

"An Historical Event!!"

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An Historical Event Proving Beyond Doubt, that Maulana Nur-ud-Din Sahib and the Lahori Ahmadis have Always Considered Non-Ahmadis as Muslims. On the Contrary, Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad Introduced the Alien Belief (Which is now believed by the Qadianis) that Non-Ahmadis are Non-Muslims!!!

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib of Qadian, died in May 1908, and after his death, the Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya as it was called at that time, devoted all its attention to the work of the propagation of Islam under the leadership of Hazrat Maulana Nur-ud-Din Sahib, who succeeded the Founder as the head of the organisation. The teachings of the Promised Messiah had kindled a burning light in the hearts of the followers and gave them a new zest for the triumph of Islam on other religions, which made them dedicate all their efforts towards the achievement of the goal. The Jama'at was making great progress and growing faster, when suddenly Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad Sahib, son of the Founder and editor of a magazine 'Tash-heez-ul Azhan' wrote and published an article in April 1911 under the title, "Muslim is He Who Accepts all the Mamurs (Those Appointed by Allah)."

In this article Mian Mahmud Ahmad wrote:

"... so not only that person who does not call the Promised Messiah a 'kafir' but does not accept his claim to be 'Promised Messiah', has been declared a 'kafir' but even that person also, who secretly considers the Promised Messiah as true in his claims, and even does not openly deny it but is reluctant to give a pledge (Bai'at) has been shown as a 'kafir'." ('Tash-heez-ul Azhan' -- April 1911, p. 141).

The article of Mian Mahmud Ahmad created commotion not only in the Ahmadis, but also among all the Muslims of India. At that time, Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din Sahib was conducting a preaching tour of India. Now, wherever he went for a lecture or speech, people confronted him with questions about this article and enquired as to whether a person who does not believe in Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib is considered a Muslim by the Ahmadis or not?

In order to set the matter at rest, Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din Sahib, with the permission and under the signature of Maulana Nur-ud-Din Sahib, issued a proclamation where-in he offered an interpretation of the word 'Kufr' (i.e., the state of being a non-Muslim) used in the article by Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad Sahib. The proclamation read:

"... Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, the son of my late Imam has used the word kafir in his magazine 'Tash-heez-ul Azhan' for those who do not believe in the Promised Messiah. I have read this magazine and I don't find any ground for so much of hue and cry being raised on this as in

Arabic language 'kufr' means denying and 'kafir' means one who denies. It appears to me that the son of the Founder has used the word 'Kafir' in this sense of a denier, or else if the word 'kafir' be taken as meaning 'out of the pail of Islam' like Hindus and Christians, then neither mine nor Mian Mahmud Ahmad Sb's opinion in this matter has any worth, when the late Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sb never called those who did not believe in him, to be kafir or out of the pail of Islam." "I approve it - you may publish it.

Signed. Nur-ud-Din, 18 August 1911" "Publishers: Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din B.A. Pleader, Ahmadiyya Buildings).

The publication of this proclamation would have mitigated the ill-effects of Mian Mahmud Ahmad's articles, but, most unfortunately, the arrogant Mian Mahmud Ahmad interjected in these words after its publication:

"What right he (Khwaja Sb) has to explain meanings of my articles during my lifetime. If he had any doubts he could have made enquiries from me because 'it is my belief that all Muslims who do not believe in the Promised Messiah are kafirs and are out of the pail of Islam'."

Assertion of this belief of 'Takfir-e-Muslimeen' (labelling Muslims as 'Kafirs' i.e., non-Muslims) by Mian Mahmud Ahmad caused the first wedge in the ranks of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at. These differences had not yet been resolved that Hazrat Maulana Nur-ud-Din Sahib passed away in 1914 and Mian Mahmud Ahmad took his place as the Khalifa. Thus, leading a greater majority of the Ahmadis astray. They are now known as the Qadianis, and believe that Hazrat Mirza Sahib is a 'Real Prophet' (contarary to Hazrat Mirza Sahib's teachings), moreover, they believe that anyone who does not take the pledge in Mirza Sahib's name is a 'Kafir'. As evident by this article, neither Maulana Nur-ud-Din Sahib, nor the prominent members of the Ahmadiyya Movement held this belief. In order to carry the true and unblemished message of Hazrat Mirza Sahib to the world, the Lahori Jama'at was formed and was led under the able guidance of Maulana Muhammad Ali Sahib.

> May Allah guide the Qadianis aright, Amen!