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INTRODUCTION

From time to time we introduce new features in *The HOPE Bulletin* that we hope will increase our readers' interest. For some time now our readers have been sending us educational and informational material that we thought would be beneficial to our members. Sometimes though we have not been able to copy or transfer the material to the pages of *The Bulletin* because in most cases the authors have placed copy/pasting restrictions.

We have found a way round this problem, and, *insha Allah*, whenever we receive useful information we will pass it on to you in the form of attachments to our monthly *Bulletins*, as part of our *HOPE* Member Service. In our last issue we attached a picture of the Holy Qur'an with white light appearing to radiate from it. In this issue, we have a webpage in which several world-renowned scientists praise the Holy Qur'an and the life and advent of the Holy Prophet of Islam. We trust you will enjoy it. *Inshaa Allah*, we will have more useful information for your future viewing and reading pleasure.

JAMA'AT NEWS

Announcement from the Centre, Lahore, Pakistan

Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib informed us that Central Anjuman will hold its *Salana Duaiyya* in December of 2007 as scheduled and the present emergency situation in the country will have no bearing on the decision.

Likewise, the 100th year anniversary of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's death will be held in May of next year as planned. Preparations for this all-important and historical meeting are underway in Lahore.

Foreign delegates are advised to make travel arrangements early to ensure availability of seats in their airline bookings, etc.

Majidkhan Abdul, President of SIV, Paramaribo, Suriname

Dr Khaliel Ghafuerkhan of Suriname wrote:

“Thanks to Allah, *Alhamdulillah*, our President of the SIV, Brother Abdul Majidkhan, now has his own email address: m.abdulsiv@sr.net”

Abdul Santoe, Regional Representative for Europe

Mr and Mrs Santoe are enjoying a holiday in their homeland – Suriname – and expect to return to their home in the Netherlands this month. Santoe Sahib complained about the slow internet service there. However, he said, “Also, very busy in teaching a six-round extensive course on Islam for SIV students, which is very much appreciated here.”

Regular Jama‘at activities at Darus Salam, London, UK

AAIIL, U.K., holds regular *darus-i-Qur’an* and *-Hadith* with *Jumu‘ah* prayer every Friday afternoon. On the first Sunday of each month the meeting of the executive takes place at 2:00 pm followed by *Jama‘at* meeting at 3:00 pm.

During the last meeting, on Sunday 4 November, Br Mustaq Ali spoke on the topic “For the love of God.”

Jama‘at activities in Auckland, New Zealand

Weekly *Jumu‘ah* prayer and monthly *dars* take place at the residence of Adil in Rosekill, a suburban town of Auckland. On Friday, October 12, 2007, the day of this Editor’s arrival in Auckland, New Zealand, Abid Raza, President of AAIIL, NZ, delivered the Friday sermon (*khutbah*) after reading out Hazrat Ameer’s powerful and inspirational *Eid* message. Shahid Raza, son of Hafiz Raza of Fiji, led the *Jumu‘ah* prayer.

The *Jama‘at*’s last *dars* was held on 24 November and delivered by Irshad Zullah, who spoke on Maulana Muhammad Ali, and Abid Raza spoke briefly on charity, *zakah* and prayer.

Jama‘at activities in Oakland, California, USA

Besides gathering for prayer and festivities on the two annual *Eid* days, commemorating *Milad-un-Nabi* and other special events in our *Jama‘at* at the AAIIL Mosque in Oakland, California, the *Jama‘at* also conducts *dars* on a monthly basis on a scheduled Saturday of each month. Delicious dinner is served following these activities.

PRAYER & HEALTH NEWS

Mohammad Bashir of Auckland, New Zealand

Shabir Buksh, General Secretary, AAIIL New Zealand, wrote:

“My father in law is fine now. He was recovering at home and with the blessings of Almighty, he has resumed work on Monday 12th November. Please thank all members globally who prayed for his speedy recovery.”

Prayers of *shifa* for brethren of our worldwide *Jama'ats*

At the request of Hazrat Ameer Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, please pray for his sister-in-laws Begum Nuzhat Saeed in Canada and Begum Sabiha Saeed in Pakistan, and for our revered brother, Mian Sheikh Farooq of Pakistan.

