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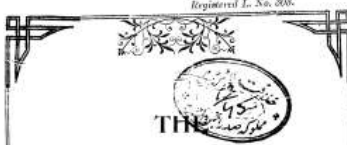
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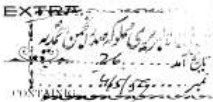
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The Promised Messiah^{as} expressed his empathy to those whose loved ones have succumbed to this deadly disease.

The Promised Messiah^{as} prayed for God's mercy for his countrymen in this world and in the Hereafter.

The Promised Messiah^{as} said, “ *Know it for certain that in sending this affliction upon you, the Wise and Gracious God has tried you and visited you in wrath and vengeance*”

The epidemic of plague in India

The First cause

When humans transgress the limits of purity and virtue

When sole focus of life is this world and Hereafter is forgotten

When man violates the laws of sanctity

When vanity and self-conceit prevails

When mans dares on wickedness, iniquity, excesses, revolt and evil

When commandments of God are openly transgressed and rejected

Four causes of providence

Second Cause

When people are disobedient to their Divine rulers appointed for their religious and material welfare

Revolt against religious authorities, don't assist them appropriately, distrust them and frustrate their plans with opposition and antagonism

Disobey and defy their rulers, cut off the connections that God has established and reject which God Almighty has brought about by His consummate wisdom

Four causes of providence

Third Cause

- When people reject the Divine messenger despite seeing clear signs and conclusive evidence
- When people hurt the messenger of God, persecute him, call him heretic, plan to kill him and drag him into law courts.

Four causes of providence


Fourth Cause

When people lack sympathy and mercy

When people behave like beasts preying upon each other

When kindness disappears from people

Four causes of providence



The Promised Messiah^{as} then prayed that Almighty God of His mercy and Grace protect his friends, family and followers from this evil disaster

The Promised Messiah^{as} advised people to fear God and avoid evils that lead to havoc and destruction

The Promised Messiah^{as} said that people did not listen to his advise earlier, but he is compelled as a messenger of God to invite them to the right path again.

A word of advice

Fear God and do not transgress His
commandments

Strive in the cause of Allah

Do not defy Divine authority

Always remember God

Be steadfast in the way of Allah and do not
create discord

Listen to my words

Purify your soul and
cleanse your heart

Do not associate
partners with God

Be charitable and not
niggardly

Hold high spiritual
aspirations

Show mercy to the
poor and weak

Listen to my words

Obey your rules and do not show dissension

Do not oppose leaders in their orders and judgements and show conformity

Do not break the law and slight your rulers

Serve with utmost dedication, even if you have to face difficulties

Neither make lame excuses, nor refuse to obey

Listen to my words

The Promised Messiah^{as} said, “*We thank God that He has vouchsafed to us the benign rule of the British Government and through it showered upon us His numerous blessings and favours.*”



The blessings brought through the British Government were

Prosperity

Education

Civility

Freedom



One of the main blessing was Peace

That made travel possible

Through improved mode of transport such as Railways

The British Government

The Promised Messiah^{as} advised his followers

“Have good intentions therefore and do not entertain evil ideas against this rule.”

Be peaceful and avoid sedition and riots



The British Government

Recounting the favours of the British Government the Promised Messiah^{as} said that this government



Protects you



Looks after you in health and sickness



Brings you welfare and prosperity



Provides strong governance and upholds law and order



Protects your freedom, provides a safe shelter

The British Government

“It behoves you therefore not to be reluctant or slow in your expression of gratitude, for goodness is the reward of goodness, and whoever does not acknowledge benefits, is an ungrateful person.”

“ All praise belongs to Allah Who has granted us an Emperor who exerts himself to his utmost for his subject’s welfare.”



The British Government

The Promised Messiah^{as} explained that all this freedom and prosperity is a gift of God for which we need to be grateful.

The Promised Messiah^{as} wrote, “ .. *affliction takes over the man who is not grateful to God when He causes His bounties to descend upon him.*”

“ .. *Your iniquities have called down the wrath of heaven upon you and it has come upon you in the form of plague.*”

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Hasten, therefore, towards the obedience of God and shun every vice.

