

The truth is from your Lord, so do not be
among the doubters. [3:61]

الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْمُبْتَرِينَ

غلام احمد کی جتے

VICTORY TO GHULAM AHMAD

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We are starting an online monthly newsletter for the Zion Project 2020 to educate all members of Jama'at USA with the details of the project, its significance, and updates on its progress. It will be issued on Saturday as this is the day when Ahmad's^{as} prophecy about John Alexander Dowie was fulfilled in 1907. The number of this issue is 05-196 describing that this is the fifth issue detailing the 196th Sign of Hazrat Ahmad^{as} mentioned in his incredible masterpiece book, *Haqiqatul Wahi* page 633 (new English edition).

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EXCERPTS FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}

The world is a passing panorama. If a person does not exert himself fully to carry out a good deed at its proper time, he cannot thereafter recover the lost time. I am aware that I have lived the greater part of my life, and it appears from Divine revelations and also from my own estimation that only a small part of it remains. Therefore, whoever helps me in the attainment of my objectives according to my aspirations and during my lifetime and in my presence will, I trust, be with me on the Day of Judgement also. And I do not perceive that he who spends money in such important matters will suffer any loss in his wealth because of this spending. Indeed his wealth would be blessed. Therefore, trusting in God Almighty, you should act with full sincerity and eagerness and courage, for this is the time of fruitful service. Thereafter a time will come when spending a mountain of gold in this cause will not equal in merit the spending of one paisa now. This is the blessed time in which he who has been sent by God and whose advent had been awaited by the nations through centuries is present among you, and every day God is granting fresh revelations which are full of fresh glad tidings. It has been made clear throughout by God Almighty that only he alone will be considered as having truly and definitely joined this Jama'at who

spends his property, which he holds dear, in this cause...Do not imagine that you gain your wealth by your own efforts, it is instead bestowed upon you by God Almighty, nor should you ever imagine that by spending a portion of your wealth or by serving in some other way, you put God Almighty or the one He has sent under any obligation. In fact, it is He Who puts you under obligations by calling you to serve Him. I tell you truly that if all of you should desert me and should hold back from service and help, He will create another people who will render Him the needed services. Be sure that all this is from heaven and your service is for your own good, so let no pride enter your heart, nor should you imagine that you are helping financially or otherwise. I tell you again and again that God is in no need of your service, and it is His grace upon you that He provides you with the opportunity to serve. A few days ago, I received a revelation in Gurdaspur, in which God says: i.e., I alone am the Accomplisher of every task, so take Me alone as the Accomplisher, and do not consider others to be helping your cause in any way.

When I received this revelation, my heart trembled with the realization that my Jama'at had not yet arrived at a stage where God Almighty should have even mentioned them. I have no greater

anxiety than that I should die and leave this Jama'at in such a state of inadequacy and imperfection. I know for certain that miserliness and faith cannot coexist in a heart...I will not remain long among you and the time is coming when you will not see me anymore. Many will wish that they had performed some valuable service in my presence. Now is the time to provide against such a possibility. Just as previous Prophets and Messengers as did not dwell forever among their followers, I too shall not remain among you, so value the time you have. Even if you perform such service for which you have to sell all your immovable property, it would be disrespectful of you to imagine that you have performed any service. You are not aware how Divine Mercy is eager in support of this faith, and how His angels are descending upon the hearts. Every matter of reason and understanding that arises in your hearts is not from yourselves but from God. Wonderful light and knowledge is descending from heaven. I admonish you repeatedly to serve to the utmost limit of your capacities, but let not a thought pass through your minds that you have done something. If you ever think so, you will be ruined. All such thoughts are disrespectful. A disrespectful one is ruined much quicker than anyone else. [Majmu'ah Ishtiharat, vol. 3, pp. 496-499]

DOWIE IS CHALLENGED

Waterloo Daily Reporter – June 24th, 1903

East Indian Mohammedan Invites Him to a Novel Test of Faith

EACH TO SAY THE SAME PRAYER

Which Calls on the Creator to Kill the Liar at Once and Instantly.

