THE TRUE CONCEPTION OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT

The Ahmadiyya movement is only a movement for the propagation, spread and defence of Islam in the world, and all the distinguishing features it possesses are a means to achieve this end. So much so that accepting the claims of the Founder is also not an object in itself, but only a means to achieve the object of the spread of Islam. With the acceptance of these claims one feels in oneself a very strong faith which invigorates one to make every sacrifice for the sake of Islam. The logic of this belief may or may not satisfy anybody, but the fact is that those who kept company with the Founder of the movement or came into spiritual contact with him after his death, felt a real zeal for the propagation of Islam. This faith and love for the religion of Islam inspires every Ahmadi to do his best for the cause of Islam. Without faith and love the will to sacrifice cannot exist. The spiritual contact with the Founder stimulates in Ahmadis this faith and love. Thus a change occurs in them as it does in a tree that has been engrafted upon. That is why there is a tremendous difference between the attitude of an Ahmadi and that of a non-Ahmadi. The latter is waiting for somebody else to come and help him in the cause of Islam and the former is convinced that this is his work and it is he who is responsible for it and has the power to do it.
Those who enter into fealty with the Founder know it full well that the prophecies of the Holy Prophet have been fulfilled. It was foretold that the days of the glory of Islam will be followed by poverty and misery among Muslims, but again Islam will rise in its full splendour and overpower the world with its spiritual force, and an era of the spiritual march of Islam will start anew. This is the age when the prophecies relating to the dominance of Islam with the advent of the Messiah are going to be fulfilled. It is our duty now to carry the message of Islam to all the corners of the world. The power to conquer the hearts is inherent in Islam, but Muslims must work and sweat for its success.

The acceptance of the claims of the Founder has thus changed the lethargic attitude of his followers. It has given them new strength which is palpable behind all the activities of the Ahmadiyya movement. This is the only object in accepting Mirza Ghulam Ahmad as the Promised Messiah, Mahdi and Mujaddid. This does not mean that Islam was incomplete before, and by accepting the Founder our religion has been perfected. Islam was indeed perfected at the time of the revelation of the verse: “This day I have perfected for you your religion” (Q. 5:3), but the faith in man keeps on increasing or decreasing as we have been told in a report: “the Faith increases and decreases” (al-Bukhaari, 2:32). The acceptance of the Founder’s claim is a great source of enhancing our faith in Islam. The uphill task of the propagation of Islam cannot be done without this strong faith, particularly when this path is not strewn with outward honours and glories and it has not the thrills and attractions of an adventurous life like that of a politician.

REVELATION TO SAINTS IN ISLAM

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QUESTION: It is said that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement, claimed to receive wahy (revelation from God). However, the Ahl-i Sunna (Sunni Muslims) hold that, after the Holy Prophet Muhammad, wahy cannot come to any person. Please resolve this contradiction.

ANSWER: If you read the Holy Quran, the Hadith, and books written by classical theologians of Islam, such questions would not arise in you mind. The Quran speaks of wahy being sent even to the heavens, the earth, and the honey bee. As for wahy to human beings, apart from the prophets of God other persons too are mentioned as having been its recepients. For instance,
2) "If God is true to His promise, and the promise he has given in the ‘Last of the Prophets’ verse and explained clearly in the Hadith, that after the death of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, the angel Gabriel has been prohibited forever from transmitting wahy nubuwwah (revelation peculiar to prophets) . . . " (Izâlah Auhâm, p. 577).

3) "Obviously, if even a single instance of wahy is supposed to occur, and the angel Gabriel brings just one sentence and remains silent thereafter, this would still negate the doctrine of Finality of Prophethood. For, if the seal of Finality be breached and wahy of messengership recommence, it is immaterial whether the revelation be little or much" (ibid., p. 577).

4) "O people! O you who are called the progeny of Muslims! Be not opponents of the Quran, and do not believe in the recommencement of wahy nubuwwah after the Last of the Prophets . . . " (Aṣmâni Faisala, p. 16).

