

WHO IS A KAFIR?



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PREFACE

I have the great pleasure to present this booklet so as to refute these so-called “Mullahs” who were gathered in the north of Mauritius and they had publicly declared without fear of Allah that we “*Qadianis*” are non-believers. And I have heard also about their speeches, and as soon as they reacted negatively, I have sent these so-called *Ulamas* some letters inviting them to have a face-to-face confrontation, choosing the day and time convenient to them to come forward to describe, according to the Holy Quran and Hadiths that the “*Qadianis*” are non-believers. But they did not want to confront truth. They only prefer to bark like the dogs without any knowledge of their own *Aqeedah*.

Hence, by the grace of Allah (swt), I have taken the decision to write this booklet to make my brothers and sisters understand the difference between a “Muslim” and a “*Kafir*” (non-believer). “*Who is a Kafir?*” contains sound arguments according to the Holy Quran and Hadiths to pave a way in the heart of the seekers of truth.

O my Muslim brothers and sisters! Pray and be vigilant! Islam is weakening nowadays. Both you and your children are distancing yourselves from Islam. That faith, that firm belief which was long ago deep in the heart of the companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), where is it now? We need that same faith and that same union; in one word, the same Messenger to propagate Islam rapidly all over the world once again.

Nowadays Muslims are very weak. The tempest of infidelity and apostasy are threatening to sweep them off. Now, if God does not hold His promise, when will He fulfil it? God always is true to His promises even after centuries when He raised Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (as) and in this century God has sent once more His Elected Messenger, his Khalifa (*Khalifatullah*).

Why have you adopted a hostile attitude towards Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (as) and the Khalifatullah of this era? Leave this to the *Ulamas* because they are obliged to go against us, following the path of Satan whenever a Messenger of God is sent to the whole world.

Therefore, do not listen to these *Ulamas*. You should learn to obey and study the Holy Quran verse by verse and you will see how God shall fulfil His promise till the Day of Judgement, by sending from time to time His Messenger and the Messenger who came before and also those who will always come in the future in the Ummate Muhammadiyya.

With the coming of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the Promised Messiah of the past century, and in this century with the arrival of this humble servant, the Khalifatullah, we declare categorically that they have invented innovations (*Bidat*). I advise you to read the Holy Quran thoroughly instead of listening and following these *Ulamas*, who are spreading hatred in the heart of innocent Muslims against Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), against me and my followers.

So, keep your eyes wide open and think over this saying (Hadith) of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Hasn't he said: "The *Ulamas* will be the worst creatures under the canopy of the heavens"?

So, do not pay any attention to them. Leave them on their own. Come and join us to work together for the propagation of Islam, and to make the mission of our beloved prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) become a success.

O my dear brothers and sisters! The Khalifatullah is present among you all; come and work together so that the flag/banner of "*Laa Ilaaha Illallah*" remains floating very high. I reassure you with much confidence in my Creator; nobody can stop you from propagating the "*Sahih Al Islam*" (the True Islam). It is a blessing of Allah Who fulfilled His promise and certainly Allah shall always honour His promise. *Insha-Allah ~ Ameen.*

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INTRODUCTION

Mauritius is a multi-racial and multi-religious island. People of all beliefs and all denominations reside in this small country. The freedom of religious practices is indispensable for the maintenance of peace and order in the country. The government of Mauritius should remain neutral vis-à-vis all religious communities and should cut itself off from all religious matters. Despite the pressure of the majority community, it should not deprive an individual or a group of people of his religious rights, or refuse to recognize them under the name of religion which they practice and follow. It is only in this way that the fundamental human and religious rights can be protected.

Nowadays the north of the island is facing a period of transition. We must not forget or let go of the golden principles of Tolerance and Religious Freedom for immediate and temporary gains. If with the fear of the majority community or for a political gain, we trample these golden principles to dust, history will never forgive us and God will never bestow His favours and blessings upon us.

These days some people, who are striving hard for their own benefits, have begun a disgusting campaign to abase the Ahmadi Muslims, proclaiming that the Ahmadis are not Muslims. The Muslim *Ulamas* were gathered and decreed that the *Ahmadi Muslims* and the *Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam* are not Muslims.

WHO IS A MUSLIM?

The question is if a person is a Muslim or not will be therefore of high importance, and it was for this reason that I have asked these “so-called great *Ulamas*” to give me a very good definition of a Muslim, the point is that if the *Ulamas* of different sects believe that the Ahmadi Muslims are *Kafirs*, they should have clearly in their minds not only the reasons of such belief but also the true definition of a MUSLIM because when it is thought that a certain person or community is not in the framework of Islam, this implies an exact conception of who is a true Muslim on the part of the pretender.

After having analysed what I have asked of these *Ulamas* to give me an exact and true definition of a true Muslim, till now my question is lying without any answer.

If I try to give my own definition as those “so-called *Ulamas*” did in their “meeting” in the north of the island and if this definition differs from the one given by the others, we, Ahmadis, are out of the framework of Islam, and if we accept the definition given by one of the *Ulamas*, we are Muslims according to their point of view of that ‘*Alim*’ (scholar) but *Kafir* according to the definition of other *Ulamas* in their own “meeting”.

SECT OF ISLAM DENOUNCING ANOTHER SECT OF ISLAM AS *KAFIR*

According to the Shias, all Sunnis are non-believers, and the Ahli-Quran, that is, people who consider the Hadith (tradition) against faith and consequently non-obligatory, are unanimously *Kafir*, and also all free thinkers.

Evidently, to conclude, neither the Shias nor the Sunnati Jamaat, nor the Deobandis, nor the Bareilvis are Muslims and the change from point of view to another must entail capital punishment in an Islamic state, if the government of that state is between the hands of a party who considers the other party as *Kafir*...

This does not need much thinking to judge about the consequences of this doctrine when we remember that there are not two *Ulamas* who agree with us about the definition of a true Muslim.

DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS CONCEPTION?...

O the so-called *Ulamas* of the sect of majority, if Ahmadi Muslims have been in majority in Mauritius, as they will become one someday, Insha-Allah, and if they had been treating the other Muslims as the Sunnati Jamaat are doing now with the Ahmadi Muslims, would the non-Ahmadis appreciate this action? Never! All sensible persons would condemn this attitude as tyrannical and oppressive. How can such attitude be tolerated against the Ahmadis in minority?

