



Monoreality Cake

JUBILATING 78TH BIRTHDAY OF HIS HIGHNESS THE AGA KHAN IIII
NUR MAWLANA SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSAINI HAZIR IMAM
PEACE BE UPON HIM AND HIS PROGENY

PLEASE SAY SALUTATIONS AND PEACE WITH THE NAME OF PROPHETS AND IMAMS

To mark the special occasion of His Highness The Aga Khan IV, Nur Mawlana Shah Karim al-Hussaini Hazir Imam's Happy Birthday on December 13 2014, this virtual Universal Monoreality Cake

IS MADE WITH THE SPIRIT OF ISLAMIC ETHIC, KNOWLEDGE & ACTION, PLURALISM AND THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN WHICH UNITES ALL AND LEADS TO GLOBAL PEACE

as expressed by Nur Mawlana Shah Karim al-Hussaini Hazir Imam on Dec 4 2014 at the London Conference on Afghanistan <http://www.akdn.org/Content/1299/AKDN-Statement-at-the-London-Conference-on-Afghanistan>

“women’s participation in society is vital to ensure an improved quality of life. From education to health, participation in local governance to leadership in business, we have witnessed the potential for women and men to work alongside each other, while respecting the ethics of Islam, to build their communities”.

EXPRESSES LOVE FOR THE MANIFEST IMAM

“wa-kulla shay’in ahsaynahu fii imamim-mubin, and We have encompassed everything, the entire knowledge and wisdom concerning the form of the universe and its inhabitants) in the manifest and speaking Imam” chapter Ya Sin 36:12.

“And He has completed His favours upon you, both externally and internally” chapter Luqman 31:20.

CELEBRATES THE ONENESS OF SOUL

“khalaqakum min nafsina waahidatin”, humanity is created from Single Soul, chapter Nisa 4:1

GIVES LOGICAL PROOF AGAINST ALL CLAIMANTS FROM THE QUR’AN AND AFFIRMS THE TRUE IMAM who is the 49th hereditary Imam and a **direct descendant of Prophet Muhammad**

pbuh through his cousin and son-in-law, Ali, the first Imam, and his wife Fatima, the Prophet’s daughter. As God says: “Qad jaa ‘akum-minal laahi Nuurun wa Kitaabum Mubin, There has come to you a light and a plain Book” chapter Maaida 5:15. This divine commandment shows that in reality the light is the Prophet and the Imam, and the plain book is the Qur’an. If the Qur’an itself were the light, then in mentioning “it” meaning the Qur’an as the “plain book” there would not have been a separate mention of “light”.

“Indeed, everything has a heart and the heart of the Qur’an is Ya-Sin” Tirmidhi, V, 162

Chapter of Ya-Sin is the heart of the Qur’an because it encompasses the principle of Imamate “wa-kulla shay’in ahsaynahu fii imamim-mubin”. It is clear that the paper book Qur’an does not speak nor can it give guidance according to the changing time. Thus, it is the Living Nur, Light of the manifest Imam, teacher of the Qur’an who explains luminous wisdom and gives physical, spiritual and intellectual guidance. The true Imam is the representative of God and shows Sirat-i Mustaqim, the straight living path of luminosity. Those who believe the Imam of the Time are the ones holding firm to the rope of God, and can become like Salman-i Farsi. As God says “and whoever holds fast to the representative of God is surely guided to the end of the straight path”, chapter Imran 3:101. See chapter HA MIM Sajdah or Fussilat 41:41.



The progeny of our holy Prophet Muhammad pbuh continues through his daughter Hazrat Fatimah a.s. and his son-in-law, Ali a.s., The First Imam

CELEBRATES THE GRANDEURNESS OF WOMEN

and their uniqueness. Hazrat Maryam mother of Prophet Isa, Jesus was a hujjat, Hazrat Khadijatu'l-Kubra, Khadija the Great wife of holy Prophet Muhammad and Hazrat Fatimah holy Prophet Muhammad's daughter who is the mother of the manifest Imams, as through her the progeny continues. http://www.akdn.org/about_agakhan.asp

Chapter Ahzab 33:40 says "Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but he is the messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah is aware of all things", Spiritual Scientist Prof. Dr. Allamah Nasir Hunzai says this is crystal clear that the cycle of Prophethood came to an end with the holy Prophet, and the cycle of manifest Imamatus started with Mawlana 'All and Hazrat Fatimah.

The Qur'an gives a revolutionary concept, actually the bright reality that both men and women can achieve perfection up to surat-i Rahman, Image of the Compassionate. Both men and women can progress spiritually and reach the final point of fana'fi'llah, lose oneself in God's Essence and baqa' bi'llah, survival by God which is beyond time and place.

The above mentioned women were physically, spiritually and intellectually a source of peace and happiness for all. History books give different accounts and only shallow glimpse of their real status. Their spiritual elevation is evident by many Ahadith and Qur'anic verses.

"There are four pre-eminent women in the world: Khadijah bint-i Khuwaylid, Fatimah bint-i Muhammad, Maryam bint-i 'Imran and Asiyah bint-i Muzahim, wife of the Pharaoh."

In another hadith, the holy Prophet says: "God gave me fermented bread, silken clothes and married me to Khadijah for whom I bore love in my heart." During her lifetime, the holy Prophet, contrary to the custom of the time, did not take another wife. She was his sole life companion and this proves the profound respect that he had for her.

Nur, Light does not have just one aspect. It has many dimensions and relations, as mentioned in chapter Baqarah 2:146 "Those unto whom We gave the Scripture recognize him (the Prophet) as they recognize their sons".

Chapter Rahman 55 is called the Bride of the Qur'an because all spiritual bounties are mentioned and it is the quintessence of the beauty of knowledge and gnosis.

Verses 55:19 -22 mention *maraja'l-bahrayn* the confluence of the two oceans one of tanzil or physical other tawil wisdom or spiritual. They meet and produce pearls and corals of 'aynu'l-yaqin, certainty of vision. With reference to the wisdom of the cycle of Imamatus the confluence of the two oceans Mawlana 'All and Hazrat Fatimah together produce the chain of the manifest Imams.

On this happy day let's reflect on the beauty of our spiritual father Nur Mawlana Shah Karim al-Hussaini Hazir Imam and pray & work for world unity and peace.
Mubarak!

BAR JAN-I MAN CHU NUR-I IMAM-I ZAMAN BITAFT
LAYLU'S-SARAR BUDAM-U SHAMSU'Z-ZUHA SHUDAM.

WHEN THE LIGHT OF THE IMAM SHONE UPON MY SOUL, EVEN
THOUGH PITCH DARK NIGHT, I BECAME THE SHINING SUN.

diwan-i nasir-i khusraw

FROM THE PROGENY OF THE UNIVERSAL MERCY, FROM THE GENEROUS KING'S CHILDREN
THE IMAM OF THE PIOUS ARRIVED, O FRIENDS! LET US THANK OUR LORD
BY THE COMMAND OF THE COMPASSIONATE, BY THE ALLUSION OF THE QUR'ANIC VERSE
THE TRUE AND MANIFEST IMAM ARRIVED, O FRIENDS! LET US THANK OUR LORD

diwan-i nasiri

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