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The Holy Prophet  
Muhammad ﷺ said:

*"Husayn ؑ is from me &  
I am from Husayn ؑ ..."*

[Mishkat Shareef]

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## IECRC COMMEMORATES THE MARTYRDOM OF HAZRAT IMAM HUSAYN ؑ

*Wa qul jaa al Haqqu  
wa zahaqal baatil  
Imma baatila kaana zahooqa*

**And proclaim,  
"The Truth has arrived  
and falsehood has vanished;  
indeed falsehood had to vanish."**

[The Holy Quran 17:81]

The timeless struggle between truth and falsehood, good and evil, is epitomized in no other chronicle of Islamic history than on the banks of the river Euphrates in the plains of Karbala, Iraq. What the soil of Iraq witnessed in 61 Hijra / 680 CE was a testimony and lesson for all time to come that sacrifices are inevitable on the Path of Truth and that those who are closest to their Lord and therefore most committed to the Path are to endure the severest of hardships.

To further this salient message, the Islamic Educational and Cultural Research Center of Northern California observed the momentous day of *Ashura* at its weekly *Dhikr* location in Fremont, California on Sunday, February 12, 2006. Derived from the Arabic word for ten, *Ashura* is commemorated on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the Sacred month of Muharram, the first in the Islamic lunar calendar. This historic day carries in it the heartrending reminder of the martyrdom in Karbala of Hazrat

Imam Husayn ibn Ali (may Allah be well pleased with them both), the most beloved grandson of the Beloved of Allah Almighty, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Countless Peace & Prayers Of Allah Almighty Be Upon Him.)

The Crown of Saints, Hazrat Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani (1077/8-1166 CE, may Allah Almighty be well pleased with him) narrates authentic Prophetic traditions in his magnum opus, "*Al-Ghunya li-Taalibi Tareeq al-Haqq*" rendered into English as "Sufficient Provision for Seekers of the Path of Truth", that *Ashura* is the day in which Allah Almighty created the heavens and the earth, the Tablet and the Pen; it is also the day in which Hazrat Musa (peace be upon him) and his community were delivered from the unjust reins of the Pharaoh; it is also the day in which this world will come to an end; and above all it is the day that Allah Almighty chose to honor Hazrat Imam Husayn (may Allah be well pleased with him) with his pre-ordained martyrdom to grant him the elevated rank of the martyrdom of the Rightly Guided Caliphs (may Allah be well pleased with them). It is worth reflecting that despite the fact that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon

Him) had been made aware of this fatal fate of Hazrat Imam Husayn (may Allah be well pleased with him) by Angel Jibraeel (peace be upon him) as is taught to us through authentic Prophetic narrations; and despite the fact that any supplications by the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) to change this fate would have been accepted by Allah Almighty, no such prayer was made. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) chose and agreed to give up the life of His beloved grandson for the sake of His *Ummah* (community) so that we may learn the essential lessons of sacrifice. Peace Be Upon Him & His Noble Family! [For the benefit of our readers it must be pointed out here that committing suicide or taking the lives of civilians is completely antithetical to Islamic teachings.]

The great 11<sup>th</sup> century CE Sufi scholar, Hazrat Abul Hasan Syed Ali bin Uthman Hujweri famous as Hazrat Daata Ganj Baksh (may Allah be well pleased with him) writes in his encyclopedic treatise on *Tasawwuf* (Sufism), the "*Kashf-ul-Mahjoob*" rendered into English as "Unveiling the Veiled":

"[Hazrat Imam Husayn (may

Allah be well pleased with him)] is one of the great *Awaliya* Allah devoted exclusively to Allah and famous for renunciation, patience and forbearance in the hours of extreme affliction, such as that experienced in the massacre at Karbala."

Hazrat Daata Ganj Baksh (may Allah be well pleased with him) further quotes Hazrat Imam Husayn (may Allah be well pleased with him) in the *Kashf-ul-Mahjoob*:

**"We are the people called  
Ahl-e-bala (sufferers).  
We love bala (calamities)  
and feel pleased with it.  
We live for others and not  
for ourselves."**

This is the foundational spiritual teaching of Hazrat Imam Husayn (may Allah Almighty be well pleased with him) and the essential message of unconditional

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## FOR HE WHO MADE THEE ﷺ

For He Who made thee ﷺ His Mercy one and all  
For He Who made your Sanctuary by which we beg and plead  
For Thee are only praises, for Thee is only awe

Who made you (O Beloved ﷺ) the highest over all

Who made you (O Blessed ﷺ) the giver far and wide

Who made you (O Muhammad ﷺ) the hand that breaks their fall

Who made you the Greatest Shafi' ﷺ for deeds they cannot hide

Was the likes of thee (O Muhammad ﷺ) ever created, seen or sent?

