



INVITATION TO AHMADIYYAT
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ABOUT THE BOOK

“Ahmadis are Muslims and their religion is Islam”

- ❑ 12 arguments in support of claims of Promised Messiah (as)
- ❑ Evidence drawn from Islamic texts, logic, history, study of society
- ❑ Defines what is distinctive about Ahmadi beliefs

BACKGROUND:

Translation of Dawat al-Amir, first written in Urdu in 1926

Translated into Persian for presentation to Ruler of Afghanistan, Amanullah Khan.

Two years before the book was compiled, 3 Afghan Ahmadis had been stoned to death upon the orders of Amanullah Khan.

Purpose of book: convey to the King an authentic account of the beliefs and doctrines of the Ahmadiyya Movement and refute the false charges and baseless allegations made against it.

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE IN?

1. God
2. God is One
3. God is Holy
4. Angels
5. Revelation
6. Prophets
7. Holy Prophet (saw)
8. God listens
9. Laws of God
10. Life after death
11. Hell
12. Heaven

ARGUMENT 1- NEED OF THE TIME

God takes care of all our needs

“There is no physical need that God has left unprovided for. The smallest need is included in the divine design. What is true of the physical needs of man must also be true of his spiritual needs”

Guidance is one of our needs

“Man in need of guidance. God is mindful of needs of man.”

Guidance comes only from God

“The sources of all things are in the possession of God. Man receives them as gifts; but they are always carefully measured. These gifts are linked with human needs.”

Muslims have forgotten Islam and are in dire spiritual straits

“Even after the Holy Prophet we should have reformers and restorers.”

Summary: We need a Messiah therefore God will provide this need

ARGUMENT 2- HOLY PROPHET'S PROPHECY

- ❖ Coming of Messiah foretold in other scriptures but testimony of Chief of Mankind holds greater weight
- ❖ Belief in advent of Messiah and Mehdi cornerstone of Islam- widely known that advancement of Islam and its revival hinged upon it
- ❖ When examining prophecies, important to keep in mind metaphorical uses of language and also that some Ahadith were fabricated as a result of factionalism
- ❖ Ahadith on Mehdi and Messiah have to be read together as a whole to get the bigger picture

OVERVIEW OF PROPHECIES

1. **STATE OF RELIGION.** Christianity on the rise: “for the last hundred years or so Christian nations have become so completely dominant in the world that the Holy Prophet’s prophecy ‘the earth will be under the Romans’ can be said to have been fulfilled to its very letter”
2. **STATE OF ISLAM.** Muslims in dire condition: “In the words of the Ho]y Prophet, ‘Islam at the time Will be very weak and poor.’”
 - a) Lack of belief in Qadr (Divine Decree)
 - b) Indifference to Zakat
 - c) Excessive love of the world
 - d) Heedless of Salat, or hastily performing it
 - e) Little study of the Quran (“They hardly ever open it to read, but they take care to wrap it in gold and satin and put it away securely on some shelf”)
 - f) Obsession with decorating & beautifying mosques but not with filling them with prayer
 - g) Arabs will be strangers to Islam
 - h) Arab nations will be devoid of freedom of religion, and “men of good intentions and sound ideas would keep themselves in the background”

OVERVIEW OF PROPHECIES

3. STATE OF MORALITY. Morals will become very low

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- Increase in Drinking Alcohol: “The sign stressed by the Holy Prophet that wine would be drunk in public distinguishes the present from all other times”. Wine is now a normal part of life in both East and West. It is no longer limited to a select few, but widely available and consumed excessively
- Increase in Gambling: “So widespread is the evil of gambling that it is impossible to conceive of modern civilization without it”
- Disappearance of honesty and honest people
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ARGUMENT 3- PERSONAL PURITY

1. Promised Messiah's personal character & purity a testament to his truth. This is sound criteria based on Qur'anic logic and argument.
2. His character was attested to by his neighbours: "all of them, Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Muslim, agreed that Mirza Sahib had always led a blameless life, had shown the utmost kindness and consideration to others, and had been consistently truthful and honest in all his dealings, He was universally trusted"
3. Maulvi Muhammad Hussain of Batala also attested to his character in a review of Brahin-e-Ahamdiyya, especially noteworthy given he later became a strong opponent
4. Facing opposition after making the claim is another characteristic the Promised Messiah (as) shared with prophets of the past

The truth of his claim is upheld by the acknowledged purity of his life before his claim. This is not denied by his enemies. His personal character, therefore, is proof of his authenticity.