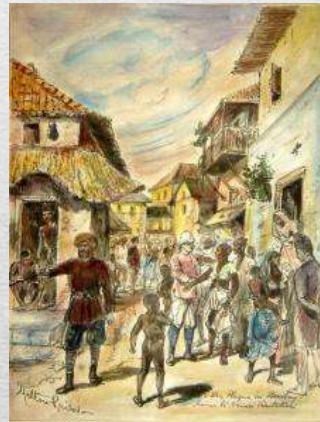
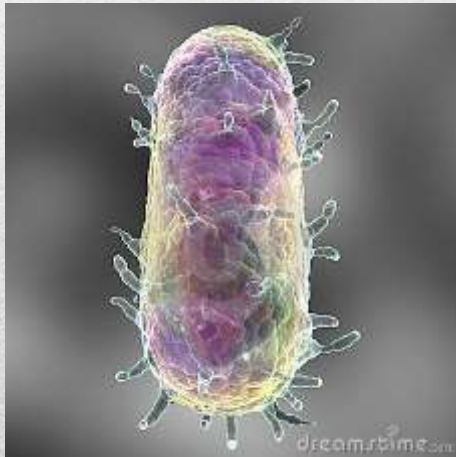
If you respond to my call the evil which afflicts you shall be turned into your welfare

Will you therefore listen to my words or still turn a deaf ear to them?




The Promised Messiah^{as} said

*Know it for certain that there is no effectual
remedy for the plague but righteousness,
humility and prayers.*



The Promised Messiah^{as} said

“Remember that this calamity has overtaken you as a result of your evil deeds and transgressions.”



“Sit down and weep, .. Purify your heart, .. Give up vain bragging.”



“Make up for your past faults by the exceeding cleanliness of your heart.”

The Promised Messiah^{as} said

Whoever does not take my word lightly but listens to them as serious advice, shall meet with certain success.

Come to the Judge, therefore, and repent for your past deeds.

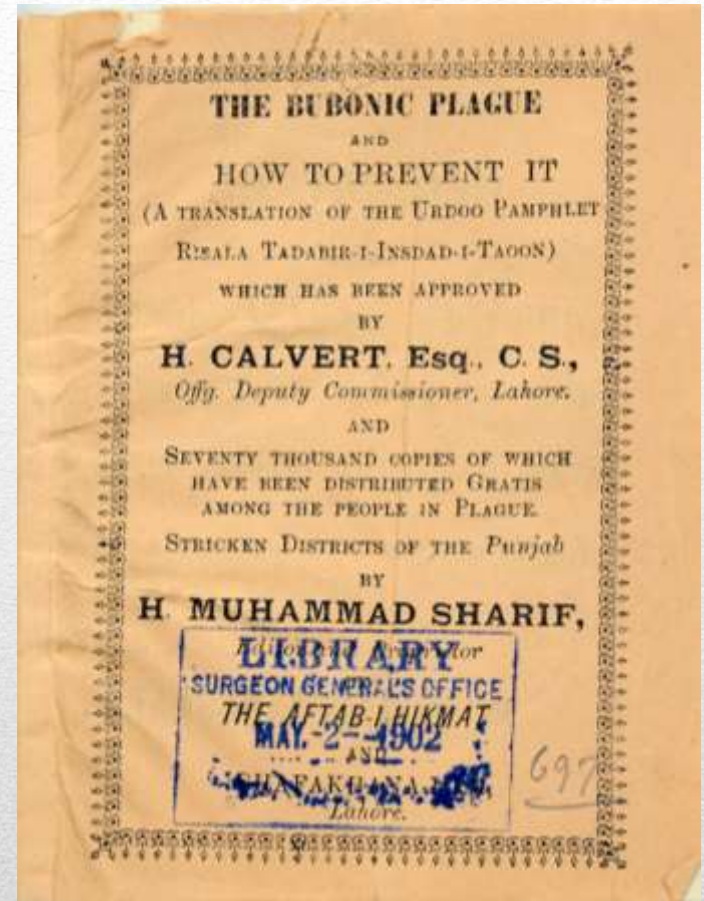
Believe what I say to you to be a benefit for yourself; in it lies my happiness and yours.

Whoever accepts this advice shall see better days.

The Promised Messiah^{as} said

I am certain ... that all these afflictions are due to the sinfulness and transgression of men, and God has justly sent them upon this generation, as He sent upon those of the past times.

Walk in the path of Divine pleasure and depart from all manner of evil and wickedness, and then shall you be saved from ignominious death.



The Promised Messiah^{as} said

- *Do deeds of righteousness and charity and give alms to poor, and you shall surely be saved from destruction.*
- *Throw away the garments of pride and luxury.*
- *Say your prayers in the company with those who stand and bow in reverence to God.*
- *Seek deliverance from the affliction with perseverance, prayer and charity and God will forgive your iniquities and deliver you from every affliction.*

The Promised Messiah^{as} said

*I have spoken to you
as the inspired ones
of God did speak
and ere long shall
know the truth of
my words.*



The Promised Messiah^{as} said