The Pure and Blessed Maryam ﷺ, the result of *Nafakhtu Feeh*

What an awesome sign of Greatness –revived, spoke and went!

Yet the Beloved ﷺ of Aamina, like him none will ever be

So said he (Angel Jibraeel ﷺ) at Sidrah, the one who'd seen it all  
High and low I've been, yet none compares to thee  
For you were made unique by He Who is Unique

*Fa idha Faraghta Fansab* is what were you allotted  
So now that you've become the one that seekers sought  
Arise from your labor for time has come to give  
And distribute to mankind from destiny We decided

*Wa ilal ilaahi Farghab* and speak what they would seek  
For thus they keep returning to thee again and all,  
So be for them a shade that they so dearly need  
An intercessor for their wrong for they are only weak

For He Who made thee ﷺ His Mercy one and all  
For Thee are only praises, for Thee is only awe  
For high and low I've been, yet none compares to thee  
As the Beloved ﷺ of Aamina, none there could ever be

**Excerpt from "Hamatan Karam Banaya"  
—Hazrat Mohammad Ahmed Raza Khan  
(may Allah have mercy on him, author of the original Urdu)**

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(continued from previous page) service to others that the IECRC attempts to convey and promote to the community through its various conferences, events and especially the *Urs* (memorial) days observed for the *Awliya Kiram* (Noble Friends of Allah Almighty or Sufi Saints, may Allah have mercy on them all). This is the message of all the Sufi Saints of the Islamic tradition. IECRC's commemoration of the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Husayn (may Allah Almighty be well pleased with him) in February 2006 in Fremont, California was no exception. Poignant couplets were recited by various community members including young children, reminding the audience of the great sacrifice that this luminary of the Islamic tradition gave in order to uphold the principles of Islam. He gave his head but did not pledge allegiance to the tyranny of the then ruler of the Muslims.

Seventy thousand angels alighted in the grave of Imam al-Husayn ibn 'Ali (may Allah Almighty be pleased with them both) on the day when he was mortally wounded, and they will continue to weep



over him until the day of Resurrection.

[*Al-Ghunya li-Talibi*]

The highlight of IECRC's commemorative evening was a most informative talk by Hafiz Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdullah Qadri who delivered his important speech via telephone in which he emphasized the importance of remembering that those who are martyred in the Path of Allah Almighty are not to be considered dead as is taught by the Holy Quran. He also highlighted that Muslims should hold on tightly to the obligatory prayers and principles of Islam for the upholding of which Hazrat Imam

Husayn (may Allah Almighty be well pleased with him) gave up his life.

Also quoted at this spiritual gathering were the profound words of Hazrat Allama Iqbal (may Allah have mercy on him), the great 19<sup>th</sup> century Urdu poet-philosopher of Pakistan:

*Qatl-e-Husayn asal mein  
marg-e Yazid hai*

*Islam zinda hota hai har Karbala ke baad*

**The slaughter of Husayn [Truth] is in reality the death of Yazid [Falsehood]  
Islam is revived after every Karbala**

The above couplet is an intense reminder of the ongoing struggle between good and evil, truth and falsehood that not just played itself out on the plains of Karbala, but is the constant activity of the human soul. Every moment we are faced with an inner battle between the lower (falsehood) and higher (truth) self and whenever the higher self wins it revives a state of peace, a state of Islam. □

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Allah *subhaanahu wa ta'aala* says in His Noble Quran:

**“O People who Believe! Seek help from patience and prayer; indeed Allah is with those who patiently endure.”**

[Al-Quran, Chapter *Al-Baqarah*, 2:153]

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

**“My family among you are like Noah’s ark. He who sails on it will be safe, but he who holds back from it will perish.”**

[Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal رحمته الله عليه]

**“Tamdīl Layaalī wa laa yadroona ‘iddatahaa Maa lam takum min layaalil ash-huril hurumi”**

**Until the nights of the Sacred Months arrived  
The nights would pass by and the disbelievers did not know how to count them**

