

## **Maulana Muhammad Ali – the Defender of Islam**

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1. The month of October in 2017, marks the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Maulana Muhammad Ali. Accordingly, this discussion revisits the situation Maulana Muhammad Ali experienced and focuses on four aspects.
  - ✓ The first aspect looks at the interactions necessary to save Islam from attacks by other religious groups.
  - ✓ The second aspect is convincing people with interactions necessary in acceptance of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century *Mujaddid* as an Ambassador from Allah.
  - ✓ The third aspect was those interactions necessary to extract and save Muslims away from those claiming the 14<sup>th</sup> Century *Mujaddid* as a prophet, their claims being in total contradiction of the Holy Qur'an at HQ33:40.
  - ✓ The fourth aspect was to provide English language as base of both the scripture as the Holy Qur'an and the guidance book, the Religion of Islam, for all English speaking communities to understand Islam correctly.
2. Historically, Maulana Muhammad Ali never intended to become a Maulana. He was a career educationist and became a Professor of mathematics, lecturing in Lahore universities during the British-Raj. Later, he became a lawyer - but never really took up a legal practice.
3. In a nutshell, Maulana Muhammad Ali was born in 1874 in Punjab, in British-Raj India. By 1899, Maulana Muhammad Ali had completed his MA in English and mathematics; and later LLB all at the young age of 25. Maulana Muhammad Ali joined the Ahmadiyya Movement in 1897. He died at age of 77 in Pakistan, in 1951, 4 years after the August 1947 India-Pakistan Partition.
4. Maulana Muhammad Ali first met the 14<sup>th</sup> Century *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad at public discussion religious gatherings in Lahore, British-Raj India in 1892. Maulana Muhammad Ali joined the Ahmadiyya Movement in 1897 after he received special inspiration and interest in the Ahmadiyya Movement. Two years later in 1899, Maulana Muhammad Ali decided to start his legal practice as a Pleader (In British-Raj Indian Law, a Pleader was the same as a barrister in English Law but restricted to lower courts only. Lawyers appearing in higher courts were called Advocates). Maulana Muhammad Ali had already ordered his professional books from England.
5. In year 1900, after the *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad spoke to Professor Muhammad Ali and asked him - only once - to devote his life to the service of Islam, Professor Muhammad Ali agreed. At that moment, Professor Muhammad Ali was a young man, at the age of just 26 and whilst waiting for his professional legal books on civil and

- criminal case judgements (Precedents), already shipped over from England. Maulana Muhammad Ali abandoned his plans to enter into legal practice. That was very bold.
6. From that moment onwards for the next 8 years till 1908, Professor Muhammad Ali went along with the *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad to all religious meetings and functions in many parts of India, and also functioned as his translator of everything into English, as required in British-Raj India.
  7. As time progressed and his study and research into Islam became so intense, that Professor Muhammad Ali progressively became better known as Moulvi Muhammad Ali and later till his death as Maulana Muhammad Ali, an undisputed authority on Islam.
  8. Maulana Muhammad Ali was a blessed spiritual soldier of Islam. He fought with his fountain pen - continuously for 51 years - and devoted the rest of his life to Islam. The *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad founded Ahmadiyya Movement in 1889 and he died in 1908. That gave the *Mujaddid* an administrative leadership of Ahmadiyya Movement for 19 years.
  9. Those 19 years became Maulana Muhammad Ali's steep tutorial curve that placed him in close direct discussions and association with Allah's Ambassador of the time – the *Mujaddid*. When Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad died, Maulana Muhammad Ali was aged just 34 years.
  10. Hakim Maulana Nur-Ud-Din, was appointed the Head by the Ahmadiyya consensus, and thereupon he led the Ahmadiyya Movement during the interim passage 1908 - 1914.
  11. Much earlier in 1902, *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad had already appointed Maulana Muhammad Ali as editor of the English journal "Review of Religious."
  12. This position as the editor became the beneficial springboard that gave Maulana Muhammad Ali the quantum leap of divine inspiration and foundation, to most extensive research, any religious leader has ever carried out. He was widely acclaimed.
  13. Later in 1906, *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad appointed Maulana Muhammad Ali as Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Movement, because, Maulana Muhammad Ali was second to none in that religious knowledge and his excellent command of Urdu and Arabic languages and especially the English language.
  14. This status remains unequalled to date.
  15. For eight years, Maulana Muhammad Ali and *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad were very close, especially from 1900-1908. This passage of nine years was the most important time of Maulana Muhammad Ali's life of learning directly from the *Mujaddid*. Maulana Muhammad Ali stated in his books that to him those nine years were like living amongst the greatest treasures of the world.
  16. In 1909, after the death of *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, Maulana Muhammad Ali commenced translation of the Holy Quran into English under expert guidance of Hakim Maulana Nur-Ud-Din (d.1914), the new Head of Ahmadiyya Movement. The specific style of older English language used was intentionally so by Maulana Muhammad Ali, which meant that the meanings the reader got was exactly what Maulana Muhammad Ali had

intended. The translation and subsequent first publications were completed in 1917, three years after the death of Hakim Maulana Nur-Ud-Din.

