### Noble Writings of The Promised Messiah (as)

Regarding the spread of true knowledge in the latter days, the Holy Quran states:

وإذاالصحف

"And when the books are spread abroad" Surah Al-Takwir, verse 11

A hadith of the Holy Prophet (sa) is helpful in interpreting the above verse. He (sa) is reported to have said that when *'Isa, the son of Mary, will come, there will be an abundance of wealth, and this wealth will flow so abundantly that nobody will accept it.'* 

(See Bukhari, Kitabul Anbiya' babu nuzule 'isabne Maryam).

Regarding his writings, the Promised Messiah(as) writes in Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya:

"The treasures that laid buried for more than a thousand years; are now being distributed by me to the one who is ready to accept them."

(Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Vol.5, page 117)

#### Historical Context for His Time of Writing

- Orthodox Hindu societies were making inroads among Muslims by maligning the fair face of the Holy Prophet (sa) and degrading the teachings of Islam.
- Christian missionaries were proselytising, Bible Societies were set up.
- In forty years preceding the writing of his first book, 2.9 million Indians had converted to Christianity.
- Hundreds of publications attacked Islam and the noble personage of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>.

#### Historical Context for His Time of Writing

- Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> of Qadian single-handedly embarked upon defending Islam.
- Wrote 91 books in Urdu, Arabic and Persian which have since been translated into over 100 languages.
- He wrote over a span of 28 years.
- His first book, Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya, was published in 1880.
- His last book, A Message of Peace, was published in 1908.

#### Historical Context for His Time of Writing

- Explain the deeper meanings of the Holy Qur'an and beauties of Islam.
- Challenge all other faiths to come up with anything close to Islam, but with no response.
- For the Tarbiyyat of the community.

### روحاني خزائن

### Ruhani Khaza'in

- Literal meaning: Spiritual Treasures.
- Is not the title of a book.
- It is the name given to the Promised Messiah's (as) writings meticulously collected and compiled in 23 volumes.

BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part I) **BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH** (Part II) **BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part III) BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part IV) PURANI TAHRIREIN** SURMAH CHASHM-E-ARYAH SHAHNA'-E-HAQQ SABZ ISHTIHAR FATHE ISLAM **TAUDIH-E-MARAM** IZALA-E-AUHAM AL-HAQ MUBAHATHAH LUDHIANA

AL-HAQ MUBAHATHAH DEHLI ASMANI FAISALAH NISHAN-E-ASMANI EIK 'ISA'I KEI TIN SAWAL AUR UNKEI JAWABAT A'INA-E-KAMALAT-E-ISLAM BARAKATUD-DU'A' HUJJATUL-ISLAM SACHCHA'I KA IZHAR JANG-E-MUQADDAS SHAHADATUL-QUR'AN **TUHFA-E-BAGHDAD** 

**KARAMATUS-SADIQIN** HAMAMATUL-BUSHRA NURUL-HAQQ (Part I) NURUL-HAQQ (Part II) **ITMAMUL-HUJJAH** SIRRUL-KHILAFAH ANWARUL-ISLAM MINANUR-RAHMAN DIYA'UL-HAQQ NURUL-QUR'AN (Number I) NURUL-QUR'AN (Number II)

List of books written by the Promised Messiah(as) in chronological order. (1879-1894)

MI'YARUL-MADHAHIB	NAJMUL-HUDA
ARYAH DHARAM	RAZ-E-HAQIQAT
SATT BACHAN	KASHFUL-GHITA'
ISLAMI USUL KI PHILOSOPHY	AYYAMUS-SULAH
SIRAJ-E-MUNIR	HAQIQATUL-MAHDI
ISTIFTA'	MASIH HINDUSTAN MEIN
HUJJATULLAH	SITARA-E-QAISARAH
TUHFA-E-QAISARIYYAH	TIRYAQUL-QULUB
JALSA-E-AHBAB	TUHFA-E-GHAZNAVIYYAH
MAHMUD KI AMIN	RO'IDAD-E-JALSA-E-DU'A'
SIRAJ-UD-DIN 'ISA'I KEI CHAR SAWALON	KHUTBAH ILHAMIYYAH
KAJAWAB	LUJJATUN-NUR
AL-BALAGH YA FARYAD-E-DARD	
DARURATUL-IMAM	

GOVERNMENT ANGREZI AUR JIHAD
TUHFA-E-GOLARHVIYYAH
ARBA'IN (LI ITMAMIL-HUJJATI
'ALAL-MUKHALIFIN)
I'JAZUL-MASIH
EIK GHALATI KA IZALAH
DAFI'UL- BALA' WA MI'YARO AHLIL-ISTIFA'
AL-HUDA WA-TABSIRATO LIMAN YARA
NUZULUL-MASIH

List of books written by the Promised Messiah(as) in chronological order. (1894-1902)

