his name is Muhammad (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam) and he will change your religion in a snap! So be careful,” she warned.

“Oh, by the way what is your name?” she asked.

The Holy Prophet (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam) said, “Muhammad.”

The woman was so surprised, “Wow,” she said, “That man was right, you do have magic.” Soon after that she became a Muslim.



# Food Corner Menu



Spanish Omelets  
Always THINK before you  
eat!!!



Etiquettes of Eating  
Baking A Cake

No Bake Pineapple Cookie  
Dessert



Spaghetti With Basil Almond  
Pesto

Prayer: Food for the Soul  
Having Fun With Cooking



# Spanish Omelets

Lubna Chaudhry  
Baltimore, MD

## Ingredients:

3 eggs  
Salt  
Green onions  
Red pepper  
Tomatoes (medium size)  
Bell pepper (any color)  
Cheese (any kind)

## Directions:

1. Beat eggs and put aside.
2. Chop the vegetables (green onions, tomatoes, and bell peppers) and stir-fry them in a pan on a medium heat.
3. When vegetables are fried take them out and put them aside.
4. Put the egg in the pan and cook like normal omelet.
5. Make sure you make it round without any parts broken (like pizza dough).
6. When the egg is done, put the stir fried vegetables in the middle
7. Put cheese on top of the vegetables.
8. Finally fold the sides and cook until you can flip it.
9. Put on a plate and enjoy a delicious breakfast.



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# Always THINK before you eat!!!

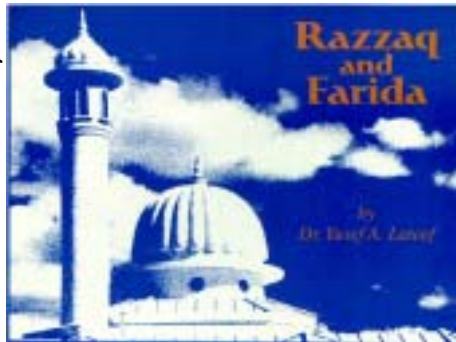
Lubna Chaudhry: Baltimore, MD

Here's a funny story that taught me to think before I eat! My mom told me that once her cousin was really hungry and decided to pick a boti (piece of meat) from the saalan (meat dish) before everybody came to eat. The piece looked very odd. She asked her mother what piece it was and she said it was just any other boti. My mom's cousin ate and said it was the most delicious thing she'd ever eaten. She liked it very much. The day went on and she asked her mother what it was again. With a grin on her face she said, it was a cow tongue!!!! My aunt learned her lesson to be patient and I know to think before I eat because you never know what it might be.

## Razzaq and Farida

A story for children written by Dr. Yusef A. Lateef. Published by Majlis Ansarullah, U.S.A. Children and new Muslims, all can read and enjoy this story. It makes a great gift for the children of Ahmadi, Non-Ahmadi and Non-Muslim relatives, friends and acquaintances. Every page of the story is accompanied by a colorful drawing.

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# Etiquette of Eating

Amtul Mussawir Mansoor, Age 14  
New Jersey

***"Listen my child, say the name of Allah, and eat with your right hand, and eat from that which is in front of you." (Bukhārī)***



The Holy Qur’ān teaches us to invoke the name of God before starting anything good and virtuous. It is necessary to say God’s name before eating. Eating from in front of you makes you dignified and keeps you from spoiling the food which is in excess of requirement.

You should always wash your hands and rinse your mouth before and after a meal. Before starting the meal you should always say: ***bismillāhi wa ‘alā barakatillāhi***, that is, *in the name of Allah and with the blessings of Allah*.

Some milk mixed with water was brought to the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him. At that time, a desert-dweller was sitting on his right and Hadhrat Abu Bakr was on his left. He drank from it and passed it on to his right, saying, “The one on the right has preference.” So, if there is any kind of food to share, always pass it to the right.

Do not eat so much that you feel that your stomach is about to burst. A few mouthfuls should suffice to keep you on your feet. But if you must eat more, then let him/her fill one third with drink, one-third with food, and keep one-third free for easy breathing.

