



In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

## Lajna Ta'leem Lesson Plan Outline

**Month:** December 2017

### Learning Objectives:

- To learn the important facts from the early history of Ahmadiyyat
- To understand the key messages given by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> in the Book "Victory of Islam".

Time	Activity and Comments	Resource
15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In The Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> pamphlet, The Heavenly Decree, he proposed that an association might be established in Lahore to agree upon some method whereby the truth or falsehood of his claim might be decisively determined through the acceptance of prayer. He said: <i>I promise it on oath that if I am defeated in this trial I shall myself announce my confession of failure and my falsehood. There will remain no further need for my opponents to adjudge me an infidel or imposter... But I believe firmly that God will surely not so determine and will not let me be ruined. If the divines to whom this challenge of mine is addressed fail to respond to it no seeker after truth and no just person would approve of their attitude. Indeed they would look upon it with deep regret.</i> None of his opponents to whom his challenge was addressed dared to enter the field against him. By their failure to do so they set a seal upon his truth.</li> <li>● One of the earliest revelations vouchsafed to Ahmad<sup>as</sup> was: 'I shall carry thy message to the ends of the earth.' When he received this revelation he did not possess, nor had access to, even elementary means that he could have utilised for the purpose of conveying his message within the province in which Qadian was situated. Yet today his message has been conveyed to the ends of the earth and branches of the movement are strung along the globe in many different countries. Had he been an imposter his name would have been forgotten altogether.</li> <li>● Pandit Lekh Ram of Peshawar was a very zealous apologist of the Arya Samaj, whose zeal outran all considerations of good-will, courtesy and good manners. He had served as a subordinate officer in the state police force but retired at an early age. His venom was particularly directed at the Holy Prophet of Islam<sup>sa</sup> and he referred to the Holy Qur'an in a derisive and contemptuous terms and even</li> </ul>	Ahmadiyyat – The Renaissance of Islam (pages 69-95)



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spoke irreverently of God Almighty. The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> tried to persuade him to adopt a more moderate style when writing/speaking on such grave matters, but to no purpose. On 20<sup>th</sup> February 1893 Ahmad made the following announcement: I suggested to Inderman and Lekh Ram that if they would so desire I might announce some prophecies concerning their future. Inderman objected and died a short time after, but Lekh Ram sent me a postcard in which he told me I could publish whatever I desired concerning him. I received from God the Glorious, the revelation: ‘He is a lifeless calf from which issues an unpleasant sound. In respect of his impertinent abuse, punishment and torment and suffering has been decreed for him.’ I was given to understand that within six years from today this man will be overtaken by severe torment. If I am proved false in respect of this prophecy I will be ready to undergo any punishment.

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1893 the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> wrote: *This morning in the course of a light slumber I saw that I was sitting in a large room where some of my friends were present when a well-built man of terrible appearance, as if blood would burst forth from his face, came and stood before me. When I raised my eyes towards him I perceived that he was a person of strange build and character, as if he was not a man but was one of the severe terrible angels who overawe all hearts. As I looked at him he asked me: ‘Where is Lekh Ram?’... Then I understood that this one had been appointed for the chastisement of Lekh Ram...*
- In Karamatus Sadiqeen in an Arabic ode he stated: ‘God has given me the good news and said: “You will recognise the day of joy which will be closest to the day of the festival.”’ He pointed out that this verse referred to Lekh Ram and that the day of his chastisement would be next to the day of Eid. On 6<sup>th</sup> March 1897 the day following the festival of sacrifice Lekh Ram was attacked in his own house in Lahore by a well-built person who thrust a dagger into his abdomen and rotated it thus severing his entrails and inducing heavy loss of blood. He was immediately conveyed to the hospital where he was attended by 2 surgeons but to no avail. He continued in great agony till shortly after midnight when he succumbed to his injuries. No trace of the assassin could be discovered.
- The Aryas suggested that the assassination must have been carried out under the directions of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> who had prophesised the death of Pandit Lekh Ram with such striking



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accuracy. Hazrat Ahmad's house was searched by the police and the houses of several prominent Ahmadis all around the province. None of these searches disclosed anything that could raise any suspicion.

