

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih V

Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim
Community



- ❖ His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V was born on September 15th 1950 in Rabwah, Pakistan, to Hadhrat Sahibzada Mirza Mansoor Ahmad and Hadhrat Sahibzadi Nasira Begum Sahiba.
- ❖ He is the great grandson of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).
- ❖ Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad completed the Tenth Grade from Talim-ul-Islam High School Rabwah, and BA from Talim-ul-Islam (TI) College Rabwah, Pakistan. In 1976 he earned a Masters of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Agriculture University Faisalabad, Pakistan.
- ❖ Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad was married on January 31, 1977 to Mukarma Syeda Amatul Sabooh. He is blessed with two children, a daughter who is married and a son.
- ❖ In 1977 Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad devoted his life for Islam and went to Ghana under the Nusrat-Jahan Scheme, which supports a large number of hospitals and schools in West Africa.
- ❖ From 1977 to 1985 in Ghana, he was the Principal of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School Sagala for 2 years; Principal of Ahmadiyya Secondary School at Essarkyir for 4 years; and was Manager of Ahmadiyya Agricultural Farm in Northern Ghana for 2 years during which he successfully planted and nurtured wheat for the first time in that country.
- ❖ In 1985 he returned to Pakistan and was appointed as Department In-Charge of Financial Affairs. In June 1994 he was appointed as Nazir Ta'lim (Director of Education). In December 1997, he was appointed as Nazir A'ala (Principal Director) and local Amir (the Executive Head). He remained in this office until his election as Khalifa.
- ❖ In August 1988 he was appointed as Sadr (President) Majlis Karpardaz (Management Body of Bahishti Maqbarah) - (place of burial of those who have willed their income and wealth to the Community).
- ❖ Whilst he was Nazir A'ala (Principal Director), he also served as Nazir Dhiyafat (Hospitality) and Nazir Zira'at (Agriculture).
- ❖ From 1994 to 1997 he was the Chairman of the Nasir Foundation. At the same time he was President of Taza'een Rabwah Committee (Committee for the Beautification of Rabwah). He expanded the Gulshan-e-Ahmad Nursery and made personal effort to make Rabwah lush and green.
- ❖ He was a member of the Qadha (Jurisprudence) Board from 1988 to 1995.
- ❖ In Central Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya (association of Ahmadi male from the ages of 15-40), he was Muhtamim Sehat-e-Jismani (Secretary Mental and Physical Health and Fitness) 1976-77; Muhtamim Tajnid (Secretary Census) 1984-85, from 1985-86 to 1988-89; Muhtamim Majalis Bairoon (Secretary External Chapters); and in 1989-90 Naib Sadr (Vice President) Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Pakistan.
- ❖ In Majlis Ansarulillah (association of Ahmadi males over the age of 40) Pakistan, he was Qaid Zahanat and Sehat-e-Jismani (Secretary Mental and Physical Health and Fitness) in 1995, and Qaid Talim-ul-Qur'an (Qur'anic Education) from 1995 to 1997.
- ❖ In 1999 he had the honour of becoming a prisoner in the name of Allah in Rabwah, Pakistan. He was imprisoned on 30th April pursuant to the continuing religious persecution and was released on 10th May.

On 22nd April, 2003 at 11:40pm, his election as Khalifatul Masih V (Fifth Successor to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)) was announced. Allah strengthen his hands and grant him a long and prosperous life leading the Community and may Allah continue to shower this community with His Blessings and make it grow by leaps and bounds. Amin.

A Message of Peace



Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, leader of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community urged Muslims and non-Muslims alike to show respect and tolerance for others.

Speaking at a dinner held to celebrate the inauguration of Western Europe's largest mosque in London, attended by Members of the Houses of Commons and Lords, Mayors, Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Councillors and representatives of different churches and faiths, he said: "I urge you, that irrespective of your faith, creed, race or nationality, you should create in your own areas an atmosphere of peace, and help the suffering mankind."