GUNAH KI GHULAMI SEI RIHA'I PANEI KI	LECTURE LAHORE
TADABIR KAYA HAIN?	LECTURE SIALKOT
'ISMAT-E-ANBIYA'	LECTURE LUDHIANA
KASHTI-E-NUH	AL-WASIYYAT
I'JAZ-E-AHMADI	CHASHMA'-E-MASIHI
REVIEW BAR MUBAHATHAH BATALVI WA	TAJALLIYYAT-E-ILAHIYYAH
CHAKRHALVI	QADIAN KEI ARYAH AUR HAMM
MAWAHIBUR-RAHMAN	BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part V)
NASIM-E-DA'WAT	HAQIQATUL-WAHI
SANATAN DHARAM	CHASHMA'-E-MA'RIFAT
TADHKIRATUSH-SHAHADATAIN	PAIGHAM-E-SULAH
SIRATUL-ABDAL	

List of books written by the Promised Messiah(as) in chronological order. (1902-1908)

#### The Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> Masterpiece

براهين احمديد (چهار حصص)

## BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH

(Arguments in Support of the Holy Qur'an and Prophethood of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>)

Parts I – IV

### BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part I)

- Describes the numerous beauties and excellences of Islam.
- Carries announcements that if similar excellences were found in any other faith, even up to one-fifth of the excellences that had been mentioned about Islam, he would give a prize of ten thousand rupees (which was equal to the value of his entire property).
- If a challenger could not produce the excellences and beauties from his own faith, he was invited to refute the arguments which had been produced in the book with the help and support of the Holy Quran.

### BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part II)

- Erroneous beliefs of Aryah Samaj.
- Need for revelation and the superiority of the Holy Qur'an over other scriptures explained.
- All arguments in favour of a particular faith should be based on the authorised scriptures of that faith.
- He introduced an element of decency, politeness and respect for the feelings of others and their scriptures in his writing, which was universally absent.

### BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part III)

- Superiority of the beauties of the teachings of Holy Qur'an cited with pure logic.
- Holy Qur'an is unique conviction that comes only from Divine guidance.
- Qur'an offers a perfect guidance for mankind; a guidance that could have been revealed by God alone.

### BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH (Part IV)

- Origin of human language.
- Nature and importance of miracles.
- Significance of Prophets' foretelling the future.
- Aryah Samaj, Christian and Buddhist concept of God compared with the conception presented by Islam.

# Impact of BARAHIN-E-AHMADIYYAH

- The impact of Barahin-e-Ahmadiyyah was electrifying.
- It paralysed the activities of all anti-Islamic forces.
- Muslims of India at last found among them a great supporter of Islam.
- Maulavi Muhammad Hussain Batalvi, who later became the Promised Messiah's <sup>as</sup> most bitter enemy said about the book: '...there has not been another one like it in the entire history of Islam.'

## Beauties of Islam, the Holy Qur'an & the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>

#### **ISLAMI USUL KI PHILOSOPHY** (The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam)

- Written: 1896, Printed: 1897
- The physical, moral and spiritual conditions of man.
- The state of man after death.
- The object of man's life on earth and the means for attaining the same.
- The effect of action in this life and the next
- The means for the attainment of spiritual knowledge

#### HAQIQATUL-WAHI (The Philosophy of Revelation)

- Written & Printed: 1907
- Recently translated into English
- Huzoor-e-Aqdas has encouraged Everyone to read this book.
- Dreams and revelations of people who have no genuine contact with God.
- Dreams of those persons who might claim some sort of contact with God, but it is not very significant.
- People who burn their selfish desires in the fire of the Love of God

Books Specifically Written in Response to Christian Creed/Objections

#### MASIH HINDUSTAN MEIN (Jesus in India)

- Written: 1898 Printed: 1908
- Aim of writing this book is to remove the mistaken belief existing among Christian and Muslims that Jesus (peace be on him) ascended to the heaven alive... And he will appear sometime in latter days.
- Good book for Tabligh purposes.

### FATHE ISLAM (Victory of Islam)

- Written: 1890, Printed: 1891
- Establish, beyond any shadow of doubt, that Jesus was not crucified and that he died a natural death.
- In this book, the Promised Messiah (as) established, beyond any shadow of doubt, that Jesus was not crucified and that he died a natural death. And he declared that the advent of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi had taken place in his person. The Promised Messiah (as) declared further that he had been commissioned by God in the name of Jesus so that he could demolish the false beliefs of Christianity. Therefore, he had come to break the Cross and kill the swine.

### Books Written Specifically for His Followers

#### DARURATUL-IMAM (The Need for the Imam)

- Written & Printed 1898
- The Promised Messiah (as) described six distinctive features of the Imam of the Age which are as follows:
  - 1. He is a man of strong and high character.
  - 2. He is a born leader.
  - 3. His knowledge of truth is vast.
  - 4. His will and purpose are inflexible.
  - 5. He is most earnest in turning to God in all circumstances.
  - 6. His visions and revelations are extraordinary in quantity as well as in quality. God speaks to him face to face and not in riddles.

