

STORY OF A PARROT



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The Promised Messiah & Mahdi
1835-1908

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, peace be on him, was born on February 13th, 1835 in Qadian, India. On March 23rd, 1889 he started the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

In 1890, God Almighty revealed to him that Hazrat Isa ibn Maryam^{as} had passed away like all previous prophets. This meant that the awaited Messiah who should appear would appear in the spirit, not the body, of Jesus^{as} and that he himself was that person.

He wrote over 80 books and tens of thousands of letters and delivered hundreds of lectures. The Promised Messiah^{as} passed away on May 26th, 1908. Yet his legacy as the founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community continues to prevail throughout the world today.

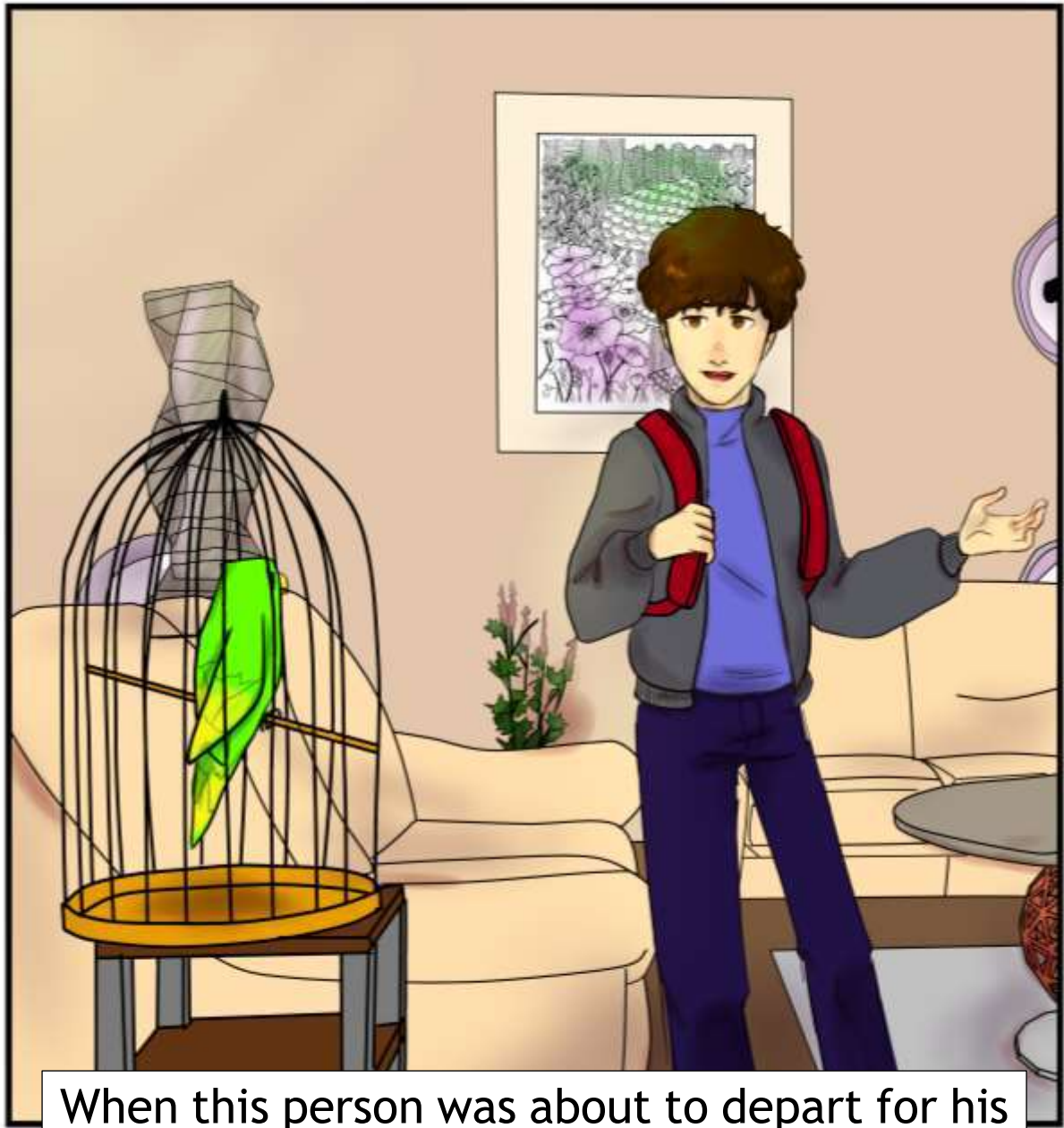


Mystics say that it is important for a person who wants to meet God the Almighty to pass through the door of death.