- In 1895 the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> learnt that the principle relic of Baba Nanak, founder of the Sikh religion, who flourished in the 16<sup>th</sup> century was preserved in a temple situated at Dera Baba Nanak, in Gurdaspur – 25 miles from Qadian. The relic was a cloak which had writings worked into its fabric. The Sikh tradition was that this cloak had been sent down from heaven by God Almighty as a mark of honour for Baba Sahib and also as a means of providing security for him against all dangers. The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> despatched a delegation of four of his followers to investigate the existence, condition and significance of the relic. They found to their joy and delight that the writings were all in Arabic; the Kalima and verses from the Holy Qur'an (including Surah Fatihah). The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> felt that this was a grand proof that Baba Nanak was a Muslim saint. On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1895 the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> went to see the cloak with 10 of his followers. This story is recounted in the book Sat Bachan written by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. Sometime later the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> learnt that another relic of Baba Nanak was preserved in a Gurdawara. He despatched 3 of his followers to see what it was, it was known as the Pothi (prayer book) of Baba Nanak. It turned out to be a copy of the Holy Qur'an!
- In December 1896, a Conference of Great Religions was held in Lahore. Representatives of principle religions were invited to read papers on the basis of the teaching of their respective faiths. Ahmad was invited to prepare and read a paper in the conference setting forth the teachings of Islam on the 5 selected themes. He agreed to write the paper to be read by one of his devoted followers Maulvi Abdul Karim Sahib. On 27<sup>th</sup> December 1896 between 1:30-3:30pm Maulvi Abdul Karim read the paper which was listened to with rapt attention. By 5:30pm only the reading of the answer to the first question had been finished and so the audience requested that the conference be extended by a day. The paper was unanimously acclaimed as by far the best one read out at the conference. An English translation of the paper was published as "The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam" and was met with a very warm reception in Europe and America.
- Sahibzada Syed Abdul Latif of Sayyadgah in Afghanistan was a very learned divine, a great religious leader and a man of saintly life. He



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<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>despatched his covenant of Ba’ait to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> in December 1900. The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> wrote... when I met him (Sahibzada Syed Abdul Latif) I found him completely committed and devoted to my obedience. With regard to his martyrdom, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> wrote: <i>The merciless killing of Sahibzada Syed Abdul Latif is a most grievous event; but it is also full of blessings that will be manifested with the passage of time and the land of Afghanistan will see what consequences the shedding of his blood will entail. His blood will not go to waste. Before this, poor Abdur Rahman, a member of my community, was unjustly killed, and God took no action. But after this tragedy, He will not remain silent, and grave consequences will manifest themselves.</i> Soon after the martyrdom a severe epidemic of cholera broke out and killed many notable people... O land of Afghanistan, bear witness that a grave offence has been committed in thee. O unfortunate land, thou hast fallen in the estimation of God in that this great tragedy was enacted in thee (Tazkaratush Shahadatain p.72).</p> <p><b>Question &amp; Answer</b></p> <p><b>Q1: What reasons does the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> give for the writing of this book, “Victory of Islam”?</b></p> <p>Huzur<sup>as</sup> says: This humble servant invites your attention towards this important essay on a Divine Commission to which God has appointed me for the promotion of the faith of Islam. .... All that I am concerned with is my duty, the duty to deliver this message, which I owe to you as one owes a debt which must be settled.....</p> <p>Most of our religious scholars are in no way less than the scribes and Pharisees of that time. They spend long hours over the daily prayers, but their hearts are barren of the true love and majesty of God. They sit on the pulpit and deliver such inspiring sermons which move the congregation to tears, but their deeds run completely at variance. It is amazing that while their hearts are rebellious and their intentions mischievous, yet their eyes are very skilful at weeping. How strange are their tongues that while their hearts remain insensitive, their tongues continue to harp feelings of tenderness. Such Jewish traits of character can be observed all over. p.1</p> <p><b>Q2: what was the condition of the society at the time when the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> wrote the book?</b></p>	<p>Victory of Islam Page Number</p>
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A severe corruption has seeped into man's faith as well as in his deeds. What is called 'faith' has been substituted by a few words of declaration uttered by the tongue; and what are called 'righteous deed' have been assumed to be a few rites, extravagant practices or hypocritical activities. True piety and virtue have been completely forgotten. p.2

**Q3: what word of caution did the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> give to the Muslims?**

".....O' Muslims listen! And heed to what I say. Christian nations have devised elaborate fabrications and let loose a complex campaign against the Divine influence of Islam. It is pursued with such desperation that the funds involved are spent in torrents. It would be better to keep this article free of the mention of the disgraceful plots expended in the pursuit of this scheme. Such are the enchanting intrigues of the Christian nations and the followers of Trinity. If God did not frustrate their efforts with a powerful sweep of His hand and thereby shatter the web of their enchantment, it would be inconceivable to save the innocent, credulous people from their crafty designs." p.4

**Q4: what provisions has Allah the Almighty make for the believers?**

".....In order to annihilate this wizardry, God granted the sincere Muslims of this age a miracle by sending this humble servant. He exalted me with His revelation, His word and His choicest blessings. He bestowed me with the delicate subtleties of how to tread His path in order to successfully confront all opposition to Islam. He amply provided me with numerous heavenly gifts, transcendent signs and spiritual insights to their religious trends.

.....So O' Muslims! The manifestation of this humble servant is indeed a miracle of God to remove dark spells cast by the magic of this Western sorcery.