The first Muslims did not face any difficulty to differentiate between a Muslim and a *Kafir*. That was never a subject for discussion and dispute among the generation of the Sahaba Karaam, the Tabi'een and Tabi Tabi'een, neither from the Muslims who lived within these fourteen centuries after the death of our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Even during the period of intellectual degradation, distinction between a Muslim and a *Kafir* was very clear. Nowadays this subject is considered to be a major issue due to the decadence of Islamic thinking.

“Who is a *Kafir*?” This question cannot be ignored by the Muslims as even their existence reset this distinction yet as crystal clear and precise between Islam and *Kufr* (non-belief), like the Muslims had easily understood during the time of the best part of Islamic history.

Islam is a unique religion with a unique *Aqeedah* (teaching), of its own and which differentiate itself very clearly from all other systems, doctrines, ideologies or religions. No zone of shadow exists between Islam and *Kufr*, and the Holy Quran openly rejects such notion.



فَمَاذَا بَعْدَ الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ

“And what can be beyond truth except error?” (Yusuf 10:33)

وَقُلِ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ

“And say, “The truth is from your Lord, so whoever wills - let him believe; and whoever wills - let him disbelieve.” (Al-Kahf 18:30)

Islam being a unique religion, the Muslim community distinguishes itself from all other nation with its *Islaamiyya Aqeedah* which is unique. The Muslims are distinct in terms of their culture, to the laws to which they submit themselves completely, their thoughts and ideas which they bring forward and their opinions concerning life.

Without understanding correctly the light of this clear distinction between Islam and *Kufr*, the *Ummate Muhammadiyya* (Muslims), same as the *Islaamiyya Aqeedah* will both be deprived from their unique status. And in such context, it is not surprising to hear that the “modern Muslims” pretend that there is no difference between a Muslim and a *Kafir*! Surprising! What do you say?

My principal objective is to give the true definition of “Who is truly a *Kafir*?” and to dissipate all confusion around the word “KAFIR”. The *Ummate Muhammadiyya* can therefore make the difference correctly and clearly between a Muslim and a *Kafir* and the Muslim can spend most of their time now for *Ibaadat* (worship) of Allah as commanded by Allah and to look for his pleasure and favours. *Insha-Allah*, through such initiative, the Muslim would easily understand the Islamic concept and they could easily apply the correct Islamic principles clearly and properly as a religion. Consequently the *Ummate Muhammadiyya* can once more rule over humanity and propagate the message of Islam worldwide as ordained by Allah (swt).

This booklet briefly addresses also some issues which are directly or indirectly linked to the question of “Who is a *Kafir*?”, like the so-called Muslims, religions before the coming of Islam and the tasks of the *Kuffaar* (non-believers).

THE CRITERIA

Before I begin to define ISLAM and KUFR, the Muslims should know, who is the right person to do it, who would establish the limits and the criteria to evaluate an idea or a concept.

The first step to become a Muslim is to recite the “*Shahada*” (Kalima): “*I bear witness that there is no other gods besides Allah, and I witness that Muhammad (pbuh) is the Messenger of Allah*”.

The word “*ilah*” has been frequently misinterpreted as being God of different religions like in Christianity, Judaism and even Hinduism claim their belief in one God or someone of supreme power.

Hence, in such context, there would be no difference between Islam and the other religion. In reality, the word “*ilah*”, in Arabic language, is defined as follows: “for whom we worship”. This definition has moreover profound implications.

As far as the Jews and the Christians are concerned, the Holy Quran mentions this verse:

اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ
وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا

“They have taken their scholars and monks as lords besides Allah, and (also) the Messiah, the son of Mary. And they were not commanded except to worship one God”
(At-Tauba 9:31)

When Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) recited this verse, one of the Sahaba who was once among the People of the Book, told him: “*We didn’t worship them, O Messenger of Allah*”. Muhammad (pbuh) then asked him: “*Had not they interdicted what Allah had permitted or not permitted what Allah had given permission, and had you not followed these principles?*” When the Sahaba replied positively, the prophet of Allah (pbuh) continued: “*That was your Ibaadat*”.

Such incident shows also that the definition of the word ‘*ilah*’ is ‘that thing which dictate the life of another person’. In Islam, the concept of *Ibaadat* has a more profound connotation than simply to perform the *Salaat* or to accomplish the Hajj. The *Ibaadat* of Allah implies the total submission and obedience to the laws of Allah as mentioned clearly in the Holy Quran:

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اَدْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَآفَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا
خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ

“O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely (and perfectly) and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy.” (Al-Baqara 2:209)

According to such definition, the Muslim should turn themselves towards the Ahkaam Shariah as the source of all their concepts and ideas. For a Muslim, it is only Allah (swt) who defined Islam as well as *Kufr* and whatever idea or concept.

وَلِلَّهِ غَيْبُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُ الْأَمْرُ

“And to Allah belong the unseen (aspects) of the heavens and the earth and to Him will be returned the matter, all of it” (Hud 11:124)

THE DEFINITION

Any belief existing out or beyond the limits established by Allah (swt), is classified in the category of *Kufr* or of the mischief-makers.

The words *Kufr* and *Kafir* are derived from the root *Kafar*, which means to cover, on the linguistic side. Even a farmer is considered to be a *Kafir* in the linguistic sense as he covers the seeds with soil. This applies also for a Muslim lady covering herself with her Hijaab.

But when it comes to application, the Shariah dominates the linguistic side. For example, linguistically, Jihaad means to struggle but from the Shariah side, Jihaad means “al-qitaal” physical war entertained by the army of the Khalifa so as to eliminate all obstacles against the propagation of Islam.

Similarly linguistically Hajj means to go, even to go to shopping is considered to be like Hajj if we stick to the definition linguistically.

Therefore, it is the Shariah which defines the rules and the concepts in Islam and the same principles apply to the words ‘*Kafir*’ and ‘*Kufr*’. According to most classical wise men, *Kufr* means to reject belief in Allah, the unique God and the prophetic mission of Muhammad (pbuh), as Allah mentions in the Holy Quran:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ اللَّهِ
وَرُسُلِهِ وَيَقُولُونَ نُؤْمِنُ بِبَعْضٍ وَنَكْفُرُ بِبَعْضٍ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَتَّخِذُوا
بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا

أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ حَقًّا وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُّهِينًا

“Indeed, those who disbelieve in Allah and His messengers and wish to discriminate between Allah and His messengers and say, “We believe in some and disbelieve in others,” and wish to adopt a way in between - Those are the disbelievers, truly. And We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment.” (An-Nisa 4: 151-152).

