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## Jalal Nuruddin's Life Story

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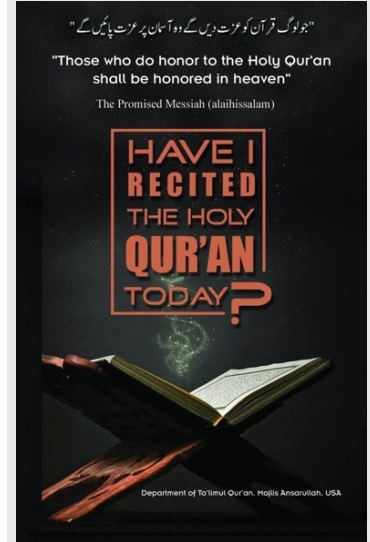
I was born in 1949 in Dayton, Ohio. As a child I attended church occasionally with my grandfather. I accepted Christianity at the age of 14. As a youngster, I would ask myself, 'What am I here for?' It really weighed heavily on me and it's a vivid memory. It was like I almost got depressed. I asked my mother this question and unfortunately, she was agnostic, or atheist and she had no answer. So, if I look at my life, that's a poignant memory that relates to my spiritual

journey.

To see the contrast in my life after I accepted the Promised Messiah (as) it's important to understand what was going on before that. In my junior year of high school, I started drinking alcohol heavily, mostly on weekends. I was an A student, but my grades dropped to C's and D's. I almost had perfect attendance but started missing days of school. Things declined from there for the most part. For the next 13 years I was an alcoholic and a drug user for much of that time. Sometimes I was off drugs for a year or two but then I would go back to it. I did several things to try to fulfil my life. One was getting married, and I had two children but that didn't make a difference. I had a very good job, but that didn't make a difference either. It should have been fulfilling because it involved creativity and had a nice status in General Motors, but none of it helped.

I went to jail for a few days, and I started to pray. I begged to God to change my life. I didn't mean to get me out of jail, I begged Him to change my life. I went on a yearlong search for God. I went to 5-6 churches and different people that tried to get me into Christianity took me to visit their churches. Then I started to ask questions that were related to the same issues we have about Christianity and unfortunately it would make them angry. They would virtually tell me to shut up and tell me you just have to have faith.

At the end of that year, I was going for drug treatment at a clinic established by our deceased brother Zafar Muhammad Zafar (may Allah have mercy on him) and I ran into Omar Gaddafi. He introduced me to the Holy Quran. I had read the Bible before that, but it did nothing for me. When I read the



Holy Quran, it was clear and concise, it made sense, there were no contradictions. There wasn't anything that didn't agree with what you see in life, science, and reality. It was beautiful and perfect.

The second book I read was the Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam. In that the Promised Messiah (as) answers questions about the physical and moral states of man - what is the state of man after death, what is the true purpose of a man's existence on earth and how can it be achieved, what are the effects of one's deeds in this life and the afterlife, what are the sources of divine knowledge. This relates directly to the question that hit me when I was 9 years old. The Promised Messiah (as) answered all these questions.

In short, the Promised Messiah (as) turned my life around. One thing to understand is I looked at Islam in those 13 years and I couldn't deal with the fact that the Nation of Islam said all white people are devils and other inconsistencies. If you look at orthodox Sunni Islam and all the things they said about jihad and that people should be killed, it was never acceptable to me. The Promised Messiah (as) dealt with all those issues and made it clear and consistent with the Holy Quran. After all the Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam is a commentary on the Holy Quran. My life turned around completely and at least I became a human being. God willing, I am on the path to becoming someone who is acceptable to God and has favor in His sight.

**Correction:** In our Ansar Connection issued published on October 24, 2023, we inadvertently made an error. As part of the Ijtima report where we covered the long-distance cyclists' piece, we mentioned Usama Malik Sahib as one of the support team members. It was actually Usama Virk Sahib who was part of the team. We sincerely apologize for this oversight and any confusion it may have caused.

## Remembering Maulvi Mahmood Hassan Khan Sahib (rz)

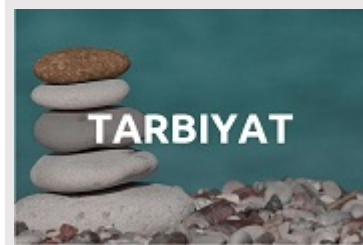
*By: Saeed Saud (Los Angeles, CA)*



This is about the time when Maulvi Mahmood Hassan Khan (rz) met with the Promised Messiah (As). He was my great grandfather and was among the 313 companions of the Promised Messiah (as).

He lived in Patiala. After reading Barahin-i-Ahmadiyya, Fatah Islam and Tauzih Marham (Books written by the Promised Messiah (as)), he was totally convinced that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian was from Allah and truthful in his claims. He prayed to Allah to let him live long enough to take bait at the hands of the Promised Messiah (as).

When my great grandfather could afford to travel, he found out that the Promised Messiah was visiting Ludhiana. He went to Ludhiana and met the Promised Messiah (as) in person. After offering Zohar prayers behind Huzoor, he respectfully asked "Are you Hazrat Isa Alaihissalam?" Huzoor replied; "Listen to what I say" and delivered a speech on arguments



regarding the death of Hazrat Isa and his claim. My great grandfather said to the Promised Messiah (as), "I have read these arguments in Fatah Islam and Tauzih Marham. I wanted a verbal verification that the person in whose hand I am giving my hand is the same person who claimed to be from Allah. I believe. Please accept my Bait. The Promised Messiah (as) took his bait. Alhamdolillah.



Majlis Ansarullah USA has created a new Quran Quiz app that is available on both iOS and Android platforms. The intent is to improve our knowledge of the Holy Quran by answering questions. When this app was shown to Huzoor (aba), he expressed pleasure and gave his blessings to launch this. This app's interactive

style will be enjoyable for all family members, and you will be able to have informative discussions about the true teachings of the Quran.

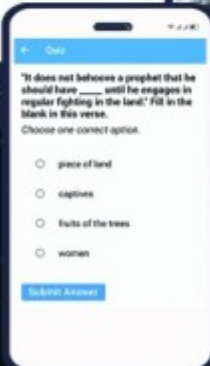
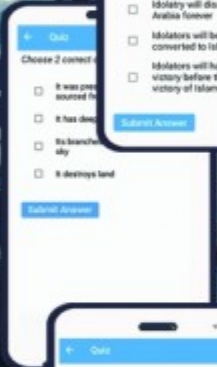
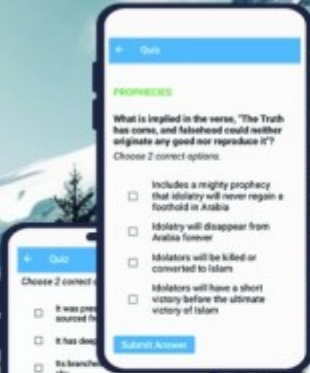
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