Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Ṣadr Majlis

Who did not know respected Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam, the late Amīr and Missionary in charge of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya, Ghana? He passed away at the age of 76 on June 22, 2014, Innā lillāh wa inna ilaihi rājiʿūn.

But as they say, “if you really want to measure the character of a man, see him under stress.” Today, I am reminded of three stressful times, at four year intervals, when I had the honor to be in the company of Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam.

I first met Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam on a dreary day in December 2006 when hundreds of devoted Aḥmadi Muslims had gathered in Chicago at the martyrdom of Muhaimin Karim, who was married to his daughter. You could not find a dry eye. In an extremely difficult time, Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam solemnly reminded us of a simple Qur'ānic injunction, “And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient.” (The Holy Qur'ān, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:156) That's it. No sobbing. No what ifs. A single man lifted the faith of thousands with his belief in Allah.

My second encounter with Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam was in February 2010 when he delivered a Friday Sermon at Masjid Baitur Rahman and narrated how honey bee received revelation and how if we remain committed to Khilāfat, every Aḥmadi Muslim could establish a similar connection with God. During those days, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya hosted Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam for a diplomatic dinner where the Ghanaian Ambassador to the United States was also invited. During the dinner, Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam played the role of an excellent host for the Ambassador and yet remained a thankful guest of the Majlis. An average person would be sweating bullets at such a juggle but he was all smiles.

But Allah had saved the best for the last. Five months ago when I went to meet Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) in January 2014, I was told by my hosts “You will be sharing the guest house with Amir Sahib of Ghana.” “What a bonus,” I said to myself. During our 48 hour long companionship and multiple encounters, however, it became obvious that Amir Sahib's health had deteriorated. But that did not stop him from telling stories of his years in Jāmi'ah Rabwah, his partnerships with non-Aḥmadi Muslims in Ghana, his successes by remaining attached to Khilāfat. On January 3, we were supposed to ride together to offer Jumu'ah Prayer behind Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih. He took a long time to get ready but then walked out of his
room beaming with energy, wearing his traditional African garb. I will never forget that this was a man, under immense physical stress, who then said with a royal smile, “Chalain, namaz kay liyay rawaana hotay hain abb” (Let us go for Prayer now.) At Baitul Futuh Mosque, after the Prayer, people stopped him, waved at him, shook his hand, shouted Salams from a distance, and flocked around him.

Today, in Abdul Wahab Adam, a 76-year-old spiritual university passed away. But thousands of the students of that university are marching behind a living Khilafat, like honey bees, carrying the mission forward.

**Testimony of an Adversary**

*Rashid Arshed, Los Angeles*

The staff room environment was always lively and noisy. There were heated discussions on one subject or the other. Someone would bring up a point and everyone on the teaching staff would share his views. There was much fervor when a religious topic was brought up. I was the only Ahmadi on the staff so most of the questions were directed at me.

Among the staff was a teacher named Muhammad Tahir Khan who belonged to Jamiaat Islami, a political party in the garb of religion that has an extremist agenda and propagates violence to achieve its objectives. Tahir Khan would often debate with me on my beliefs and on the claims of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

One day, after a heated debate, he suddenly mellowed down and related the following story:

“My grandfather had a chance to visit Qadian and be in the company of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. He would say that Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was an ocean of knowledge and he was very eloquent when he spoke on an issue. My grandfather also said that there was always a halo around the face of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. However, he did not convert to Ahmadiyyat.”

How unfortunate!

**A Story of Brotherhood**

*Anonymous*

“And the believers, men and women, are friends one of another...It is these on whom Allah will have mercy.” *(The Holy Qur'an, 9 [Al-Taubah]:71)*

“Whoever relieves a calamity that has struck a believer in this world, Allah will relieve for him one of the calamities on the day of Judgment, and whoever makes things easy for a person in trouble, Allah will make his matters easy in this life and in the hereafter, and whoever shields the faults of a Muslim, Allah will shield his faults in this world and the hereafter, and Allah will help and support his servant as long as he is helping and supporting his brother” *(Sahih Muslim)*

I attended school in Pakistan and received a scholarship which I used to pay for my room and board. I lived in a hostel with about 12 other Ahmadi students. During a conversation, we learned that two of our Ahmadi students were contemplating withdrawing from school. Being concerned about our brothers, we inquired as to why they were considering leaving the school. They informed us that their parents could no longer financially afford to pay for them to attend school.

The rest of us were very concerned about our friends and the financial burden placed on their parents. We met and devised a plan that would keep our friends in school, that is, by simply changing the place we all ate each day. Instead of eating at the convenient costly cafeteria located inside of our building, we could all eat at the small inexpensive food vendor across campus and have enough money to purchase food for our other two fellow students.

We discussed our money saving plan with our Ahmadi brothers and they agreed to our solution. Each day we all walked together laughing and talking as we journeyed to the small food vendor across campus.

Because we all made a sacrifice, both of our brothers in faith were able to stay in school and complete their studies. After finishing school, they both moved to the West and have been living in Europe and North America. We occasionally get a chance to meet each other at Jalsahs and talk about our careers and family.