When you are drinking water, do not drink in one gulp but in two or three breaths. Pronounce the name of Allah when you start drinking and render thanks by uttering his praise when you finish. When the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, drank, he stopped twice to take a breath. He observed that this method quenches thirst, helps to digest food, and is good for health.

At the end of the meal you should recite this prayer: ***al-hamdu lillāhilladhī at‘amanā wa saqānā wa ja‘alanā minal-muslimīn***, that is, *all praise belongs to Allah who provided us with food and drink and enabled us to be Muslims*.

As we finish eating we thank God for providing us with material food to meet the physical needs of our body.

# Baking A Cake

Munazza Waqar  
Houston, TX

First time baking a cake  
How will it turn out?  
I hope it's not very hard to make  
I have the worst ever doubts

What things do we need?  
Sugar, milk, and butter  
We'll make the people drool with  
greed  
So good to make them flutter

Pour in the sugar, pour in the  
milk

The butter comes later on  
Be sure to mix in all the chunks  
To make it smooth as silk

Mix, mix, as hard as you can  
Until you're filled with pain  
Don't make this celebration  
Go down the drain.

The mixture is finally done  
Now we need to bake  
Point the needle to seventy-one  
How much time will it take?

I think the cake is done  
because  
I smell the chocolaty taste  
Check by putting a toothpick in  
Make sure there's no more  
paste

Here is the most fun part  
We're going to decorate the  
cakes  
With little candies shaped like  
hearts  
And little jelly snakes

Oreos and Fruit Roll-up  
Smarties and Chips Ahoy  
I just can't wait to eat this cake  
Oh boy! oh boy! oh boy!

The delicacy is finally done  
Can't wait to get my hands on  
it

This experience sure was fun  
And it turned out to be a hit!

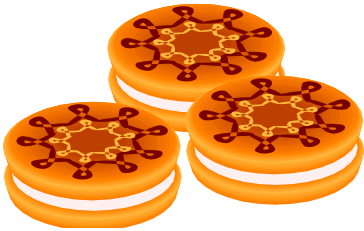
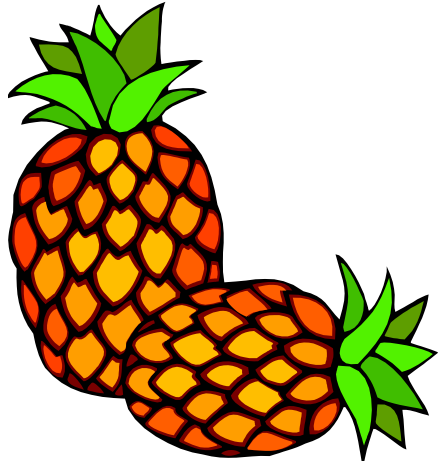
# NO BAKE PINEAPPLE COOKIE DESSERT

Saba Naeem  
Houston, TX

**Prep time: 5 minutes**

## **Ingredients:**

- Approx. 15 Marias (Gamesa) Cookies
- One 8 oz. Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- One 8 oz. Can Mandarin Oranges
- One 8 oz. Can Crushed Pineapple



## **METHOD:**

- 1) Line a 9"x13" oblong glass pan with cookies
- 2) Pour condensed milk evenly over cookies
- 3) Evenly spread mandarin oranges (drained) over milk
- 4) Top with crushed pineapple
- 5) Chill in fridge 2-3 hours to enable cookies to soften  
(can be served immediately if desired)

*\*Makes 8-10 servings*



# SPAGHETTI WITH BASIL ALMOND PESTO

**Prep. time 15 minutes**

**Cook time: 15 minutes**

Saba Naeem  
Houston, TX



## Ingredients:

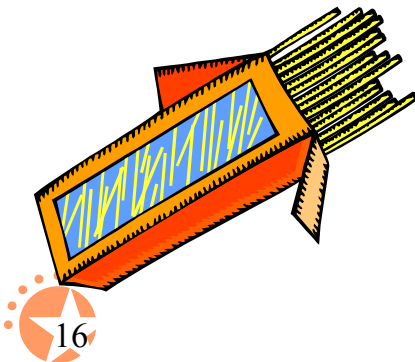
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic, peeled and halved
- 1/2 cup sliced blanched almonds
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, stems removed
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1/2 pkg (16 oz.) thin spaghetti

