WASIYYAT

The Promised Messiah³⁵ under the divine guidance established Nizam Wasiyyat in 1905. Regarding this heavenly scheme he wrote his well renowned book Al-Wasiyyat. Some of excerpts from Al-Wasiyyat are as follows:-

- 1. "Since God Almighty has informed me, through recurrent revelations, that the time of my demise is near, and since these revelations have been of such force as to shake me to the very core of my being—turning my heart cold to this life—I have deemed it appropriate to write a few words of admonition and advice for my friends and other such persons as may wish to derive benefit from my words."
- 2. "The knowledge that I have been granted about the calamities is none other than that death will run rampant on all sides, that earthquakes of such severity will occur as will provide a foretaste of the Day of Judgement. The earth will be turned upside down and the lives of many will become agonizingly distressing. Then, those who repent and forsake sin, to them Allah will show mercy. As all the Prophets³⁵ had prophesied about this age, it was inevitable that all this should have come to pass. But those who set their hearts aright and follow the ways favoured by God shall have no fear or grief. Addressing me God Almighty said:

You are a Warner from Me. I have sent you so that the guilty ones might be separated from the righteous. And said that a Warner came into the world and the world accepted him not but God shall accept him and will demonstrate his truth with powerful assaults. I shall bless you so much that kings shall seek blessings from your garments."

- 3. "Don't fall in love with the pleasures of the world, for they take you away from God. For the sake of God choose life of austerity. The pain which pleases God is better than the pleasure which makes God angry. And that defeat which pleases God is better than the victory which invites the wrath of Allah. Renounce the love which brings you nearer to the wrath of Allah You can never ever win the pleasure of Allah unless you, sacrificing your honour, disowning your wealth, discarding your life, bear such hardships in His way as make you suffer pangs of death. But once you had suffered hardships for Allah, you will come in the lap of God like a beloved child. And you will be made heirs of those pious persons who have preceded you. The door of every blessing will be opened to you"
- 4. "Rejoice and be happy that the field of achieving nearness to God is vacant and there is no other competitor. Every nation is busy loving the world and to the things which please God the world is paying no

- attention. Now this is the time that those who wish to enter this door, mustering all their strength, should show their mettle and by doing so win a specially coveted prize from God."
- 5. "And I say to you, truly and sincerely, that the time is near when a hypocrite who, having loved the world, evaded this commandment, will at the time of chastisement cry and say, 'I wish I had given all that I possessed all my movable and fixed assets in the way of God so that I were saved from this chastisement.' Remember, after witnessing this punishment faith will be of no use and alms and charity will be in vain. Look, I warn you of an imminent chastisement of God. Make hast and stock up on your [spiritual] provisions so that they may serve you. As for me, I have no intention to take possession of your wealth. Rather you shall give to the Anjuman your wealth for the. propagation of the Faith and shall be rewarded with a life in Heaven. There are many who, for their love of the World, shall ignore my commandment but shall soon be taken away from this world—then at the last hour they shall cry out 'كَا الْمُحَالِينُ مُعَالِرُ حَمَانُ وَصَدَقَ الْمُرْسَلُونَ الْمُرْسَلُونَ الْمُرْسَلُونَ and the Messengers spoke the truth' (Yasin 36:53) "
- 6. "I was shown a place which was named *Bahishti Maqbarah*, and it was conveyed to me that it contained the graves of such righteous members of the *Jama 'at* as are destined to dwell in heaven. Since then I have always been concerned that a piece of land should be bought for the purposes of the graveyard I have, therefore, proposed that a piece of land out of my own property which is adjacent to our orchard and the price of which is no less than a thousand rupees, be used for this purpose."
- 7. "And I pray that God may bless it and that He may make this very piece of land the *Bahishti Maqbarah*-, and make it the resting place of such members of the *Jama 'at* as are pure of heart and who have in reality given precedence to Faith over the world and who have renounced the love of the world and have submitted themselves to God and have brought about in themselves a holy change and, like the companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, have set the example of Faithfulness and Truthfulness, *Amin*, O Lord of the world."
- 8. "I pray again: O All-Powerful God of mine, make this piece of land fit for the graves of those of my *Jama* 'at who are pure of heart and who have in reality become Yours and in their deeds there is no adulteration of worldliness, *Amin*."
- 9. "Again for the third time do I pray: 0 my Mighty and Benevolent [God!] O Forgiving and Merciful God, do grant them alone a place for graves here who have true faith in this messenger of Yours and who have no trace of hypocrisy, of selfish motives and of doubt or suspicion in their hearts.; and as faith and obedience deserve to be followed and observed, they follow and observe it for Your sake; and in their heart of hearts they

have already sacrificed their lives for you and in your path and You are pleased with them; and those whom You know to be totally lost in love for You; and those who have with your Messenger a relationship of love and devotion based on loyalty, total respect and enlightened faith, *Amin*, O Lord of the world."