**QUESTION:** Has Hazrat Mirza anywhere written clearly and explicitly that his revelation is not wahy nubuwwah but wahy wilāyah?

**ANSWER:** He made it clear, not once but in numerous places. that:

1) "I have noticed that at the time when I receive revelation, which comes to me in the form of wahy wilāyah . . . " (Barkât al-Duâ, p. 21).

2) "Has it ever happened in the world that God should have so aided an imposter that for eleven years he could fabricate the lie against God of receiving His wahy wilāyah and muhaddathiyah, and He would not destroy him" (A‘īnah Kamālât Islām, p. 323).

3) "It is not wahy nubuwwah but wahy wilāyah which, under the shadow of the Holy Prophet Muhammad’s prophethood and through following him, is received by the saints (auliyā’). I believe in this, but the person who accuses me of (believing) anything beyond this departs from honesty and fear of God" (Collected Notices, vol ii, p. 298).

**QUESTION:** In the revelations of Hazrat Mirza we find some which are verses from the Holy Quran. Did any other Muslim saint have revelations which contained Quranic verses?

**ANSWER:** Yes, there have been countless Muslim saints who received revelations in which there occurred verses from the Holy Quran. For instance,

1) Muḥyid-Dīn ibn ‘Arabi wrote that the Quranic verse 2:136 was received by him in revelation. The translation of this verse is: “Say: We believe in Allah and in that which has been revealed to us, and in that which was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and in that which was given to Moses and Jesus, and in that
the mother of Moses and the disciples of Jesus were favoured with wāḥy, though they were not prophets (The Quran, 28:7; 5:111). The wāḥy Hazrat Mirza claimed to receive is the type granted to non-prophets, known as wāḥy wilāyāth or the revelation granted to a wāli (a saint as distinct from a prophet). All Muslims believe that wāḥy wilāyāth is a continuing religious experience among Muslim saints, even though the Holy Prophet Muhammad was the Last and Final Prophet.

**QUESTION:** You have spoken of wāḥy (revelation from God) coming to non-prophets. But it is popularly believed that only prophets receive wāḥy, while the revelation granted to saints is what is termed ilhām.

**ANSWER:** The Holy Quran makes no such distinction. Just as the word of God to prophets is called wāḥy, so is His word to non-prophets also termed wāḥy. Thus the Quran says: “And We (God) revealed (aḥā’i-nā, or We sent wāḥy) to Moses’ mother”; and, “When I revealed (aḥā’i-tu, or I sent wāḥy) to the disciples (of Jesus)”. So, God’s Word to non-prophets too is termed by the Quran as wāḥy.

**QUESTION:** Have any of the recognised religious elders of yore described God’s word to non-prophets as wāḥy?

**ANSWER:** Yes, there have been many such personages. For instance, Imām Rāghib, the famous classical lexicologist of the Quran, gives the meaning of wāḥy as:

“The Divine word that is sent to prophets and to auliyyā’ (pl. of wāli, saint) is called wāḥy” (Mufrādāt, p. 536).

The renowned early nineteenth century Indian Muslim leader, Sayyid Muhammad Ismā‘īl Shahīd wrote:

“Among the bounties of God is ilhām. The ilhām sent to the prophets is called wāḥy, and that sent to others is termed taḥdīth. According to the Quran, ilhām whether sent to prophets or to saints can sometimes be called wāḥy” (Mansīḥāh Imāmāh, p. 31).

**QUESTION:** Did Hazrat Mirza write anywhere that the wāḥy peculiar to prophets (wāḥy nubuwah) has terminated after the Holy Prophet Muhammad, and that it is the wāḥy wilāyāth which continues after him among the Muslims?

**ANSWER:** Yes, this was Hazrat Mirza’s belief, as he has written:

1) “I believe that the wāḥy of messengership commenced with Adam and closed with the Holy Prophet Muhammad” (Collected Notices, vol. 1, p. 231).
which was given to the prophets from their Lord; we do not make any
distinction between any of them and to Him do we submit” (Fatihat
Makkhiya, vol iii, p. 367).