Chicago, June 24. – John Alexander Dowie has been challenged to a praying duel to the death. The challenger is Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, of Quadian, Punjab, India. “Come thou, O self-styled prophet, to a duel,” says Mirza in his “defi.” “The weapons shall be prayer. Let us kneel on our knees in the dust of the earth, you and I together and petition the Almighty that of us two whoever is the liar shall perish first.” Dowie has not accepted the challenge, but neither has he declined it. Perhaps, in the clamor of Ben Mac Dhui, among the Michigan peaches, he is formulating a reply.

Pretensions of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

Perhaps he will treat the challenge with scorn, and tell Mirza Ghulam Ahmad to go and get a reputation. However that may be, Mirza is no featherweight when it comes to pretensions. The Review of Religions, published in Gurdaspur, India, through which the challenge is issued, says Mirza is “the Promised Messiah” sent “for the reformation of the world exactly at the time fixed by calculations based on Biblical prophecies as the time of the advent of the Messiah,” and he has a following of over a hundred thousand members, “rapidly growing.” The teachings of this Messiah is that Christ was a mere mortal, a good man, without divinity.

Claims to Be the Messiah

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad further declares according to The Literary Digest: “Dr. Dowie should further

bear in mind that this challenge does not proceed from an ordinary Mohammedan. I am the very Messiah, the promised one, for whom he is so anxiously waiting. Between Dr. Dowie’s position and using the difference in this, that Dowie fixes the appearance of the Messiah within the next twenty-five years, while I give him the glad tidings that the Messiah has already appeared. I am that Messiah, and Almighty God has shown numerous signs from earth as well as from heaven in my support. My following, which already claims a hundred thousand souls, is making a rapid progress.”

CALLED A “DESPICABLE DOGMA”

Mirza Has No Use for the Divinity – His Challenge to Dowie

John Alexander Dowie, writes the Messiah, “claims to have been sent by the son of Mary in his capacity of God-head, that as his apostle he may draw the whole world to a belief in the despicable dogma of his divinity.” The Indian claimant proceeds: “Whether the God of Mohammedans or the God of Dowie is the true God may be settled without the loss of millions of lives which Dr. Dowie’s prediction would involve. The method is that, without threatening the Mohammedan public in general with destruction, he should choose me as his opponent and pray to God that of us two who is the liar may perish first. “I look upon the son of Mary as a weak human being; although I recognize him as a

prophet of God, while Dr. Dowie takes him for the Lord of universe. Which of us is right, is the real point at issue. If Dr. Dowie is certain of the divinity of the son of Mary, he should publish the proposed prayer with the signature of at least 1,000 men affixed to it. Upon receiving it, I should address the same prayer to Almighty God and publish it with the signatures of the same number of witnesses. “If Dr. Dowie has the courage to accept this challenge, he will thereby open a way for all other Christians to the acceptance of truth. In making this proposal I have not taken the initiative, but the jealous God has inspired me upon Dr. Dowie’s presumptuous prediction that all Mohammedans shall perish.”

“An important discovery regarding Jesus Christ” has been made by the followers of the challenging Messiah, according to the Indian publication already named. This discovery is that “Jesus did not die upon the cross,” but was taken down alive and senseless.” Subsequently the son of Mary “recovered, traveled eastward, and lived up to a good old age.” His tomb, it is also stated is “Situated in the Khan Yar street at Srinagar, Cashmere.” This authority opines: “The incontrovertible testimony afforded by the tomb itself, backed as it is by the unanimous oral testimony of hundreds of thousands of men, and by the written evidence of ancient documents, becomes in our opinion too strong to be resisted by the most determined of skeptics.”

DOWIE IS CHALLENGED: COMMENTARY



Jesus's final grave is in Kashmir.
Khalid Khan, Missionary in Northern California

A man by the name of Dr. John Alexander Dowie was challenged by The Promised Messiah^{as}, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India, to a “Novel Test of Faith”, a prayer duel. Dr. Dowie was an American who proclaimed that God has in the “Spirit and Power of Elijah” sent him. He set forth to spread Christianity in world and also said the he will wipe the religion of Islam from the face of the earth. Thus, he writes in his newspaper, *Leaves of Healing*, dated December 19, 1903, that “I pray to God that the day may come near when Islam will be annihilated from the world. Oh God, make it happen – Oh God, make Islam Perish”. He also made profane and filthy remarks against the most perfect human being in this world that has ever lived, The Holy Prophet^{saw}.