— Imam Shareefuddin Al-Busiri  
(may Allah be pleased with him)

## **HAZRAT BABA FAREEDUDDIN MASOOD GANJ SHAKAR رحمته الله عليه**

Just like the full moon’s sweeping bright light covers the earth for miles on end into and beyond the horizons, similarly the miracles, saintliness, spiritual benefits and bounties of the 13<sup>th</sup> century CE Saint, Hazrat Baba Fareeduddin Masood Ganj Shakar (may Allah have mercy on him) proclaim a fame that reach beyond the Indian Subcontinent into Arabia, Iran, and the entire Muslim world. And just like the full bloomed flower fragrances the entire garden, the veracious and pious life of Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) has been resuscitating lifeless and encrusted hearts for centuries. Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) is not just one of the most prominent Saints of the *Chishtiya* Spiritual Order, but the world of Punjabi poetry owes its existence to him. According to the narrations of historians, the seeds of Punjabi poetry were sown by his blessed hands. Through his poetry he has guided the astray and made Saints out of thieves. Even today his poetry is read with much devotion and reverence. Through his love and sincere struggles Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) removed the thorns of disbelief and polytheism from the Punjab which was the center of idol worship. It was the result of his consistent efforts that hundreds of thousands of misguided people found the light of faith (*Iman*). Many candles were lit from this light and this has been ongoing for several centuries.

Syed Mohammad Kirmani (may Allah have mercy on him), the spiritual disciple

(*mureed*) of the Crown of the Scholars (*Sultan-ul-Mashaikh*) Hazrat Nizamuddin Awliya (may Allah have mercy on him), writes in his famous book “*Sair-ul-Awliya*” that the blood lineage of Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) traces back to Farrukh Shah Adil, the king of Kabul by 7 generations, to Hazrat Sultan Ibrahim Adham (may Allah have mercy on him) by 17 generations, and by 22 generations to the Rightly Guided Caliph, the Great Hazrat Umar Farooq (may Allah be well pleased with him). The descendants of Farrukh Shah lost the Sultanate to the brutal attacks of Chengiz Khan forcing Hazrat Baba Fareed’s (may Allah have mercy on him) paternal grandfather Hazrat Qazi Shoaib (may Allah have mercy on him) to migrate from Kabul to India. This was the time when Punjab, Ajmer, and Delhi were under the Muslim Mughal rule of Shahabuddin Ghori. When the Mughal emperor discovered the greatness of Hazrat Qazi Shoaib (may Allah have mercy on him), he gifted the entire city of Multan to him. Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) was the middle born son of Hazrat Kamaluddin Sulaiman, the son of Hazrat Qazi Shoaib (may Allah have mercy on them both). There are varying reports as to the year of birth of Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him). Mohammad Akbar Qadri relates in “*Hayat-e-Faridi*” that the great Saint was born in the year 584 Hijri (about 1188 CE) in the village of Khatwal in Multan, Pakistan. His parents named him Fareeduddin Masood. Who knew that this baby was to become famous

as Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him), a star in the history of Islam? History cannot tell us when he became an orphan but historians say that this happened at a very young age. Bibi Qasim Khatoon (may Allah have mercy on her), his blessed mother was very well versed in the Holy Quran and Hadeeth, and labored hard to raise her son in a very religious environment. In his poetry, Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) mentions the miracles at the hands of his mother and how she was at the extremely high station in spirituality (*Wilayat*) of *Vasalane Haq*.

Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) obtained his early education in religious studies in his birth village of Khatwal. He memorized the entire Holy Quran in Arabic, i.e. became a Hafiz at the young age of twelve. He then proceeded for higher learning to main Multan which was the center of knowledge and scholarship at the time. One of the most prominent spiritual disciples of Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him), *Sultan-ul-Mashaikh* Hazrat Nizamuddin Awliya (may Allah have mercy on him) writes in his “*Sair-ul-Arifeen*” that the great Saint lodged in Masjid Mawlana Minhajuddin Tirmizi in Multan and began his studies. Everyday he would complete one recitation of the Holy Quran. He was about 12 or 13 years old at the time. Once, when he was reading the book “*Nafi*”, he was visited by