10. "In the end I pray that may Allah help every sincere person in this matter and that He may kindle the fire of faith in their hearts and that they all meet their death when Allah is pleased with them. *Amin* "

CONDITIONS OF WASIYYAT

The Promised Messiah ³³ said:

"God has inclined my mind through His *Wahi-e-Khafi* towards the idea that for the burial in the graveyard some conditions should be prescribed and only those would be admissible who, because of their truthfulness and their perfect righteousness, comply with them. They are three conditions and are binding on all.

- 1. I have donated the present plot of land as a contribution from myself. Thus the first condition is that whoever desires to be buried in this graveyard should contribute towards the expenses of its maintenance according to his capacity. Such contributions are demanded only from people who desire to be buried herein, and not from others
- 2. The second condition is that from among the *Jama 'at* only he will be buried in this graveyard who makes a testamentary disposition that one tenth of his entire property shall, under the directions of the Movement, be devoted to the propagation of Islam and carrying out of the teachings of the Qur'an. It will be open to every righteous person whose faith is perfect to provide for this purpose in his Will more than one tenth, but it shall not be less
- 3. The third condition is that every such person shall lead a righteous life and abstain from all that is prohibited and shall not do anything that amounts to association of something with God or to an innovation in the faith. He should be a true and sincere Muslim.
- 4. Every righteous person who owns no property and is unable to render any financial service (to the community) can be buried in this graveyard, provided that it is established that, while alive, he continued to serve the faith with dedication and was righteous."

In his landmark lecture of Nizam-e-Nau or The New World Order of Islam, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} outlined in detail the 'new spiritual order' brought by the Promised Messiah^{as} in the form of Wasiyyat. Huzoor wrote:

"...... Time will soon come when the world will cry out for a New Order. From every quarter voices shall be raised announcing New Order. Russia will claim' to give the world a New Order. India will put forward a New Order. Germany and Italy will announce a New Order. America will proclaim a New Order. At that time a successor of the Promised Messiah³⁵⁵ will announce from Qadian: 'The New Order has already been set out in *Al-Wasiyyat*. If the world desires to proceed along the path of peace and prosperity, the only way to it is to put into effect the New Order set out in *Al-Wasiyyat*'.

(Nizam-e-Nau Page 117)

"...In short, the foundation of the New Order was not laid in Russia in 1910, nor will they be laid in the future in Europe after the present war. As a matter of fact, the foundation of the New Order, which is designed to bring comfort to the whole world and prosperity to every human being individually and at the same time to safeguard the true faith, was laid down in 1905 in Qadian. The world needs no other New Order."

(Nizam-e-Nau Page 124)

"When the system of *Wasiyyat* attains maturity, it will provide not only for missionary work, but will also help to abolish need and suffering by making' adequate provision for the needs of all individuals as told by Islam. No orphan shall have to beg, nor shall a widow have to ask for charity, nor shall a needy person suffer anxiety. Because the system of *Wasiyyat* will be a mother to children, a father to youth and a source of security for women. A brother will help another willingly and with love without any coercion, nor will he go unrewarded, for he shall receive the best reward from Allah. Neither the rich nor the poor shall be the loser. No nation shall fight another, and its blessing shall encompass the whole world."

(Nizam-e-Nau Page 130)

All of you should, therefore, make your Wills under this system, so that the New Order may come as early as possible, and the blessed day may dawn when everywhere the banner of Islam and Ahmadiyyat will be seen flying. To those who have already made their Wills I offer my congratulations and pray that those, who have not, may be enabled by God to do so, so that they may also gather for themselves blessings, material as well as spiritual.

