

**IN DEFENCE OF THE
PROMISED MESSIAH AHMAD (AS)**

**REFUTING THE ARTICLE "CAN AHMADIS/
QADIANIS ANSWER" BY ILLIAS SUTTAR & THE
ALLEGATIONS OF OTHER OPPONENTS**

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PREFACE



Praise be to Allah, Who ever Guides the Protectors of truth to vanquish falsehoods. Allah is devoid of all blemishes as well as His chosen servants and messenger.

Laa-Ilaaha Illallah Muhammadur Rassoolullah
(There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad (pbuh) is His Messenger).

I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allah (The One without any Partner), the Supreme and Unique God and that Muhammad ibn Abdullah (pbuh), the best of mankind (*Rahmatul-Aalameen*) is the last law-bearing prophet and *Khatam-an-Nabiyyine* (Seal of all prophets) and I bear witness that Allah shall never raise prophets who shall contradict His Holy Prophet Muhammad's faith, his message and excellence as the Seal of prophets and the best role model for mankind.

I bear witness that Allah will always raise such 'prophets' as to sustain the truthfulness of the Holy Quran and to safeguard the sanctity of the true prophethood of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). No prophet can ever come who shall bring another kind of 'Quran' (Book of Law). No prophet shall come from Allah who can ever annul the superiority of Muhammad (pbuh) as the Seal, the best, the role model for whole mankind.

Indeed Muhammad (pbuh) is the final law-bearing prophet and no other prophet can come after him to dethrone him from his

mighty position in the sight of Allah both in this world and the Hereafter.

Today **23 March 2018** marks 129 years since the foundation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Movement/ Jamaat in 1889 by the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) when he first received from his forty faithful disciples their oaths of allegiance (*Bai'at*). It was a humble yet historical beginning. With the advent of Elects of Allah, since the dawn of time, they were not made to attain to success in their mission easily. They had to strive against mountains of oppositions so that the voice of truth be heard and understood. Such was and still is the case also for Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) of Qadian.

Many allegations are levelled against him as the Islamic Messiah, the Islamic 'Jesus/ Isa'. His advent as Promised Messiah triggered not only a spiritual revolution inviting the truth-seekers and pure of hearts to recognise and accept his advent as a Divine Sign and Decree, but it also provoked a tidal wave of opposition, with people seeking to harm him and to nullify his

claims and mission. His opponents were mainly the Hindus, Christians and Muslims.

Through this speech compiled in book form, it is my humble aim and duty as the Khalifatullah of this era and one of the Islamic prophets/ messengers/ reformers with the mighty help of Allah to exonerate Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), the Islamic Promised Messiah and Mahdi of the past century from all the accusations, blames and fallacies which have been attributed to him as a person, and a divine-sent being and to his writings, revelations and inspirations.

May Allah Guide the entire Muslim *Ummah* and humanity as a whole to understand His signs and revelations and to come together as one solid body for His (Allah's) pure worship.

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INTRODUCTION

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE CLAIMS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

I have chosen today to talk on the allegations which these people have levelled on Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), such allegations which have also been heaped on this humble self as the Khalifatullah and Messiah of this era. One is that he changed the nature of his claim; first he called himself *Mujaddid* (a *Mujaddid* is someone who revives and renews the true faith), then a Messiah, then Mahdi and finally a prophet of God.

His detractors would argue that this 'inconsistency' proves that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) was an opportunist at best, and an imposter at worst.

He is also condemned for claiming to be in communion with God. All divine revelations, his opponents argue, came to an end when the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) departed this world. Such allegations are dealt with in today's

sermon to prove the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah and his status as a beloved Man of God.

OPPONENTS SAY NO PROPHET AFTER MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

His detractors argue that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), and all other prophets only ever acted in total obedience to God's commands and directives. He (pbuh) never declared any rank, title or status for himself unless and until he was commanded by God to do so. He started his ministry as a prophet, yet by the time he came to the end of his life he was the bearer of the title 'Seal of Prophets' and Mercy for all the worlds.

In other words he was the best of the best, and the noblest of all. The title of '*Seal of Prophets*' was not bestowed on him from day one, but came about over a period of time. If we accept the Holy Prophet (pbuh) as true, which we do, then Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's claim to be a prophet as well as Mahdi, Messiah and *Mujaddid* should not be discounted as false

merely because he started off with the title of *Mujaddid* but later announced that he was a prophet. Like other prophets, the Promised Messiah's announcement was made under divine guidance and the latter title encompassed all previous ones; it did not contradict them.