2) “Before the birth of his youngest son Shah Muhammad Yahya,
Hazrat Mujaddid Alif Sani received the revelation: Innâ nuhayshhiru-ku
hi-ghulami n-ismu-hâ Yahya (‘We give thee the glad tidings of a boy
named Yahya’. The Quran 19:7). Thus was he named Yahya”
(Maqâmât Imâm Rabîni Mujaddid Alif Sâni, p. 136).

3) In his book ‘Ilm al-Kitâb, Hazrat Khwaja Meer Dard of Delhi has
recorded some of his revelations consisting of Quranic verses, which
include some addressed originally to the Holy Prophet, such as:
i) “Follow the right path as thou art commanded, and obey not their low
desires” (The Quran, 42:15).
ii) “Warn thy near relations” (26:214).
iii) “He found thee grooping, and showed the way” (93:7).
iv) “And grieve not for them, nor be distressed because of what they plan”
(27:70).

4) Amongst similar revelations of Hazrat Maulvi Abdullah Ghaznavi
there are:
i) “He was only a servant whom We had blessed” (The Quran, 43:59).
ii) “Call for blessings on him and salute him with a becoming salutation”
(33:56).
iii) “And soon thy Lord will give thee so that thou wilt be well pleased’
(93:5).
iv) “Have We not expanded for thee thy breast” (94:1).
(Biography of Maulvi Abdullah Ghaznavi and his collected letters.
(Urdu). pp. 29-41).

There have been many other Muslim saints too whose revelations (in the form
of wahi wilâyah) included verses from the Quran. As Hazrat Mirza wrote:

1) “If to claim to receive Quranic verses in one’s revelation is heresy, this
verdict should first be pronounced against Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani, for
he has made the same claim” (Collected Notices, vol ii, p. 298).

2) “The word of God says that if thou hast full faith in me I shall descend
upon thee. On this basis, Imam Ja’far Sadiq said that he read the Divine
word (i.e., the Quran) with such sincerity, love, and fervour, that it was
also transmitted to his tongue by way of revelation” (Huqiqat al-Wahy, p.
138).
Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement

by Mohamed Rasheed
Missionary Guyana Ahmadiyya Anjuman

Many people still ask the question, what is the role of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman in Islam? Does this Movement subscribe to another concept of Islam which has been the findings from some new scripture? Certainly not—this movement is only a Branch of that tree of the Ahl-Sunnatul Jamaat. In the words of the Founder of this Movement in Islam—Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib—who said we are followers of the Hanafi Sect, which is one of the four schools of thought in Islam. Indeed this Movement's members can be properly called the real followers of the Holy Prophet Muhammad—for we are not followers of the Jamaat but rather followers of the life and actions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha at-Islam or the Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat has nonew creed. Its religion is Islam and Islam only. It accepts Muhammad—the Holy Prophet of Islam—as the last of the Prophets. It believes in the Holy Quran and abides by its injunctions in the letter and the spirit. It reposes faith in all matters which are supported by the consensus of the righteous Ancestors. We implicitly believe and have strong faith in the finality of the Prophethood and sincerely believes in the last revelation that came to the Holy Prophet Muhammad which clearly states: "this day I have perfected for you your religion and have completed my favours on you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion" by this clear statement there is no room left to entertain any new concept that another prophet new or old one will make an appearance in the world again.

It is our profound faith that the law bearing revelation began with Hazrat Adam and ended with the Holy Prophet of Islam. We further believe that the Holy Quran is the complete and perfect scripture whose injunctions are immutable and can never be abrogated. We believe in the sacred Kalimah La ilaha illalla Muhammadur Rasoolalalah. There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger. This formula of belief is the foundation stone of Islam—which we uphold as sacred and exacting on all who accept the religion of Islam, it is this formula that binds the Muslims into one brotherhood where there
should never be any thought of subscribing to the belief of
an old Prophet coming back to preach the message of Islam.
Such a concept has done immense harm to the clear and per-
fected statement that Muhammad is the seal of Prophets. Surely
those who are bringing back an old Prophet have given the lat-
titude to say that the Israelite Prophet is much more superior
to come in the latter days to complete the work of Muhammad.
This would suggest that Muhammad’s mission was NOT A COMPLETE
SUCCESS, that he died and has gone to the far beyond, but
Allah kept alive this particular Prophet for hundred of years
for this special purpose. If this is a fact and is based on
some so-called authority, then surely Muhammad is not the
seal of Prophets, the Prophet that will come last whether an
old one must be recognised as the seal of Prophets.