17. It was essential to establish into concrete, corroborative evidence beyond reasonable doubt, that the views and decisions Maulana Muhammad Ali delivered, were the one and same that *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad would have done. Maulana Muhammad Ali took over the leadership of Ahmadiyya Movement at the age of 40. The Holy Qur'an makes it an ordinance at HQ46:15 that human maturity is age 40 (HQ46:15) and that was the age at which all past prophets and past *Mujaddids* were appointed.
18. In same token, the views and decisions that *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad delivered would have been the same that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) would have done.
19. It should also be noted that Maulana Muhammad Ali was still a relatively young person.
20. The ordinance in the Holy Qur'an at HQ33:40 makes comprehensively clear that there will never be another prophet after death of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) and sealed off.
21. There are two very fundamental questions that arise about Maulana Muhammad Ali:
  - (1). Why was it necessary that Maulana Muhammad Ali should be born in India, and not some other Middle East Arab country, or some modern Western country?
  - (2). Why it was necessary that Maulana Muhammad Ali should have been born after Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's (b.1835-d.1908) reaching the age of 40 (HQ46:15)?
22. The answer lies in briefly discussing the history of all-India before the partition of Pakistan from India in August 1947.
23. After the formation of the British East India Company in 1857, the British Government took over the rule of much of India. All Kings and Queens of England were given the title of Emperor and Empress of India and English was the official language of every British Empire country. British discipline was the expected administration in all those countries.
24. The British Empire was the world's largest and most powerful empire ever known. In early 1900, one only had to look at the world atlas and most of the countries were shown in red. All these 134 countries in red were colonies or dominion members of the British Empire, at its prime.
25. This also meant, without any doubt that the most dominant and influential language in the world was English, by legal compulsion.
26. It was most advantageously necessary to use the medium of English to influence the Western communities. Whilst *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was excellently versed in Urdu, excellently versed in Arabic and excellently versed in Parsee, the same could not be said about his English, which was rather basic. Initially, he worked as a clerk in the British-Raj Indian civil service for just a few years.
27. It was therefore necessary through divine assistance, to have someone who had excellent command of the English language; someone who was also excellent in logic - using mathematics as developmental base for logic; someone who wrote in English so perfectly, that it meant exactly what was written and no other meaning, using legally based arguments.

28. Every one of Maulana Muhammad Ali's works are precise and do not have any room for other meanings. The English used is simple, so that all readers will understand easily.
29. Maulana Muhammad Ali was divinely blessed and worked tirelessly and strengthened his devotion under that divine inspiration. It may be safely stated that in the interim, soon after the death of *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, there was one other person who shared this divine privilege and inspiration directly from the *Mujaddid*.
30. He was Hakim Maulana Nur-Ud-Din, who led Ahmadiyya Movement during the interim passage 1908 till his own death in 1914.
31. After Hakim Maulana Nur-Ud-Din died in 1914, the eldest son of *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad began to cause lots of problems in the Ahmadiyya Movement. This is a very important point and must be correctly understood. The next point is very important.
32. During his entire lifetime, *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad had never claimed to be a prophet (neither a *Nabi* nor a *Rasul*), but had always claimed to have been receiving divine messages from angels in his capacity as (*Muhaddath*) the validly appointed 14th Century *Mujaddid*. The eldest son of *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, was Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad. This son, Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad (and who was never a *Muhaddath* by any stretch of imagination), went completely:
- (a) Against the principles of Islam,
  - (b) Against the Holy Qur'an at HQ33:40,
  - (c) Against his father, the valid *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad and
  - (d) Against the Ahmadiyya Movement's aims to correctly refurbish Islam to originality.
33. Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad publicly claimed that his father *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was the next prophet after the death of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) in 632AD. Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad said in addition, new prophets will continue to come in the future. All these have been documented in various books of that time.
34. The Holy Qur'an, which is magnificently authored by Allah, states at HQ33:40 that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the final prophet and sealed off any further arrival of any prophet of whatsoever description. This fact about the sealing off any prophet after Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was also stressed by Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) in his last sermon, 1-week before his own death, which concluded that there will never be another prophet after the death of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) in 632AD.
35. Troubles continued in the Ahmadiyya Movement after the death of Hakim Maulana Nur-ud-Din in 1914, with Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad blatantly claiming that his father (the *Mujaddid*) to have been a prophet, and further stating that nobody had ever told his father (the *Mujaddid*) that he (the *Mujaddid*) was a new prophet after the Final Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). It must be noted that the eldest son was still a teenager and not a matured adult. Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad claimed that even the *Mujaddid* did not know that he was a new prophet! This false claim brought about the most damaging insult to Islam, ever in its history to this day and in serious contradictions to the principles of the *Mujaddid's* Ahmadiyya Movement. The Ahmadiyya Movement was being misled!