When Dr. Dowie’s mischief reached its apex, The Promised Messiah^{as} challenged him to a prayer duel. He writes: *“The best way to determine whether Dowie’s God is true or ours, is that Mr. Dowie should stop making prophecies about the destruction of all Muslims. Instead he should keep me alone in his mind and pray that if one of us is fabricating a lie, he should die before the other”*.

(Review of Religions, Sept. 1902, Vol I, No 9)

A point to be noted here is that the Promised Messiah^{as} told Dowie to only pray for my destruction if I am false (God forbid) and not for the whole Muslim Umma. The Promised Messiah^{as} knew that Allah

will always stand by him. The most amazing thing was that, when The Promised Messiah^{as} made this challenge, all the major newspapers published it, even though he was unknown to the American people. You can certainly say that God was helping his servant in every step of the way.

The Promised Messiah^{as} believed that Jesus was a human being, a prophet of God, and not son of God and survived the crucifixion. Muslims believe that Jesus was undoubtedly called the son of God, but this title has only been employed metaphorically and in fact is used for all the chosen ones of God. This metaphorical understanding is furthered by Jesus’s own words and actions. Jesus is known to have engaged in many human devotional activities such as fasting and praying. But perhaps most significant evidence is that Jesus claimed to lack knowledge of the future because, as he claimed, only the Father possessed perfect knowledge. (Mark 13:32)

One of the greatest achievements that the Promised Messiah^{as} made was that the discovery of the tomb of Jesus in Kashmir. An author by the name of Dr. James Deardorff, in his book entitled *Jesus in India* writes:

“The Ahmadiyya’s most valuable research in my opinion has been in pointing our numerous clues indicating that Jesus, his mother Mary, and one or two others travelled through Syria and on East to Kashmir and India, and that

Even the Non-Muslims have commented on the achievements of the Promised Messiah^{as}, decades after his demise. We don’t see that in regard to Dowie. I would like to narrate a personal story here as well. In 2010, when I visited Zion for the first time with my missionary friends, we were given a tour of Zion. We visited his church, graveyard and few other places. At the end of the tour when we asked if Dowie is known to people here or remembered, the answer was “NO”, no one remembers him or knows who he was. For a person to call himself a prophet of God or even a Divine, it doesn’t behoove that people forget about him just decades after, rather his community and followers given that he is a true prophet of God and send by God should grow and flourish. Look at the community of the Promised Messiah^{as}. Just like Heas said that *“I came only to sow the seed which has been planted by my hand. It shall now grow and flourish and there is none who can hinder it.”*

In conclusion, Dowie didn’t accept the challenge and eventually he was punished for his arrogance and was chastised according to the prophecy of the Promised Messiah^{as} as Allah Al-Mighty says in the Holy Quran: *“Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers”* (58:22)