To continue with the Ahmadiyya Anjuman’s belief, We re-
vere all the companions of the Holy Prophet as savants of Islam
whether they are the revered leaders of Ahle Sunnat Jamaat or
Imams of any other school of thought. We regard them as saints
worthy of great reverence. It is our belief that Islam is the
living religion, the Holy Quran the living scripture and the
Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) the
model for all mankind. The life of our Holy Prophet Muhammad is
an irrefutable proof of the fact that Allah has blessed the
Holy Prophet and the Holy Quran with His support and Mercy.
At the end of every century, He, out of His abundant Mercy
sent ordained Reformers to revive Islamic values and refresh
the believers faith in them.

At the dawn of the 14th century, Allah raised Hazrat
Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib, as a humble and dedicated servant of
the Holy Prophet Muhammad to revive Islam as a dynamic re-
ligion and propagate the Message of Islam and the Holy Quran.
He at no time ever introduced something new into Islam, he
never brought into the teachings a new creed, nor did he say
anything in addition to or in abrogation of the jot or title
of the law of Islam. He proclaimed full and unfailing all-
egiance to the Holy Prophet. He never at no time claimed to
belong to the full status of Prophets, nor did he regard his
revelations as Wahy-i-risalat (law bearing revelations).

Mirza Sahib published vast an invaluable literature to
establish the supremacy of Islam. His most famous book Bara-
heen-i-Ahmadiyya elicited appreciation from friend and foe
alike. Even his worst detractors held that the book had no
parallel in the whole history of Islam. In addition to this he
wrote over eighty books, which include another famous book,
"The teachings of Islam" which won for Islam the greatest distinction when presented to the judges of the Parliament of Faiths in India as the most superior to all other presentations from other faiths.

The Ahmadiyya Anjuman continues the excellent work as laid down by its founder for the cause of Islam. We feel that our presentation of Islam is sound and has the authority from the Holy Quran and authentic Hadith. Tradition and opinion is not equated with the Word of God or the authentic sayings and practices of the Holy Prophet. Thus we draw for the presentation of Islam only what has the sanction of Allah and the approval of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

PRAYER & PATIENCE

From: Thoughts of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

It is man's greatest pride that he should completely surrender himself to God. God makes a sort of equation with those who annihilate themselves for His Will. Some time He accepts their wishes and some time He evokes from them acceptance of His Own Will. On the one hand He says—as recorded in the Holy Quran "Pray unto Me I will answer your prayer" (40: 61) On the other hand, He also says "And We will try you with something of fear and hunger" (2: 156). This shows that every stage is not a stage for prayer. When it is an occasion for (we will try you) a true believer should say "Indeed we are for God and to Him we will return." It is because this stage is for patience and perseverance. People go off the rails and say (in dismay) why their prayer has gone unheard. They think that God is in the hollow of their hand. They labour under delusion that they will get their prayers accepted when they so desire.

It is strange that man craves for rest and for freedom from worries in the world, which is full of great bitterness. One has to abandon ones dearest and nearest. One has to suffer separation from friends. One has to depart from one's beloved people. The only recipe for true rest is that one should devote one's heart and soul to God. It is only in self resignation that one can get rest.

Man is joyful in one moment. The next moment brings him sorrow. Without sorrow, joy will lose all its taste. Water is delightful when one feels pangs of thirst. Thus pain and sorrow are a condition precedent for a genuine pleasure.
One should not feel displeased with God. It is a sin to complain that God has not helped us. True believers live through ordeals. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) faced great persecutions. He went to Taif where he was stoned. When blood was flowing from his body, he set a sublime example of sincerity and fidelity. What Holy words he spoke at the time.