LAW-BEARING & NON LAW-BEARING PROPHETS

With regards to the divine words which descended upon the Hazrat Ahmad (as), it should not be thought that he is proclaiming a new and law-bearing prophethood. But because of the quality and quantity of God's words addressed to the Promised Messiah (as), he said: *"I have been called a Nabi (i.e. Prophet). Now those familiar with the Arabic or Hebrew languages will know that the word 'Nabi' is derived from 'Nab'a', which means 'to give tidings', and a Nabi is the one who gives tidings. In other words, in Islamic terminology, a Nabi is the one who receives word from God about things that are yet unknown. He relays those great prophecies to God's creation."*

A true Ahmadi never believes that Hazrat Ahmad (as) was actually a real law-giving prophet. On the contrary such belief is against the very basis of Islam, and against the very belief of Hazrat Ahmad (as). Law-giving prophets came to an end with the best of the best, the Seal of all prophets Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), whose advent was prophesied by all previous prophets before him, and whose honour and mission, I precise shall be ever preserved and secured by his faithful followers whom Allah shall raise to the position of reflective prophethood.

To be clearer in speech, it means that there shall be Islamic prophets or reformers. These prophets, like Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) and this humble self, in this era, truly receive divine revelations through the Archangel Gabriel and the other angels of revelations, but in no way such revelations surpass the actual laws of Allah vouchsafed to Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) in the Holy Quran. On the contrary those revelations and inspirations are lights of faith and hope for the *Ummah* of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) which unfortunately the majority of

Muslim divines fail to see, save the few which Allah shall inevitably direct, those who are pure of hearts and whose hearts Allah shall open to the comprehension of the Holy Quran and its application in each era till the Day of Judgement.

THE DOOR OF DIVINE REVELATIONS IS ALWAYS OPEN

Another point that his opponents find contentions is that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) claimed to be the recipient of divine revelations. His opponents claim that since the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) passed away, God has ceased to talk to mankind, that all divine communion came to an end when he departed this world. This objection is still used by the opponents even today. The latter argue that to this day even wicked people have true dreams and such dreams are a form of divine communion. Why then, the Promised Messiah (as) argues, should the possibility of God talking directly to His pious servants and devotees be denied?

MEN OF GOD DENOUNCED AS LIARS ETC.

It is a pitiable matter that the rest of the *Ummah* of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) persist in charging Hazrat Ahmad (as) with fraud, treating him as a forger of lies, madman, plagiarist and heretic. It is most unfortunate that this continue to be so, just as it is most unfortunate that even to this day our greatest and most beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) is still the victim of attacks from the non-Muslims. Just like to this day, Jesus (as) also continues to be an accursed one for the Jews (*God Forbid*) and this is the state of affairs/ faith for all prophets in their eyes of their opponents.

O you Muslim brethrens, why do you waste your breath in trying to prove your brothers in religion as unfaithful while you let poisonous snakes of unfaith prick the sanctity and honour of the greatest of prophets, the final law-bearing prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh)?

When elects of Allah who came for your own good from Allah to give life to the Muhammadan *Ummah* after stupid divines, the

pigs and monkeys prophesised by none other by our most noble and cherished prophet Muhammad (pbuh) have tried to deviate you, to separate you into sects, each revelling in its own perceived glory, then why do you hurry to label those messengers of Allah as false?

WHO ARE FALSE PROPHETS?

Who are false prophets? Those who try to make you come closer to Allah or those who try to deviate you from Allah and His teachings? Has Hazrat Ahmad (as) ever told you to pray others besides Allah? To pray Satan? To pray the prophets of God as gods or demi-gods? To take him as a greater prophet than Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh)?

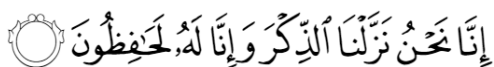
On the contrary, his love for Allah and His *Rassool* (pbuh) was so profound that it was on the basis of this extraordinary love that Allah elevated him to the glorious status of Messiah, Mahdi and Messenger as promised in the divine scriptures since the dawn of time. But alas, every divine scripture as well as the accounts of

disciples of past prophets, including those of Jesus (as) were falsified.

In them remain only semi-truths masked by tons of irrelevant miscalculations and fabrications of men. Semi-truths will remain semi-truths unless and until Allah reveals the actual truth, and this was what happened with the advent of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as). Allah revealed the truth so as to guide aright the Muslim *Ummah* as well as humanity as a whole. The death of Jesus (as) was clouded in mysteries and legends of bodily ascent to heavens, which were propagated by the lost Christians (not the real Christians who preserved their bond with Jesus as the Messiah and Messenger of God).

