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THE AHMADIYYA NEWS BULLETIN.



Born in 1835 in Qadian (India), Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad remained devoted to the study of the Holy Quran, and to a life of prayer and exertion. Finding Islam the target of foul attacks from all directions, the fortunes of Muslims at a low ebb, faith yielding to doubt and religion only skin-deep, he undertook a vindication and exposition of Islam, first in his epoch-making *Barahin-i-Ahmadiyya*, issued in four volumes. Islam, he said, was a living faith, by following which man could establish contact with his Maker and enter into communion with Him. The teachings contained in the Holy Quran and the Law promulgated by Islam were designed to raise man to moral, intellectual and spiritual perfection. He announced that God had appointed him the Messiah mentioned in the prophecies of the Bible and the Holy Quran. In 1889 he began to enrol for his Movement now established in centres and mosques for the preaching of Islam all over the world. His 80 books were written mostly in Urdu, but some in Arabic and Persian. After his death in 1908 he was succeeded by Hazrat Maulawi Nuruddin, his first Khalifa. On the death of Hazrat Maulawi Nuruddin in 1914, he was succeeded by his second Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, who was also his promised son. Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad died in 1965 and was succeeded by Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, a grandson of the founder.

HEAVEN UPON EARTH

This is the paradise upon earth which is granted to the spiritual man, and the promised heaven in the next world is only an image of the present paradise, being an embodiment of the spiritual blessings which such a man enjoys here in this life. Referring to this, Almighty God says:

وَلِمَن خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّاتٌ

And for him who fears his Lord and stands in awe of His majesty and glory there shall be two paradises; one in this world and the other in the life to come.¹²⁸

وَسَقِيمٌ رَبُّهُمْ سَكْرَاتًا طَهُورًا

To those who are lost in the contemplation of Divine glory their Lord has given a drink which has purified their hearts, their ideas, and their motives.¹²⁹

إِنَّ الْبِرَّاءَ يَشْرَبُونَ مِنْ كَأْسٍ كَانَ مِزَاجُهَا كَافُورًا

عَيْنًا يَشْرَبُ بِهَا عِبَادُ اللَّهِ يُفَجِّرُونَهَا تَفْجِيرًا

The just are quaffing a drink tempered with camphor *Kāfur*; they are drinking of a fountain which they have made to gush forth with their own hands.¹³⁰

The word *Kāfur*, used in connection with the state of the just, is derived, as already indicated, from *Kāfir* meaning to cover and to suppress, and refers to the total extinction of worldly love and the complete suppression of all worldly desires of those who have drunk of the cup of the love of God and severance of all other connections with true sincerity. It is plain that passions take their growth in the heart, and if the heart is removed away from impurities, the passions gradually subside and ultimately die out. The more a man leans towards God, the farther off he is from the control of carnal passions, and therefore, the righteous, who trust to God alone for support, have their hearts cleansed of the fire of passion and their sensual desires are as completely suppressed as poisonous matter is washed out by camphor.

(From THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM
 By HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD)

The Relation of the Ahmadiyya Movement to Islam

The Ahmadiyya Movement stands towards Islam in the same relationship which was occupied by Christianity in its early days towards Judaism. As I have already indicated, one of the claims of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (on whom be peace) was that he was the Promised Messiah. Keeping this in mind one can easily understand that Ahmadiyyat is Islam itself, and not a mere off-shoot of Islam, as Christianity was not an off-shoot of Judaism, but was pure Judaism in a plain and simple form. Jesus says: "Think not that I am come to destroy, but to fulfil. For, verily I say unto you, till Heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall

in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (*Matt. v., 17, 18.*) Similarly, in *Matthew* (Chapter viii.) it is related that after Jesus had cleansed the leper, he said to him. "Show thyself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded." Again, it is related that Jesus said to his disciples and to the multitudes, "The Scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses's seat; all, therefore, that they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not." *Matthew xxiii., 2, 3.*) At the close of the sermon on the Mount, Jesus says:

"This is the law and the Prophets." (*Matthew vii., 12.*) These verses show that Jesus regarded the law of Moses as still binding on the people, and he taught his disciples and others to follow the law, and described his own teachings as a summary of the law and the Prophets, and not as a new dispensation. A careful perusal of the Gospels makes it absolutely clear that Jesus did not establish any new law or dispensation.

In the same way the Promised Messiah was not the bearer of a new law or dispensation, but was only an exponent of the real teachings of Islam. Just as by the time of Jesus the teachings of the Jewish religion had ceased, owing to the innovations and interpolations which had been introduced into them, to represent the original teachings of Moses, so in the time of the Promised Messiah the teachings attributed to Islam had ceased to bear any resemblance to what Islam really taught.

(From AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT BY HAZRAT MIRZA BASHIR-UD-DIN MAHMUD AHMAD).

NEWS FROM RABWAH.

The latest report from Alfazl regarding health of Hazrat Ameerul Momeneen Khalifatul Messih III is that he is enjoying good health. ^{Alif!} He is maintaining a very busy schedule of work as preparations for Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) too are being made. Please continue praying for his good health and long life.

LOCAL NEWS.

The following telegram was received here in Toronto from our beloved Hazrat Ameerul Momeneen on the happy occasion of Eid;
" Brethern Assalamoalaikum And Eid Mubarak To All Pray For Blessing Of Allah".

KHALIFATULMASIH

EID PRAYER AND PARTY .

After confirming from our Mission Incharge Brother Shukar Ilahi Sahib Husain we celebrated Eid on Nov. 7, 1972. Eid prayer was offered in Central YMCA. In spite of this day being working day for most of the members, many of local members as well as members from out of town came to offer prayer. Alhamdulillah.

Eid party was held on the following Saturday with Nov. 11, 1972 in the evening. It was an excellent gathering. Together with members (and their families) of Toronto Jamaat and members & their families from Galt, Brantford, St. Catherine and Hamilton,, many friend of Ahmadi and non muslim guests also attended the dinner. Prayers of Magrib & Isha were offered after the function.

Directors for 1973.

On request from ~~the~~ General President Br. Syed Tahir Ahmad Bokhari for the change of Directors of The Ahmadiyya Movement In Islam (Ont) Inc., for next year, the Office of the Vakeel-ut-Tabshir has directed us that old directors will maintain the affairs of the corporation through 1973.

Payment of Dues in The Local Chapter.

This is a strict order from the Center that no member is allowed to pay his Dues anywhere other than his Local Jamaat. In more explicit terms it means that members are restricted to send Chandas (Dues) direct to Rabwah or American Mission.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Assalamoalaikum. Because of subversive activities against the Jamaat and the Ahmadiyya Khilafat Mr. Qazi Mubarak Ahmad of Pakistan (now residing in New York) has been expelled from the Movement. Mr. Qazi Mubarak Ahmad has also been given the punishment of Muqatia, meaning that no Ahmadi is permitted to have any communication, association or relationship with him. I am sure that all members will strictly abide by the orders of the Center. Any Ahmadi known to have any contact with Mr. Qazi Mubarak Ahmad will himself be subject to expulsion from the Movement and Muqatia.

May Allah keep us united under the banner of the Ahmadiyya Khilafat and make us devout servants of Ahmadiyyat. Amen!

May the Grace and Mercy of Allah be with you.

Sincerely yours in Islam,

Shukar Ilahi Husain
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Missionary in charge

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING..

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 1972.

Time 2.00 pm.

Place. Central YMCA. College St. Tor.

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