When the world was engulfed in intense darkness, God sent down a heavenly light. This light was personified in the shape of a humble person and for the appropriateness of this purpose, He chose this person to bolster the Islamic creed. He appointed this humble self for the propagation of the light of the Holy Prophet Muhammad and as a support for the Muslims. p.5

**Q5: What does the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> say regarding a mere translation of publication of Quran and Ahadith that was done by the Muslims of that time?**

To publish translations of the Holy Quran merely as a formality and custom, or to compile and popularise the Urdu or Persian translations of



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religious books and books of Hadith or to impart lifeless teachings impregnated with innovations as has been the custom of the majority of scholars of this age, cannot be termed as the real and complete rejuvenation of Faith. The fact is that giving currency to innovations are the machinations of Satan and traitorous to Faith. To publish and circulate the Holy Quran and the authentic Traditions (Ahadith) of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> is, no doubt, laudable. But doing this as a mere formality without imposing those teachings upon oneself are just listless and outward services which can and continue to be rendered by a variety of intellectual scholars. Such services have no relationship with the task of a Reviver of Faith (Mujaddid). In the sight of God they are the trading of dead and dry skeletons and nothing else..... . p. 5

### Q6: what is meant by Tajdid e Deen?

‘Tajdid-e-Deen’ is that passion for the reformation of faith which descends upon such a heart that forges a state of communion with God. Then, sooner or later, a Reformer do not just trade in lifeless bones. Rather, they become the deputies of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and indeed his spiritual successors (Khalifa). They inherit all the blessings that are granted to Prophets and Apostles..... The revelation of God illumines their hearts. In all times of distress, they receive guidance from the Holy Spirit. Their speech and conduct is not influenced by any worldly concern because they have been wholly purified and drawn towards God. p.6

### Q7: what was the purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>? What similarities/ differences does the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> give with Moses<sup>as</sup> and Jesus<sup>as</sup>?

“.....I am sent so that faith should be re-established in the hearts of men. I have been sent on the same pattern as my prototype (Jesus Christ) was sent after the blessed ‘Kaleemullah’ (Prophet Moses). Jesus Christ had to endure many hardships during the reign of King Herod. After much suffering, his soul was raised to the heavens. The second Kaleemullah (The Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>, who in reality is the first and foremost, the chief of all prophets, (The Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>), was sent to annihilate the other ‘Pharaohs’ of his time. So, he who by virtue of his works was entitled Kaleem like unto the previous Kaleem (Prophet Moses), yet was higher in rank, was also bestowed the promise of a new Messiah like unto the previous one (Jesus Christ). That Promised Messiah appeared in the power, temperament and character analogous to that of Jesus, son of Mary. He came at a similar period. The time period that separated the first ‘kaleem’ (Moses) from the first Messiah (Jesus Christ) i.e fourteen centuries was approximately equal to the time between the second



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Kaleem (the Holy Prophet Muhammad), and the descent from the heavens of the second Messiah. Hence that descent was spiritual in nature like the descent of all the perfected people, who having ascended spiritually, descend again for the reformation of Allah's creatures..." p. 7

**Q8: what was the prophecy of the Holy prophet<sup>saw</sup> regarding the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>?**

".....All this was bound to happen, because the Holy Prophet Muhammad had prophesied that such a time would come upon the Muslim Ummah (Community) when their actions would have a great resemblance with those of the Jews. They would perform all such acts as were performed by the Jews, so much so that if a Jew forced himself into a rat hole, they would do likewise. At that juncture, a man born of Persian descent will impart the teaching of faith. Even if faith were to ascend to the Pleiades, this Persian would bring it down to earth. This is the prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>..." p.9

**Q9: what did Allah the Almighty disclose to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>?**

God disclosed to me through Divine revelation that Jesus son of Mary who was born fourteen hundred years after Moses, came to attract people towards faith. He came at a time when the religious condition of the Jews was at a low ebb, and because of the weakness of their faith, they were engulfed in all such vices, which in fact are the offshoots of infidelity. Thus, when an approximate period of fourteen hundred years elapsed after the advent of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> similar afflictions permeated into this ummah (Muslim Community) as were experienced by the Jews, so that the prophecies made in their favour might be fulfilled. Therefore, God, out of His Infinite Omnipotence sent a person similar to the first Messiah (Jesus Christ) to impart the teaching of faith to the Muslims. p. 9

**Q10: what would be the result of denouncing the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>?**

Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> says: That Messiah who was to come has indeed come. Accept him if you wish. Those who have ears to listen, let them listen. This is the work of God the Almighty, however astonishing it may appear in people's eyes. If somebody would prefer to denounce, then let it be known that previous righteous people were also denounced. P. 10



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**Q11: what does the revelation, “you have been gifted with the Farooqi instincts” imply?**

God speaks in metaphors often substituting one name for the other implying identical temperaments, characteristics and capabilities. Anyone whose characteristics are analogous to that of Abraham is identified as ‘Abraham’ in the sight of God. One similar in temperament to Umar Farooq (second Successor of Mohammad), is termed as ‘Umar Farooq’ by Him. Do you not read that Hadith (sayings of Mohammad) which states that if this Ummah possesses any Muhaddathin (Recipients of Divine revelation) to whom God speaks, then such a Muhaddathin is Umar? Can this Hadith be interpreted by saying that Muhaddathiyat is terminated after Hadhrat Omar? No, never. The meaning of this Hadith is that, at the need of the hour, whosoever attains to the spiritual excellence of Umar will be termed as a Muhaddath (Recipient of Divine Revelation). It was in this context that this humble self once received the revelation: “You have been gifted with the Farooqi instincts.” P.9

Home work: Prepare for Test Paper 1