THE PROMISE OF ALLAH

Had Allah not promised that He shall ever guard Islam and the Holy Quran?



Indeed, it is We who sent down the Quran and indeed, We will be its guardian. (Al-Hijr 15: 10).

How shall He do so? By appearing on earth and making it easy for all people to accept the truth right away, just like a magician with a magic wand? Nay! It is by sending His representatives, His soldiers, His Messengers, the reformers of His religion, the true faith so as to test the people and so that they may be tried, not to demean (dishonour) either of them, but to further elevate their rank as His close and beloved ones.

BLAMES AGAINST THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF ALLAH

Whenever a blame fell on an Elect of Allah or his family and close ones, did Allah not come to his/ their aid? Let's take the example of the beloved wife of *Nabi Kareem* Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). She was accused of being unchaste, of adultery. Was that a fact, a truth or just a blatant machination (a clear evil scheme) of the opponents of the prophet and the hypocrites amidst the Muslims? What Allah revealed concerning this affair?

He says in the Holy Quran:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا بِالْإِفْكِ عُصْبَةٌ مِّنْكُمْ لَا تَحْسَبُوهُ شَرًّا لَّكُم بَلْ هُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ لِكُلِّ
أَمْرٍ مِّنْهُمْ مَا أَكْتَسَبَ مِنَ الْإِثْمِ وَالَّذِي تَوَلَّى كِبْرَهُ مِنْهُمْ لَهُ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾

Verily! Those who brought forth the slander are a group among you. Consider it not a bad thing for you. Nay, it is good for you. Unto every man among them will be paid that which he had earned of the sin, and as for him among them who had the greater share therein, his will be a great torment. (An-Nur 24: 12).

How can an instance of serious accusation of adultery be good for the believers? Allah says that whenever such evils manifest, Allah shall ever come to the rescue of the innocent, of His chosen ones, His sincere believers and put to shame the evildoers and He shall use the situation to further elevate the ranks of those whom He loves and who undergo trials for His sake, for the love of Allah.

I draw the attention of all opponents of Hazrat Ahmad (as) to the fact that there are many divine signs which support his claims, and I

invite you all to consider whether such signs would be shown for an imposter.

DEATH OF A LIAR OR MIRACLE OF ALLAH?

Remember, Oh opponents of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) that the non-Muslims are adamant till today to label the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as (*God Forbid*) a liar and an accursed person.

In the Holy Quran, Allah states:

وَلَوْ نَقُولُ عَلَيْنَا بَعْضُ الْأَقَاوِيلِ ﴿١﴾ لَأَخَذْنَا مِنْهُ بِالْيَمِينِ ﴿٢﴾
ثُمَّ لَقَطَعْنَا مِنْهُ الْوَتِينَ ﴿٣﴾ فَمَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ عَنْهُ حَاجِزِينَ ﴿٤﴾

And if he [Muhammad (pbuh) - and other elects of Allah as well] had made up about Us some [false] sayings, We would have seized him by the right hand; Then We would have cut from him the aorta. And there is no one of you who could prevent [Us] from him. (Al-Haqqah 69: 45-48).

Narrated Aisha (ra): *The Prophet in his ailment in which he died, used to say, "O 'Aisha! I still feel the pain caused by the food I ate at Khaibar, and at this time, I feel as if my aorta is being cut from that poison."* (Recorded by Imam Bukhari).

This is a fiery argument which the non-Muslims have heaped upon Muslims for centuries - a vicious circle - concerning the manner in which he died, and which comes from the tongue of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) himself and recorded in the highly prestigious Book of Hadiths, by Imam Bukhari.

Was our Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) - *God Forbid* - therefore an accursed one? Did he underwent an accursed death? Why then don't you see that you are ripping with your own hands the body of Islam by charging lies against the pure morality of men of God? By repeating the same allegations on Hazrat Ahmad (as), you are only belittling Islam and Allah's pure teachings. You are giving the non-Muslims way to destroy us all further. By the way you behave, you are only giving life to the prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) that

such a time will come that Muslims shall be Muslims in name only and shall follow the customs and manners of the Jews and Christians and follow them till hell.

REFLECT ISLAM IN YOURSELVES OH MUSLIMS!

