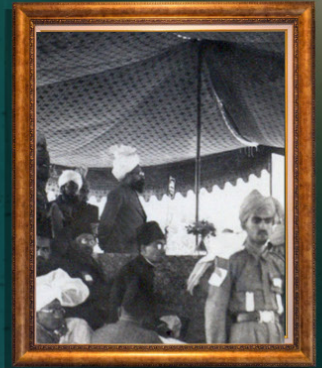
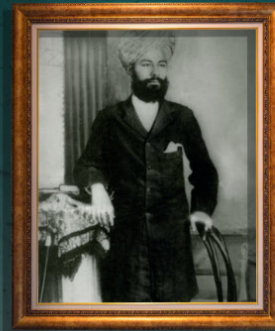


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Holy Quran



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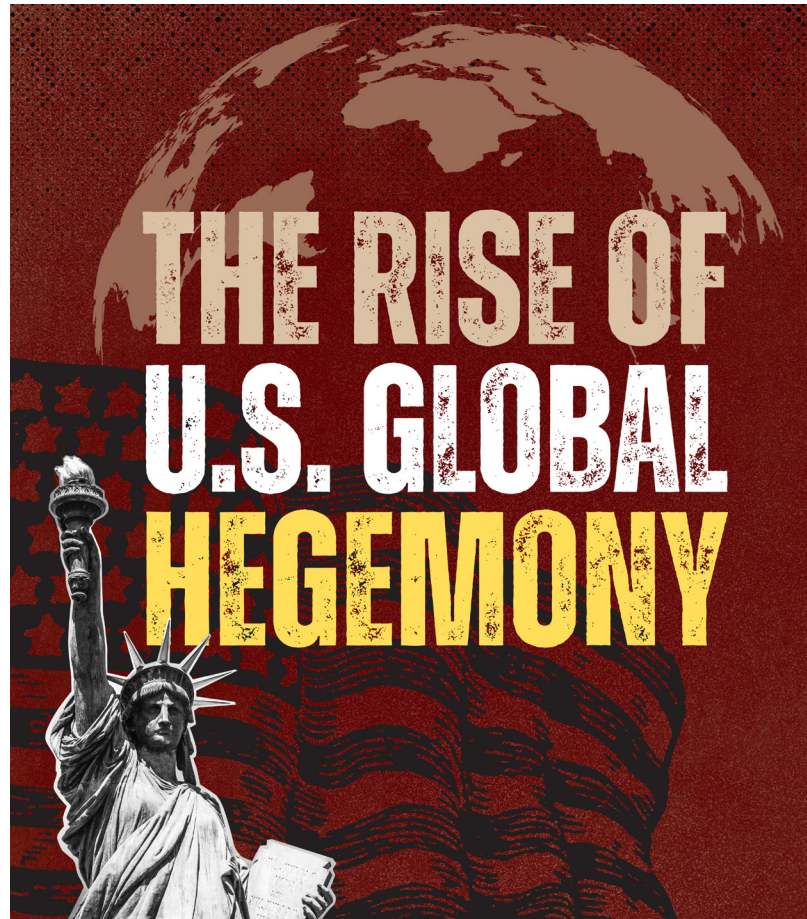
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وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُم أَزْوَاجًا وَذُرِّيَّةً

**"And, indeed, We sent
Messengers before thee, and
We gave them wives and
children."**

(Ar-Ra'd: 39)

HADITH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ : يَنْزِلُ
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"The Holy Prophet (sa) said: 'Jesus, son of Mary, will descend on earth and shall marry and have children.'"

(Mishkat al-Masabih, Kitab al-Fitan, Hadith 5508)