He also urged us to pray for the following ailing brethren in our global *Jama'ats*: Mary Ghafoerkhan's mother, Akela Haroun, Shahid and Dr. Zahid Aziz's mother and sister, and Jalal and Nizam Ud Dean's mother. Hazrat Ameer has also added Mohammad Bashir of New Zealand to the list. He says: "I pray along with you that Allah blesses all of them with long, useful and healthy lives ahead. *Aameen*."

PUBLICATIONS

Dedication to Mian Fazl-i-Ahmad in *Paigham-e-Sulh*

H/Dr. Abdul Waheed, Editor of *Paigham-e-Sulh*, Central Anjuman's Urdu newspaper, has published in the June 2007 issue a 24-page dedication to Mian Fazl-i-Ahmad. It contains not only touching editorial, numerous tribute articles full of love and affection from members who knew him well, but also carries a host of historical and memorable photographs of the late Mian Fazl-i-Ahmad. This publication is highly recommended to our Urdu speaking readers.

Dr Waheed informed us that the next issue will contain an article written by Maulana Muhammad Abdullah.

ALL ABOUT US

Life sketch of Maulvi Syed Muhammad Ahsan Amrohi

(Part I of a two-part article.)

[English translation by Choudry Masud Akthar, Secretary, AAII, Hayward, California of *Yaad-e-Ruftagaan* (Biographies of Prominent Members of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement), Volume 1.]

Maulana Syed Muhammad Ahsan Amrohi was one of the stalwarts and leading '*Ulama* of the Ahmadiyya Movement. He was one of the favoured persons who stood in the closest circle of the supporters and followers of the Promised Messiah. During his stay in Qadian, which used to be for quite long periods, he used to be the *khateeb* and *imam* of Masjid-i-Mubarak, where the Promised Messiah used to offer his Friday prayers behind him. His *khutbahs* were like an ocean of Qur'anic subtleties which quenched the spiritual thirst of hundreds of those who offered their Friday prayers in that *masjid*. His *khutbahs* were published in the Ahmadiyya Movement's newspapers and are available in the *Jama'at's* library for all those who would like to benefit from the spiritual and intellectual power of his sermons.

Before joining the Ahmadiyya Movement, Maulana Amrohi was an elect member of the *Majlis-i-Ulema* of Nawab Siddique Hassan Khan of Bhopal State in India. Nawab Siddique Hassan Khan had a deep

interest in religious knowledge and had gathered around him a *majlis* from amongst the eminent ‘*Ulama* of the time from the Indian Sub-continent by employing them on high salaries. These ‘*Ulama* used to provide him with research material from which he wrote and published some outstanding books on *Hadith* and the teachings of the Qur’an. Maulana Amrohi was one of these research scholars and was held in high esteem for his learning. The Qur’anic verse, “Allah grants knowledge to whom He likes from amongst His slaves,” applies perfectly in the case of Maulana Mohammad Ahsan Amrohi. Those who had the good fortune of seeing him or keeping company with him attest that he was one of the ‘*Ulama-i-Rabbani* whose hearts were full of the light of *iman*. Whatever deductions he made from the Qur’an and the *Hadith* was so outstanding that no opponent could ever dispute his arguments. He had not only a deep insight into the teachings of the Qur’an and *Hadith* but was also an accomplished scholar in Sarf, Nahve, Fasalat, Balaghat, Mantiq and Philosophy.

Sign of the truth of the Promised Messiah

When in 1891 Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad claimed to be the Promised Messiah, prophecies about whose advent were to be found in the *Hadith*, the ‘*Ulama* of India became his sworn enemies and issued a *fatwa* of *kufr* against him. The Promised Messiah received an *ilham* in the form of Persian verse, which reads:

Az Pae aan Muhammad AhsanRa- Tariq-i-Roozgar mei Benaam

(For that purpose I see Muhammad Ahsan giving up his worldly subsistence or worldly desires)