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(continued from previous page) Hazrat Qutbuddin Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him), the spiritual disciple (*mureed*) and successor (*Khalifa*) of *Sultan-ul-Hind* Hazrat Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti (may Allah have mercy on him), who asked him what he was reading. Hazrat Baba Fareed replied with the name of the book which means "one that gives benefit". Hazrat Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him) replied that Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) would receive much benefit from this book. To this Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) replied that what would truly benefit him was the discipleship of Hazrat Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him). Saying this, he presented himself humbly to the great Qutb. Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) was 18 years old at the time. He fell deeply in love with Hazrat Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him) and when the great Qutb departed for Delhi from Multan, Hazrat Baba Fareed went with him. However after a short time, the Qutb instructed his devotee to return to Multan to complete his mastery of the external sciences of Islam, the *Shariat*, saying that "the ascetic (*zahid*) without knowledge is satan". Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) diligently pursued his studies for 5 years. Hazrat Nizamuddin Awliya (may Allah have mercy on him) writes in his "*Rahat-ul-Quloob*" where the *Sultanul Mashaikh* has compiled all the sayings of his beloved spiritual master, that from Multan the great Saint left for Baghdad Shareef where he visited all the great scholars of his time; topping the list were *Shaykhul Mashaikh* Hazrat Shahabuddin Soharwardi, Hazrat Shaykh Bahauddin Zakariya Multani, and Shaykh Saifuddin Khizri (may Allah have mercy on them all). For higher learning he went to Jerusalem, Madina Munawwara, Makka Mukarrama and Kirman (Iran). After completing all the external sciences, traveling the Muslim world, and visiting the scholars and Sufi Saints of his time, Hazrat Baba was ecstatic with happiness as the time had now come to visit his beloved Hazrat Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him). Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) came to Delhi and presented himself in the service of Hazrat Qutbuddin Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him). After 3 days

the Qutb accepted his hand in the Prophetic spiritual contract (*bai'ah*) placing his turban (*Imama*) on him saying that a Sufi scholar should have the ability to remove the rust of the hearts with one spiritual sight (*nazar*) and take the seekers to their destination - Allah Almighty. This was the beginning of Hazrat Baba Fareed's (may Allah have mercy on him) inner spiritual journey at the hands of his beloved *Murshid* (Spiritual Guide). Hazrat Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him) said that a man's perfection lies in 4 things: sleep less, eat less, speak less and keep less company of the people. As part of his inner struggles, Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) requested his *Murshid* for intense spiritual exercises (*mujahida*). He was asked to keep the fast of "*Tay*", which involves fasting for 3 days and then eating whatever one is presented from the unseen (*ghayb*). Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah

*Pay heed! Indeed  
upon the friends  
of Allah is neither any fear,  
nor any grief.  
[The Holy Quran, 10:62]*

have mercy on him) did as he was instructed and on the third day someone brought him some bread. However upon eating it he threw it all up. He went to Hazrat Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him) and told him what happened. The Qutb replied that this was a great mercy upon Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) from his Lord as that food had been prepared from the earnings of an alcoholic. He was asked to repeat his 3 day fast. Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) obeyed unquestioningly. The continuous fast of 6 days made him extremely frail. The pangs of hunger had him put some pebbles in his mouth and by Allah Almighty's Mercy and Grace, they turned into sugar! (*Sairul Awliya*). His *Murshid* told him that from now on Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) will always be sweet. And how true that his sweetness is felt even today after a period of over 800 years! This is how he became famous as "*Ganj Shakar*," the treasury of sweetness. It was the prayers and spiritual grace (*faiz*) of his *Murshid* that people began flocking to

Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) and miracles (*karamaat*) began to abound at his blessed hands.

Hazrat Baba Fareed's (may Allah have mercy on him) Punjabi poetry in and of itself is a great miracle. Through it he has given teachings that have transformed the lives and hearts of many. His poetry teaches reliance on Allah (*Tawakkul*), satiation (*qana'at*), patience (*sabr*), love (*muhabbat*), and fear of Allah (*khaufe Khuda*) amongst other essentials of life. A famous Punjabi couplet of his says:

*Rukhi Sukhi khai ke thanda paani pee e  
Fareeda dekh parai chopdee na tarsain jee u*

Eat dry food, then drink cold water  
Fareed don't desire your neighbor's house

When he was sending his distinguished *mureed*, Hazrat Nizamuddin Awliya (may Allah have mercy on him) to Delhi he advised him "Keep your enemies happy as much as possible; repay your debts as soon as possible; discussion and debate between two people is more beneficial than the individual efforts of one person for 2 years." He further advised to keep ones good and bad hidden from people and to make efforts that one remains alive even after one's death. He further said that those who feed birds will eventually be visited by "*Huma*", the king of birds. In other words he advised to keep oneself involved in small acts of goodness and eventually a great task will be carried through one's being. Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) also authored the "*Fawaidus Salikeen*" which outlines the benefits of spiritual seekers on their spiritual journey to Allah Almighty.

Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) told his *Murshid* once that people ask him for *ta'weez* (protective prayers). To this Hazrat Bakhtiar Kaki (may Allah have mercy on him) replied, "Fareeduddin, *Ta'weez* is Allah's Name. Give it to the people." Through the permission and prayers of his *Murshid* his blessed hands acquired such blessing and affect that all the *Ta'weez* he gave alleviated people's pains. Khwaja Ahmed Siustani, a *mureed* of his used to bring Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) water for ablution. One day he did not bring the water. Hazrat Baba Fareed enquired the reason to which the *mureed* replied that he had severe pain in his back. Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have

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## THE TRADITION OF URS - PART 4 (FINAL)

This is the final of the four part series highlighting the memorial (*Urs*) days of the great scholars & Saints of the Islamic tradition to remember their lives, contributions & teachings.

### 10. SHAWWAL

1<sup>st</sup>: **Hazrat Imam Fakhruddin Razi**  
Year: 606 Hijri / 1209-10 CE  
Resting in: **Herat, Afghanistan**

5<sup>th</sup>: **Ummul Mumineen Hazrat Sawdah**  
Year: 23 Hijri / 643 CE  
Resting in: **Jannatul Baqi, Madinah Munawwarah**

6<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Khwaja Usman Harooni**  
Year: 617 Hijri / 1220 CE  
Resting in: **Makkah Mukarramah**

9<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Owais Qarni**  
Year: 36 Hijri / 657 CE  
Resting in: **Baquba, Iraq**

9<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Imam Bukhari**  
Year: 256 Hijri / 870 CE  
Resting in: **Bukhara, Uzbekistan**

14<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Amir Hamza**

Year: 3 Hijri / 625 CE  
Resting in: **Madinah Munawwarah**

15<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Imam Jafar Sadiq**  
Year: 148 Hijri / 765 CE  
Resting in: **Jannatul Baqi, Madinah Munawwarah**

18<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Amir Khusro**  
Year: 725 Hijri / 1325 CE  
Resting in: **Delhi, India**

20<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Ruqayyah bint Rasul Allah ﷺ**  
Year: 2 Hijri / 624 CE  
Resting in: **Jannatul Baqi, Madinah Munawwarah**

### 11. DHUL QA'DAH

2<sup>nd</sup>: **Maulana Amjad Ali**  
Year: 1367 Hijri / 1948 CE  
Resting in: **India**

29<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Maulana Naqi Ali Khan**  
Year: 1297 Hijri / 1880 CE  
Resting in: **India**

### 12. DHUL HIJJAH

3<sup>rd</sup>: **Hazrat Imam Muslim**  
Year: 261 Hijri / 875 CE

Resting in: **Nasrabad, Iran**

7<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Imam Muhammad Baqir**  
Year: 125 Hijri / 743 CE  
Resting in: **Jannatul Baqi, Madinah Munawwarah**

14<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Abdur Rahman ibn Awf**  
Year: 31 Hijri / 652 CE  
Resting in: **Jannatul Baqi, Madinah Munawwarah**

18<sup>th</sup>: **Amirul Mumineen Hazrat Uthman ibn Affan**  
Year: 35 Hijri / 656 CE  
Resting in: **Jannatul Baqi, Madinah Munawwarah**

26<sup>th</sup>: **Amirul Mumineen Hazrat Umar ibn al-Khattab**  
Year: 23 Hijri / 644 CE  
Resting in: **Madinah Munawwarah**

27<sup>th</sup>: **Hazrat Abubakr Shibli**  
Year: 334 Hijri / 946 CE  
Resting in: **Baghdad Shareef, Iraq**

May Allah Almighty be pleased with & have mercy on them all! Aameen. □

## HAZRAT BABA FAREED GANJ SHAKAR رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ (continued)

(continued from previous page) mercy on him) placed his blessed hands over his disciple's back and from that point on he never complained of pain.

Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) was blessed with both physical as well as spiritual children. However his spiritual children, i.e. disciples surpass his blood descendants by a great number. It is said that there are over 10 million spiritual disciples of Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) in India alone. In addition to this, his disciples abound in Arabia, and Africa. In China alone there are 150 spiritual centers (*Khanqas*) of his spiritual order. Of his most famous spiritual successors are Hazrat Qutb Jamal-ud-Deen Hanswi, Khwaja Nizamuddin Awliya, and Hazrat Makhdum Alauddin Sabir Kaleri (may Allah have mercy on them all)

Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) spent the last 18 years of his life in Pak Patan, near Multan and Lahore in Pakistan. Pak Patan was previously known as Ajodhan. This name meant the "place of

magicians," as this place was filled with evil sorcerers who were engaged in black magic (*sahr*). As soon as Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) arrived into Ajodhan, he said that this is where he was meant to stay and this is where he would pass away. It was the effect of his blessed footsteps that Ajodhan was cleansed and purified of the magicians getting its name as "Pak Patan."

Towards the end of 669 Hijri Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) became very ill. He said that his earthly time was now coming to an end and the moment was approaching to meet his Lord. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of Muharram, 670 Hijri (about 1271 CE) he performed his night (*Isha*) prayer in congregation and then passed out. After he came to, he questioned if he had performed his prayer. Even though he was assured that he had performed it, he did it again just to be sure. He did this 3 times. He then performed a fresh ablution and then went into prostration. He recited Allah Almighty's Names "*Ya Hayyu Ya Qayyum*" and passed

away into the Realm of Divine Beatitude in this state of prostration. He rests in Pak Patan, Pakistan.

Every year, the memorial (*Urs*) celebrations for Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) are carried out with much devotion from 25<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijja to 6<sup>th</sup> Muharram. People from far and near come to pay their respects to his illumined shrine and gain spiritual benefit by following his teachings. It is our prayer that just like Hazrat Baba Fareed (may Allah have mercy on him) guided people through obedience to every command of Allah Almighty and following the Blessed Practices of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace & Prayers of Allah Almighty be upon Him), may the Muslims live their lives following in his blessed footsteps and practicing his teachings. Ameen. □

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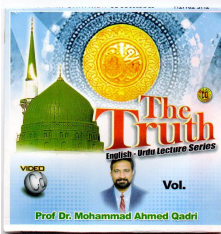
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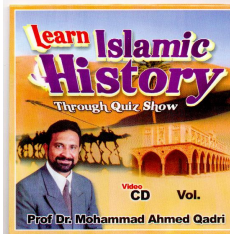
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Condolences:** "To Allah we belong and unto Him is our return."

Brother Abdul Kareem, relative of Brother Ayyaz Yousaf Qadri (Pakistan); Baby Yasmin, daughter of Sister Humayra and grand-daughter of Sister Najia; Hajra Bibi, aunt of Sister Mumtaz; Mohammad Shafiq, uncle of Brother Idrees; Brother Sharif, Father of Brother Ahmed Sharif (Tracy); Brother Abdul Quddoos, Father of Sister Zahra Sai (Tracy); Father-in-law of Shahid Hussain (Yuba City)

Please do *Isaal-e-Sawab* for the above people (i.e. Read Surah al-Fatiha once and Surah al-Ikhlās 3 times and pray that the

reward of the reading goes to their souls).

**Prayers:** Jamshed Khan (New Jersey), Seema Daud, Sister Shereena, Baby Aishah, Sister Shehnaz, Sister Shaista, Sister Sadia, Sister Shaheen, Father of Sister Safiya (Sacramento), Mother of Brother Kashif (Colorado), Brother Abdul Quddoos (Sacramento). May Allah Almighty grant them complete recovery. Ameen.

**Births:** Newborn daughter to Sister Shazia (Yuba City). Congratulations!

**Weddings:** Farah & Samir; Jasmine & Mohammad Sarwar. Congratulations to the newly weds! May Allah Ta'ala fill your lives with much happiness. Ameen.

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**Sacramento Branch:** Please call **916-669-8809** for details.

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Unfortunately, these days there are many people who misuse this practice; we advise our readers to be cautious.

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- 4 *Durood-o-Salam Ki Fazeelat*
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- 6 *Allama Iqbal (rahmatullah alayh) ka Hadrat Bilal (radiallaahu anhu) ko Salam*
- 7 *Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi* ﷺ Sawal/Jawab
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