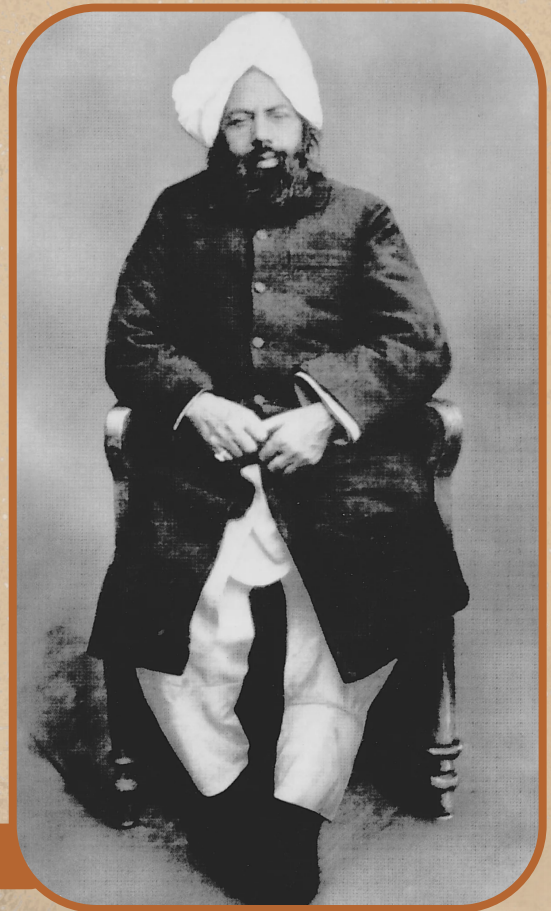


**Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad(ra), The Promised Son
(1889-1965)**

EXCERPT
PROMISED
MESSIAH عليه السلام

"...He will be accompanied by grace which shall arrive with him. He will be characterised with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorders through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the Spirit of Holiness. He is the Word of Allah for Allah's mercy and honour have equipped him with the Word of Majesty..."

(A'ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khazain Vol. 5, p. 647)



GUIDANCE FROM
HUZOOR ANWAR

MAY ALLAH BE HIS HELPER



"In terms of worldly education, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) had not even passed his primary education. Allah the Almighty was the One Who filled him with this knowledge, as Allah the Almighty had promised, and others couldn't help but praise him."

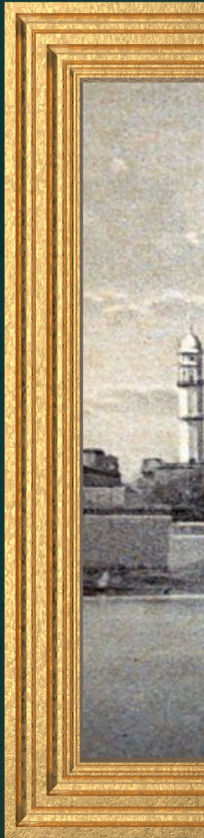
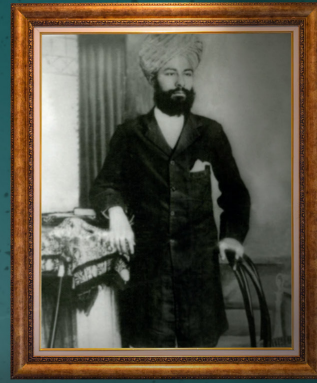
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Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra):

“I was not taught, nor was I able to learn. I am not qualified in new fields of knowledge, nor am I skilled in old fields of knowledge. Whatever I have, I get directly from Allah the Almighty ... Sometimes I myself do not know what I am saying but divine light just descends from the Heavens.”

(Al Fazl International, 18 February 1994, Vol. 1, issue 7, p. 2)



He Will be Filled with
 Secular & Spiritual
 Knowledge

The world is diverse with all kinds of knowledge, but none are as pertinent to peace and prosperity as the delicate balance between secular and spiritual knowledge.

We must understand that secular knowledge is the study of the work of God. Science, logic, and natural laws allow us to navigate this world. To ignore it, is to ignore the very signs the Quran tells us to look for. A parable for the comparison being glasses with no prescriptions; though you possess part of it, you won't be able to see.

The Quran declares:

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لآيَاتٍ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of night and day, there are indeed Signs for men of understanding.”

To find the harmony of these two fields look no further than the character of Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra). In fact this was prophesied by the Promised Messiah (as):

“He will be extremely intelligent and understanding and will be meek of heart and will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge.”

Exploring his blessed life, we see clearly the dire need for this balance in ourselves and the world at large. The absence of this harmony only brings chaos.

A Secular World

You reap what you sow. When the world leaned wholly to the secular, it birthed the catastrophe of the World Wars.

Without a moral framework to guide man, he is bound to descend into a primal state and forget the purpose of his soul and his duty to mankind.

كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنَّاظٍ
أَن رَّآهُ اسْتَكْبَرَ

“Nay, but man does transcend all bounds, because he looks upon himself as self-sufficient.”
(96:7-8)

Countries blocked supplies to cities, watching as innocent victims succumbed to death by starvation and by disease. Countries competed to see who could create a deadlier weapon.