ARGUMENT 4 – TRIUMPH OF ISLAM OVER OTHER RELIGIONS

- ❑ **TASKS.** “The liquidation of the Dajjal, the destruction of Gog and Magog and the defeat of Christianity are tasks appointed for the Promised Messiah according to the Holy Prophet (peace be on him).”
- ❑ **INTELLECTUAL TRIUMPH.** “His first attack on behalf of Islam proved stupefying for the enemy. He wrote his famous book, *Barahin-i-Ahmadiyya*, which contained an exposition of the rational foundations of Islam”
- ❑ **CHRISTIANITY DEFEATED.** With the Promised Messiah’s refutation of Christian doctrine, “the whole theory of the death of Jesus on the cross for the atonement of the sins of others fell to the ground.” Likewise, the finding that Jesus (as) was buried in Srinagar, Kashmir refuted doctrine of resurrection.
- ❑ **UNIVERSALISING.** The Promised Messiah (as) made links between all faiths and spoke of their Divine Origin, thus he reasserted an Islamic teaching of universality

ARGUMENT 4 — TRIUMPH OF ISLAM OVER OTHER RELIGIONS

- **DEBATING.** Promised Messiah proposed new and exciting ways of debate: “Hazrat Mirza Sahib proposed rational and equitable criteria for the assessment of religious claims”
- **SPIRITUAL ARGUMENT.** He established that “an important criterion of truth among religions was the degree and quality of contact which each religion succeeded in promoting between God and man”
- **LIVING RELIGION.** He argued that the only living religion was one that “produces visible results for those who act upon its teachings and its provisions”.

ARGUMENT 5 — REJUVENATION OF ISLAM

- ❖ “He who claims the office of the Promised Messiah should re-establish the true teaching of Islam and present to the world the true meaning of the Holy Quran”- this is an important criterion for the truth of a claimant
- ❖ We know the Muslim Umma is in need of rejuvenation, the only question is whether Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) in his teachings provided the tools for it
- ❖ Indeed, he corrected many false beliefs relating for instance to Hadhrat Isa (as) and angels
- ❖ He removed false misconceptions about the Holy Quran

ARGUMENT 5 — REJUVENATION OF ISLAM

- ❖ He cleared misconceptions about the Holy Quran and about the relative importance of Quran and Hadith. He defended the Holy Prophet's character, and did away with false notions relating to Israelite prophets too
- ❖ He refuted the widely held view of Heaven as a den of pleasure, rather reasserted that in this world and the next godliness is the true key to happiness
- ❖ He similarly refuted the idea that Hell was eternal and ceaseless. He did all of this based firmly on Quranic teachings.
- ❖ "Hazrat Mirza Sahib demonstrated that the object of human life was *Abudiyat*, absorption of divine attributes or imitation of His character, and not *Shariat*, the observance of prescribed laws or external duties. What God had commanded, we must indeed observe and do. But closeness to God was an infinite process."

ARGUMENT 6 — DIVINE HELP

- ❖ The proof of a Messenger ultimately comes from the One Who sent him
- ❖ “His special relation to God cannot be proved unless the hand of God can be seen working behind him.”
- ❖ God grants spiritual dominance to messengers while false claimants always meet a sorry end
- ❖ The Promised Messiah was not poised for spiritual dominance according to the measure of the times in that he was not trained in ulum nor was he of Sufi lineage
- ❖ He also didn't succeed merely by following the current. In fact, he went against the beliefs of the majority of people as well as against the beliefs of the intellectual elite.
- ❖ Therefore his success can only be attributed to God alone. He rose from obscurity to being recognised as a Muslim leader in his time.
- ❖ When he announced his claims he was alone, now he is continued to be supported by millions

QUIZ

1. What would the time of the Messiah be like according to the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (saw)?
2. What were the circumstances that would apparently make it difficult for the Promised Messiah (as) to establish himself as a spiritual leader in his time?
3. Name some of the misconceptions held by Muslims cleared by the Promised Messiah (as)
4. Which Christian doctrines did the Promised Messiah (as) refute?
5. What according to the Promised Messiah (as) was the purpose of our lives?