This *ilham* of the Promised Messiah proved true when, soon after, Maulana Syed Muhammad Ahsan Amrohi quit his high-paying job with Nawab Siddique Hassan Khan and joined the Ahmadiyya Movement and settled down at Qadian. This further shows that Maulana Ahsan Amrohi was held in great honour in Nawab Siddique Hassan’s *Majlis-e-‘Ulama* but that was also held in great honour in the sight of Allah that He chose him for this service of the Promised Messiah and filled his heart with the light which enabled him to recognize the Truth of the claims of the Promised Messiah. At a time when joining the Ahmadiyya Movement meant not only being subjected to the worst type of ostracization but also facing all types of hardships, giving up one’s means of income and subsistence, especially when there were no other apparent means in sight of earning a livelihood, was not a mean sacrifice. But without any care for all these considerations Maulana Syed M. Ahsan Amrohi gave up quite a richly remunerated position and, acting on the Divine Command of “*Kunu Ma as Sadiqeen*” [Be with the truthful (or righteous ones)] he became the supporter and follower of the one who was raised by Allah as the Promised Messiah and *Mujaddad* of the 14th Century. He chose to exemplify preferring *deen* over one’s worldly gains and, giving up a life full of comforts and luxury, he preferred to become a *dervish* and pass his life in the state of *derveshi*.

In recognition of the eminence in learning, righteousness and spiritual qualities of Maulana Muhammad Ahsan Amrohi, the Promised Messiah declared him to be one of those angels about whom it is prophesied in the *Hadith* that the Messiah will appear resting his hands on the shoulders of two angels. The proof of this being that Maulana became a great support for the mission of the Promised Messiah in that he wrote such incontrovertible answers to the objections raised by the opponents of the Promised Messiah that they were silenced.

The Promised Messiah used to ask Maulana M Ahsan to write answers to these objections and his answers served to silence them. He ceaselessly wielded his pen in defense of the Promised Messiah by writing books and publishing replies in the newspapers and magazines of the Movement, thus passing his whole life in this sacred *jihad*. He wrote about 30 books which contain so much knowledge on the truth of

Ahmadiyyat that seekers after truth can benefit from these in any era. Thus Maulana M Ahsan Amrohi shall ever remain a sign of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah and his mission.

In *Al-Wassiyat* (The Will) the Promised Messiah has laid down that at least two persons who are scholars of the *Deen* (i.e. having deep insight in the teachings of the Qur'an and *Sunnah* and *Hadith*) should always be included in the *Majlis-e-Motamadeen*, the body which was authorized to manage and administer the affairs of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman which was declared by him to be his successor. The other condition for being a member of the *Majlis-i-Motamadeen* laid down by him was that only righteous persons who in right earnest prefer *Deen* above their worldly concerns should be chosen as members of the *Motamadeen* and it was further laid down that if were discovered that any member had any mixing of his worldly concerns in his objectives then such member shall be forthwith removed from the membership of the *Motmadeen*. To fulfil the condition of inclusion of two eminent righteous scholars in the *Motamadeen* the Promised Messiah nominated Maulana Syed M Ahsan Amrohi along with Maulana Nur-ud-Din, who was also made the President of the Anjuman.

Held in great honour by Maulvi Nur-ud-Din

In his speech which he delivered at the passing away of the Promised Messiah, Maulana Nurrudin thus spoke about Maulana M Ahsan Amrohi:

“Similarly amongst those who are rendering service to *Deen Allah*, Syed Muhammad Ahsan Sahib is man of great learning. He is a *Syed* too. He has rendered such great service to the cause of *Deen Allah* which renders a person like me feel small. In spite of his old age he has written a lot in support of the Promised Messiah. This is such a great service which only he was capable of doing.”

[In Part 2 we will cover “A few examples from his writings.”]

FEATURE ARTICLE

THE PATH TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

By Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

[This is part two of a two-part series translated by Kalamazad Mohammed, BA. Dip. Ed., Editor, *The Message*]

Remember this well that unless deeds are done with a true and sincere intention and are accompanied by true spirituality, they can be of no benefit and will be of no avail. Deeds can only be referred to as righteous when there is no corruption in them of any kind. The opposite of rectitude is disorder. The pious person is he who is completely free from all forms of disorder and dissension. *Salah* (Prayer) that is in a state of disorder and is tainted with ulterior motives is certainly not for God – it does not “reach” up above the ground by as much as even a hand because such people are devoid of sincerity and spirituality.