How morally dead does one have to be to stare

as the pained and betrayed tears fail to grant relief to the burnt skin of the innocent? This is the consequence of the chemical and biological weapons used on children, women, and the elderly.



How lost is the soul that can watch children starve to death in front of them; hands pleading for help at the feet of their oppressors. How cruel to think of your fellow species as cockroaches, pushing them into rooms like sardines to be shot, gassed, or cut to death.

In some areas, war prisoners' limbs were being severed while they lay awake, screaming and crying, while being injected with chemicals and disease for amusement and pseudoscience. While the men were ripped apart, the honor of their women was brutally stolen, left for dead, or prostituted out.

These are stories still being told in places like Palestine.

A Solely Spiritual World

وَيَجْعَلُ الرَّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يَحِقُّونَ

“...and He will bring His wrath upon those who are unmindful.”

(10:101)

During the European inquisitions, the thoughts of scientists were seen as canons pointed at their gods; any person who questioned the religion was declared Satan personified. Hypotheses like the Earth’s revolution of the Sun were deemed blasphemous. There was an abundance of medical ignorance during the bubonic plague, exacerbating the problem.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) The Equilibrium

Musleh Maud (ra) was a manifestation of the perfect balance between the two. This is especially evident from his writings.

In his magnum opus, ‘Tafsir-e-Kabir’, Hazrat Musleh Muad (ra) applies spiritual knowledge, revelation, and secular knowledge to give us an incredibly accurate expounding of the Quranic text. He utilizes various sciences to directly connect the Word of God to His creation.

Tafsir-e-Kabir was the bridge that connected blind faith and secular logic to help us fully realize our religion. This commentary was written specifically for those who had left religion due to its presentation being illogical and unscientific. He built this bridge with the blessed help of God.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) proved that the Holy Quran is a book in line with the spiritual laws and the secular laws of the universe. In this grand exegesis, precipitation, condensation, the process of fertilization, the connection of spiritual growth to the growth of the embryo, the universe, the correction of historical mistakes other past commentators have made are all uncovered and taught. These are just some of the gems uncovered in this exegesis.

Atomic Bomb

In 1945, as the world watched atomic bombs fall on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, man came upon a scene never before.

The subsequent condemnation of Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) displays his keen understanding of both religious and secular knowledge.



Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) warned:

“As far as humanity is concerned, destruction of this kind cannot be declared lawful. There had always been wars and enmities, but despite those enmities and wars, there were some limits fixed, which were never violated. However, there is no limit now... Although our voice may be [considered] of no value, it is our religious and moral duty to announce to the world that we do not consider such bloodshed as lawful, notwithstanding if our announcement makes certain governments pleased or displeased.”

(Friday Sermon, August 10, 1945 – Khutbat-e-Mahmud, vol. 26, pp. 314-315)

This sermon declared the end of old tactics of war, and forecasted darker, and even less moral times to come. He also says that it is our religious and moral duty to announce to the world that this sort of war is not right regardless of whether our leaders hearken or not.

The New World Order of Islam

In the 20th century the world saw a violent clash of politics and economics. Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) in ‘The New World Order of Islam’ examined this changing political world under both secular and moral lenses. His advice encompasses both perspectives: the individual and the world. Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) demonstrates the Islamic system as superior, putting it head-to-head with the other systems, and displays the world’s yearning for Islam. He explains that the world can only truly progress with individual sacrifice, simple living, and Islamic morals. A third individual system is needed, that has the incentive of capitalism and social security of socialism and communism.

This is a direct consequence of the greed that the capitalist system enables. Hoarding makes the heart hard towards people with less, leading to exploitation of these individuals.

كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ

“...so that it (wealth) may not circulate only among those of you who are rich.”

(59:8)

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) speaks of how, when wealth is in the hands of a few, the economy and society suffer.

He explains that capitalism and socialism,

specifically in the Marxist-Leninist model, suppress personal identity, strips individuals of their rights to property, and individual autonomy. The outcome leaves people unmotivated and angry. Such a system ignores human psychology, and leads to national decay.

Huzoor (ra) outlined that the perfect system of Islam is the one that allows personal prosperity and individual earning, which keeps the secular cogs of the economic machine running, while also having the system of zakat and abolishing interest. This counters hoarding and the development of greed, thus benefiting the less fortunate and the economy as a whole.

Conclusion

Such broad secular and spiritual thinking keenly highlights the divine guidance granted to Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra). The reality is that when one can not critically analyze and ponder on the spiritual word, he can not truly understand and act on his religion. Likewise if one only seeks to progress in secularism, in turn forgetting his soul, he will also fail.