ARGUMENT 7- DEFEAT OF ENEMIES

- ❖ All the enemies of Promised Messiah (as) were defeated or humiliated
- ❖ In the Holy Quran, Allah promises victory to all the prophets
- ❖ Revelations of Promised Messiah (as):

‘I will humiliate him who seeks to humiliate thee.’

ARGUMENT 7- ENEMIES

Some Enemies of The Promised Messiah (as):

❖ **Maulvi Muhammad Hussain Battalwi**

❖ **Chiragh Din of Jumma** – claimed himself as a prophet and said Promised Messiah (as) will die of plague

- Two sons (his only children) died
- Wife left him with someone else
- Himself fell victim to plague and died
- While dying he said, 'O God even You have abandoned me.'

❖ **Maulvi Ghulam Dastgir of Kasur** and **Faqir Mirza of Dulmiyal**

- Tried to challenge the Promised Messiah (as), but both died from plague

ARGUMENT 8- ADORED BY ANGELS

- ❖ Command to angels to perform Sajdah to Adam = 'obey him'
(not a command to worship Adam)
- ❖ *Holy Prophet (saw) received help from angels in his plans and projects*
 - *Battle of Badr - angels struck minds of enemy with fear*
- ❖ *The Promised Messiah (as) help from angels:*
 - *Asleep in a house – suddenly woke up as felt roof was going to collapse. Woke everyone up and took them out to safety. Last person to get out, and as soon as he stepped out, the roof collapsed*
 - *during serious illness he would have cures revealed to him. Appearance of drugs and location of bottles could only be an act of the angels*

ARGUMENT 9- GIFT OF SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE

- ❖ Prophets of God come and guide men to the fountain of spiritual knowledge.
- ❖ Prophets come and establish links between men and their God, resulting in knowledge of spiritual matters and nearness to God.
- ❖ He who would impart this knowledge to a generation of human beings must himself possess it in abundance..
- ❖ All Prophets given special knowledge
- ❖ Greatest knowledge was given to The Holy Prophet (saw)
- ❖ God endowed the Promised Messiah (as) with a special measure of natural and spiritual knowledge – knowledge and the power to communicate knowledge were his divine gifts.
- ❖ The gifts of the Promised Messiah (as) were a reflection of the gifts of his master, the Holy rophet (saw).
- ❖ received gift in imitation of the Holy Prophet (saw)
 - *Books: Roohani Khazaeen (Spiritual treasure)*
- ❖ Miracle of language: God granted the Promised Messiah special knowledge of the Arabic language – a vocabulary of 40,000 words in one night. He wrote more than 20 Arabic works and produced an unpremeditated sermon.

ARGUMENT 9- GIFT OF SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE

Special Knowledge of the Holy Quran: 12 discoveries:

1. The Holy Quran contains prophecies about our time
2. The Holy Quran never makes an assertion unless it also points to the reason for that assertion.
3. Where rational reflection gives rise to any doubt or difficulty about a given part of the Holy Quran, the solution to that doubt or difficulty will be found in the Holy Quran itself.
4. The distinctive characteristics which make the Holy Quran superior to other religious Books.
5. The multi-sidedness of the Holy text.
 - A given verse can have a variety of meanings, some near the surface, some deeper, some deeper still. Whatever the intellectual level of the reader, his background or experience, he can find in a given verse a meaning which will suit his understanding and which he will find true and relevant.

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6. The Holy Quran imparts knowledge about natural phenomena which is both necessary and sufficient for the spiritual advancement of man. It is not a book of spiritual truths only, it contains other important truths
7. The Promised Messiah (as) showed mankind the principles of interpretation by which we can guard against error in our effort to understand the Holy Quran and to apply it to current difficulties.
8. The Holy Quran contains a systematic account of the stages of spiritual advancement of which human beings are capable.