There are many people who raise the objection, questioning the need for the formation of this Community when according to them they, too, offer *salah* (prayer) and keep fasts. In this way they deceive others and there is no doubt that some people who are unfamiliar with our teachings and with our Community may well be deceived and join others in saying that we, too, offer our *salah* and keep fasts and recite the various prayers, why then has this division been created? Remember that such talk is the result of

ignorance and lack of recognition of God. The creation of division is not my doing – if there is division, it is God who has created this division because it is God who has established this Community. The reason for this is that man’s spiritual state has become so weakened that it has reached the point where the force of faith has completely disappeared. However, God wishes to give new life to true faith and this He has done through this new Community. Given these circumstances the objections of the people who question the formation of this Community are absurd and without any basis. In short, remember this well that such doubts and suspicions should not enter one’s heart and if one were to consider this matter fully, such thoughts should not even arise. It is when careful consideration is not given to these matters that doubts and suspicions arise and some people who look only at the surface, raise the objection that there are other people who are also Muslims. Such doubts and suspicions can very quickly lead a person to his destruction. I have seen letters that have been written by people who apparently belong to our Community but say that they are asked by others as to what the need is for a new Community when they too offer *salah*, declare the same *Kalima*, and keep fasts? Such people further write in their letters that those who question them appear to be good people, doing good works. Despite the fact that the writers of such letters belong to our Community, upon hearing objections and doubts, they write that they do not know the answer to such objections. I feel regret and pity for such people that they have failed to understand our true purpose and intention. They only see that other people customarily adhere to the practice of Islam and in this trait they seem to fulfil their duty to God but their practice lacks the spirit of truth.

Hence, such objections work like the suspicions created by acts of magic and [those influenced] do not care to think that our intention is to create a true faith that saves a person from the death of a sinful life. Such motives are not to be found in those who follow only customs and traditions. Their sight is set only upon the apparent – it is not upon the reality. What they have is only the outer skin, not the inner kernel.

Remember and understand this point that at the time of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*sas*) had the Jews abandoned the Torah? Had they abandoned practising the Torah? Certainly not! The Jews even now believe in the Torah and their practice is according to this Book. Their sacrifices and other customs are still carried on today as they were at that time. They continue to face towards the *Bait-ul-Muqaddas* while performing their prayers. At the time of the Holy Prophet (*sas*) there were also present great Jewish scholars and Jewish priests, so what need was there for the Holy Prophet (*sas*) and for the new Book of God (namely, the Holy Qur’an)? There also existed at that time the Christian people. Among them, too, was a sect that believed in the Unity of God. What then was the reason for the appointment by God of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*sas*) and for the Book of God? This is a question that should be carefully considered by our opponents and by those who raise such objections against the formation of our Community. This is a very subtle issue but those who ponder and consider matters carefully will be able to see that it is not such a difficult matter. Remember that God looks only upon the soul and upon spirituality. God does not look at outward actions – He looks only at the reality and the inner state as to whether the actions are tainted by an element of selfishness and personal desires or whether there is sincerity and true obedience to God. The outer form of deeds, however, may deceive a person. He may be led to think highly of a person who is seen with a rosary in hand, or if he observes a person offering voluntary prayers at night or mid-morning. Similarly, when he sees someone performing noble acts of virtue, he may believe him to be a saintly person but God does not like the show of “outer layer” of deeds. God is never pleased with [acts that are only] an outer shell, an outer covering – God is not pleased until there is loyalty and true sincerity. (*Malfuzat*, Vol. 6, pp. 237-240)

Taqwa, that is, righteousness is no small thing. Through it one has to battle against all those “satans” that overwhelm a person’s inner strength and power. All these forces in the state of *nafs-e-ammara*, that is, the self that incites to evil, are a satan within man. If these forces are not controlled they will eventually enslave a person. Knowledge and intelligence also become “satans” when used improperly. The task of

the righteous person is to develop these and all of his capacities correctly. Similarly, those who consider revenge, anger and marriage to be a bad thing in all circumstances, also go against nature and they battle against the basis of human nature and human instinct. The true religion is that which nurtures human capabilities and not one that degrades them. Anger and virility of man are aspects of human nature that have been placed there by God and, therefore, to abandon them such as becoming a hermit or a monk is to fight with God. All such matters that go against human nature usurp the rights of human beings. If matters were in fact as they try to depict them then it would be posing an objection against God who created and placed within us those capabilities. (*Malfuzat*, Vol. 1, pp. 33-51)