He said: "O Allah I will go on bearing persecution until you are pleased." A test is imperative. Prophets and the Godly sages face testing times. For example, what a gruelling test Jesus Christ had to face. He felt constrained to exclaim: "My God - Why have thou forsaken me?" The Jews arrested him and impaled him on the cross. In short, a True believer should not lose nerve in a crisis nor should he get estranged from Allah.

The Guyana Ahmadiyya Anjuman is one of the foreign missions of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam of Lahore, Pakistan. The Anjuman is a world-wide religious movement dedicated to the defence and propagation of the Universal Islamic Faith.

The Movement was founded by the great Muslim religious revivalist and philosopher, the late Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmed, and is the largest missionary society in the Islamic world, which has pledged itself to strive with all religious movements for the world supremacy of Almighty God's religion of Equality and Peace - ISLAM.
TESTIFYING TO THE
TRUTH OF MUHAMMAD

BY HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD
(Refomer of the Muslim Community in this Islamic Era)

Blessed be the light of all the Prophets who have come with the
perfect spiritual life giving powers resurrecting the dead of soul
and strengthening the weak of heart. Blessed be Muhammad the seal of
Prophethood, the benefactor of man - the Chief of the Chosen Ones,
the pride of the Prophets. O dear God - shower thy blessings on
this my beloved companion to such an extent that no one since the
creation of man have received.

I testify by the Light of He that holds my life in His Hands and
through His revelations unto me, that Muhammad Mustapha has come
with the truth, bringing perfection unto Prophethood and unto Divine
Law. I bear witness that Muhammad the dearly beloved of Allah has
vouchsafed that truth unto me and has given to me that truth which
was given to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and Jesus.

I testify that Almighty God has commissioned this humble servant
to help in the reformation of the Prophet's Ummah (followers) who
have now sunk in the abyss of depravity, and to revive their faith
and to give circulation back to the stagnant life blood of the dy-
ing nation.

I testify that this present Ummah through the Light of Muhammad
will once again raise the standard of Islam and its truth will win,
and the freshness and light which characterised Islam in its earlier
days will be restored and that sun (Islam) will rise again which rose
in its full resplendence of light before. Islam is like an ocean of
the heavenly signs. No other Prophet has shown so many miracles as
did the Holy Prophet, for the miracles of the Prophets before him died
away with the passing of those Prophets while the miracles of the
Holy Prophet Muhammad are being shown until today and will continue to
be shown till the end of the world. Of all these the Holy Quran whose
text was prophesied to remain unadulterated till the end of time is
his greatest standing miracle.

I therefore testify that whatever sign is shown in my favour as
reformer of the Muslim community it is in reality a miracle of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

% Hazrath Mirza Ghulam Ahamad of Qadian

The founder of the well known Swat Movement, the late Moulana Abdul Majeed Qureshi, commenting upon the missionary zeal of this Movement in his organ, "Imam". This is how he made his contribution:

"It is easy enough to make light of a constructive work, even to poke fun at it. But it is some job to carry out a live, abiding constructive programme of work. I had no great admiration for the work of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-I-Islam, Lahore. Now that I have been engaged for four years in the Prophet Day Movement and in spite of incessant hard work have not been able to take even the initial practical step in this direction, I have come to realize how great and magnificent the work of the Ahmadiyya Movement is. The Message of this movement is undoubtedly magnificent. The Anjuman's achievements have won for it a golden page in world history.

By founding a Mosque in Belin, by setting up an Islamic Mission in Working (England), by translating the Holy Qur'an into English and German, the Anjuman has produced for the Millat of Islam a treasure wealth in which our coming generations will take pride and which they will jealously guard. Its organization, its well ordered system, the zeal of its workers, the extensive activities of its Missionaries, the wide range of its publications, these are things which cannot be denied. Even though the tongue may deny, the heart cannot.

