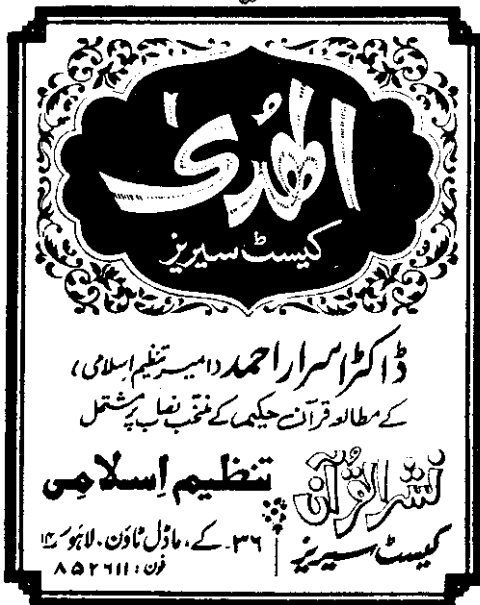


(iii) Two of his sons (one M.B.B.S. and the other M.A. in Philosophy) are among the seven 'Fellows' of the Quran Academy and we have all the hopes that his two younger sons will also take to the same path and join then elder brothers in furthering the mission of their father.

But it is the irony of fate that there always have been and will always be some people who see some sinister motives and discover ulterior objectives even in such noble and imitable examples.

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2. Ch. Nasir Ahmad Virk, 6-L Samanabad, Lahore
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Federal Land Commission.
3. Dr. Mohammad Yaqin, 37-Shadman Colony, Lahore
Eye-Surgeon
4. Dr. Zaheer Ahmad, Medical Practitioner
Abdul Karim Road, Qila Gujjar Sing, Lahore
5. Iqtedar Ahmad, Managing Director, Izhar Ltd;
6-A Kausar Road, Krishan Nagar, Lahore.
6. Qamar Saeed Qureshi, Civil Engineer,
967-N Samanabad, Lahore.



English. However he was disappointed on receiving the reply that no such person was available at Al-Azhar. It proves that Allama Iqbal had all the desire to establish a "Shopping Plaza" like the Quran Academy but due to other preoccupations he could not do it earlier in his life and as a result he had to take his desire with him to the grave.

And that brings us to the most derogatory and damaging remarks passed in the most sarcastic manner about the Anjuman and the Academy of which we are the founder members.

We want to remind your correspondent and also explain for the general public that:-

1. The Quran Academy is not the property of Dr. Israr Ahmad. It is owned by the Markazi Anjuman Khuddam-ul-Quran Lahore, which is a corporate body duly registered with the Registrar of Companies and Dr. Israr does not derive any financial benefit from it except the residential and allied facilities given to him by the Anjuman at the premises of the Academy. Moreover, he does not get even a single penny as royalty for any of his publications; any gain from them goes to the Anjuman. He does guide, rather control, the policy of the Anjuman but does not spend even a single penny of its funds by his own hands. All the income and expenditure is controlled and the reimbursements made jointly by Nazim-i-Ala and Nazim-i-Baitul-Mal of the Anjuman.
2. Dr. Absar is only an honorary Director of the Academy. He does not get a single penny from the Anjuman or the Academy. He is on the teaching staff of the Punjab University and even lives at separate premises. Moreover, he was appointed honorary Director of the Academy by the Managing Committee of the Anjuman not because he is the brother of Dr. Israr but because he is fully qualified for the post as he has an M.Phil as well as a Ph.D degree in Ethics and Philosophy of Religion to his credit.
3. Dr. Israr Ahmad's two sons (mind you not one) are among the seven educated youngmen (one M.B.B.S; one B.D.S; three M.Sc.s and two M.As) who have dedicated their lives for the promotion of the cause which the Anjuman and the Academy have before them. And they get the same remunerations from the Anjuman as the remaining five. They do not enjoy any extra privileges.

In fact, it is a sign of Allah's blessings on Dr. Israr and a proof of his sincerity of purpose that: (i) two of his brothers were among the twenty founder members of the Anjuman, a third one joined later. (ii) Another of his brothers whom he had himself directed to study Philosophy with the aim of serving the cause of Islam at the intellectual level of our age, has by the grace of Allah come upto his expectations and after completing his M.Phil and Ph.D; has started working towards that end.

which came through the prophets and which reached its zenith in the "Al-Huda" i.e. Al-Quran. The former of these two studies the "work" of God and the latter consists of the "word" of God and there is not, and cannot be, any contradiction between the two. To be able to resolve any apparent contradiction between the two has been the endeavour of all people of learning throughout the history, Muslim history being no exception to it.