KUFR IS DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL CATEGORIES

1. *Kufr al Takdheeb* – or reject Islam as Allah mentions these verses in the Holy Quran:

﴿فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَذَبَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَذَّبَ بِالْحَقِّ إِذْ جَاءَهُ ۖ أَلَيْسَ فِي
جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى لِّلْكَافِرِينَ﴾

“So who is more unjust than one who lies about Allah and denies the truth when it has come to him? Is there not in Hell a residence for the disbelievers?” (Az-Zumar 39:33)

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

“Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam.” (Al-Imran 3:20)

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.” (Al-Imran 3:86)

2. *Kufr al iba' wat takabbur ma'at tasdeeq* – which implies the refusal to submit to Allah and to His commandments, with arrogance, after having accepted submission:

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ



“And when We said to the angels, “Prostrate before Adam”; so they prostrated,

except for Ibliss. He refused and was arrogant and became of the disbelievers.”
(Al-Baqara 2:35)

3. **Kufr ash shakk wal thann** - which means to reject or to have doubts in any six elements of faith (*Iman*).

وَدَخَلَ جَنَّتَهُ وَهُوَ ظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ قَالَ مَا أَظُنُّ أَنْ تَبِيدَ هَذِهِ أَبَدًا
وَمَا أَظُنُّ السَّاعَةَ قَائِمَةً وَلَئِنْ رُدِدْتُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي لَأَجِدَنَّ خَيْرًا مِنْهَا مُنْقَلَبًا
قَالَ لَهُ صَاحِبُهُ وَهُوَ يُحَاوِرُهُ أَكَفَرْتَ بِالَّذِي خَلَقَكَ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ سَوَّاهُ رَجُلًا
لَّكِنَّا هُوَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي وَلَا أُشْرِكُ بِرَبِّي أَحَدًا

“And he entered his garden while he was unjust to himself. He said, “I do not think that this will perish – ever. And I do not think the Hour will occur. And even if I should be brought back to my Lord, I will surely find better than this as a return.” His companion said to him while he was conversing with him, “Have you disbelieved in He who created you from dust and then from a sperm-drop and then proportioned you (as) a man? But as for me, He is Allah, my Lord, and I do not associate with my Lord anyone.” (Al-Kahf 18:36-39)

4. **Kufr al i'raad** - which gives a description of the act of turning voluntarily from *Al-Haqq* (The Truth):

مَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ
وَأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَمَّا أُنذِرُوا مُعْرِضُونَ

“We did not create the heavens and earth and what is between them except in truth and (for) a specified term. But those who disbelieve turn away from that of which they are warned.” (Al-Ahqaf 46: 4)

5. **Kufr an Nifaaq** - and hypocritical belief.

اتَّخَذُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ جُنَّةً فَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ
ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ءَامَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا فَطُبِعَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ

“They have taken their oaths as a cover, so they averted (people) from the way of Allah. Indeed, it was evil that they were doing. That is because they believed, and then they disbelieved; so their hearts were sealed over, and they do not understand.” (Al-Munaafiqun 63:3-4)

Someone who commits any kind of heinous act is considered to be a *Kafir*. There is no black dot in Islam where a person can be considered “a believer but not a Muslim”.

Islam defines a human being as either a Muslim or a *Kafir*. A Muslim is someone who believes in *Islaamiyya Aqeedah*, the principles of faith and who accepts Islam as his religion; whereas a *Kafir* is someone who follows any kind of belief or doctrine which is not Islam, or he rejects any fundamental pillar of the Islamic faith. The one who pretend to believe in Allah and at the same time he refuses to accept Muhammad (pbuh) as a Messenger, or who dares to believe that Allah has a son or He exists in different forms is excluded from the Islamic body.

A Muslim cannot be someone who appreciates Islam but he adheres to the teachings of the Bible. The notion of a Muslim who does not believe in Islam or from someone who is a “Muslim or non-Muslim” simultaneously contradicts the natural law of Allah (swt). None can imagine a Communist who does not himself believe in Communalism or a Christian who does not believe in the Bible or someone who is a Jew and non-Jew at the same time.

It is reported that the Messenger (pbuh) has said: “A mischief-maker will be questioned: “Supposed that you possess as much gold which the earth contains, would you offer it as a fine against the fire of hell?” He answered with the affirmative. Then he will be asked: “Something easier has been asked of you – not to associate anything with Allah in Ibaadat (that is, in the acceptance of Islam). But you have refused.”

Practicing the *Ibaadat* of Allah means to believe in Allah as the unique God with all His attributes, to believe in all the pillars of faith, and to submit completely to all rules and regulations of Allah (swt). Any other type of worship indicates *Kufr*, and by definition, such person is considered to be a *Kafir*.

AHLUL-KITAB, MUSHRIKEEN AND KAFIREEN

Islam defines clearly the terms “*Ahlul Kitab*” (People of the Book), *Mushrikeen* (Polytheists) and *Kafireen* (Mischief-makers). The *Ahlul Kitab* refers to the Jews and Christians who received the Torah and the Bible, respectively.

The term “*Mushrikeen*” designs people who associate other deities to Allah (swt). As mentioned above, the term “*Kafir*” makes reference to someone who does not believe in one or several principle of faith like the belief in Allah with all His attributes, in the Messengers of Allah, in all the angels, in all the Holy Books and in the Day of Resurrection.

These are the reasons for such categorisation revealed by Allah. Unfortunately, misguidance of the Ummah has brought much dissensions, quarrels and disputes among the Muslims on issues which are very clear and direct, when certain questions are set up very often.

Why does Allah not refer to the *Ahlul Kitab* (People of the Book) as *Mushrikeen* for they also worship many idols; or why does Allah not classify non-believers under three categories instead of only one? No one can guess the reasons why has Allah utilised these terms and none has the right to invent his own reasons and make as if they come from Allah (swt). Such processes push and force the person to question the *Ghayb* (the invisible) which is not within the limit of the thought of human beings, nor of their senses.

Such speculations are wastage of intellectual resources of the Ummah as such questions never have their answers. Those persons can even ask why Allah has created the Jinn with fire while the human being is created with clay? Or, why Allah has made the sun rise in the east and set in the west? Why not the contrary? Question concerning the *Ghayb* only are infinite.

The role of the soul is to submit to the laws of Allah (swt), not to be judge nor question the knowledge of Allah. Muslims are ordained to submit themselves totally to Islam and to the Islamic teachings contained in the Holy Quran, and in the sayings and traditions of our Beloved Universal Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ
يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

“The only statement of the (true) believers when they are called to Allah and His Messenger to judge between them is that they say, "We hear and we obey." And those are the successful.” (An Nur 24:52)

The Muslims should adopt the definition concerning the *Ahlul Kitab*, the *Mushrikeen* and the *Kafireen* as described by Islam.