## METHOD:

- 1) Combine garlic and almonds in a food processor or blender. Process for 10 seconds until ingredients are finely chopped. Remove processor or blender lid and scrape down the bowl sides. Add olive oil and basil, replace lid and process or blend for 10 seconds or more.
- 2) Place mixture in large pasta bowl and stir in shredded parmesan cheese, set aside.
- 3) Cook pasta according to package instructions, drain and add to pesto mixture. Toss to coat, season to taste with salt and pepper and serve.

Add-ons: one pound grilled chicken or shrimp.

*\*Makes 8 servings*





# Prayer: Food for the Soul

Nazayat Parvez  
Houston, TX

When we are hungry, we eat  
Something yummy, a tasty treat.  
We aren't hungry anymore and our tummy is  
full  
Prayer is like that, it makes our soul calm and  
cool.



Healthy food keeps us strong,  
It helps us live a life that's long.  
Prayer does the same, not allowing our soul to  
become dim.

It brings in Allah's light, and helps us become a better Muslim.

It also makes our lives long,  
and prevents us from doing any wrong.

Food is satisfying and so is Prayer  
we may get what we pray for, like a DVD Player.

Without food, we get weak and sick  
without Prayer, we become exposed to evil and tricks.

Remember this poem and think of Allah, or  
Ar-Rashīd,  
For he will keep your soul nice and clean.

So the next time you think you shouldn't say your namaz,  
think about it one more time when you go to the mosque.

(namaz: salāt, formal prayer)

# HAVING FUN WITH COOKING

SIBA TAHIR  
AUSTIN TEXAS JAMAT



The Lajna and our great President, Aziza Auntie, were all planning on having a Fun Day. That would basically be a day filled with fun, food, activities, contests, games, and for the older ladies there would be facials plus much more.

During our Nasirat meeting with our sweet and caring teacher, Neha baji, we discussed some ideas for fun day. We finally decided on having a cake baking/decorating contest. Maria and Momina, two younger Nasirat (age group 7-10) were going to bake a strawberry cake. I was going to bake a Butter Pecan cake, and Sidrah baji, the oldest Nasirat, (age group 14-15) was going to bake a chocolate cake. Neha baji told us to write down all of the things we needed to bake the cakes then privately she took us one by one and discussed the list. We couldn't copy anyone else's idea and she made sure of that.

Eventually Fun Day came (it was only for the ladies/girls). All of us began to get the mixes together and then we put the cakes in the oven to bake. After baking the cakes—which took 45-50 minutes—we had to wait for them to cool down. While we waited we all played games. Neha baji, Shahma baji, Rafiq auntie, and I played badminton. It took a while but it was lots of fun. Aziza auntie kept the score for us, and Shahma baji and Rafiq auntie won 😊! But we still had fun 😊!

Then we decorated the cakes. First we had a "Looks contest". Mine won 1st place, Maria and Momina won 2nd place, and Sidrah baji won 3rd place. Although all of our cakes were beautiful they had to choose one person. We never got to do the taste contest, but it's ok. There's always next time.



(bājī: sister)



*Congratulations to all the Nasirat who participated in the Lajna Matter's National Essay Competition, "What Thanksgiving Means to Me." There were quite a few well-written and thoughtful articles, Alhamdulillah. We are happy to print the first place essay by Hamaila Qureshi, a 12 year old from the Sacramento California Jama'at and look forward to reading more of her articles in the future.*

## **Thanksgiving is...**

Verdah woke with sunshine pouring in her eyes. She tried to stifle a yawn as her mom told her to get ready for school. She looked around her small room and with a start remembered tomorrow was Thanksgiving. Her teacher had asked her to find something she was thankful for and now as she looked around the room she discovered many things that caught her attention. Her favorite thing was the computer her parents had bought her when she completed her first reading of Holy Qur'ān.