(Nizam-e-Nau Page 132)

NIZAM WASIYYAT HAS A DEEP AFFINITY WITH NIZAM KHILAFAT

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper) said:

"Therefore, seek the ways of pleasing God, and in this age one of these ways is joining the institution of Wasiyyat. Hence you should hasten towards it. Also, the institution of Wasiyyat has a deep affinity with the institution of Khilafat. In his book *Al-Wasiyyat* the Promised Messiah has written about two important matters, one of these is the appearance of the Second Manifestation after his demise, i.e., the establishment of the institution of Khilafat that would last to the end of days. As long as there are people who undergo spiritual transformation, the Jama' at's level of *taqwa* will keep rising, and then through these righteous people who make sacrifices the true Islamic Khilafat will continue forever, because it is only to the Jama'at of the righteous that God has promised Khilafat. We ought to value this gift and become attached to it with full sincerity and devotion. Remember that all our progress is linked to Khilafat. May Allah enable all of you to be obedient to Khilafat and to enter into the institution of Wasiyyat so that both you and your progeny will continue to reap Allah's blessings and enter the paradise of His pleasure. May God be with you."

(Message to Monthly Ansarullah Wasiyyat Number on 31.05.2005)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper) said:

"The Promised Messiah spoke of two matters in *Al-Wasiyyat*, one was the establishment of Khilafat after his demise, and the second was the Promised Messiah's desire that after his demise there should be an institution that creates and fosters *taqwa* in the Jama'at, and that there should also be a financial system that serves to distinguish the pure from the impure and meets the needs of the Jama'at in an appropriate manner. This is why the Promised Messiah started the institution of Wasiyyat. So in this respect, as I said earlier, there is a deep affinity between Wasiyyat and Khilafat."

(Nizam Wasiyyat Page 205-206)

100 PERCENT OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF JAMA'AT AND AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS AT ALL LEVELS MUST BECOME PART OF NIZAM WASIYYAT

On several occasions, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper) has urged office-bearers of the Jama'at (at national, local and auxiliary levels) that they should take the lead and set their own example before inviting other members to join the system of Wasiyyat. Huzoor said:

"First and foremost, all office bearers should look at themselves, and the Amir Sahib should also make sure that 100% of the Jama'at's office-bearers have become part of this institution (of Wasiyyat), whether they are national office bearers, office bearers of national auxiliary organizations, local office bearers or office bearers of local auxiliary organizations."

(Alfazl International 5-11 May 2006)

"The first point I wish to stress is that all office-bearers should become part of the system of Wasiyyat, starting from the national Amila to the lowest level. Only then will they be able to exhort other members of the Jama'at".

(Alfazl International 31 Dec 04-6 Jan 05)

"You should begin with your own Majlis Amila. If the office-bearers do not become Musis, how can they ask others to do so".

(Alfazl International 11-17 Feb 2005)

"You should first bring into Wasiyyat those members of your Majlis Amila who are not Musis; and then start exhorting others".

(Alfazl International 11-17 Feb 2005)

AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF EARNING MEMBERS OF EVERY JAMA'AT SHOULD BECOME PART OF NIZAM WASIYYAT

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper), setting a standard of minimum number of Musis in a Jama'at, urged that:

"On a previous occasion as well I have expressed my desire that ... among the earning and Chanda-paying members in every Jama'at, there should be at least 50% who have become part of this great institution of the Promised Messiah."

(Alfazl International 29 Jul-11 Aug 2005)

More effort is also required to include the general members of the Jama'at into Wasiyyat. Most countries have not yet met the target of 50% of total number of earning members becoming part of Wasiyyat that was given by Huzoor.

National Wasaya Department should use all means (such as Friday Sermons, Amila and general meetings and visits etc.) to raise awareness and importance of the heavenly scheme of Wasiyyat among all the members of the Jama'at.

Secretaries Wasaya at all levels should endeavour that maximum number of members join Nizam Wasiyyat. They should strive that every member of Jama'at should read Al-Wasiyyat and every Musi thoroughly goes through the Wasiyyat Rules.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAQBARA MUSIAN IN COUNTRIES

The Promised Messiah³³ says in Al-Wasiyyat:

"Let it be made clear that it is the Will of Allah that such as have perfect Faith should all be buried in the same place, so that future generations, having seen them all buried in one location, should strengthen their own faith, and so that their great services—that is the deeds they performed for the sake of Allah—live forever in the people's memory."

Maqbara Musian should be established in every country with the permission of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (May Allah be his Helper). There can be more than one Maqbara Musian in big countries. Moreover, Maqbara Musian should be well planted and attractive looking.

The Promised Messiah³³ established the Bahishti Maqbara Qadian in his own orchard. In Al-Wasiyyat the Promised Messiah (AS) wrote "Some trees will be planted to beautify it and a well will also be dug" which shows his interest in making the Bahishti Maqbara more attractive and beautiful.