The fact that the *Ahlul Kitab* is being called by another name in the Holy Quran, this brings to the conclusion that Allah (swt) supposedly had granted them a special rank situated between Islam and *Kufr*. There are enough proofs in the Holy Quran which demonstrate clearly that the *Ahlul Kitab* are *Kuffaar*.

At all cost we must point out that this categorisation is not equivalent to a negative treatment from the part of the Muslims, but it rather demonstrates that the Muslims form a *Millah* (a distinct community), whereas the *Kuffaar* compose an entity which is totally different from the Muslim community, either ideologically or culturally.

Islam describes anyone who rejects a part or all the principles of faith, like a *Kafir* and the *Ahlul Kitab*, is not an exception. There are many verses of the Holy Quran which demonstrate that there is no point of ambiguity about this subject:

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ قُلْ فَمَنْ يَمْلِكُ مِنَ
 اللَّهِ شَيْئًا إِنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُهْلِكَ الْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَأُمَّهُ وَفِي الْأَرْضِ
 جَمِيعًا وَلِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ
 عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

“They have certainly disbelieved who say that Allah is Christ, the son of Mary. Say, “Then who could prevent Allah at all if He had intended to destroy Christ, the son of Mary, or his mother or everyone on the earth?” And to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them. He creates what He wills, and Allah is over all things competent.” (Al-Maidah 5:18)

وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ عَزِيزُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ وَقَالَتِ النَّصَارَى الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ
 قَوْلُهُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ يُضَاهِئُونَ قَوْلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ قَتَلْنَاهُمْ اللَّهُ
 أَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ
 اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهَبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ
 وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ سُبْحَانَهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

The Jews say, “Ezra is the son of Allah”; and the Christians say, “The Messiah is the son of Allah.” That is their statement from their mouths; they imitate the saying of those who disbelieved. May Allah destroy them; how are they deluded?

They have taken their scholars and monks as lords besides Allah, and (also) the Messiah, the son of Mary. And they were not commanded except to worship one God; there is no deity except Him. Exalted is He above whatever they associate with Him.” (At-Taubah 9:30-31)

There are some people, who make bad use of certain verses of the Quran to justify false pretensions to declare the Ahlul Kitab as believers:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَى وَالصَّبِيَّانَ مَنْ
 آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ
 وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

“Indeed, those who believed and those who were Jews or Christians or Sabeans - those (among them) who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness - will have

their reward with their Lord, and no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.” (Al-Baqara 2:63)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالصَّابِئُونَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ مَنْ ءَامَنَ
بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

“Indeed, those who have believed and those who were Jews or Sabeans or Christians – those who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness - no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.” (Al-Maidah 5:70)

These people misinterpreted such verses, which they kept in isolation, ignoring also the existence of other verses attached to them. The verses mentioned above refer to the Jews who existed in the time of Musa (as) till Hazrat Isa (as), and these Jews as well as the Christians, should not be confused with those living in the time of Muhammad (pbuh) and who do exist till nowadays. These verses refer to the Christians as *Nasireen* meaning “Helpers”, linguistically speaking. These helpers were the *Hawariyeen* (disciples) of Isa (as) who followed his message till the arrival of Muhammad (pbuh) and who had never given associates to Allah (swt).

Therefore, these verses refer to those who existed, before the advent of Islam among the ancient groups and who adhered to their scriptures, but these verses were corrected and falsified, later by this following verse.

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.” (Al-Imran 3:86)

Allah (swt) chose Islam as religion for the whole humanity, and on the Day of Resurrection, no person among those who were invited to Islam but who reject this invitation, will never find excuses to be spared from the punishment of Hellfire.

ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS

Debates around the concept of “Abrahamic Religions” are widely spoken nowadays. Those who invite towards such absurdity, pretend that Judaism, Christianity and Islam all share the same source that is, of the prophet Ibrahim (as) – Abraham. “Trilogies” are organised, while Muslims, Jews and Christians are gathered around the table to discuss their similarities and establish common links between them, being “the offspring” of the same religious prototype!

The concept of “Abrahamic Religions” pretends that a communion exists between Islam and *Kufr* – which is absolutely FALSE! It is a direct contradiction of the Holy Quran and the *Sunnah*.

قُلْ يَتَّاهِلَ الْكَتَبِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ
وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا
فَقُولُوا أَشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ
يَتَّاهِلَ الْكَتَبِ لِمَ تَحَاجُّونَ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَتِ التَّوْرَةُ وَالْإِنْجِيلُ
إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

“Say, “O People of the Book, come to a word that is equitable between us and you - that we will not worship except Allah and not associate anything with Him and not take one another as lords instead of Allah.” But if they turn away, then say, “Bear witness that we are Muslims (submitting to Him).” O People of the Book, why do you argue about Abraham while the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until after him? Then will you not reason?” (Al-Imran 3:65-66)

مَا كَانَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ يَهُودِيًّا وَلَا نَصْرَانِيًّا وَلَكِنْ كَانَ حَنِيفًا مُسْلِمًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ
إِنَّ أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِإِبْرَاهِيمَ لَلَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُ وَهَذَا النَّبِيُّ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

“Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was one inclining toward truth, a Muslim (submitter to Allah). And he was not of the polytheists. Indeed, the most worthy of Abraham among the people are those who followed him (in submission to Allah) and this prophet, and those who believe. And Allah is the ally of the believers.” (Al-Imran 3:68-69)

Many people who invite towards “the Abrahamic Religions” pretend to follow the *Sunnah* of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). But these people should think on what will follow:

“Umar Ibn Al Khataab (ra) reported that once he brought a copy of the Torah to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh), saying: “O Messenger of Allah, here is a copy of the Torah”. When Umar (ra) began to read the copy, Muhammad’s (pbuh) face changed colour, which forced Abu Bakr (ra)

to rebuke Umar in the following terms: “Your mother would be afflicted, can’t you see the face of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh)?” Umar (ra) cried out: “I seek refuge in Allah, against His anger and that of the Messenger of Allah. We are satisfied of Allah as our Lord, of Islam as religion and of Muhammad (pbuh) as prophet”.

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) then replied: “By whom in whose hands the life of Muhammad (pbuh) is found, even if Musa would have appeared in front of you and that you would have followed him casting me aside, you would all be going astray, (you would all have) been in error; for if Musa had been alive and would have seen me, he would have definitely followed me”. (Mishkat-ul-Masabih)

Such incident clearly indicates that Muhammad (pbuh) was the first man to treat the people of the book as *Kuffaar*.