Her mom came to her room again and asked her to offer Fajr prayer. Verdah sluggishly got out of bed and said a short prayer, "alhamdu lillahilladhī ahyānā ba'da mā amātanā wa ilaihinrushūr." As she said it, it's translation scrolled through her mind and she realized she was giving thanks to Allah. After wudū she set out the prayer mat and started offering the early Morning Prayer, Fajr. She prayed for her parents, her math test she was going to take that day, and for all her relatives. She also prayed for her best friend, Veronica, who had been sick for the last week. Once she was done with her prayers, she returned her prayer mat to its proper setting. As she was doing so she realized she was most thankful for being an Ahmadi Muslim. If she wasn't she would never have earned her favorite possessions, in fact, she probably wouldn't even be in America! Many of us are vaguely aware of all the thanks we give to Allah in a single day but we are all thankful for many things, many of which we are not aware of.

All of us Ahmadi have two things we are thankful for above all the rest, two that are etched in our minds and hearts for as long as we

have lived. These two are Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Every day we give thanks to Allah many times but we don't even realize it. Think about it. How many times a day do you offer Salāt? Five, right? Many times during Salāt we thank Allah if not with our words, with our hearts. He provided us with our foundation, the religion of Islam. He has blessed Ahmadiyat with many things we did not have in the early days of Ahmadiyyat.



Take followers, for instance. In the beginning Ahmadiyyat had but a few followers, now look at our Jama'at! It has over 200 million followers, Māshā'allāh. Again, before the separation of Pakistan and India, the Jama'at was extremely poor. Now it is flourishing in every corner of the Earth. So you see, Allah has blessed us in many ways and we thank Him with all our heart.

Verdah was having an excellent day. As soon as she arrived at school she spotted Veronica. Verdah practically skipped to Veronica. As soon as Veronica saw Verdah she thrust a picture in her face and said, "Can you believe it, I'm getting two dogs!" Verdah looked and screeched with delight. The picture was of two Siberian Huskies, her favorites. To see her friend this happy filled Verdah with joy. She said a silent prayer of thanks to Allah and thanked Him for making her friend so jubilant. Soon the bell rang and she went to her first teacher.

Way too soon for her liking, Verdah found herself walking to her literature and writing class. This was the class in which she had to give a presentation on what she was thankful for. Verdah was persuaded by many classmates to go first. As she delivered a small speech on how she was thankful to be an Ahmadi Muslim, she realized that giving thanks was not a day that comes once a year but a lifestyle. She also realized that she gave thanks to Allah 32 times in her Salāt alone by saying Sura

Fātiha. She realized that many short prayers are also a way of giving thanks. Even the prayer for after sneezing is a way of saying thanks. Many other short prayers like the ones said at the end of a meal, after waking up and the prayer during difficult times. Her class acquired a lot of knowledge in such a short time, as the teacher said.



To me Thanksgiving is to be aware of the fact that God Almighty, Khilafat, my family and our Jama'at are there for us. I am thankful for our Khalifa because he is our spiritual father, guide and a leader, and without him Ahmadiyyat would be lost amongst a network of deception and lies. I am also thankful for my family because they helped me during many hardships and have raised me for the last 12 years. Last but definitely not least, I am thankful for my Jama'at because they were there for me throughout my life and for my Nasirat class where I learned many things and made many friends. To many people, Thanksgiving means something else, but this is what it means to me.



# The Moon

*Basil Ahmaad, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, Age: 9*

The moon is so bright; it appears at night.

It is so peaceful, it is so quiet

It is so still, just after dark.

The moon is the shadow to the Sun right after dawn.

The moon is so bright, only at night.

# A FUN WAY TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW

*Lubna Malik, Age 15  
Detroit, MI*

A	D	R	A	L	E	X	A	N	D	E	R	D	O	W	I	E
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Qur'an: The Holy Book of Muslims [Prophet: Muhammad (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam)].

Bible: The Holy Book of Christians [Prophet: Jesus (‘alahissalām)].

Torah: The Holy Book of Jews [Prophet: Moses

(‘alaihissalām)].

Vedas: The Holy Book of Hindus [Prophet: Krishna (‘alaihissalām)].