Beware, Oh Muslims, reflect in your heart what you pronounce on your lips in respect to your faith in "**Laa Ilaaha Illallahu Muhammadur Rassoolullah**" (There is no god except Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger)!

Look, if a person claims to believe in Allah, His Messenger and His Book, yet fails to practise the details of their teaching, e.g. prayer, fast, Hajj, Zakaat, righteousness, cleanliness etc., and if he forsakes the commandments regarding the purification of the self, the eradication of evil and the acquisition of good, such a person does not have the right to be called a Muslim. It cannot be said about such a person that he is adorned with the ornaments of faith.

THE ADVENT OF CALIPHS OF ALLAH TILL THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

Similarly, the one who does not accept, or does not feel the need to accept the Messiah and Mahdi, he too is ignorant of the essence of Islam and the aims and intentions of prophethood. He does not have the right to be called a true Muslim and a true and obedient servant of God and His Messenger, because, just as Allah issued the commandments contained in the Holy Quran through the Holy prophet Muhammad (pbuh), similarly the prophecy of a last caliph of Allah in the latter days is made categorically (in the Quran).

Those who would reject and oppose him are termed as transgressors. The only difference in the wording of the Quran and the Hadith (which in actual fact are not different, but are explanations of other words of the Quran) is that in the Quran, the word '*Khalifa*' (or Caliph) is used, while in the Hadith, this same Caliph is called the Messiah and Mahdi. The Quran promises that a person will be sent and thereby attaches great importance and eminence to his

advent. What kind of a Muslim then would say that there is no need to accept him?

Allah (swt) has verily extended the period of caliphs of God to the Day of Judgement. Islam has the eminence and distinction that in every century a *Mujaddid* comes to uphold and strive for it.

Look, Allah the Almighty has likened the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) to Prophet Moses (as) as is proven by the Arabic word "*Kama'a*". The prophet Jesus (as) was the last caliph of the law of Moses (as). He himself declared that he was the last brick. Similarly, caliphs will always be born into the *Shariah* of Muhammad (pbuh) to uphold and strive for it. This will continue until the Day of Judgement.

REFUTING ILLIAS SUTTAR SAHIB



Now let's take the case of the accusations laid out against the Promised Messiah's writings and claims by one **Illias Suttar**.

Illias Suttar Sahib is a Pakistani living in Karachi who claimed to have put to silence the Ahmadi Muslims concerning the writings of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Ahmad (as) and who also proclaimed to be great winner of *Mubahila* (duel of prayer) - 1999 to 2000 - against the fourth Khalifatul-Massih Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

It is really pitiable that he believes that the door of revelations is closed yet he becomes deeply pleased when someone labelled his infamous refutation as the work of Allah. The Muslims took his dissertation as a masterpiece to be honoured, but... till when?

Illias Suttar my dear brothers and sisters - may Allah have mercy on him and guide him to the right path before his earthly death - has been looking for someone, since more than 20 years now, to refute his article "**Can Ahmadis/Qadianis Answer?**" Maybe he genuinely wanted a reply, for his own knowledge and faith, so that he may be rightly guided. Verily Allah is the Knower of every heart. **All I have to say to Illias Suttar Sahib is that:**

THE ANNO DOMINI VEILED BY THOUSANDS OF SUPPOSITIONS

All his calculations to prove the sayings of the Promised Messiah (as) false - such as when Hazrat Ahmad (as) said that Allah had informed him that Jesus lived for 120/ 125 years, **thus authenticating the Hadiths of Nabi Kareem (pbuh) as per the help of Allah** - is based on the Anno Domini (i.e. the year in which Jesus was born) theory. For him, the Christians, especially the inventor of the Anno Domini, Dionysius Exiguus was absolutely right in defining the date of birth of Jesus (as). Is that so? Many Christians

and people of other faiths disagree dear Illias Suttar Sahib! Just because this has become the unofficial standard of today's world does not define it as a TRUTH! You cannot use the Anno Domini as the absolute truth in defining the actual birthday of Jesus (as). There are many theologians, prior to and after Dionysius who do not agree on his theory. After all, it is only A THEORY, not an ACTUAL TRUTH. It is not a truth coming from Allah. It is not a truth approved by the Holy Quran and Sunnah, whereas the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) stated the Sunnah and Hadiths and sought the help of Allah in writing his books of refutations.