Each Muslims recognise that there is only truth which comes from Allah (swt) and His Messenger (pbuh). Islam teaches us that truth and falsehood can never be reconciled that the people of the book are *Kuffaar* and that they do not have any relation with Ibrahim (as), and that Muslims should neither adopt nor hold strange ideas on the *Islaamiyya Aqeedah*.

Muslims should go against those who pretend that truth and falsehood share the same roots and can therefore be together and they should combat all those who make people believe that the “People of the Book” and the Muslims are brothers in faith, in relation with Ibrahim (as).

The enemies of Islam have injected viruses in the concept of ‘Abrahamic Religion’ into the *Ummate Muhammadiyya*, So as to pollute the clear and distinct understanding of Islam by the Muslims themselves. These are false slogans which never existed neither in Islam nor in reality.

MUSLIMEEN AND KAFIREEN

There are so many Muslims who hesitate to consider the non-Muslims as *Kuffaar* for they think that this term has a degrading connotation and should then be in contradiction with certain Islamic principles which lay emphasis upon the good conduct and gentleness towards the non-Muslims, when this question happens.

How can a sincere believer, who adheres himself to such principles, can use terms like “*Kafir Kuffaar* and *Kufr*”?

First of all, it is important to understand that Allah (swt) has ordained all Muslims to obey His orders and to submit themselves to all laws found in the Holy Quran and in the *Sunnah*. Muslims should submit to the decree of Allah (swt) and to His Messenger (pbuh), voluntarily

and without any hesitation, whether it seems to be easy or not, practicable or improbable, reasonable or without any reasons.

Allah (swt) obliges all Muslims to propagate Islam to the whole world; this appeal applies to all Muslims. It is the same when Allah ordains us to be gentle, to maintain good relations and to help other human beings. Moreover, the Muslims are obliged to accomplish their acts in accordance with the *Sunnah* of the Holy prophet (pbuh).

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

“He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah...” (An-Nisa 4:81)

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ
فَانْتَهُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

“...And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you - refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.” (Al-Hashr 59:8)

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ
قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ

“Say, “If you should love Allah, then follow me, (so) Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.” Say, “Obey Allah and the Messenger.” But if they turn away - then indeed, Allah does not like the disbelievers.” (Al-Imran 3:32-33)

قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُو إِلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

“Say, “This is my way; I invite to Allah with insight, I and those who follow me. And exalted is Allah; and I am not of those who associate others with Him.” (Yusuf 12:109)

Muslims are being ordered to work for the reestablishment of the Islamic state (Al-Khalifa), according to the *Sirah* of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). By the grace of Allah, Allah did grant this favour even after the advent of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and the Khalifa-e-Rashideen; at the beginning or at the end of each century, Allah did send Mujaddids for the reformation or revival of the *Ummate Muhammadiyya*. Then, according to the prophecy of our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh), Allah has sent His Messiah, Isa Ibn Mariam of the *Ummate Muhammadiyya* of his era for the revival of the community and for humanity in general. Verily,

that Messiah was Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (as) who made his appearance to accomplish this prophecy. He was Allah's Messiah, receiving divine revelation to guide humanity towards his "forgotten" Creator.

After his death, Allah continued to bestow His favours on the *Ummate Muhammadiyya*, instituting the Messiah's caliphs to continue the work of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and of the Messiah of that time till the day when Allah (swt) sent His elected one, the Khalifatullah of this century, who comes from Him to re-establish the truth of Islam of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and of the Messiah Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) Allah says clearly in the Holy Quran:

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ
يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ
وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ

“Certainly did Allah confer (great) favour upon the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from themselves, reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom, although they had been before in manifest error.”
(Al-Imran 3:165)

أَمْرًا مِنْ عِنْدِنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا مُرْسِلِينَ
رَحْمَةً مِنْ رَبِّكَ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

“(This is a) matter (proceeding) from Us. Indeed, We send [Messengers] as mercy from your Lord. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Knowing.” (Ad-Dukhan 44: 6-7)

As far as we can learn from the Holy Quran and from the Hadiths, prophethood is a divine favour same as sovereignty is a temporary favour. As the favour of sovereignty exists in this world, and the people who live under the rule of sovereignty are considered to be great and favoured, the same happens when the favour of prophethood is gifted is considered as divinely favoured.

Also, the person from whom prophethood is being taken back, lose this favour, a great favour and is qualified as *“Maghzoubi alayhim”*. Those upon whom the wrath of Allah fell, and those who went astray.

Allah mentions very clearly in the Holy Quran in the first chapter “Al-Fatiha” the fact that the Muslims would be victims of *Kufr*. That is why Allah has established firmly this prayer so that they can be protected from such calamity. When reciting this prayer, the sincere and devoted Muslim would know how to separate him from the wrong path, while Muslims only by name would fall into the category of the Jews and Christians as mentioned in this chapter.

HOW WILL ALLAH MAINTAIN FAITH?

Certainly He will send in each century, or a time limit appropriate to Him, in His unlimited knowledge someone who will guide people towards the right path, and hence these people will be protected against the punishment which the Jews and the Christians (the *Ahlul Kitab*) received from Allah for their mischief and wrongdoings.

The prophecy of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) will never cease to be accomplished till the Day of Judgement, that is, an Isa Ibn Mariam of each era who will always manifest himself like the Promised Messiah (in this era) to bring back the light of faith (*Iman*), which will be always in the *Ummate Muhammadiyya*, and in the *Ummate Insaaniyya* (Community of humanity) in general.

The Jews and the Christians beneficated numerous favours from Allah, but due to the fact that they did not believe and that they had killed some prophets of Allah, so Allah inflicted severe punishment upon them for their heinous and dreadful acts.

Nowadays, it is a pity that the prediction of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) concerning the Judaisation of the Muslims (that is, the conversion of Muslims into Jews) has been realised. Muslims have become the Jews and the Christians of Islam. This is why, it is the ripe time for the advent of an elected of Allah to come and reform Islam and to guide man's heart towards "*Laa Ilaaha Illallah*" only one God: Allah; the Supreme Creator.

Moreover, people belonging to the community of the Messiah of the last era, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), they also have trampled the teachings of Islam to dust and also the writings of the Promised Messiah by their arrogance, vanity and their belief that the Khilafat established by man (through elections), is more superior than the Khalifa established by Allah, the Supreme Creator.

In his writings, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) lay much emphasis that he is not the only Messiah who has come for the reform of *Ummate Muhammadiya* and of *Ummate Insaaniya* (humanity) in general. Many other Messiahs will come to perform the same task which he has undertaken through divine instruction.

