

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

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## TELL ME MY FAULT PLEASE

[Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani's sincere and fervent appeal in the Name of Allah to the islamic clerics and mufties to reconsider the unbased, unjust and hasty Fatwa of Kufr. The excerpt has been culled from Mirza Sahib's famous Lecture delivered at Ludhiana (Punjab) on 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1905 AD in the open gathering of a several thousand people. It may be remarked here that this writing belongs to the same very, so-called period when Hazrat Mirza Sahib allegedly proclaimed to be a full-fledged Prophet. But before moving any further we would like you to go through the following announcement published by Hazrat Mirza Sahib in "Al-Hakam", the then Official urdu Organ of Ahamdi Jamaat :

”میں کہول کر کہتا ہوں کہ وہ شخص لعنتی ہے جو آنحضرت صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے سوا، آپ ﷺ کے بعد، کسی اور کو نبی یقین کرتا ہے اور آپ ﷺ کی ختم نبوت کو توڑتا ہے۔“

(اخبار ”الحکم“، قادیان 10 جون 1905ء)

“I say it plainly that a person who believes in anyone as a Prophet after the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] and breaks the seal of his prophethood, is accursed.”

(Translation from “Essence of Islam—1”, Page 256 )

(Excerpt rendered into English from Urdu Original by  
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“I have to say it with deep regret and a heavy heart that people were not only hasty but also

callous in opposing me. The only point of dispute between us was the death of Jesus<sup>as</sup>, which I proved and continue to prove on the authority of the Holy Qur'an, the Holy Prophet's practical example—*Sunnah*, the consensus of his Companions, reason, logic and authentic Islamic literature. The Hanafite school of jurisprudence, the definitive verses of the Holy Qur'an, Traditions of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, reason and evidence based on Islamic law—*Shariah*, are all in my favour. But before even examining my views at length or listening to my arguments, these people crossed all limits in opposing me, so much so that they called me an apostate and imputed to me whatever their whim or fancy dictated. In keeping with the demands of honesty, righteousness, and fear of God, they should have asked me to explain my viewpoint. Had my position been against the word of God and the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, then they would of course have had the right to describe me in whatever terms they wished and call me an impostor, Antichrist and what not. But I have stressed from the very beginning, and still do, that to deviate, however slightly, from the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> is an act of rank disbelief. It is an article of faith with me that whoever digresses from this path is accursed and damned. I have expounded this in very clear and positive terms not only in public lectures

but in as many as sixty books. Indeed, this has been my constant preoccupation and concern. If these opponents of mine had the fear of God in their hearts, were they not obliged to ask me why my belief appeared to them as un-Islamic? Indeed, without giving the matter a second thought, just on hearsay, they at once labelled me a disbeliever. I am amazed at this temerity on their part, for the life or death of Jesus<sup>as</sup> is in the first place not a prerequisite to being a Muslim. Do we demand any such pledge from the Hindus or Christians who convert to Islam? What is required of them is no more than to proclaim:

أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْقَدْرِ  
خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَالْبَعْثِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ

(“I believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, divine providence regarding good and evil and the resurrection.” [Translator])

There was a time when these very clerics used to shout that if there were ninety nine reasons to call someone a disbeliever and only one reason to call him a Muslim, he would still be a Muslim and not a disbeliever. What has gone wrong now? Am I worse off than even this? Do my Jama‘at and myself not solemnly pronounce,

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

['I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but Allah, and that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.' [Translator]]

Do I or my followers not observe the prescribed prayer? Do we not fast in Ramadan? Do we not follow the rules and articles of faith laid down by the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>? I swear by God that I and my followers are Muslims and have firm faith in the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and the Holy Qur'an, as is incumbent on all true Muslims. I solemnly believe that even the slightest deviation from Islam results in damnation. I also believe that all bounties and blessings man can possibly receive and the closest he can ever get to God is only, repeat only, possible through genuine submission to and consummate love for the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. Without him there is no path to piety.....

Listen carefully as to the ultimate purpose of my advent, which is to renew and reaffirm Islam. This should not be construed to mean that I bring a new Law or *Shariah* or that new commandments or a new book will be revealed. Not at all. If somebody so thinks, he is highly misled and devoid of faith. Let it be clear that prophethood and the *Shariah* have found their total and absolute expression in the person of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>.<sup>1</sup> There can be no new divine

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<sup>1</sup> The original urdu wording here is as under :

” آنحضرت ﷺ پر شریعت اور نبوت کا خاتمہ ہو چکا ہے ۔ اب کوئی شریعت نہیں آسکتی ۔ قرآن مجید خاتم الکتب ہے ۔ اس میں اب

law. The Holy Qur'an is the last and perfect book, it does not admit of any change, not even of a dot or a mark. Nevertheless, it is also true that the blessings and bounties of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and the rewards of the Holy Qur'an's teaching and guidance are unending. They are to be seen in every age, ever fresh in their pristine purity. It is for the demonstration of these rewards and blessings that God Almighty has appointed me. The dire state that Islam is in today is not a secret. Everyone agrees that Muslims suffer from all sorts of shortcomings and decadence. They are degenerating in every aspect. They pay only lip-service to Islam, their heart is not in it. Islam has become like an orphan. Such are the circumstances in which God has sent me so that I may support Islam as its guardian. What is more, God has sent me in fulfilment of I do not care about being called a liar and Antichrist or about aspersions cast on me. This had to happen, for such was the treatment meted out to God's Messengers who came before me. I too had to share this age-old tradition. In fact, my share of these sufferings and hardships is not even a fraction of what our lord and master the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>

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ایک شعشہ یا نقطہ کی کمی بیشی کی گنجائش نہیں ہے“

The simple and true translation of these sentences is :

“The *Shariat* (Divine Law) and Prophethood **have come to an end** in the person of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. There can be no new *Shariat* henceforth. The Holy Qur'an is the last book (of God), it does not admit of any change, not even of a dot or a mark.” (Web Master)

had to face. His suffering has no parallel in the whole history of the prophets. He suffered such hardship for the sake of Islam as is beyond the pen to describe and the tongue to express. This shows how magnificent and determined a Prophet he was.

( Culled from “The Lecture Ludhiana”, Eng. Trans.)