For e.g. before Dionysius, there was Timaeus who, like Dionysius, calculated the birth of Jesus by taking into consideration the foundation of Rome and the consequent death of Herod. According to Dionysius - by his calculations which are NOT exact, not AN ACTUAL TRUTH - the foundation of Rome happened 753 years before the birth of Jesus. Now, Timaeus, before him wrote that the foundation of Rome happened 813 or 814 BC - yet another theory.

And still according to estimations, the death of Herod - the pharaoh who wanted to kill all male children in and around the birth of Jesus - happened around 751 years after the foundation of Rome. It is said that Herod died a couple of years after the birth of Jesus (as). Thus, the birth of Jesus, your 1 AD is in fact (or still according to estimations) = 65/ 66 or even 67 BC. And yes, there is no year 0 in Anno Domini Illias Suttar Sahib. You mentioned 1 AD - 120 AD, when in fact you should have said 1 AD - 121 AD (when the Promised Messiah (as) confirmed the sayings of Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as Jesus living for 120 years from birth to death). And thus, accordingly, the death of Paul (Saul) happened around (64 + 65/ 66/ 67) 129/ 130/ 131 AD, well after the death of Jesus (as) at 120 (or even 125) years old. Even encyclopaedias reveal estimates, not just truth if truth cannot be ascertained with absolute proof, and dear Illias Suttar Sahib, the true truth can only be validated by Allah and His Messengers through the *Ruh'il Quddus* (Holy Spirit), not otherwise.

If someone makes a theory not purported by Allah, the theory is null and void, and is only sustainable for a limited time only. Even the gospels do not mention the birth date and year of Jesus (as). And the Christian World is ever on a hunt and debate to place the exact date of the birth of Jesus (as). So how can you Illias Suttar Sahib validate such claims (about the exact birth of Jesus) without divine revelations and inspirations?

Reflect on this. There exist thousands of scientists/ theologians around the world and the majority on them have different theories which have made them famous worldwide, when they do not even believe in one Supreme God. Their theories are just what they are: theories. They try to prove these theories by equations, but even equations are limited, until another theologian/ scientist comes and discovers an even bigger theory. Our world works like this. But the absolute truth belongs solely to Allah, and to His Messengers only in the percentage of what Allah chooses to reveal to them. The Messengers of Allah are not *Alim'*-

ul Ghayb (Knowers of the Invisible World) like Allah.

Dear Illias Suttar Sahib and allies, a revelation of Allah remains ever true, be it accomplished during the lifetime of Allah's Chosen one or after his demise, in another era by one who is raised by Allah to defend the honour of His chosen servants and messengers.

DEBATES OVER THE ADVENT OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Instead of hailing the Islamic Messiah for honouring the words of Quran and *Sunnah*, you took refuge in the miscalculations of non-Muslim theologians who based themselves on the same Anno Domini and other calculations and have tried to claim the fabrications in the modern gospels as truths and these same people have tried to portray our noble prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) as a plagiarist who had copied or made to copy the teachings of the Jews and Christians and to mould them in his own way in the Holy Quran.

MUHAMMAD (PBUH) DENOUNCED AS A PLAGIARIST (GOD FORBID)

Thus, for them, Muhammad (pbuh) - *God Forbid* - is a plagiarist who had sought the help of Christians to fabricate verses from the holy scriptures of Jews and Christians. They even say that Muhammad (pbuh) greatly influenced the then discovery of the Gospel of Barnabas which had arguments for and against Islam, all in one! Even you, dear Illias Suttar Sahib are not being fair. You take part of the Gospel of Barnabas to falsify the claim of the Promised Messiah (as), but in the Gospel of Barnabas itself there is the mention that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Messiah and not Jesus (as). Muhammad (pbuh) was the awaited Messiah and not Jesus (as). It is mentioned that Jesus (as) confessed: "*I am not the Messiah.*" And thereafter, according to the Gospel of Barnabas, he preached the coming of the "Messiah" who was created before him and who will come after him. (p.99 Gospel of Barnabas translated from Italian by Lonsdale and Laura Ragg).

THE MEANING OF MESSIAH

This thus brings us to, ***what is the meaning of a Messiah?*** A Messiah is a leader and Saviour, which all prophets and messengers of Allah, all reformers of faith actually are.

If we take this line of thought as truth, then in the Holy Quran itself there is the revelation of Allah which quotes the sayings of Jesus (as) - *The Messenger of Allah who came to complete the Law of Moses* - concerning the coming of **"AHMAD"**.

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ
مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي
أَسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ

And (mention) when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is 'Ahmad'. (As-Saff 61: 7).