Therefore, as favours and blessings of God were bestowed in this temporal world to human beings having kings and queens ruling their country, the same blessings and spiritual favours will continue to happen as long as this temporal world is accommodated with human species.

Earth is not the main objective of human life. The main goal of terrestrial life is that man becomes the servant of Allah, thus attracting the love of Allah. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“I created jinn and man to worship none but Me.” (Az-Zariyat 51: 57)

May the true believers of Islam ponder over these verses! Allah will never change His laws, he has created man to worship Him and to escape from the pangs of Satan, that same Satan who has asked a delay from Allah to deviate man (from the right path).

God granted him that delay but at the same time He warned him that he can never touch those who have a sincere faith in Allah and His Messengers. That's why God sends prophets and angels. He wants to preserve and protect man from the Devil (Satan).

To mislead people, Satan has many strings to his bow. One of his tricks is to create hatred and disgust for the prophets of Allah in man's heart. Each time, when Allah elects His chosen one, His prophet, Satan excites people to go against him. But what power does the evil spirit can have over an elected man of God?

At last, he is the one who will bear failure as people in large groups will always accept the prophet of Allah. But Satan will never cease to find ways and means to direct people from the right path. Gradually he leads them to forget their lessons taught by the prophets of God. So, he rejoices, believing that he has succeeded to drive people towards the evil path rather than the right path. He prepares himself for an army in the future, as he knows that, each time he succeeds, God sends a prophet to crush his head.

So, Satan always takes the reign and even before a new prophet appears, he teaches men that the prophet who has just passed away (disappeared) was true but there will be no other prophet now or in the future to come. He creates confusion in men's mind to oppose the Messenger of God who has to appear.

NOW I ASK ALL MUSLIMS FOR WHICH REASON THEY DECLARE THE AHMADI MUSLIMS AS *KUFFAAR* AND THEY DO NOT CONSIDER THEM AS TRUE MUSLIMS?

Or, as I have explained above, it is Satan who has injected evil spirit in the Muslim's mind to convert truth into falsehood. If you continue to entangle yourselves in such ideas when you all say that our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is the last prophet, and that there will be no other prophet after him, so how can you explain this Quranic verse in Chapter 40 Verses 35-36, in which Allah says:

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ يُوسُفُ مِنْ قَبْلُ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَمَا زِلْتُمْ فِي شَكٍّ
مِمَّا جَاءَكُمْ بِهِ ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا هَلَكَ قُلْتُمْ لَن يَبْعَثَ اللَّهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ
رَسُولًا كَذَلِكَ يَضِلُّ اللَّهُ مَنْ هُوَ مُسْرِفٌ مُرْتَابٌ
الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ سُلْطَانٍ أَتَاهُمْ كَبِيرٌ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ
وَعِنْدَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا ۚ كَذَلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ قَلْبٍ مُتَكَبِّرٍ جَبَّارٍ

“And Joseph had already come to you before with clear proofs, but you remained in doubt of that which he brought to you, until when he died, you said, ‘Never will Allah send a messenger after him.’ Thus does Allah leave astray he who is a transgressor and skeptic.”

Those who dispute concerning the signs of Allah without an authority having come to them - great is hatred (of them) in the sight of Allah and in the sight of those who have believed. Thus does Allah seal over every heart (belonging to) an arrogant tyrant.” (Al-Ghafir 40: 35-36)

O you the so-called defenders of Islam! O ignorant ones! Do you agree on the fact mentioned in these verses that after Prophet Joseph (Yusuf) there would be no other prophet to come? But now, tell me how many prophets have come after Hazrat Yusuf (as) till the advent of Islam? If you have accepted all the prophets after Hazrat Yusuf (as), have you all turned into *Kafir*?

Hence, do you have a valuable reason explaining why we, Ahmadi Muslims are being qualified as *Kafir*? On which solid arguments according to the Holy Quran and Hadiths do you base yourselves to declare and judge openly the faith of others? O ignorant *Ulamas*! O you who pretend to be pious and righteous in *Iman*, when did you get the licence of faith to judge the faith of others, and to prevent Ahmadis to go on pilgrimage to Mecca?

Bear in mind now that it is only Allah (swt) who has the right to judge the faith of all His creatures. Even our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had not received that right to judge the faith of others (except through divine revelations).

Hence, O ignorant *Ulamas*, who are you to prevent other Muslims to befriend us and to keep a great distance from the Ahmadi Muslims? It is you the *Ulamas* who are trying to inculcate and indulge these anti-Islamic practices in the heart of other brothers and sisters of the Muslim community and (indeed) truth becomes widespread when you the *Ulamas* are corrupted.

The Muslims now know the state of the *Ulamas*. They just throw decrees of infidelity, creating disorders and disputes, teaching and encouraging people to pray on tombs (*Darga*) and to adore (worship) the *Pirs* and to level all kinds of *Shirk* with Allah (swt).

The teachings of the Holy Quran have slipped out of the hands of the Muslims and it is the *Ulamas* who are fully responsible of this situation. Now it is imperative for a Messenger of Allah to come for remedial and for the revival of the *Shariah*, to remove the darkness which the *Ulamas* have anchored into the heart of innocent Muslims and to render fidelity, loyalty towards the *Ummate Muhammadiya* (pbuh).

The verse which I have mentioned above in chapter 40 verse 35-36, where people have said that after the death of Hazrat Yusuf (as), there would be no other prophet to come. This verse shows us clearly that the supposition made that no prophet would come is absolutely false. Only the transgressors and those who have doubts say such “rubbish”.

These people doubt the blessings of Allah and they refuse to believe to His spiritual favours. There are also transgressors and the “doubters” who discuss and dispute over the signs of Allah without any solid proofs and statements. Their heart is corrupted!

MUSLIMS SHOULD CONFORM THEMSELVES ACCORDING TO THE TEACHING OF ALLAH AND TO HIS PROPHET (PBUH)

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) has taught the Muslims concerning kindness and harshness, same for anger and gratefulness. Therefore each act, situation, issue or problem has an Islamic rule or a *Hukm shar'i* and the Muslims should treat them in distinct way, each one having its own *Hukm*.

How to address to non-Muslims in terms which Islam uses to design them, constitutes a subject which is distinct from the one concerning the propagation of Islam as well as the relation between Muslim and non-Muslims. Propagation of Islam (*Dawa*) according to the teachings of Allah, could be disgusting among the *Kuffaar*, but this does not mean in any way that it is not correct, therefore, the *Dawa* should continue in the same way. No one has the right to pretend that the methodology applied by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) should be modified so as to be adopted in a better way to the current situation, or to please those who are not satisfied? The “Modern Muslims” don't they speak about “Aggressive Islam”?! More and more innovations!