Tripitika: The Holy Book of Buddhists [Prophet: Buddha (‘alaihissalām)].

Jerusalem: The Holy City for Muslims, Christians and Jews.

Ramadhan: A month of the Muslim calendar in which the revelation of the Holy Qur'an started and ended (lasted 23 years). (Also spelled as Ramadan, Ramazan, Ramzan.)

Pandit Lekhram: The Arya leader who badmouthed Islam, its' founder (sallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam), and Hadhrat Ahmad (‘alaihissalām), and who died a horrible death as prophesied by Hadhrat Ahmad (‘alaihissalām).

Dr. Alexander Dowie: The founder of the city of Zion; who claimed to be the Messiah, badmouthed Islam and called Hadhrat Ahmad (‘alaihissalām) a liar; and who died a horrible, public death as prophesied by Hadhrat Ahmad (‘alaihissalām).

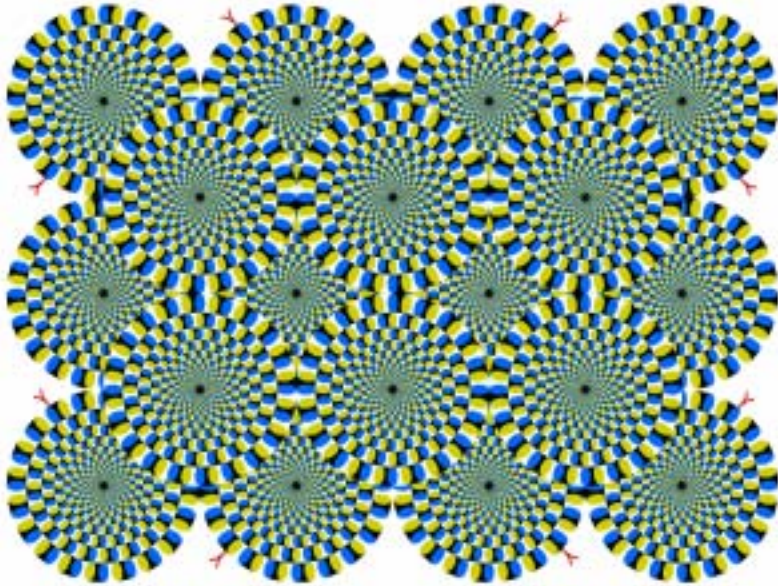
Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto: A prime minister of Pakistan who declared Ahmadis as Non-Muslims and who was hanged as a criminal as prophesied by Hadhrat Ahmad (‘alaihissalām).

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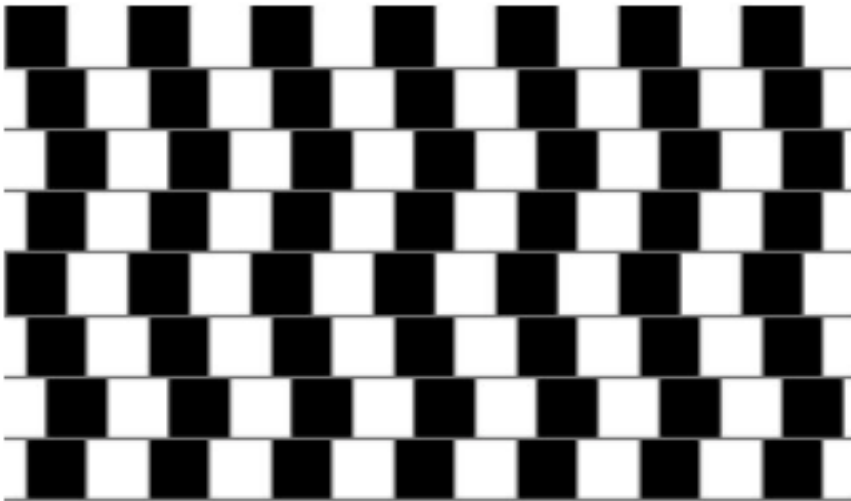
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# Game Page



Stare at the black dot in the center, see them move?



Are the horizontal lines parallel or do they slope?