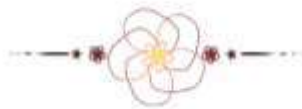
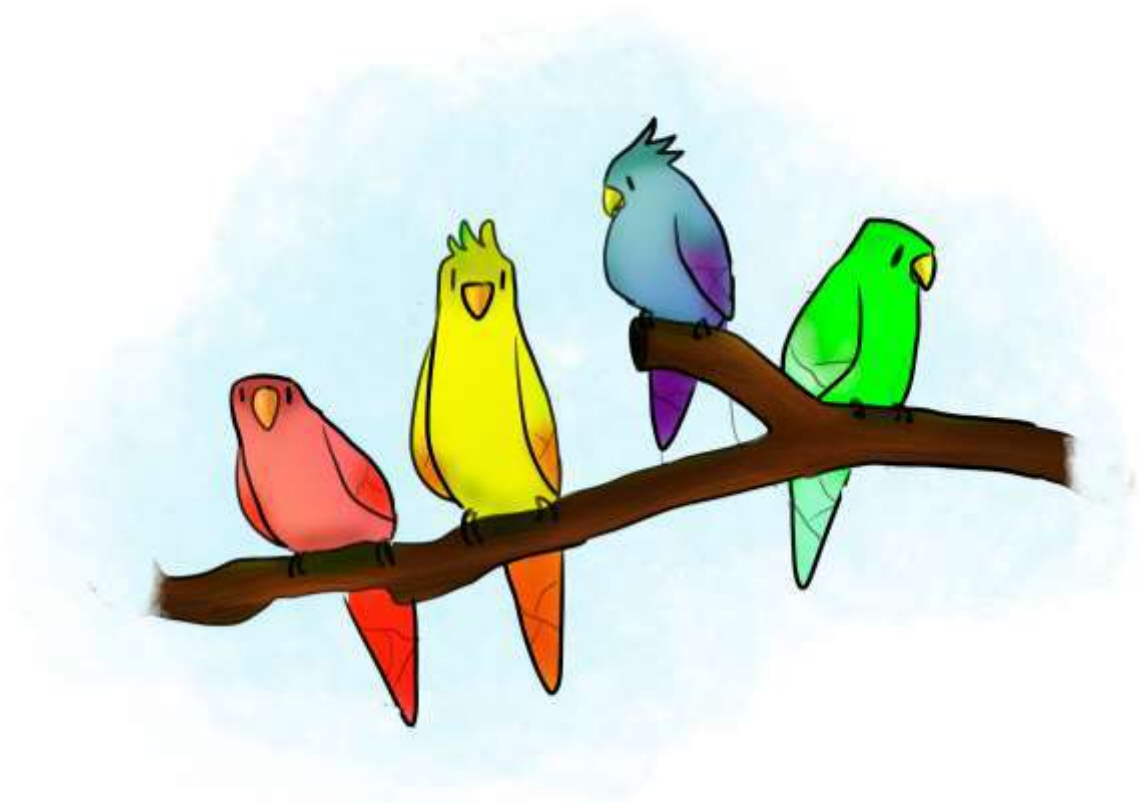
In Masnavi-A poetic collection of anecdotes and stories- a story has been narrated that a person had a parrot.





When this person was about to depart for his journey, he asked the parrot to say something.

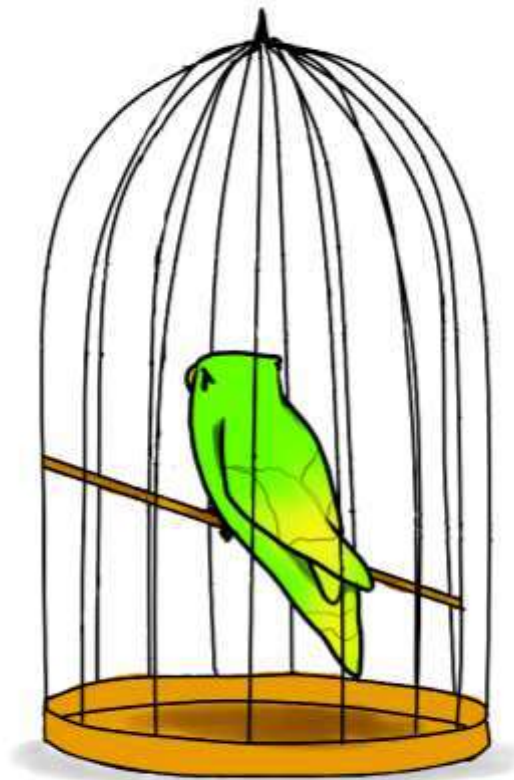
The parrot said, “If you pass by a certain place, you will find a large tree. There will be several parrots on that tree...”





*...deliver them the message of mine,
you are very fortunate that you are
living a free life in open air...*

...then there is me, unfortunate that I am imprisoned”!



When he reached near the tree, he delivered the message to the parrots in the tree.



One of the parrots fell from that tree and ended his life in agony. Seeing this incident, he felt very sad that through him a life was ended. However, except this what was the alternative.