Moreover in Deuteronomy 18: 18, the Law-Bearing Prophet, Hazrat Musa (as) is quoted to have prophesised:

I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren (i.e. the Ishmaelites), like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Now, a Law-bearing prophet has prophesised the coming of another Law-bearing prophet, the best among all. As for Jesus (as), a Messiah and Messenger of Allah has prophesised the coming of an Islamic Messiah and Messenger of Allah, which can refer both to Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), the Saviour (*Messiah*) and Messenger of Allah and Hazrat Ahmad (as), the Promised Islamic Messiah. Thus this Biblical and Quranic prophecy can apply to both Messiahs. But bear in mind my dear brothers and sisters, we can only say, **Muhammad Rassoolullah (pbuh)** and not *Ahmad Rassoolullah* in our creed "**Laa Ilaaha Illallaho Muhammadur Rassoolullah**". Therefore, the "Ahmad" prophesised by Jesus (as), the Israelite Messiah (a Messiah

prophesising the coming of another Messiah) can definitely be attributed to the Islamic Messiah, Saviour of the honour of Muhammad (pbuh) and Islam, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), and by the immense grace of Allah, Allah has also made this unworthy self an "*Ahmad*" also, both in name and meaning for the whole world. *Alhamdulillah*.

THE FALLACIES WHICH THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS) PUT TO LIGHT

Another thing dear Illias Suttar Sahib. Buddha is a revered title meaning the Enlightened One, just as Messiah means Saviour. Jesus (as) was indeed sent to the Lost Tribes of the House of Israel, thus his long life journey till he reached Kashmir. If during his journey, the Buddhists took him as a revered prophet and Buddha, does that make him false or the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) on his subject false? When Jesus (as) was approached by the Buddhists (whether from the line of Israel or not) and he expounded to them his teachings, then if those Buddhists believed in him and in his truth, is that a sin, a harm? Indeed Buddha

preached the coming of a saviour. If the words of Jesus (as) cleansed them and reformed their lives whatsoever, does that mean that Jesus (as) is to be accused that he has in addition to the Lost Children of the House of Israel reformed the lives of other people also?

THE SPREAD OF JESUS' MESSAGE

If so, why do Pauline Christians and the Romans and the world today recognise the pious teachings of Jesus (as) and even twisted them for their own comfort? If so, then only the progeny of Israel (Yaquub (as)) should have been the only Christians on earth! If Jesus (as) preached to His Lost Lambs and other people benefitted from him, is it his fault? Is it the fault of the Promised Messiah (as) to have revealed the truth as inspired to him by Allah? Jesus (as) was accomplishing his mission, and both the Children of Israel and the 'gentiles' (non-Jews) benefited from him. But it was clear that his mission was for the Children of Israel which he accomplished with great success.

SECRETS OF ALLAH REMAINS SECRETS UNTIL REVEALED

And bear in mind that Allah has clearly stated in the Holy Quran:

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّن قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَّن قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّن لَّمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ وَمَا كَانَ لِرَسُولٍ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكَ بِتَايَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ فُضِيَ بِالْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ

And We have already sent messengers before you. Among them are those [whose stories] We have related to you, and among them are those [whose stories] We have not related to you. And it was not for any messenger to bring a sign [or verse] except by permission of Allah. So when the command of Allah comes, it will be concluded in truth, and the falsifiers will thereupon lose [all]. (Ghafir 40: 79).

Even Allah has kept silence on the lives of other prophets. He mentioned only few prophets, not the entire numbers of prophets who graced this world. Allah does not even mention the time of the birth of Jesus in the Holy Quran. There are knowledge which He revealed and some He kept secrets (e.g. the Hour), but disagreements

came among men and made them drift far away from Allah and the true faith.

SHORT-TERM CELIBACY V/S LIFETIME CELIBACY

Furthermore, you quoted the extract of the book "Jesus in India" where the Promised Messiah said:

"And just as Injeel has preached celibacy, similarly in Buddha's teachings it is desired; and just as an earthquake came on putting the Jesus to the cross, similarly it is written that an earthquake came on the death of Buddha. Thus the main reason for all such similarities is that out of good fortune for the Buddhists, Maseeh came to Hindustan and stayed for a long time amongst Buddhists and they received detailed knowledge on his life and his preachings. Consequently it was inevitable that a great part of that teaching and ceremonies should have found its way into Buddhists records for Jesus was respected and taken for the Buddha by the Buddhists These people therefore recorded his sayings in their books

and ascribed them to the Buddha." (Maseeh Hindustan Mein, Roohani Khazain, vol.15, P.78)