Glimpses of the Activities at the 2000 Messiah Conference



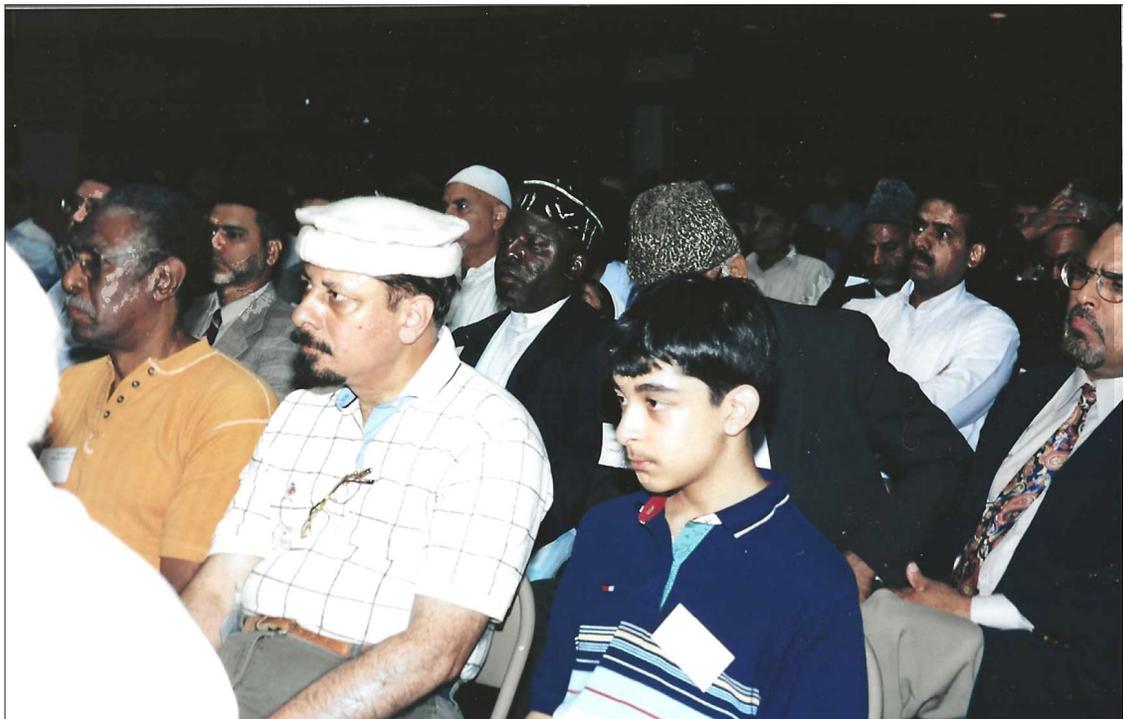
A view of the attendees of the conference.



Respected M.M. Ahmad Marhoom is chairing the session and Munir Hamid, Naib Amir is addressing.



*Respected M.M. Ahmad Marhoom is presiding over the Messiah 2000 Conference
A life size picture of Hazrat Ahmad^{as} is seen in the background.*



*Sahibzada Dr. Mirza Mashfoor Ahmad with his son is seen in the audience, he came
from Indiana to join.*



Another view of the 1500 attendees who joined the conference from all chapters including 825 non-Muslims from Zion and the neighborhood.



Scene from the Exhibition of the 36 clippings of the newspapers that covered the Mubahila challenge in the year 1902-1907. Amjad Khan is seen explaining the clippings.

"It is God's Tradition to show the difference Himself;
So it is clear as to who is pious and who eats dead things;
A pure heart does not require a profusion of miracles;
One Sign is enough if there is fear of Creator in the heart."

(Hymns and Preaching Truth Munajaat aur Tableeghe Haq,
Braheene Ahmadiyya, Part 5, pg 97, 1908-Duresameen Poem 39)

تاعیماں ہو کون پاک اور کون ہے مُردار خوار
اک نشاں کافی ہے گردل میں ہے خوفِ کردگار

سنت اللہ ہے کہ وہ خود فرق کو دکھلائے ہے
صاف دل کو کثرتِ اعجاز کی حاجت نہیں



FINAL THREE-DIMENSIONAL RENDERING OF THE ZION MOSQUE, MUSEUM AND MINARATUL MASIH

NATIONWIDE JAMA'AT CALL TO HELP BUILD

Zion city is that tiny speck on the world map where the greatest SIGN OF ALLAH was manifested in 1907 when a bitter enemy of Islam named Alexander Dowie met his destruction as a result of the famous Mubahila challenge (Prayer Duel) by Hazrat Ahmad (as).

In order to commemorate this great sign of victory, Jama'at USA has been tasked to build a Mosque, a Museum and a replica of Minaratul Masih to keep this great sign alive for generations to come. The Mosque will be funded by Lajna Imaillah USA and the rest by Men, Insha'Allah. The total cost is \$4.0 Million, out of which \$1.2 Million is being raised by women and \$2.8 Million is being raised by men. May Allah give us all the opportunity to be part of this blessed scheme.

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MASIH

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