# A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

My name is Momin Bajwa. I am 11 years old. I am in the 6th grade. I would like to write about some of my favorite things.

My favorite sports are soccer and football. I play these sports everyday and I am getting better at them. My family supports me and helps me more by teaching me how to play the game better. I also watch sports on television to get a better idea of all the moves.

My favorite soccer teams are Manchester United (England) and Real Madrid (Spain). David Beckham is my favorite soccer player. He used to be number 7 on Manchester United but was recently sold to Real Madrid. Now he is number 23. That is a coincidence because 7 and 23 were my two lucky numbers even



before I knew about David Beckham.

My favorite US football teams are the Detroit Lions and the Atlanta Falcons. I like the quarterback, Michael Vick, number 7, who plays for the Atlanta Falcons. I like the quarterback, Joey Harrington, number 2, who plays for the Detroit Lions. I like these players because I think they are very good. Also, Michael Vick is number 7 my lucky number mentioned before, and Joey Harrington is number 2 which is part of 23. All you have to do is

add a 3 to the end of the number 2 and you get my other lucky number, 23.

My favorite foods are cheese pizza, chicken, kebabs, candy and ice cream. Whenever I have the chance to eat these foods I do. Even though it is too cold right now to eat ice cream, I think I will still eat some. Everyone in my family likes chicken. But I only like fried chicken with the crispy outside skin.

Last but not least, I will mention my favorite subjects in school. My favorite subject in school is Math. Math is very fun and I am very good at it. By the grace of God, I am doing well in my Math class at school. I have an A on my report card for Math class. I also like gym class or P.E. I like P.E. because it is a time where we have 47 minutes of playing sports and I love to play sports. I am doing well in P.E. class.

# Leadership

**By: Salma H. Azam**

**Research Triangle North Carolina**

A good leader is very kind  
A good leader has a brilliant mind  
A good leader listens to you  
A good leader tells you the right thing to do  
A good leader has to earn  
Your faith and trust  
All these qualities are what a good leader must  
Have and own  
Now I thank you for listening to the poem I have sewn  
Together with words and time  
Thank you for reading this leadership rhyme.

# JOKES from my Nasirat for Al-Hilal

*By Saba Amjad. Age 9 years.*

*San Francisco Nasirat*

Why didn't the skeleton jump into the water?

☺ He had no guts.

Why did the chicken cross the road?

☺ He didn't want to be a chicken.

How come the brown chicken liked brownies?

☺ He was brown.

## **We want to hear from you!**

Children are encouraged to send their writings for publication in this magazine. Please mention your full name, age, city and state. If you want to send a picture or artwork, please send the original. If you want the original back, please write your address on the back of the artwork with the note: "Please send this back to" followed by your address. The Children's Magazine Committee, under the supervision of the Amir, Jama'at Ahmadiyya, U.S.A., will review and approve all submissions before publication.

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## What does your name mean?

Sometimes, though rarely, some names sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meaning. One of such names is Ambar or Anbar. When spelled अम्बर (alif+mīm+bā+rā), it is a Hindi or Sanskrit word and means beautiful sky, clouds, or a covering. But when spelled انبار (‘ain+nūn+bā+rā), it is an Arabic and a Persian word. It stands for the sweet fragrance ambergris and additionally represents ringlets, curls, or tresses. Both of these names are usually claimed by girls. But there are many names which are commonly given both to boys and girls:

Akhtar (अक्षर): star; omen; luck, fortune.

Farhat (फरह): happiness, pleasure, delight, cheerfulness, joy.

Gulzār (गुलज़र): rose garden, gardens, garden.

Hishmat: (हिशमत) pomp; modesty, decency, chastity, shyness,

Kausar (कासर), Kauthar: abundant, much; a river in Paradise.

Musarrat (मुसरत): joy, delight, happiness, pleasure, cheerfulness.

Naseem (नसेम), Nasīm: breeze, gentle wind, zephyr.

Riāz (रिआज़), Riyād, Riyāz, Riād: garden, gardens.

Saba (सबा): east wind, sirocco, levanter.

Shamīm, Shameem (शमीम): sweet fragrance, fragrant breeze.