36. Consequently, in the same year of 1914, Maulana Muhammad Ali with 58 other very senior and very learned members of the Ahmadiyya Movement, detoured from the now seriously misled Ahmadiyya Movement and went and registered a new religious body with the name of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam (Lahore) in 1914. This detour was absolutely necessary to resume the original Ahmadiyya Movement principles of the *Mujaddid*. The suffix (Lahore) differentiates them as Lahori Jama'at. The group led by Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad, which was registered in Qadian and hence that group is to this day, better known as *Qadianni Jama'at*.
37. Please note: The two Ahmadiyya groups of Lahoris and *Qadiannis* are not the same. They are totally separate religious groups and their differences are distinctly wide apart.
38. When Maulana Muhammad Ali and his 58 other members detoured the Ahmadiyya Movement, Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad did not allow them to take any money or any of the land, other assets, property and other buildings, which were with the Ahmadiyya Movement in Qadian. These 58 very senior and learned members became the nucleus and first new Trustees of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam (Lahore); and they had to start all over again from nothing. Maulana Muhammad Ali and his 58 Trustees had nothing except their Faith in Allah and then they began fund raising and they bought new property in Lahore, which today is known as the Ahmadiyya Buildings in Brandreth Road, Lahore. In total, 59 names were nominated as registered Trustees.
39. Maulana Muhammad Ali asked the most pertinent question of who is correct: Is Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad correct or is the Holy Qur'an as authored by Allah is correct?
40. The obvious answer is that the Holy Qur'an is correct, as it was authored by Allah!
41. Maulana Muhammad Ali wrote several books and pamphlets to differentiate the deceptive falsehood of *Qadiannis* from the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam of Lahore.
42. Maulana Muhammad Ali became the best institution on Islamic matters.
43. Now more than 66 years after his death in 1951, the majority of the educated public throughout the world openly state that translation of the Holy Qur'an and its footnotes are the best in the world. This includes the famous Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt.
44. Many other translators of the Holy Qur'an have taken the 2-columnar English-Arabic design by Maulana Muhammad Ali, they have plagiarised some extracts of verses by Maulana Muhammad Ali, they have also taken footnotes from Maulana Muhammad Ali (plagiarism), they have taken the topics index from Maulana Muhammad Ali, the green cover from Maulana Muhammad Ali, the Arabic ayah crest from Maulana Muhammad Ali and yet: these other translators of the Holy Qur'an say Maulana Muhammad Ali was Ahmadi and not Muslim! May Allah correct these people!
45. People in the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam (Lahore) under the leadership of Maulana Muhammad Ali to this day remain as the only Muslim community in the world to have been true followers of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) and also the only Muslim community to truly accept Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) as the Last and Final Prophet.

46. In this regard, Maulana Muhammad Ali stressed so many times in so many of his books that there is no prophet of any description after Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), as materially evidenced in Holy Qur'an at HQ33:40. Maulana Muhammad Ali stressed so many times that none of the previous prophets will return to earth as prophets and there will never ever be a new prophet after Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), who died in 632AD.
47. Maulana Muhammad Ali explained that Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam (Lahore) is called Ahmadiyya because of Prophet Muhammad's (*pbuh*) first name (birth name) of Ahmad, given to him by his mother, *Amina bint Wahab*. Prophet Muhammad's (*pbuh*) name was changed from Ahmad to Muhammad by his paternal grandfather, Abdul Muttalib in 576AD upon adoption of the child Ahmad, and after Ahmad was fully orphaned, after the death of his mother *Amina bint Wahab*. Hence the full blown name of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam (Lahore) is taken to mean as the Ahmadiyya Organisation for the Propagation of Islam, registered at Lahore, Pakistan.
48. Maulana Muhammad Ali was also an authority on the Bible. He matched the prophecy about another prophet after Jesus. He wrote that the prophecy about Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) is also quoted in the Bible when Jesus Christ made the announcement and this is given at John 16: vv.12 -14, in King James Version, which reads:
49. *"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come he will guide you all into truth: for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me."*
50. This refers to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) and not to *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. It is common knowledge that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the only Prophet, who received direct revelations by hearing them from Angel Gabriel and he immediately spoke and relayed them to his followers, so that the revelations were recorded and later became verses of the Holy Qur'an over 23 years.
51. There is also a quotation in the Holy Qur'an at HQ61:6, which also refers to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) and not to *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad: *"6. And when Jesus, son of Mary, said: O children of Israel, surely I am the messenger of Allah to you, verifying that which is before me of the Torah and giving the good news of a Messenger who will come after me, his name being Ahmad."*
52. These two quotations are being taken incorrectly by the *Qadiannis* to mean *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.
53. Maulana Muhammad Ali as Head of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam (Lahore) most forcefully stated, that the two quotations do not refer to *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad - but both quotations refer to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*).
54. Prior to arrival of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, as the *Mujaddid* and Ambassador of Allah, all Muslims throughout the world believed that Jesus Christ was bodily still alive in human form for over 1,400 years and expected to return to earth as a prophet all over again!