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فَإِذَا انشَقَّتِ السَّمَاءُ
فَكَانَتْ وَرْدَةً كَالدِّهَانِ

**“WHEN THE HEAVEN IS
RENT ASUNDER, AND
ASSUMES A ROSY HUE LIKE
RED LEATHER”
(55:38)**





THE RISE OF U.S. GLOBAL HEGEMONY



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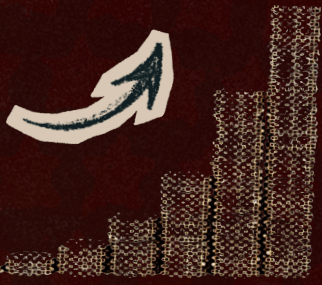
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The 20th century was a time of major global changes, marked by wars, economic struggles, and shifting political ideas.

World War I (WWI) in 1914 disrupted the global order and led to widespread violence. This was followed by the Great Depression of 1929, the longest economic downturn in history. Later, the rise of Adolf Hitler and the outbreak of World War II (WWII) brought even more devastation. The Cold War and events like the Cuban Missile Crisis added to global tension. During this period, powerful nations like Britain and France saw their influence decline. Meanwhile, the United States rose to become the dominant global power. This essay will explain how economic, political, and ideological factors helped the U.S. achieve global leadership in the 20th century.



WWI was a turning point for the U.S. and set the stage for its economic rise. The U.S. joined the war in 1917, a decision that had lasting effects on its global role. Before this, Britain had been the leading world power but was drained financially by the war. As Jeremy Black explains, Britain became “heavily dependent on American financial and industrial resources” (Black, p.143). To fund its war efforts, Britain sold off assets, giving the U.S. a significant economic advantage. By the end of the war, America had become the largest industrial power and the world’s biggest creditor (Black, p.144). This economic momentum continued after WWII. By the 1940s, the U.S. dollar had become the global reserve currency, and American exports kept growing. From 1993 to 1999, U.S. global exports rose from 15.3% to 17.7%, while its share of the world’s GDP also increased (Black, p.201). James Nathan notes that the U.S. controlled nearly a quarter of global manufacturing during this time (Nathan, p.106). This economic strength allowed the U.S. to fund military expansions, further solidifying its global power. By delaying its entry into WWI, the U.S. weakened Britain’s dominance and positioned itself as the new global leader.



The decline of colonial empires like Britain, France, and the Netherlands also helped the U.S. rise. These nations faced growing anti-colonial movements and financial strain from WWII. Many colonies demanded independence, and imperial powers struggled to maintain control. Britain and France, for example, faced resistance from rebels using guerrilla tactics to fight for freedom. These conflicts made the cost of maintaining empires too high (Black, p.173). The U.S., under President Roosevelt, opposed colonial rule and supported anti-imperial policies (Black, p.175). The Suez Crisis of 1956 highlighted the decline of European powers. When Britain, France, and Israel launched an attack on Egypt, the U.S. refused financial support, forcing them to withdraw. This event marked a turning point, leading to rapid decolonization, especially by Britain after 1957 (Black, p.170). By 1961, the U.S. and the Soviet Union were the primary global powers, sidelining older colonial empires. The fall of European powers cleared the way for U.S. economic and political leadership.

The ideological success of Western capitalism over Soviet communism was another key factor in the U.S.'s rise. The Western welfare state operated in a "cooperative mode," while the Soviet state used a "directive, administrative mode" (Gill, p.194). The Soviet Union initially grew as a power but failed to reform its economy, leading to its collapse (Gill, p.225). The U.S. welfare state, on the other hand, was deeply connected to society, creating stability and strength. This "development of institutional and organic interdependence" gave the U.S. a significant advantage over the USSR (Gill, p.227). Unlike the Soviet system, which relied on domination and control, the U.S. system fostered cooperation and integration with its citizens (Gill, p.228). This made the Western welfare state the strongest and most stable political structure by the late 20th century (Gill, p.230). The fall of communism and the success of Western capitalism solidified U.S. ideological dominance.

The 20th century was marked by a power struggle between the U.S. and the USSR, with the constant threat of nuclear war. While technology played a role, economic, political, and ideological factors were key to the U.S.'s rise. Strategic decisions and historical events reshaped the global order, establishing the U.S. as the world's leading power.

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