Shaukat (शौकत): power, might, force, strength, bravery, glory, magnificence.

Tanweer (तनवीर), Tanwīr: rays of light; enlightenment, illumination; flowering, blossoming, blooming.

# Hundred Years Ago

*Syed Sajid Ahmad*

In the history of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the year 1904, among other important happenings, is known for two lectures that Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah, ‘alaihissalam, delivered at two large cities of the Punjab, Lahore and Sialkot, before gatherings of thousands of people.

The Promised Messiah, ‘alaihissalam, along with his family and elders of the community, arrived in Lahore by railway train on August 20, 1904. The railway station was overflowing with Hindus, Muslims, and many British who had come there to have a glimpse of the divine who had claimed to be the Messiah and the Mahdi of the age.

During his stay, a lecture was arranged on September 3. The lecture was advertised widely.

Clergy opposed to the Promised Messiah, ‘alaihissalam, tried their best to stop people from going to the lecture. On the way to the lecture, they were shouting at the top of their voices that listening to the lecture will annul their marriages. One mulla (Muslim clergy) was so excited that he had ascended a tall shisham tree to be heard far and wide. He came to be known as the Maulavi Tahli, as shisham is known as tahli in the Punjabi language.

Despite the efforts of the opposing clergy, people rushed to the lecture to occupy the prime seats. The auditorium was filled early with an anxious audience. Famous orator and companion of the Promised Messiah, ‘alaihissalam, Hadrat Maulavi Abdul-Karim Sialkoti, radiyallahu ‘anhu, presented magnificently the preprinted lecture. At the request of the audience, the Promised Messiah, ‘alaihissalam, also addressed the gathering at the end of the lecture.

## Glossary

Aḥmadiyyat احمدیت : Muslim sect believing Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad to be the Promised Messiah and Maḥdi, peace be on him.

Aḥmadi احمدی : A follower of Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad, the Promised Messiah, peace be on him.

‘alaihissalam: peace be on him

Amīr, Ameer امير : commander, head

Assalamu 'alaikum: peace be on you

Bukhārī: بخاری : The most reliable source of the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

Hadith حديث : Saying of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallahu alaihi wasallam.

Ḥaḍrat, Hazrat, Hadhrrat حضرت : His Holiness

inshā'allāh: God willing

Jamā‘at, Jama‘at, Jamaat جماعت : Community, Organization.

jazākallāh جزاك الله : may Allah reward you (male).

jazākillāh جزاك الله : may Allah reward you (female).

jazākumullāh جزاكم الله : may Allah reward you (plural, male or female or both). Also used to address a single person to show respect.

khalīfah, khalīfa: Vicegerent. Successors to Hadrat Muhammad, sallallahu ‘alaihi wa sallam, and the Promised Messiah, ‘aliahisalam. Also calif, caliph, kalif, kaliph, khalif.

Khalifatul-Masih خليفة المسيح : Successor to the Promised Messiah, ‘alaihissalam.

Khilāfat خلافت : succession

Mahdī مهدی : rightly guided

Majlis مجلس : society, organization. Plural: majalis.

māshā'allāh: What God has willed! Well done!

Maulavi, Maulvi مولوی : Muslim priest, Muslim divine

Mulla: Muslim clergy

Nāsirat: helpers (feminine). A member of Majlis Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya, association of young Ahmadi girls.

raḍiyallāhu 'anhu: رضى الله عنه : May Allah be pleased with him.

raḥimahullāh رحمه الله : May Allah have mercy on him.

raka'āt: Plural of rak'a(h)

Şadr صدر : president

Şāhibzādah صاحبزاده: son of a respected person, respected gentleman

şalāt صلاة : Formal Prayer offered according to a prescribed procedure. Thus, Salatut-Tahajjud, Salatut-Fajr, Salatuz-Zuhr, Salatut-Asr, Salatut-Maghrib, Salatut-'Isha.

Şallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam صلى الله عليه وسلم : peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Sūrah سورة : A chapter of the Holy Qur'ān.

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*Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih III, rahimahullahu ta'ala,*  
in his younger years. The caption in the last issue was incorrect.  
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