ARGUMENT 9- GIFT OF SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE

9. The Promised Messiah (as) showed mankind the perfect sequence throughout the Holy Quran: The verses of each chapter and the chapters themselves have a rational sequence.
10. The Holy Quran contains a systematic account of the various degrees and stages of good and evil in moral life. The Holy Quran tells us what virtues lead to what other virtues, what vices to what vices.
11. The Promised Messiah (as) showed mankind that Sura Fatiha the opening chapter of the Holy Quran is a true epitome of the Holy book, the rest being the text and the explanation. Everything that is dealt with in detail in the holy book, be it belief or practice, is presented in essence in the Sura Fatiha.

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12. Another discovery regarding the Holy Quran which we owe to the Promised Messiah (as) is the meaning of parts and verses of the Holy text, interpreted with special relevance to present-day needs.

It is not for man to discover knowledge beyond his limits, such knowledge can only come from God.

ARGUMENT 10 - PROPHECIES

- ❖ *'And He [Allah] reveals not His secrets to any except the one whom He chooses, namely, His Messenger.'* **Al-Jinn, 27-8**
- ❖ Crystal-clear **wahy** (revelation) free from all confusion
- ❖ **Prophecy 1:** *Afghan Martyrs (Abdul Latif and Maulvi Abdur Rahman)*
- ❖ **Prophecy 2:** *Revolution in Iran*
- ❖ **Prophecy 3:** *Abdullah Atham*
- ❖ **Prophecy 4:** *An American Impostor (Alexander Dowie)*
- ❖ **Prophecy 5:** *Death of Lakh Ram*
- ❖ **Prophecy 6:** *Prince Dalip Singh*

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- ❖ **Prophecy 7:** *The Plague*
- ❖ **Prophecy 8:** *A great earthquake*
- ❖ **Prophecy 9:** *The Great War of 1914-18*
- ❖ **Prophecy 10:** *Expansion of Qadian*
- ❖ **Prophecy 11:** *Financial Relief*
- ❖ **Prophecy 12:** *Expansion of the Jama'at*

ARGUMENT 11 — LOVE OF GOD AND THE HOLY PROPHET

This argument is based on the following Quranic verses:

Sura Al-Ankabut, verse 70:

- And for those who strive in Our path, We will surely guide them in Our ways'

Sura Al-Imran, verse 32 :

- Say if you love Allah, follow me, Then Allah will love you'

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Sura Al-Tauba, verse 24:

- Say, if your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your kinsfolk, and the wealth you have acquired, and the trade whose dullness you fear, and the dwellings you love, are dear to you than Allah and His Messenger and striving in His cause, then wait until Allah comes with His judgement and Allah guides not the disobedient.

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Perfect love of God is willing this to sacrifice everything for the sake of Allah

The Promised Messiah (as)sacrificed his time and worldly occupations to engage in undisturbed remembrance of Allah.

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The Promised Messiah was moved by the condition of Islam

He wrote the Book Barahin- i-Ahmadiyya

- 300 arguments improve of the truth of Islam.
- A sharp weapon in defence of the Islamic conception of God, the truth of the holy Prophet and the truth of Islam.
- The Promised Messiah took every opportunity to write and publish on behalf of Islam

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The Promised Messiah (as) wrote many poems expressing his love and devotion to God and his love of the Holy Prophet (saw).

Two of the poems are reproduced in this section of the book and once again exemplify his true love of God and His Messenger (saw).

ARGUMENT 12— LIFE GIVING POWERS

Bringing to life those who are spiritually dead

No man can have life-giving powers except with the support of God

The promised Messiah came at a time when spiritual death had overtaken the whole world.

- Human inventions and superstitions masquerading as divine religion
- Devotion to worldly ends
- Revolt against spiritual life
- Hatred of godly ways, revealed knowledge and revealed law
- Insensitivity to morality
- Casualness in prayer
- Lack of reverence for religious teachers.

The promised Messiah restored life to these spiritually dead people.

The Promised Messiah carries forward the work of the Holy Prophet

ARGUMENT 12 — LIFE GIVING POWERS

Ahmadi Muslims today are following in the footsteps of the Promised Messiah and spreading the truth of Islam across the globe: Not only did the Promised Messiah himself raise the spiritually dead to life, he raised followers who could do the same.

This power and this influence is the special prerogative of prophets, the favoured ones of God.

The life-giving powers which the promised Messiah displayed have not been confined to him. They have been inherited by his true followers.