EDUCATION

The dictionary meaning of “education” is, “Education encompasses teaching and learning specific skills, and also something less tangible but more profound: the imparting of **knowledge**, positive **judgement** and well-developed **wisdom**.” The following article on “**The Importance of Knowledge**” is reproduced from *A Spiritual Note*, Edition 124 - November 2, 2007 - Shawwal 21, 1428:

Qur’anic verses

“Are those who know and those who know not alike? Only men of understanding mind” (Quran, 39:9).

“He is it Who has revealed the Book to thee; some of its verses are decisive - they are the basis of the Book – and others are allegorical. Then those in whose hearts is perversity follow the part of it which is allegorical, seeking to mislead, and seeking to give it (their own) interpretation. And none knows its interpretation save Allah and those firmly rooted in knowledge. They say: We believe in it, it is all from our Lord. And none mind except men of understanding” (Quran, 3:7).

Some sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) about knowledge

“Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.”

“With knowledge man rises to the heights of goodness and to a noble position, associates with monarchs in this world, and attains to the perfection of happiness in the next.”

“Excessive knowledge is better than excessive praying. ... It is better to teach knowledge one hour in the night than to pray the whole night.”

“One learned man is harder on the devil than a thousand ignorant worshippers.”

“Who are the learned? Those who practise what they know.”

“The knowledge from which no benefit is derived is like a treasure from which no charity is bestowed in the way of the Lord.”

The importance of knowledge

There are many kinds of learning besides that in books; in fact, there are many book scholars who know very little, and many learned men who know little of books. If you cannot get scholarship, get knowledge; they are not quite the same. Learn nature, and more than all, learn your fellowman. No knowledge is ever wasted. Therefore: Acquire knowledge; it enables the possessor to distinguish right from wrong; it lights the way to heaven; it is our friend in the desert; our companion when friendless; it guides us to happiness;

it sustains us in misery; it is an ornament among friends, and an armour against enemies. (Prof. N. Stephen, in his book *Muhammad and Learning*)

WHAT OUR READERS SAY

Correspondence from Shaukat A. Ali, Co-ordinator, Asia & Pacific Region

Alhumdulillah! I am very pleased to receive various *Bulletins* and supplements in recent weeks. I am still in Phuket from July and hope to return to Brisbane at the end of this month.

I am amazed at the speed with which you are able to respond to the requests from members. Your energy and dedication with which you have provided this valuable service to the *Jamaat* is commendable. May Allah (*swt*) continue to bless you with excellent health and enthusiasm so that we can continue to benefit from this invaluable service.

Appreciation of the tribute paper on the late Shafi Ud Dean

Nizam Ud Dean

Thank you for the memorial supplement for Br Sunny Dean. It was an excellent job and I have forwarded a copy to Bhabi Yasmin Dean, in case she had not seen it. Your addition of photos from your own collection helped to give a wider scope to Br Sunny's remembrance.

Dr. Shaista Shameem

.....excellent tribute to Sunny bhैया, may he rest in peace.

Justice Nazhat Shameem

I ...thought it was wonderful...

Abid Raza, President of AAHL, NZ

I am sure it will be a long time before the scars of the loss of dear beloved Shafi Ud Dean (lovingly called Sunny Dean by young and the old) will heal. His passing away has created a very big vacuum in the Fiji *Jama'at*. He was a very sincere, generous and a role model to follow not only for his family but also of the *Jama'at* members. He even defied his own father who became a Qadiani. As a child I recall he used to debate with the elders and always spoke his mind. He had a very good command of the English language, and was well versed with Holy Quran. The late brother Sunny Dean was a very close associate of Marhoom Maulana Hafiz Sher Mohammed.

I pray that Allah will help Bhabi to bear this loss with patience and fortitude and continue in his footsteps in the service of the *Jama'at*. May Allah *Subhanatalla* grant him a high place in *Janatal Firdous*. *Ameen*.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Abid Raza, President AAAIL, New Zealand, enquired:

“Can I impose on you to find me or advise where I can get some material on Marhoom Hafiz Sher Mohammed?”