Allah and His Messenger (pbuh) (and not the *Ulamas* who designed the non-Muslims as *Kafireen*, and have qualified their belief and their mischief as *Kufr* (only a prophet of God through **divine revelation** can distinguish between a Muslim from a non-Muslim), hence this terminology will remain till the Day of Judgement and no one has the right to bring a change to it.

If Muslims are recommended to make the *Dawa*, therefore they are obliged to do it and the same applies to the kindness owing towards the non-Muslims and to address them as *Kafireen*. Muslims are ordained to make reference to the term *Kufr* for all that is beyond the limit of Islam and which is in contradiction with Islam, they have no other choice. The Muslims must adopt Islam voluntarily and in a comprehending manner.

There is only Islam which can define how a Muslim should behave with non-Muslims; also how to propagate the message of Islam, to establish its system and to apply the rules and regulations of Allah (swt).

Very often we discover the *Kuffaar* who feel offended by the Muslim who practise Islam and who submits to all rules and regulation of Allah (swt), but it is an inevitable reaction.

مَا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَلَا الْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ
مِنْ خَيْرٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ

“Neither those who disbelieve from the People of the Scripture nor the polytheists wish that any good should be sent down to you from your Lord.” (Al-Baqara 2:106)

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ

“And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion.” (Al-Baqara 2:121)

Such a conflict cannot be used as excuses or pretexts for the Muslims so as to neglect certain aspects of Islam to appease the *Kuffaar*. Muslims should choose between Allah and the *Kuffaar* – whether to please Allah (swt) or to please the *Kuffaar*; but not the two simultaneously.

THE WORK OF THE KUFFAAR

Will *Kuffaar* go to hell? This question has become a controversial subject nowadays due to the ignorance of Muslims concerning *Kufr*. Yet, this question is so direct, it has an answer so clear and precise. Some people will find out this issue from moral and human perspective and they will conclude that if the *Kuffaar* accomplishes good deeds and abstain themselves from all sorts of vices, then they will inherit paradise, whatever their beliefs. Others would simply say that the act of Judgement belongs to Allah only. Islam has clearly explained this issue

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ كَرَمَادٍ اشْتَدَّتْ بِهِ الرِّيحُ فِي
يَوْمٍ عَاصِفٍ لَا يَقْدِرُونَ مِمَّا كَسَبُوا عَلَى شَيْءٍ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الضَّلَالُ الْبَعِيدُ

“The example of those who disbelieve in their Lord is (that) their deeds are like ashes which the wind blows forcefully on a stormy day; they are unable (to keep) from what they earned a (single) thing. That is what is extreme error.” (Ibrahim 14:19)

قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالْأَخْسَرِينَ أَعْمَالًا
الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعْيُهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا
أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ وَلِقَائِهِ فَحَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فَلَا تُقِيمُ لَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَرَنًا
ذَٰلِكَ جَزَاؤُهُمْ جَهَنَّمَ بِمَا كَفَرُوا وَتَوَلَّوْا عَائِسِي وَرُسُلِي هُزُؤًا

“Say, “Shall we inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds? Those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work.” Those are the ones who disbelieve in the verses of their Lord and in (their) meeting Him, so their deeds have become worthless; and We will not assign to them on the Day of Resurrection any importance. That is their recompense – Hell – for what they denied and (because) they took My signs and My messengers in ridicule.” (Al-Kahf 18:104-107)

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَعْمَلُهُمْ كَسَرَابٍ بِقِيعَةٍ يَحْسَبُهُ الظَّمْآنُ مَاءً حَتَّى إِذَا
 جَاءَهُ لَمْ يَجِدْهُ شَيْئًا وَوَجَدَ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ فَوَقَّعَهُ حِسَابُهُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ سَرِيعُ
 الْحِسَابِ
 أَوْ كَظُلُمٍ فِي بَحْرٍ لُجِّيٍّ يَغْشَاهُ مَوْجٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِ
 مَوْجٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِ سَحَابٌ ظُلُمَتْ بَعْضُهَا فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ إِذَا أَخْرَجَ يَدَهُ
 لَمْ يَكَدْ يَرَاهَا وَمَن لَّمْ يَجْعَلِ اللَّهُ لَهُ نُورًا فَمَا لَهُ مِن نُّورٍ

“But those who disbelieved - their deeds are like a mirage in a lowland which a thirsty one thinks is water until, when he comes to it, he finds it is nothing but finds Allah before Him, and He will pay him in full his due; and Allah is swift in account. Or (the deeds of the disbelievers are) like darkness within an unfathomable sea which is covered by waves, upon which are waves, over which are clouds - darkness, some of them upon others. When one puts out his hand (therein), he can hardly see it. And he to whom Allah has not granted light - for him there is no light.” (An-Nur 24: 40-41)

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَتَعَسَا لَهُمُ الْوُجُوهُ وَأَصْلَحَ أَعْمَلُهُمْ
 ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَرِهُوا مَا أُنْزِلَ اللَّهُ فَاحْبَطَ أَعْمَلُهُمْ

“But those who disbelieve - for them is misery, and He will waste their deeds. That is because they disliked what Allah revealed, so He rendered worthless their deeds.” (Muhammad 47:9-10)

The one who dies as a mischief-maker or a wrongdoer, rejecting Islam according to what has been presented to him clearly and effectively as the truth, will go to hell, whatever the volume of good deeds he had accomplished or his fame among the people or again his level of piety and righteousness in the eyes of man.

CONCLUSION

The Islamic verdict is clear. Islam is one and the *Kuffaar* are another body. Muslims are those who have full belief in Islam and the one who does not believe in Islam is a *Kafir*. When Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) received the first revelations, these revelations confronted *Kufr* which prevailed in Mecca, as from the beginning. Consequently, the Muslims understood their role as creatures of Allah (swt) and continued to propagate the message of Islam through *Dawa* and the *Jihaad* till the religion of Allah (swt) became supreme. This objective is clearly defined in the Holy Quran:

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ
عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

“It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although they who associate others with Allah dislike it.”
(At-Taubah 9:33)

When the Holy Quran and the *Sunnah* treated the *Kuffaar* as declared enemies, the first Muslims understood that they should not befriend the *Kuffaar* nor should they follow their mode of life.