55. When 14<sup>th</sup> Century *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad preached to the world that Jesus Christ had died and Jesus Christ's grave was at Khan Yar Street, at Srinagar, in Kashmir, this new message was known only within the Urdu-speaking Indian subcontinent communities. This was the biggest shock to the world of Christianity!
56. It was then necessary to have a brilliant person of outstanding logic, outstanding command of English language and outstanding knowledge of Islam and many other religions, to translate and spread the same message to the wider communities of the English-speaking countries.
57. These were reasons why Maulana Muhammad Ali emerged in India during the life of *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.
58. It should also be noted that in early 1900, Islam was at its most vulnerable stage of constant attacks by non-Muslim communities, especially Hindus and Christians.
59. The Muslim communities did not have a champion who could respond immediately in English. The Muslim community needed a Defender.
60. Maulana Muhammad Ali was this Defender of Islam.
61. Maulana Muhammad Ali stated in so many of his books the following points for all Muslims to memorise and defend Islam:
- a) All past prophets numbering around 124,000 were informed of their appointment as prophets with Divine revelations by Archangel Gabriel. This includes from the first originating prophet Adam (*as*) and the last and final prophet, Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*).
  - b) After delivery of the final revelation to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), Archangel Gabriel will not descend upon any other human with Divine revelations.
  - c) The Holy Qur'an has stated at HQ33:40 that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) is the seal of prophets and no new prophet of any description shall be appointed again by Divine revelation. This also means that no prophet of the past 124,000 before Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) shall re-appear again.
  - d) After the death of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) in 632AD, no other person will receive any Divine revelation from Archangel Gabriel. Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) had stated in his final sermon at Mount Arafat in year 632AD that he Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the Last Prophet and Final Prophet and no other prophet will appear after his death in 632AD.
62. Maulana Muhammad Ali came at that special time when it was necessary to expose to the world all the prophecies in the Holy Qur'an.
63. The passage of time from birth of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835) and the death of Maulana Muhammad Ali (1951) has been the time of greatest human achievements in terms of discoveries, inventions, science, information about the Universe, technology, business successes, different modes of travel and weapons of mass destruction, so that men became more conscious of the existence of the supremacy of Allah.
64. It was this time that Maulana Muhammad Ali's explanations all proved correct.
65. Maulana Muhammad Ali proved to the world the predictions of *Mujaddid* Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad about the two World Wars and advancements of European and Caucasians communities.

66. Maulana Muhammad Ali also pointed out the prophecy on Ahmadis. He said that the Holy Qur'an states with authority at Ch. 3: v.103 –  
“103. And from you there should be a party who invite to good and enjoin the right and forbid the wrong. And these are they who are successful.”
- In order to give transparency, and show distinct differences between the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam (Lahore) and the *Qadiannis*, Maulana Muhammad Ali drew up a simple matrix of comparative study, of twelve key points. These twelve points appear in the inside cover of almost all books that Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam (Lahore) publishes.
67. Maulana Muhammad Ali accepted all Muslims and directed all other Muslims to accept any person to be a Muslim who claims to be a Muslim.
- Maulana Muhammad Ali upheld the basic rights of a Muslim as -
- ✓ Belief in the Kalima “*La-illaha illa Ilahu Muhammad-ur Rasul Ullah.*”
  - ✓ Any person who recites and believes the above Kalima is a Muslim.
  - ✓ No Muslim has rights in Holy Qur'an to declare another Muslim a *Kafir* (not-Muslim).
68. Today, Maulana Muhammad Ali is regarded as the world's best and most significant authority on Islam ever. Maulana Muhammad Ali is an institution on Islam.
69. Many courts in English speaking countries refer to Maulana Muhammad Ali's books 'Religion of Islam' and his English translation of the Holy Qur'an as the standard reference works on Islam.
70. Please share this information with other Muslims, in support of paragraph No 66 above.
71. Thank you all most kindly, for your attention. *Wassalaam.*

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