Dear Illias Suttar Sahib, I really think that you should read that book again and especially the part where Ahmad (as) was quoting the similarities 'as it is known' in the books of records as existed in his own lifetime, and this till today. It is an undeniable truth that Jesus (as) or even Buddha (as) or any prophet of Allah never preached complete celibacy. Celibacy means a state of sexual restraint when the person is still unmarried or is married. **It is complete celibacy which Allah condemns in the Holy Quran in that which a person by choice remains unmarried for his whole lifetime, having disgust for marriage.** Allah was especially referring to the Christian monks who invented lifetime celibacy on the pretext that Jesus never got married, which is erroneous, considering that he lived his life in full and married and settled in life. He was celibate until he got married which is true for any pious and God-fearing person to this day. And Allah loves those who remain celibate, in a state of purity, until their marriage.

It is the records of the gospels and the extracts from the books of Buddhists and anecdotes recorded available, as existed in his time and this till today that he was quoting to impart to the readers, the truth-seekers that such clues then gave an idea to truth-seekers to the fact that Jesus (as) went in the land of the Buddha (as) and was himself taken as a Buddha (as) until he finally reunited amidst the rest of the Children of Israel in Kashmir. This in no way mean that the Promised Messiah (as) espoused the idea of complete celibacy as being the norm of Jesus (as) or even the Buddha's true teachings. In fact, Allah demands that celibacy (abstinence from sexual relations) is observed during the days of Ramadan, during the moments of fasting. After the breaking of the fast, this veil of forbiddance/ abstinence is lifted.

PROMISED MESSIAH ACCEPTS THAT HE IS HUMAN LIKE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) & THE REST OF MANKIND

Therefore, all is with the perception of a person, how he takes a word and expression.

Allah revealed to the Promised Messiah Ahmad (as):

We have granted you, that is, will grant, a clear victory. Some intervening disagreeable events and hardships will be encountered so that Allah the Almighty may forgive your shortcomings, past and future.

The Promised Messiah (as) cleared all doubts on the following subject:

In the Baraheen-e-Ahmadiyya I had mistakenly interpreted *tawaffa* as meaning ‘full reward’, which some of the maulavis cite as a criticism against me. They are not justified in this as I confess that I was mistaken in this. But there is no mistake in the revelation. I am a human being and am subject to human frailties such as mistake and forgetfulness like other human beings, though I know that God does not leave me under the influence of a mistake. I do not, however, claim that I cannot be mistaken in an interpretation. Divine revelation is free from mistake but man’s words are not free from the possibility of mistake, because forgetfulness

and mistake are essential human characteristics. (Ayyamus-Sulah, p. 41, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 14, pp. 271–272. Barahin-e-Ahmadiyyah, vol. 5, p. 73 footnote, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 21, p. 93 footnote).

See, Illias Suttar Sahib, during his lifetime itself, the Promised Messiah (as) already confirmed that he was human lest people took him as an angel or demi-god!

Likewise, Allah addressed the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the Holy Quran as thus:

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ

Say: "I am only a man like you." (Al-Kahf 18: 111).

إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا ﴿١﴾ لِيُغْفِرَ لَكَ اللَّهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِكَ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ وَيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكَ وَيَهْدِيَكَ صِرَاطًا مُسْتَقِيمًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيَنْصُرَكَ اللَّهُ نَصْرًا عَزِيزًا ﴿٣﴾

Indeed, We have given you, [O Muhammad], a clear conquest, that Allah may forgive for you what preceded of your sin and what will follow and complete His favour upon you and guide

you to a straight path, and [that] Allah may aid you with a mighty victory. (Al-Fath 68: 2-4).

You and I also, dear Illias Suttar Sahib and all people in this world, are humans and we are subject to human weaknesses and mistakes but this does not mean that divine revelations vouchsafed to His elects are false. Interpretations of one same revelation can be varied but the revelation remains intact. Among all Books of Law, the words of the Holy Quran are to this day blameless. It is only the interpretations which have divided the people, the *Ummah*.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR ALL MUSLIMS

Over the years, like the prophets - law-bearing and non law-bearing ones - in the past, with the advent of this humble servant and vicegerent of Allah, number of people have risen against me and my claims, and unfortunately the Ahmadi Muslims also, more than the rest of the *Ummah* and the non-Muslims, have taken a greater part in rejecting the claims of this humble self. They, the Ahmadi Muslims should have been the first to accept, yet like the Book of Allah relates, whenever a Chosen Messenger of Allah came, his own people were the first ones to reject him.