When the Holy Quran and the *Sunnah* described Islam as the belief of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (pbuh), the first Muslims understood that any other belief constitutes *Kufr*.

When the Holy Quran and the *Sunnah* specified that Islam had taken birth to dominate the whole world, the first Muslims understood this fact and continued to propagate Islam (*Dawa*) and to fight against other nations so as to attain this objective. The result of their clear and correct comprehension of Islam made fruitful progression in all spheres of life.

Today, the *Ummate Muhammadiya* does not understand Islam clearly and correctly, and seems very odd; Islam not referring to the Muslims in their daily life. As long as Islam is not well understood, discussions and disputes concerning the issues upon which Islam has already sealed, these will continue to divide and sub-divide and the *Ummate Muhammadiya* will remain quite distant from its real objective and role. The only way to orientate the *Ummate Muhammadiya* and to eliminate this confusion which exists in the mind of the Muslims about their own religion is that we have to spend much time to understand, to explain and to show clearly with full certitude and knowledge, the true nature of Islam.

تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

“The revelation of the Book about which there is no doubt (comes) from the Lord of the worlds.” (As-Sajda 32:3)

There is no doubt in the message of Islam; consequently, questions like ‘Who is a Kafir?’ makes only deplore the presence of quite numerous Muslims in the *Ummate Muhammadiya* who have doubts... concerning Islam and the fanatical *Ulamas* who interpret Islam according to their own understanding !!!

As long as this doubt and miscomprehension remains, the Muslims will remain in confusion as to their objective and their role in this world, and the enemies of Islam and the Muslims will continue to manipulate us freely using false slogans like the “Abrahamic religions”.

The *Ummate Muhammadiya* should at all cost eliminate this doubt and this ignorance regarding his religion and should turn definitely towards the true Islam as the sole source of his “*Aqeedah*”, his culture, his rules and laws, his references and his solutions.

The nature of man is such that he forgets all good deeds very easily. We must always repeat and make him remember his duties and responsibilities. God has created the two forces of righteousness and evil in the human nature, and he (man) has been endowed with intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong.

Then he has got the freedom of choosing his way; he can achieve righteousness or evil. If he chooses the good path, he will be gifted high rewards; and if he practises wrongdoings, he will have to endure the consequences.

Man deviates from the right path and then God sends His prophets to save him from being carried through the wrong path and to set him back on the right track.

Allah says in the Holy Quran:

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

“And those who disbelieve and deny Our signs - those will be companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally.” (Al-Baqara 2:40)

In consequence to this same law that the Messengers of Allah will have to come from time to time whenever deviation (of people) becomes widespread on earth, it is said in the Holy Quran:

وَلَقَدْ ضَلَّ قَبْلَهُمْ أَكْثَرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ
وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا فِيهِمْ مُنْذِرِينَ

“And there had already strayed before them most of the former peoples. And We had already sent among them Warners.” (As-Saffat 37:72-73)

Why has this divine law been revealed? The main reason is to prevent man from going astray from the path of Allah (swt), and then, for those who enjoy the divine blessings but who finally turn to ungratefulness, been punished. But God is Gracious and Merciful and before inflicting His punishment, He sends a Warner to man. He says:

ذَٰلِكَ أَن لَّمْ يَكُن رَّبُّكَ مُهْلِكَ الْفُرَىٰ بِظُلْمٍ وَأَهْلُهَا غَفْلُونَ

“That is because your Lord would not destroy the cities for wrongdoing while their people were unaware.” (Al-Anam 6:132)

Prophets come to valorise the commandments of Allah to man, to make them remember their teachings which they have completely forgotten or misused and misunderstood, to convince them that one day they have to account for their deeds in Allah’s court.

Thinking and pondering over the Holy Quran we see that whenever the religious leaders are corrupted, they become instruments of deviation from the right path. The Holy Quran says:

وَذَرُوا ظَهْرَ الْإِثْمِ وَبَاطِنَهُ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْسِبُونَ الْإِثْمَ سَيُجْزَوْنَ بِمَا كَانُوا يَقْتَرِفُونَ

“And leave what is apparent of sin and what is concealed thereof. Indeed, those who earn sin will be recompensed for that which they used to commit.” (Al-Anam 6:121)

اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ
وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ سُبْحَانَهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

“They have taken their scholars and monks as lords besides Allah, and (also) the Messiah, the son of Mary. And they were not commanded except to worship one God; there is no deity except Him. Exalted is He above whatever they associate with Him.” (At-Tauba 9:31)

It is high time to ponder over these verses mentioned above. Actually there are hundreds of millions of Muslims in this world. They have governments, riches and *Ulamas*, but despite all these resources, nothing is being done to propagate Islam.

On the contrary, Islam is weakening. So, it is evident that to propagate Islam, we do not need that much government, wealth and quantity as much as we need piety and true faith; by the way, the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam has taken on this onerous task. But our Muslims brothers qualify the Ahmadi Muslims as *Kafir*. They kill them, persecute them and lay many obstacles in their way.

But despite all these troubles and opposition, the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam as one body is making much progress and is propagating the message of Islam worldwide. When we speak about wealth, the Jamaat is very poor, and very few people are working, but those who are opposing it cannot counter attack the work which it is accomplishing and propagating worldwide. Why? Simply because this Jamaat has an *Imam*, An Elect of Allah. The Ahmadi Muslims, the "*Sahih Al Islam*" have faith and piety deep into their heart. They are making much effort to follow the teachings of the Holy Quran despite all their weaknesses.

They are much sacrificing themselves financially and their lives also for Islamic mission. All their efforts are being canalised under divine instructions of a spiritual leader whom Allah has raised by His Immense grace and mercy. They work with strict discipline.

They have a firm conviction that their Jamaat, which has taken the heavy responsibilities of the revival of the mission of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), and that God blessed in this era by giving it His Khalifatullah Muhyi-ud-Din, following in the steps of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) the prophet of Islam, and the Promised Messiah (as); he is working with all his heart, mind and soul to spread Islam once more throughout the whole world by the grace of this enormous divine favour and of this discipline established by Allah Himself.

Insha-Allah, all the Muslims, through their allegiance to the Truth coming from Allah, through the advent of His Khalifatullah shall become once again the worshippers of unity (one God), and without fear and restrictions, they shall worship the one and only God.

Come forward, O good, just and honest creatures of God, come forward to give a helpful hand to achieve this magnificent goal. Be the heirs of divine favours and blessings.

May God shower His blessings upon you! *Ameen!* To conclude we say:

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

"Alhamdulillah-ir-Rabbil A'lameen - All praises belong to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds"