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The sun sets and again rises. The MUSLIM SUNRISE, having set for a short time has, thank God, appeared again and let us hope it will not set for a long long time.

The purpose of this magazine is to disseminate the light of Islam in the West, to dispell the misunderstandings that prevail here and to acquaint the people of the West with the true teachings of Islam as embodied in the Holy Quran and as expounded by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

Islam brought to this world the message of peace, love, fraternity, tolerance, sympathy and righteousness. Early adherents were the very embodiment of this message and devoted followers upheld it for many centuries. However, as predicted by its Founder, Islam suffered deterioration and setbacks during the last few centuries. Taking advantage of the situation, the opponents of Islam painted a grim picture of this religion by grossly misrepresenting it. But the Holy Prophet of Islam had also prophecied the advent of the Promised Messiah and had predicted that the sun (of Islam) will rise in the West.

The Promised Messiah has come to divulge the true teachings of Islam and to bring about a spiritual re-awakening in the world. Through him the sun of Islam is rising in the West. Let us hope and pray that it will soon envelope the entire world in its effulgence. Amen!

## A Passage From The Holy Quran

O ye who believe, shall I point out to you a bargain that will save you from a painful punishment.

That you believe in Allah and His Messenger, and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your persons. That is better for you if you did but know.

He will forgive you your sins, and make you enter the Gardens through which streams flow, and pure and pleasant dwellings in Gardens of Eternity. That is the supreme triumph.

And He will bestow another favor which you like: help from Allah and a near victory. So give glad tidings to the believers.

O ye who believe, be helpers of Allah, as said Jesus son of Mary, to his disciples, 'Who are my helpers in the cause of Allah?' The disciples said, 'We are helpers of Allah.' So a party of the children of Israel believed, while a party disbelieved.

Then we gave power to those who believed against the enemy, and they became victorious. . . . . (61:11-15)



# Citadel of Holiness

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The general tendency today is to live and make merry. There are few people who select a worthwhile goal in life and pursue it to the end; and more often than not their aims lie only within the domain of material success and happiness.

Islam states in no uncertain terms that the real object of human existence is the development and purification of the soul. Success and progress in this direction gives more joy to the heart than any worldly attainment. These may seem idle words to the majority of mankind, but those who have experienced both pleasures know that they are charged with truth.

Whatever may be the stage of spiritual advancement enjoyed by an earnest Muslim, he is ever anxious to progress further. Having conquered common sins he strives to overcome every form of lesser evils and then all weaknesses which normally may not be regarded as sinful but yet have a direct influence on his personality and spiritual development. He is eager to manifest the light of Islam in every word, thought

and action so that he may become an embodiment of holiness. He knows that his spiritual development depends upon two essentials: complete submission to the Will of God, and the Grace of God.

There is a marked difference between the power of spiritual elevation in Islam and Christianity. Islam teaches that man can throw off the curse of sin and attain to a state of spiritual purity. Many are the sons of Islam whose saintly lives bear testimony to the efficacy of the Holy Quran. On the other hand, the churches teach that man is constantly weighted down under the burden of sin. He enters this world a sinner and leaves it a sinner. Therefore, Jesus Christ bears for them the punishment of their sins and absolves them of their guilt in the Hereafter. Despite the fact that this doctrine is untenable, millions continue to render lip service to it although they themselves remain unconvinced. A christian is told that he cannot shake off the shackles of sin and as Jesus has atoned for his sins in this world, there exists little or no incentive to strive towards perfection. However, the spiritual pinnacles of purity and righteousness which may be scaled and conquered with the aid of the Holy Quran forever encourage a Muslim in the path of self purification. The way may be rough and strewn with pitfalls. but the sublime citadel of holiness which gleams on the heights is accessible to the one who perseveres and implores the help of God in attaining this objective.

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

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