

Selected Sayings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

Love of God

'Our paradise is in our God. Our highest delight is in our God for we have seen Him and have found every beauty in Him.'

(Kashti Nuh pp.21-22, Ruhani Khazain Vol 19)

Sympathy for Mankind

'I proclaim to all Muslims, Christians, Hindus and Aryas that I have no enemy in the world. I love mankind with the love a compassionate mother has for her children; even more so. I am only the enemy of the false doctrines which kill truth. Human sympathy is my duty.'

(Siraje Muneer, p28, Ruhani Khazain, Vol.12)

Respect for all Prophets

‘...believe in the truth of all prophets wherever they might have appeared; in India, Persia or China or any other country and for whom God has filled the hearts of millions of people with awe and deep respect and has caused their

religions to be firmly rooted.'

(Ruhani Khazain Vol. 12: Tofah Qaisariya, p.59)

Kindness and Humanity

'The principle to which we adhere is that we have kindness at heart for the whole of mankind. If anyone sees the house of a Hindu neighbour on fire and does not come forward to help extinguish the fire, most truly I declare that he does not belong to me. If anyone of my followers, having seen someone attempting to murder a Christian does not endeavour to save him, I most truly declare that he does not belong to us.'

(Siraje Muneer, p28, Ruhani Khazain Vol.12)

Truth

'Slay not truth by adhering obstinately to injustice. Accept the truth even if you receive it from a child.'

(Izala-e-Auham, Pt 2, p.550, Ruhani
Khazain Vol.3)



The Review of Religions

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) wrote and published more than eighty books in Urdu, Arabic and Persian. In 1902 he also founded a magazine in English called *The Review of Religions*. It is now one of the longest running religious magazines in English that provides an insight into Islam and other faiths.

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The Promised Messiah

Peace be upon him

The Reformer for this Era

Why Does the World Need a Reformer?

Throughout history Allah (Arabic for the One God) has guided mankind through His prophets. Some prophets brought new revealed laws and teachings whilst other prophets were those who followed and revived earlier teachings by removing misconceptions and misinterpretations that had emerged over time.

Islam claims to be the final and complete religion for mankind, with the Holy Qur'an as the final Divine scripture. However this does not mean that mankind too had reached a stage of perfection after which there would

be no need for any reformers.

Like followers of other religions before them, the followers of Islam also drifted away from the Divine message. It was only logical, therefore, that Allah should send a prophet for this age as well to guide mankind back to true teachings of Islam.

By rejuvenating the teachings of Islam rather than adding to them the prophet would be subordinate to Prophet Muhammad (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*), the prophet of Islam.

A Reformer Just for Muslims?

Prophecies relating to the advent of such a reformer are not unique to Islam. Other Divine religions have also prophesied the appearance of such a reformer in the latter days. However, a multitude of reformers would create confusion. For true peace to prevail it must mean that all such prophecies referred to the advent of a single reformer who would unite mankind under a single message of peace.

This revival of peace would be through the revival of Islam as its teachings are timeless and eternal and, uniquely, they encompass the truth of all previous religions. So whilst the reformer would certainly be the one awaited by Muslims he would also be the reformer awaited by followers of other Divine religions.

Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) claimed, under Divine guidance, that he was that reformer who was promised for the latter days in fulfilment of the prophecies relating to the Promised Messiah and Imam Al-Mahdi (ie the Guided Leader prophesied in Islam). His advent therefore fulfilled the prophecies relating to the second spiritual coming of the Holy Prophet of Islam (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) as well as the second coming of Jesus, Krishna, Buddha (*peace be on them all*) and other prophets of Allah.

His Life

The Promised Messiah (*peace be upon him*) was born to a noble family in Qadian, India.

From an early age he had a keen interest in religion. He was also known for his honesty, compassion and resolve. As time passed his knowledge and understanding of religion and its application to society deepened.

Being a Muslim he firmly believed that all religions were true at their sources, and he always sought to uphold the dignity of all religions and their prophets.

His earnest defence of religion was ultimately blessed by Allah and he received the revelation of his appointment by Allah in 1882. He continued to receive the blessing of revelation throughout the rest of his life and in 1889, under Divine guidance, he founded the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. He also claimed that he was the Promised Messiah for whom the followers of all religions were waiting (and the Imam Al-Mahdi in Islam). Since its inception the community has been promoting the peaceful message of Islam throughout the world.



His Works

The Promised Messiah (*peace be upon him*) was a respected writer and he authored more than eighty books on different religious issues. Through logic that appeals to the modern mind, he gave a comprehensive explanation of religious teachings and spiritual truths and his writings on Islam and its relevance to the current age won him widespread acclaim.

His scholarly works include *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam* – discussing the physical, moral and spiritual states of man and life after death, and *Jesus in India*, a fascinating treatise uncovering remarkable evidence of Jesus' journey to India – an historical

account that has since been corroborated by subsequent evidence and independent research.

As a follower of and subordinate to the Holy Prophet of Islam (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) the Promised Messiah was a messenger of peace. He sought to revive the peaceful philosophy of Islam in every aspect of the faith. For example, he emphasised that Islam rejected violence, encouraged learning and urged self-improvement. His works laid the foundation for world peace and he stressed the need to revive the spirit of humanity born out of a love of Allah.

“I Shall Cause Thy Message to Reach the Corners of the Earth”

This Divine promise was revealed to the Promised Messiah (*peace be upon him*) assuring him of the success of his mission. This has been fulfilled in many ways – the community is now established throughout the world and through its global satellite TV channel MTA International conveys the peaceful message of Islam. It has also translated the Holy Qur'an in 67 languages to enable people to benefit from its teachings.

His Success

In his countless prophecies, the Promised Messiah (*peace be upon him*) had also foretold of the phenomenal expansion of his community. From 1889 until the time of his demise in 1908 tens of thousands of people accepted him. This blessing of expansion has continued through his Khalifas (spiritual successors).

Currently, under the fifth successor, the community stands as a truly global community with tens of millions of members in more than 200 countries.

‘I have come just to sow the seed, which has been sown by my hand. Now it will grow and flourish and no one can arrest its growth.’
(*Prophecy of the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him, on the success of his peaceful revival of Islam*)