Most recent and the latest attempt in this direction was made by Allama Iqbal in his Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam. And the Anjuman Khuddam-ul-Quran as well as the Quran Academy are proud of trying to contribute in a humble way to this cause.

Regarding the "inspiration" from the Mormans of America, let your correspondent and all your readers know that the two years' course of study at the Quran Academy which has initiated all this controversy was announced by the Anjuman much before the visit this year of Dr. Israr Ahmad and Dr. Absar Ahmad to America, where they per chance came into contact with some Mormans and got the information that they have made it obligatory on every young boy and girl of their community to take two years' course in religion after completing their High School and before taking up the University education. To dub the mentioning of such an example as "inspiration" is something which can come from an un-healthy mind only. It can at least never be expected from a person believing in the Prophet who has said: "Wisdom is the lost property of a 'Momin' and he has all the right to get it wherever he finds it". Regarding the vague maligning through the word "PAID" let your correspondent know that the invitation to Dr. Israr and Dr. Absar came not from any foreign agency but from The Society of the Servants of Al-Quran, Chicago, a subsidiary of our Anjuman which is totally and exclusively run by the Indo-Pakistan Muslims and none else.

Your correspondent has very cleverly tried to exploit the hatred against Maulana Azad in a section of Pakistani nation. Be it known to him and all the like that Dr. Israr does own, Maulana Azad of 'Al-Hilal' and 'Al-Balagh' i.e. the period of his life from 1912 to 1920 and he does openly link the party he has founded i.e. Tanzeem-e-Islami to the "HIZB-ALLAH" of Maulana Azad and the Quran Academy which he has established to the 'Darul-Irshad' established by the late Maulana at Calcutta. But the course of action which Maulana Azad took after 1920, Dr. Israr or the Tanzeem-e-Islami or the Anjuman or the Academy has never owned or commended.

But why go so far back? The Anjuman Khuddam-ul-Quran and the Quran Academy have a more recent precursor in the "Idara Darul-Islam" established by a strong admirer and adherent of Allama Iqbal i.e. the late Ch. Niaz Ali Khan on the advice of Allama Iqbal for which the Allama wrote a letter to the then Rector of Al-Azhar University, Cairo, requesting him to lend the services of a person well versed in the Quran and able to teach it to the Muslim graduates in

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جوزہ نمبر ۱۲ اکتوبر ۱۹۸۳ء کو پاکستان ٹائمز میں شائع ہوا

The Editor
Pakistan Times, Lahore

Dear Sir,

السلام علیکم ورحمۃ اللہ وبرکاتہ

We, the Founder Members of Markazi Anjuman Khuddamul Quran Lahore which has established the Quran Academy and which is currently holding "Dr. Israr Ahmad's New Course" being discussed in the letters column of your esteemed paper, take strong exception to the highly derogatory and maligning letter published in the 28th September issue of your paper under the caption "An Echo of Azad".

Written in the most cryptic language, the said letter aims not only at the character assassination of DR. ISRAR AHMAD but also ridicules all the people supporting him or working with him.

As far as the person of Dr. Israr Ahmad is concerned he has by the grace and blessing of God Almighty been exalted to a position not only in Pakistan but also abroad which has caused envy and heart burning in many people. And casting of such aspersions on his personality and character as your correspondent has tried to do can only enhance his position and image and do harm only to those who try to malign him.

Human history bears ample testimony to the fact that personalities who have at different occasions changed its course were in their own time branded as 'fanatics', so much so that even the PROPHETS were not spared.

In the same way calling him "half-baked mix" cannot but remind people of Maulana Maudoodi who had regular "grounding" neither in Divinity and Religion nor even at any college or University but still the position he holds and the high esteem in which he was held throughout the world made many people jealous and envious of him and many learned ulama having all the "grounding" in Divinity and Religion, including Maulana Amin Ahsan Islahi joined hand with him in his mission.

The efforts for integration of Science and religion are surely much older than the GREEK civilization; in fact, they are as old as the human race itself because two sources of knowledge were destined for man from the very beginning: firstly, the knowledge of the physical objects based on the "Knowledge of Names" given to ADAM (peace be upon him) whose manifestation and unfolding has taken the form of the rich treasure of knowledge which science has gathered; and, secondly, the revealed knowledge or "HUDA" i.e. guidance.