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NEWS

Centre

Hazrat Ameer, Dr Abdul Karim Saeed, Mian Umar Farooq, Senior Vice President and Mr Sadat Ahmad are visiting Germany and the UK to meet members of the jamaat in these countries and to inspect the work of the jamaats there. Hazrat Ameer will also visit Holland. Members are requested to make the best use of their presence in their area.

Germany

At the end of August, the Berlin government holds a function called the Long Night of Religions. At this time all participating places of worship are open all night to entertain visitors and answer question about their religion. Generally, around 250 non-Muslims come to our mosque in Berlin during the night to find out information about Islam. Mr Azhar ud Din Ahmad and his family, Mr Nasir Ahmad and his grandsons and Mr Shahid Aziz, President of the UK jamaat, have gone to Berlin to help Mr Amir Aziz, imam Berlin Masjid.

Next Meeting

Speakers: Mrs Fauqia Aziz
Shayaan Ahmad

Date: Sunday, 6 Sept, 2015

Time: 15:00

Venue: Dar-us-Salaam, 15
Stanley Avenue, Wembley,
HA0 4JQ

UK

Eid ul Adha

Date: Thursday, 24 Sept,
2015

Time: 11:00

Venue: Dar-us-Salaam, 15
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**Khutba & prayers by
Hazrat Ameer**

Fiji

In May of this year, HOPE had sent out a request for prayers for Sister Jamila Akbar of Fiji, who had been ill. Sadly, Sister Jamila has passed away.

Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un.
(Surely we are Allah's, and to Him we shall return.) – The Holy Qur'an:

Broadcasts

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Friday service: 13:00
Dars: 14:00

Monthly meetings: first
Sunday of each month, **except**
July,
at 15:00

Skype

Weekly Urdu lecture/dars

Skype: Lahori-Ahmadi

Day: Sunday

Time: 10:00 am (BST)

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A note from Shahid

The month, we will celebrate Eid ul Adha, which follows the Haj and celebrates the sacrifices made by Hazrat Ibrahim (Abraham of the Old Testament) and his noble family. Islam is unique in that it celebrates the great deeds of a person people may call a Jewish prophet. But as the father of monotheism he was as much a Muslim prophet. In fact, we read about most Biblical prophets in the Holy Quran.

In fact, Islam makes it incum-

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bent upon a Muslim not just to believe in but also to revere the prophets of other nations. This is because Allah tells us in the Holy Quran that they were all His messengers, sent to a particular people at their time of need.

We know that many prophets were sent to the Israelites. Therefore, if all people through the ages received Allah's Guidance, then, the same must be true of all people. Many prophet, not just one, would have been sent to the people of India, China, Australia, Russia, Canada, the US - indeed every place on earth. We don't need to know their names. We are told that prophets were sent to every nation on earth, only some being mentioned in the Holy Quran. We know that 124,000 prophets were sent by Allah to the humanity inhabiting different parts of the earth at different times.

These prophets are called Muslims. They were not Muslims in the sense that we understand this noun. The word muslim, when applied to a prophet, is an adjective and not a noun. It does not mean that they performed the *salaat* as we do. This does not mean that one of the fundamentals they taught was to perform the Haj once in a life time. Even if we assume, for the sake of argument, that they were told to worship Allah in exactly the same way as we perform our *salaat*, how would the people inhabiting the Americas or Australia known about Haj.

When the prophets sent to guide humanity are called Muslims, this word is used as an adjective and not as a noun. It describes the fact that they were totally obedient to Allah's Commands. They worshiped Allah in whatever way they were Commanded.

Around the summer solstice (approximately June 21 in the north and December 22 in the south) the sun is visible for the full 24 hours,

given fair weather. The number of days per year with potential midnight sun increases the farther towards either pole one goes. Would Allah have revealed to people living near these areas to fast from sun rise to sun set?

These two examples have been used to show that whatever worship they carried out was not worship as we perform. They would have been Commanded to worship in a manner that suited their circumstances. A misunderstanding of this point has led astray many Muslims.

Because these people appearing among different people at different times were prophets they would have brought their own sharia or law and their own laws. This mean that some of the ancient religious scriptures must be, in part at least, from Allah. It is true that over the centuries much would have been added to

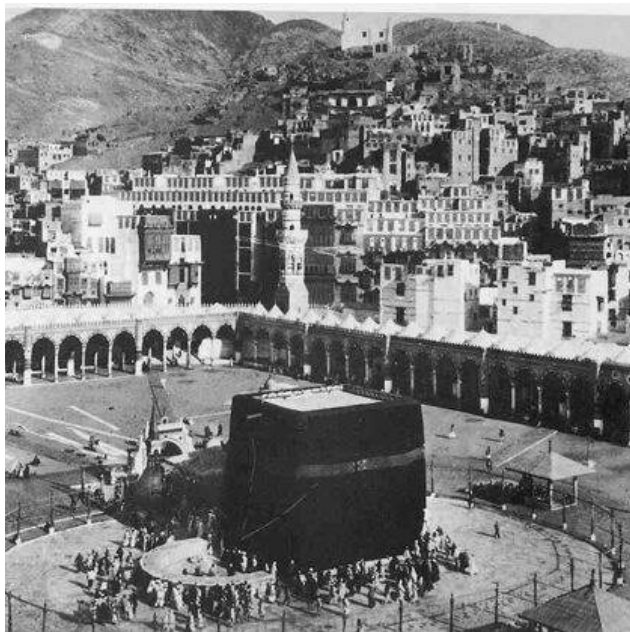
books from Allah. We prove nothing by saying that no prophet appeared among the Hindus and their holy scriptures are all fabrications and then go on, in the same breath, to say they contain prophecies related to the advent of the Holy Quran.

Despite the fact that we accept that prophets appeared among all the people over the course of history, Hazrat Ibrahim has a special place because of his readiness to sacrifice everything, including his wife and children, in Allah's obedience. It is this unquestioned obedience to the Command of Allah to sacrifice whatever he had, that is celebrated. We also celebrate his family who showed the same trait.

He is Commanded to take his family to a barren land and to leave them there. Neither his wife nor his son object to it. They submit to Allah's trials willingly and not grudgingly. This is not to be an empty gesture but constant reminder of the example we should be following.

The Haj cannot just be a device to be used to absolve us of our deliberate misdeeds. It is to seek forgiveness for unintentional misdeeds on our part. There is wisdom in the Instructions of the Holy Quran which say that the Haj should be performed once in a life-time. After the advent of Islam the Holy Prophet only performed one Haj! It will relieve congestion and pollution that is caused by the people who go to Haj unnecessarily.

The important thing is not how many Hajs one performs but how you prepared yourself in honesty, truthfulness and piety in going for a Haj. And, how sincere is one in admitting one's sins and faults and seeking true repentance. Most importantly, being conscious of the fact that one has promised Allah that one will make efforts to avoid the weaknesses one has identified.



The Kaabah - sometime in early 1800

them or subtracted or given a different meaning.

If it were not so we would not find in these ancient holy scriptures prophecies relating to the coming of the Holy Prophet. Another way to look at it is this. There would no point in quoting Vedas where prophecies related to the advent of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (s) are mentioned if the Vedas were not