I address myself to the Ahmadi Mullahs, especially those found in Mauritius, Pakistan, United Kingdom, India - Kerala, Tamil Nadu etc., shed away all your arrogance, become witnesses for Allah and not against Allah. Have the fear of Allah and reform your conduct. Why do you deny the correct teachings of the Quran propagated by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the Promised Messiah Ahmad (as) to your own souls and to those people who look

up to you to get good teachings of religion? Why do you insist to say that man-elected caliphs, without divine support, are the Rope of Allah?

Indeed grotesque are your proclamations which are bereft of the divine seal of approval! I call out to you, do not forsake righteousness and purity for a paltry price. Give up your prejudices and animosity, for bear in mind, that recorded in the Islamic literature are the inspirations and revelations bestowed by Allah to Saints (*Auliya*) and Friends of Allah (*Wali'ullah*). Indeed there are hundreds and thousands of people in this world who have true dreams.

Sometimes true dreams come without distinction to the good and the evil, the Muslims and the non-believers, and even to the promiscuous men and women. So why cannot it be accepted that the believer, who because of his correct faith is more deserving than them can have true dreams and visions and revelations? In fact, a believer should have much more of all this as per the promise of Allah.

The world should always remember that claims of reformers/ prophets of Islam are fundamentally supported by the Quran and the Hadiths, and all true claimants have come or shall come in their appointed time, according to the Islamic era/ calendar.

Now, as it is the standardise way of calculating days and time etc. in our times, and new centuries are based on the Anno Domini, yet again Allah showed a sign for other people - non-Muslims - who believe in their calendar that: Lo! There has come to you the promised one at the turn of a new century. Thus, in my case more precisely, this came to be so. In both the Islamic and Standardised (cum Christian/ Common) calendar, Allah made all signs clear for all people, in their respective beliefs and according to their books (as they take it - not necessary the actual truth) that the new Promised Messiah is amidst them.

I began receiving true dreams and divine revelations in the year 1999, becoming much more prominent in year 2000. Plots were made before the new (international/ standardised)

millennium and I was made aware (unofficially) of my expulsion from the *Nizam-e-Jamaat Ahmadiyya* on 01 January 2001 - and till this day I never received my expulsion letter through the proper channel, being the direct concerned party being expelled. And on 07 January 2001, I reached the age of 40. As per the Islamic Calendar (being born in Rajab 1380 AH), I began receiving revelation in the year 1420 AH (year 1999-2000 CE) at the age of 40.

And one of the perceived (by the people of the world) similarities with Jesus (as) that this humble self has is the fact that they say that Jesus (as) was born on a 25 December (Julian Calendar) and this humble self was born on 25 December 1960 (Julian Calendar). This is a sign from Allah to once and for all remind the peoples of the world that now you cannot back out from the signs of Allah and refuse to accept His messenger for Allah has given all kinds of signs - even according to your standardised beliefs today - to make known to you that such a one is true and comes from God Almighty.

CONCLUSION

My aim in presenting these arguments today is to remind one and all, not just Illias Suttar Sahib, but all my opponents and those of the Promised Messiah (as) that they fundamentally cannot use the Anno Domini calculations to falsify the claims of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Ahmad (as) and this humble self's claims. One cannot say that when Jesus (as) lived up to 120/ 125 years (according to Divine Revelations and Hadiths) that he thus lived from 1 A.D to 120 A.D and thus basing their calculations about any "**Paul**, Peter or Jack" (any *Tom, Dick or Harry*) on this same wavelength/ reasoning.

The Anno Domini is an approximate, a theory, not an actual truth and thus it does not reflect the real time, date and year of the birth of Jesus. When the Romans, Christians etc. were, and to this day still are, unsure about this basic information, how can Illias Suttar Sahib, or any person for that matter, claim to be winner, and a genius man just because he used an approximate information to try to nullify a divine revelation, 'divine' meaning, an

information coming directly from Allah. Can man ever nullify Allah's truth? Nay! Nobody can ever overpower Allah and His chosen Messengers, try as you may.

Therefore, repent before Allah before it is too late for you. Allah is Oft-Returning with Forgiveness, Merciful.

May Allah bring about a change in this state of yours and enable the whole *Ummah* of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) to unite, all for the pleasure of Allah, in the spirit of His oneness and sanctity. *Ameen*.