Answer:

In 2005 a member of Central Anjuman requested Dr. Zahid Aziz to provide material on the life of the late Hafiz Sher Muhammad. He provided the enquirer with the three articles listed below which were later placed on the Central Anjuman’s official website, aaiil.org.

Please click on the links below to read the bio-sketches written by Dr. Zahid Aziz, Shahid Aziz and Choudhry Masud Akthar.

By Dr. Zahid Aziz:

<http://aaiil.org/text/biog/biog/hafizshermuhammadza1.shtml>

By Shahid Aziz:

<http://aaiil.org/text/biog/biog/hafizshermuhammadsa2.shtml>

By Choudhry Masud Akthar:

<http://aaiil.org/text/biog/biog/hafizshermuhammadcma3.shtml>

Books written by the late Hafiz Sher Muhammad may be viewed at:

In English:

<http://aaiil.org/text/books/bookmain.shtml#hafiz>

In Urdu:

<http://aaiil.org/urdu/books/mainbook.shtml#hafiz>

HUMOUR OF THE DAY

[Courtesy Br. Ameen Sahu Khan]

CREATION?

God created the donkey, and said to him: "You will be a donkey. You will work untiringly from sunrise to sunset carrying burdens on your back, You will eat grass, you will have no intelligence and you will live 50 years."

The donkey answered: "I will be a donkey, but to live 50 years is much. Give me only 20 years." God granted his wish.

God created the dog, and said to him: "You will guard the house of man. You will be his best friend. You will eat the scraps that he gives you and you will live 30 years. You will be a dog."

The dog answered: "Sir, to live 30 years is too much, give me only 15 years." God granted his wish.

God created the monkey, and said to him: "You will be a monkey. You will swing from branch to branch doing tricks. You will be amusing and you will live 20 years."

The monkey answered: "To live 20 years is too much, give me only 10 years." God granted his wish.

Finally God created man, and said to him: "You will be man, the only rational creature on the face of the earth. You will use your intelligence to become master over all the animals. You will dominate the world and you will live 20 years."

Man responded: "Sir, I will be a man but to live only 20 years is very little; give me the 30 years that the donkey refused, the 15 years that the dog did not want and the 10 years the monkey refused." God granted man's wish.

And since then, man lives 20 years as a man, marries and spends 30 years like a donkey, working and carrying all the burdens on his back. Then when his children are grown, he lives 15 years like a dog taking care of the house and eating whatever is given to him, so that when he is old, he can retire and live 10 years like a monkey, going from house to house and from one son or daughter to another doing tricks to amuse his grandchildren.

That's life. Isn't it?

HOPE MEMBER SERVICE

Recipe of the Month

Baked Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 chicken, fryer, cut into serving-sized pieces
- 1/4 cup olive oil, or vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon

Method of Preparation

- Combine olive oil, lemon juice and spices in shallow baking pan.
- Roll cut chicken in marinade.
- Bake in hot oven at 425°, basting occasionally. Bake until tender when pierced with a fork (approximately 30 minutes).
- Remove from oven and baste again.

Serve around a bed of plain rice. Sprinkle rice with cinnamon. Chicken juice may be served in separate bowl to pour over rice.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION

[Courtesy Mohammed and Akela Haroun of the UK]

Eminent Scientists of the world ponder scientific facts in the Holy Qur'an!

Dr. Maurice Bucaille addressed the French Academy of Medicine in 1976 concerning the existence in the Holy Qur'an of certain statements concerning physiology and reproduction. He reasoned that:

“...our knowledge of these disciplines is such that it is impossible to explain how a text produced at the time of the Qur'an could have contained ideas that have only been discovered in modern times.

The above observation makes the hypothesis advanced by those who see Muhammad as the author of the Qur'an untenable. How a man from being illiterate could become the most important author in terms of literary merits in the whole of Arab literature. How could he then pronounce truths of a scientific nature that no other human being could possibly have developed at that time, and all this without once making the slightest error in his pronouncement on the subject?”

Please read and view the rest of the presentation in the accompanying attachment to this *Bulletin*.

Ramadan in the USA



More than 100 Department of Defense employees observe Ramadan in the Pentagon



The Empire State Building was lit in green to mark *Eid-ul-Fitr*

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