"If we fail to act, there appears to be nothing to arrest the destruction towards which mankind is rapidly heading. This destruction would be far worse than the destruction caused by the Second World War."

"In view of this objective, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is pressed into the erection of mosques in all corners of the world and just as with those mosques, this mosque of the Ahmadiyya Community, is a symbol of peace."

The full text of the address by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, delivered on Saturday 11 October 2003 at the Reception held on the opening of the Baitul Futuh Mosque follows:



A Message of Peace

from Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V - Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community

"I just want to say a few brief words. Firstly, thank you to all our honourable guests who accepted our invitation and came here this evening to attend the opening of the Baitul Futuh Mosque. Thank you also for your kind best wishes.

Islam teaches us to always be mindful towards God Who is our Creator and to always keep His memory fresh in our hearts and to deal with His creation with love, affection, harmony and tolerance.

This is the sum total of the teaching given to us by Muhammad, the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. So, if this is the teaching of this religion, how can slogans of hatred be shouted from the rooftops of its mosques that are supposed to be the places of worship for its followers? A true Muslim can never raise his voice in hatred against his fellow citizens, nor for that matter against the ruling authority or government of the time.

It is the responsibility of a true Muslim that he should remain loyal and fully abide by the laws of the land of which he is a subject.

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah, on whom be peace, states:

'A true Muslim, who is aware of the teachings of his faith, will always remain sincere and obedient to the government under whose benign shadow he lives his life in peace. Religious difference does not prevent him from true obedience and compliance.'
(*Tohfa Qaisariya, page 29*)

This is the beautiful teaching of Islam which the Ahmadiyya community practises. Those who have known us or have been in touch with us certainly know that this is true. They can confirm that, as a community, Ahmadi Muslims have always stayed

away from all evil acts and crimes or anything in breach of any law or which causes any harm or loss to God's creation.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community is always ready to serve humanity. In connection with this objective, we have been serving humanity, irrespective of religious difference, through hospitals and schools in the poor countries of Africa.

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya community had accepted a pledge from those who joined his community that if they believed that God Almighty had sent him so that he should show them again the true image of Islam, and introduce again its beautiful teachings, then they would also have to accept, for the sake of God Almighty, that they would, to the best of their abilities and resources, behave graciously and kindly towards God's creation. They would have to serve the creation of God. When a person meets another person in this spirit, it results only in love and affection and peace. There is no trace of hatred.

As I said earlier, man has been created for only two purposes and they are that man should worship the One and Only God and to inter-act kindly with God's creation. To achieve these objectives, mosques are built. In view of this objective, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community is pressed into the erection of mosques in all corners of the world and just as with those mosques, this mosque of the Ahmadiyya community, is a symbol of peace.

I also urge you, that irrespective of your faith, creed, race or nationality, you should create in your own areas, an atmosphere of peace and help the suffering mankind. If we fail to act, there appears to be nothing to arrest the destruction towards which mankind is rapidly heading. This destruction would be far worse than the destruction caused by the Second World War.

Remember, that man cannot know another man till he begins to recognise his God, and, in order to recognise God, you have to pay greater attention to worshipping Him. This seems to be a difficult task in this age, but we will have to turn to Him for our own survival.

I close by quoting you an excerpt from the writings of the Founder of the community. He says:

'The mission for which I have been appointed is to remove that growing gap in the relationship between God and His creation and replace it once again with the relationship of love and sincerity; and by allowing the truth to manifest itself, cause religious wars and discord to end and thus lay the foundations for peace; and disclose such religious truths as had become hidden from the eyes of the world; and display an example of that spirituality that had become buried under the darkness of the pleasures of the self; and by my condition rather than by word of mouth, I should tell and explain God's powers that enter man and re-emerge as meditation or prayer.'
(*Lecture Lahore, page 47*)

Allah help us in understanding our responsibilities, Amen.