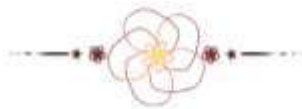
When he returned from his journey, he narrated the whole incident to the parrot and expressed his grief.



Upon hearing this, the parrot in the cage quivered and ended his life in agony.



Seeing this incident made the person even more sorrowful that at his hand two deaths happened.



Finally, he took the parrot out of the cage and threw him.

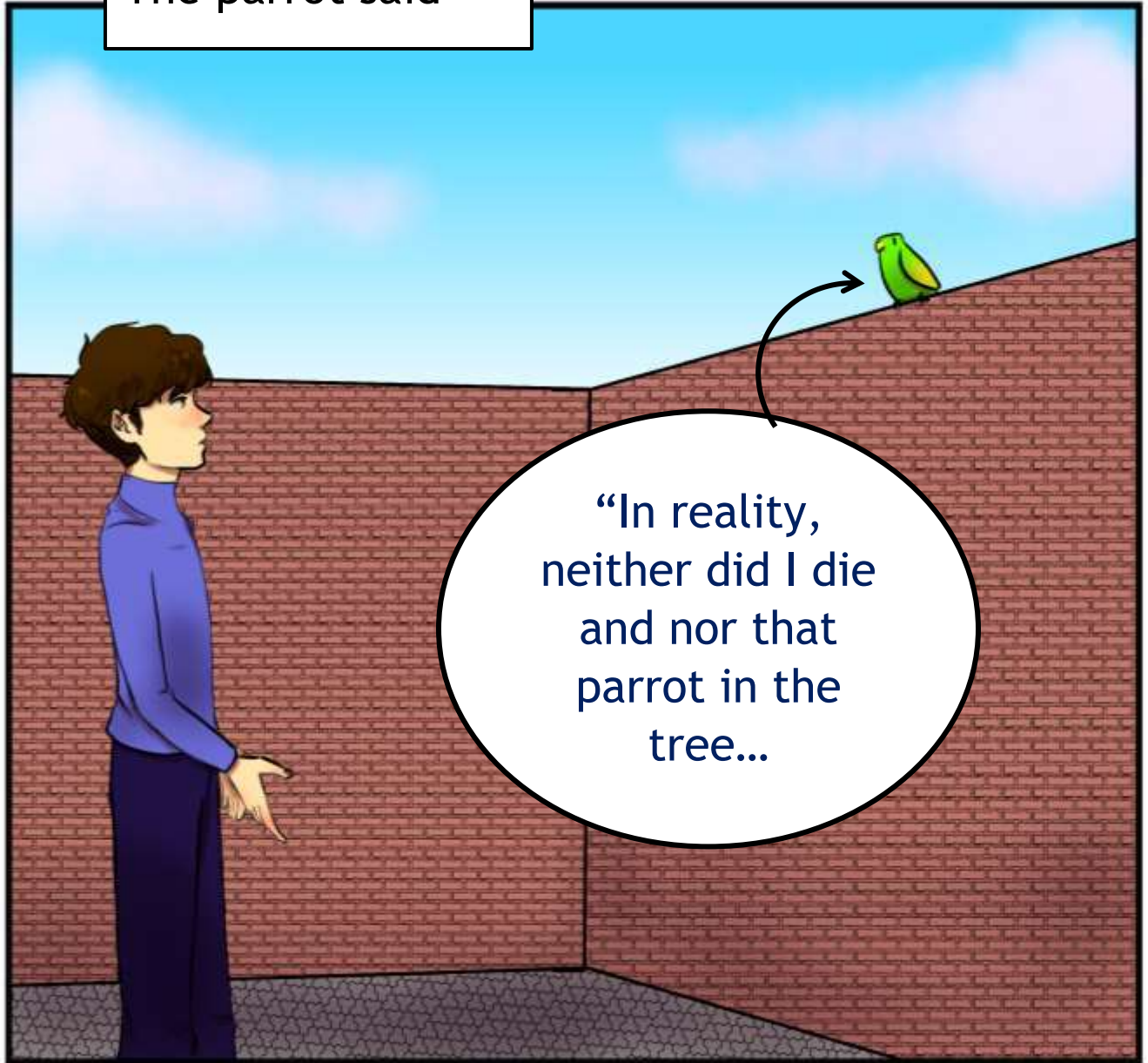




The parrot, who was thought to be dead, was thrown out of the cage, but it began to fly and flew onto a wall.



The parrot said

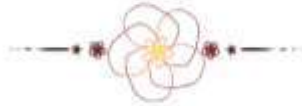


...I (the parrot in the cage) had asked the parrots (in the tree) that how does one attain freedom from this cage. I was told that freedom is attained by dying.



Thus, I also
chose death
then I became
free.”





This is a true matter that whoever in the snares of **نفسِ اماره** (the self that incites towards evil/sensuality)...is caught. Release from it without death is not possible.



A short story highlighting the
importance of freedom.