I pity the Ulma of the Millat who wish to defeat solid work with words and arguments. This is like wishing to beat a steel citadel with breath of the mouth and the clapping of the hands. This is against the law of nature. Men may or may not join the Ahmadiyya Movement. Of this I am quite convinced that the successful and splendid example of the Ahmadiyya Movement will some day prove a message of awakening to the whole world.

The Light
The Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at I-Islam
Lahore Pakistan
The article "Jesus Was Married" is an extract from the Radio Talk on the 15th April, 84, presented by Mohamed Rasheed (Missionary).

As Easter approaches, many people's thoughts are centred on the Mission of Jesus the Christ, and the event of his life that is commemorated every year during this month. Maybe, this is what prompted a listener to this programme to ask a question for me to discuss today. That question is whether "Jesus was Married". In the course of his letter he said that recently he had read a book entitled "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail" by which the author published some startling facts that led up to the conclusion that Jesus was married to Mary Magdaline. Whilst he admits that these facts cannot be disproved, he says it is fantastic to accept such beliefs that are supposed to have come from the Holy Bible.

I would agree that the question of Jesus being married does seem fantastic to many people, being led to believe from their birth that Jesus is God or part of the God-head. Therefore, there was no need for him to have a wife. What they did not try to find out for themselves was whether he was a human being, having the same desires and nature of man. After a careful scrutiny of the scriptures we come to know that he has been described many times as son of man. Moreover, according to some ancient prophecies mentioned in the Bible, the Messiah of the Jews was to be of the line of David. Indeed both the genealogies of Jesus, given in the Gospels, trace his descent from David through Joseph the carpenter. Now if he was not a human being there is absolutely no need for the scriptures to mention his human genealogy as is clearly stated in the Gospels of St. Matt. 1:16 and St. Luke 3:23-38.

My talk today is entitled "Jesus was Married" and the reading of the Holy Quran is taken from Chapter 13:38. And certainly We sent messengers before thee (Muhammad) and appointed for them wives and children. And it is not in (the power of) a messenger to bring a sign except by Allah's permission. For every term there is an appointment.

"Marriage" says Dr. Geddes MacGregor, in his book "The Bible in the making," Page 20, was an absolute duty for all men, there was no place in Hebrew Society for bachelors. On the one hand, St. Paul the founder of the Christian doctrine also said "Marriage is honourable in all and the bed undefiled" (Heb. 13:4). Therefore, putting these two quotations together, it is obvious that matrimonial life is a
duty bound upon all men, because it is an ordinance from Allah the Wise and the All Knowing. For that purpose also the Creator brought into existence Male and Female at the beginning of the world so that their progenies might fill the earth.

In the case of Jesus the Christ, it is a proven fact that he was no more that a human being which is clearly attested to in the Book of Galatians Chap. 4:4 We read "But when the fulness of the time was come God sent forth His son born of a woman - born under the Law " Now let us examine what is the Law, we read in the Book of Genesis Chap. 1:27 and St. Mark Chap. 10:6-8" But from the beginning of the creation God made them males and females, for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife and the twain shall be one flesh, so then there are no more twain but one flesh.

From these two quotations it is absolutely clear that the Prophet Jesus was a human being in every respect, his only superiority being that he was a human being in every respect, his only superiority, being that he was a chosen Prophet of God sent to the lost Sheep of the House of Israel. Thus we must accept the fact that in every aspect of human needs, he demonstrated the same as any man. Now, let us come to the question whether Jesus was married? I do not see anything astonishing in accepting the fact that he was married, when it has already been proven that he was a human being. Maybe, it is not headlined in the Bible in the words that he was a married man, but there are inferences in the Bible which we can accept as truth when we relate it to the human nature and character of Jesus. In the scripture it is stated that no unmarried man can be a teacher. From this statement we can only conclude that if we accept that Jesus was a teacher, then he was by all means a married man. Indeed all the teachers of religion and prophets of God were married men, because they had to be exemplars to their people in this most important aspect of life.