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Register for Ijtimâ’ 1000 on 10/10, meaning the first time 1000 Ansar brothers will proudly gather at an Ansar platform in the U.S. on October 10 (10/10).

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National Ijtimā’ Tentative Program

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

11:00 AM Registration

12:00 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Friday & ‘Aṣr Prayers

3:30 PM Opening Session

Presiding: Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā’at, USA
Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān & Translation
Ansar Pledge - Faheem Younus Qureshi, Šadr Majlis
Poem Recitation & Translation
Welcome Address - Šadr Majlis
Opening Address - Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā’at, USA
Announcements - Nāẓim Program
Silent prayer

4:15 PM Majlis Shūrā (First Session)

Presiding: Faheem Younus Qureshi, Šadr Majlis

4:15 PM Parallel Interactive Workshops for Non-Shūrā Members

Helping the Jobless (TBD) - Yasin Sharif
Planning Your Finances - Dawood Munir
Marrying Our Children - Mansoor Qureshi

4:45 AM Tahajjud Prayer

5:00 AM Fajr Prayer & Dars

6:00 AM Breakfast

6:30 AM Sports Competitions

Darts, Horse Shoe Toss, Table Tennis

8:00 AM Breakfast

Morning Session

Presiding: Nāẓim Education Competitions
Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān Competition
Impromptu Speech Competition
General Knowledge Competition

11:30 AM Talqīn-i-‘Amal: Health Talk

Presiding: Qā’id Health

12:15 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Zuhr & ‘Aṣr Prayers

1:45 PM Testimonials (How Converts Saved Themselves From a Fire)

3:00 PM Parallel Workshops

Good Parenting Tips - Imran Hayee
How to Change Old Habits - Mazhar Mansoor
Becoming the Men of God - Rizwan Alladin

4:00 PM Sports Competitions

Volleyball, Basketball Hoops, Tug of War, 100 Meter Race

6:00 PM Maghrib & ‘Ishā’ Prayers

7:00 PM Big BBQ Dinner, Bonfire, Poetry

8:00 PM Majlis Shūrā (Concluding Session)

Subcommittee Reports

Conclusion of Majlis Shūrā

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:45 AM Tahajjud Prayer

6:20 AM Fajr Prayer & Dars

6:45 AM Sports Competitions

Table Tennis, Basketball Hoops, Remaining Sports

8:00 AM Breakfast

Morning Session

Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān & Translation
The Men of God I remember - Imām Naseem Mahdi

9:45 AM Plenary: What spiritual action items are we walking away with? (Feedback session for the whole Majlis)

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM Concluding Session

Presiding: Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā’at, USA
Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān & Translation
Urdu Poem Recitation & Translation - Habeeb Shafeek Jr.
Prize Distribution
Closing Address - Faheem Younus Qureshi, Šadr Majlis
Closing Address - Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā’at, USA
Ansar Pledge - Šadr Majlis
Silent prayer

1:00 PM Zuhr & ‘Aṣr Prayers

1:15 PM Lunch

Group Photo

Parallel Workshops

Sports Competitions

Majlis Shūrā (Concluding Session)

Silent prayer

Lights Out

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:45 AM Tahajjud Prayer

6:20 AM Fajr Prayer & Dars

6:45 AM Sports Competitions

Darts, Horse Shoe Toss, Table Tennis

8:00 AM Breakfast

Morning Session

Presiding: Nāẓim Education Competitions
Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān Competition
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General Knowledge Competition

11:30 AM Talqīn-i-‘Amal: Health Talk

Presiding: Qā’id Health

12:15 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Zuhr & ‘Aṣr Prayers

1:45 PM Testimonials (How Converts Saved Themselves From a Fire)
**Ta’līmul Qur’ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization**

As prescribed in Ta’līmul Qur’ān syllabus of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, verses 1-15 of Sūrah Al-Ṣaff (Chapter 61) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2014. Verses 9 and 10 are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of July.

**National Ijtimā‘ Accommodation Options**

Ijtimā‘ participants have three accommodation options available to them:

1. **Stay at a brother’s home**: let us know in advance and we will arrange your accommodation at another brother’s house within driving distance of the mosque.
2. **Stay at the mosque**: limited number of sleeping bags are available for members flying in for the Ijtimā‘. Do bring your own pillow, blanket, toiletries, towel, etc.
3. **Stay at a hotel**: we have 60 rooms available at a nearby Holiday Inn at the rate of $69/night. The hotel provides pick up from BWI airport and free breakfast. A meeting room has been arranged at the hotel for Tahajjud, Fajr, and Dars.

**Request for Prayers**

- Niaz Ahmad Khan of Chicago Northwest Majlis passed away on April 27, 2014 at the age of 88, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rājī‘ūn.
- Al-Ḥāj Aasim Zaki Bashiruddin of Seattle Majlis passed away on June 22, 2014 at the age of 85, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rājī‘ūn.

May Allāh grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmin. Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.

Mohammad Ashraf of Columbus Majlis has recently undergone an open heart surgery. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

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