### KASHTI-E-NUH (Noah's Ark)

- Written & Printed: 1902
- The Promised Messiah (as) had a revelation regarding the plague
- He described the house wherein he lived was a like Nuh's (Noah's) ark for which God had promised protection against the plague at the time.
- This prophecy of the Promised Messiah (as) was literally fulfilled. The house of the Promised Messiah (as) remained completely immune, and the houses of non-Muslims adjoining the house of the Promised Messiah (as) were not safe. The movement expanded so fast that by the end of 1902, the followers had crossed into hundreds of thousands, and by 1904, it was around half a million
- The Promised Messiah (as) spelt out very beautifully the true teachings of Islam and this Nuh's Ark would continue to serve as an insurance against calamities and troubles ahead.

### AL-WASIYYAT (The Will)

- Written & Printed 1905
- The Promised Messiah (as) was divinely directed to write a book outlining a structure of a permanent system whereby the work of propagation of Islam and dissemination of the divine message was contained
- He announced the setting up of Nizam-e-Wasiyyat, an arrangement that is self-sustaining and based on dedication and pledging of one-tenth of a devoted Ahmadi's income and property which can keep financing the noble mission.
- The Promised Messiah (as) informed his jamaat of the second manifestation of God's power in the form of Khilafat.

## Books With Historical Relevance to Today

#### **TUHFA-E-QAISARIYYAH** (A Gift for the Queen)

- Written & Published: 1897
- The celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria by the Promised Messiah (as) was not an affair to be taken lightly. He made it quite clear that he was not a sycophant looking for material reward.
- He said on this occasion that as he was the viceregent of God, therefore, he was above all earthly kings and worldly potentates; but as a citizen of India, he thanked the Queen for the peace, freedom and security, which he had enjoyed during her long reign. He sincerely prayed for her true prosperity and happiness

#### **SITARA-E-QAISARAH** (The Star of Victoria)

- Written: 1898, Printed: 1899
- The Promised Messiah (as) complimented the British Government for providing freedom of expression and religious tolerance.

## Books Specifically Written in Contradiction of Aryah Samajists

#### QADIAN KEI ARYAH AUR HAMM (The Aryas of Qadian)

- Written & Published: 1908
- Hadrat Jalal-ud-Din Shams (ra) in the introduction to this book says: "The Promised Messiah (as) was prompted to write this book on account of vicious and provocative interruption of Aryas of Qadian on the occasion of annual Jalsa of 1906."
- The Promised Messiah (as) mentioned a number of heavenly signs of which these Aryas of Qadian were a witness and they intentionally denied that they are a witness.

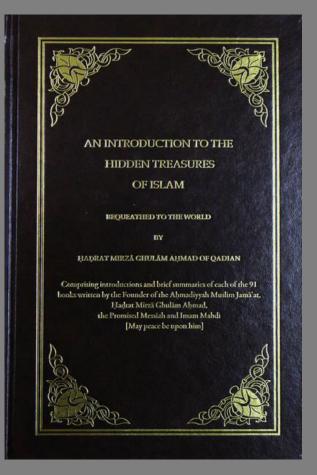
#### **SURMAH CHASHM-E-ARYAH** (Guidance for the Aryas)

- Written & printed: 1886
- The Aryah Samajists attacked a number of miracles mentioned in the Holy Quran, and made fun of these miracles and denied belief therein.
- The Promised Messiah (as) discusses at length the meaning and nature of miracles. He states that miracles are divided into four kinds: intellectual, scientific, spiritual blessings, and apparent interference with known laws of nature.

### Conclusions

- To familiarise ourselves with the vast treasure of writings of the Promised Messiah (as).
- While familiarising we hoped to imbue appreciation.
- And ultimately inspiration to pick up the books and partake of the paragon of spiritual knowledge.

#### An Introduction to the Hidden Treasures of Islam



Please refer to the above book as it comprises introductions and brief summaries of each of the 91 books written by the Promised Messiah(as).

https://www.alislam.org/library/books/Hidden-Treasures-of-Islam.pdf

### Lajna Centenary Reading Challenge

- In March 2019, members of Lajna Ima'illah UK were invited to take part in the Lajna Centenary Reading Challenge.
- 320 people have signed up.
- By taking part in this challenge, you would endeavour to read all the books of the Promised Messiah(as) before September 2022.
- Previously read books could be taken into account although it is always good to re-read and revise.
- If you have not yet signed up then it is not too late. You can do so by sending an email stating your name and Majlis to <a href="mailto:sectaleem@lajnauk.org">sectaleem@lajnauk.org</a> .
- Readers of English should read all the books which are currently translated into English.

# For ease of keeping record we have created a reading log book for you.



	Book of The Promised Messiah <sup>as</sup>		Previously Read	Read		
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1		Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya Parts I & II				
2		Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya Part III				
3		Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya Part IV				
4		Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya Part V				
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7	ARE	Noah's Ark				
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