If anyone should think that matrimonial life degrades or pollutes a man's Prophethood or spirituality then those great Biblical personalities would not have been in history. Let me mention a few of them - Patriarch Abraham, the ancestor of the Ishmaelites and Israelites who is accepted by all as the father of the Faith and friend of God, Jacob, the progenitor of the Israelites, Moses, the Law Giver and the greatest of all the Israelite prophets, David, was a King of Israel and also a Prophet, Solomon the Wise, son of David.
Zacharias, the noble prophet of the House of Israel were all married.

Now when it comes to Jesus, why should there be any doubt that he was married. If it is said that he was the only son of God and by this he was unmarried, well let us take up the question of David who reigned about 1100 years before Christ, he was chosen as the begotten son of God, as we read in the Psalms. It is claimed that Jesus’s sonship is a special one, can we assume then that God got married to Mary the mother of Jesus. But not this, this would be blasphemy. To remove all doubts about the Prophets of God being married. Jesus being one of them, the Holy Quran has clearly stated in the verse I have quoted already, which reads "And certainly We sent Messengers (Prophets) before thee (Muhammad) and appointed for them wives and children." To entertain any belief that Jesus was a bachelor and imposed on himself the practice of celibacy, is directly against the teachings of the Holy Quran. We read in Chapter 57: 27 "And (as for) mockery, they innovated it—We did not prescribe it to them—only to seek Allah’s pleasure, but they did not observe it with its due observance."

We now come to the question if Jesus was married and who was his wife. We must admit that in the scriptures or the Holy Quran it is not stated who was his wife. This is not proof enough that he had no wife, because most of the prophets of God, the names of their wives are not mentioned. Thus we cannot apply this argument as being logical and only applicable to Jesus.

To supply all the proof from the scripture that Jesus was married and who was his wife would entail lengthy quotations which the time for this programme is inadequate. However I would like to mention from the Gospel of St. John Chap 2: 1-11 about the marriage at Cana—That Jesus and his mother were not mere invitees, they were host to the wedding, that is why when the wine was in short supply, Mary was told about this and in turn she went right away to her son and informed him of the need of more wine. She also ordered the servants to abide by her son's instructions. We are also told, that the steward of the feast complained to the Bridegroom, to have kept aside the superior wine until the guests had drunk the inferior wine. If we cannot assume from these few examples that Jesus and his mother were the ones responsible for the whole affair and that he was indeed the Bridegroom, then was there anyone besides Jesus known as the bridegroom of the day? The simple answer is an emphatic NO.

Some years ago, Bishop Barnes who was the lecturer to Biblical students of Birmingham University, under pressure of his students
to declare who was the bridegroom at the marriage at Cana, wrote in his Book "The Rise of Christianity" where he categorically stated that Jesus was the Bridegroom of the day, and the marriage of Cana was held in his honour.

In regards as to who was the wife of Jesus, from the various quotations of the Bible we come to know of the association of Mary Magdaline with Jesus was not an ordinary one. We must recall her presence in the house of the Pharsee, where she openly administered to the care of Jesus as any wife would do. Where as a stranger or an ordinary follower she would not have been allowed such privileges. Again, of Jesus's constant visit to her home in Bethany. Of his association with Lazarus the brother of Mary Magdaline whom Jesus loved and cried when he died, in the words of St. John 11:36 "Behold how he loved him". If Mary Magdaline was NOT Jesus's wife, how it is that she is always with Mary the mother of Jesus sharing in all the problems, and why did Jesus have to visit Bethany before he parted from his disciples. (Luke 24: 50:-51) From all of this I have mentioned I do not in any way mean to injure anyone feelings in respect to the Holy Prophet Jesus. But the truth must be told and the missing links in his life be made known.

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"Morning Devotion" Monday from 5.45 - 5.55 a.m. Channel 2
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"The Glorious Quran" Tuesday from 6.15 - 6.30 p.m. Channel 1
Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan (Ameeer) of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-I-Islam will visit Guyana for a few hours on the 26th July 84. He is on his way to attend the inauguration of the New Ahmadiyya Jamma Masjid in Paramaribo - Suriname.

Hazrat Ameeer on his last visit to Guyana receiving a gift from the President Bro. Mohamed Khaleel of the Mibikuri Jamaat. Berbice.