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Editor's Note

This morning the *Taryabetti* training classes being broadcasted worldwide was interrupted to conduct the *Janaza* prayer of Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Hami, who returned to his Maker in Lahore, Pakistan today. *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilehi Rajeoon.*

Immediately, Br Shahid Aziz, Secretary, AAAIL UK, circulated a moving obituary on the *Marhoom*, which we circulated to our worldwide members with a follow-up request to conduct *Salat-e-Janaza Ghaibana*.

Br Mudassar Aziz, son of Br Shahid Aziz, has made the *Janaza* prayer available on his Virtual Mosque site. Here you will observe Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, leading the *Janaza* prayer, joined by family members of the *Marhoom*, members of the Lahore *Jama'at*, and the students attending the *Taryabetti* classes.

Kindly click on the following VirtualMosque link to view the *Janaza* prayer held at the Central Mosque, Lahore: http://www.virtualmosque.co.uk/dr_hami.php.

We also reproduce for you a biographical note on the late Dr Hami that was published in September/December 2007 issue of *The Message*.

And at the following links, you can listen to discourses given by Dr Hami:

<http://aaail.org/text/snd/uk/2007/soundislamahmadiyyauk2007.shtml>

<http://aaail.org/text/snd/uk/2006/soundislamahmadiyyauk2006.shtml>

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Dr Muhammad Ahmad Hami, M.Sc., Ph.D. (UK)

A biographical note



Muhammad Ahmad Hami was born in Qila Soba Singh, District Sialkot on 19 February, 1930. He received his primary and high school education at the Taleemul Islam High School, Qadian, District Gurdaspur and passed his Matriculation Examination in 1946. That same year he entered the Punjab Agriculture College (now Agriculture University, Faisalabad), Lyallpur, a prestigious institution for the study of Agriculture in Pakistan, and obtained his B.Sc. (Agriculture) in 1950. After completing two years of post-graduate studies at the same institution, he obtained his M.Sc. (Agri.) degree in 1952, specialising in Agricultural Biochemistry.

From 1953 onwards, Dr Hami dedicated his life to the service of Islam and the Ahmadiyya Movement and reported to the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya in Rabwah, District Jhang. He was appointed a research scholar at the Fazli Umar Scientific Research Institute, where he worked until 1957. During this period he was occasionally seconded to teach Biology to intermediate-level students at the Taleemul Islam College, Rabwah.

His grandfather, Hakim Chiragh Ali, and his father, Hakim Mohammad Feroz-ud-Din, both accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1905 through a letter sent to Hazrat Mirza

Ghulam Ahmad, Promised Messiah and Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. Both of them migrated to Qadian in 1919 and built a house in Mohallah Darul Rahmat. His father worked as Inspector, Baitul Maal with the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Qadian. He died in 1954. Both his grandfather and his father were pious, humble and extremely dedicated Ahmadis who served the Movement till the end of their lives. May Allah rest their noble souls in peace in Paradise.

When the Research Institute was closed down in 1957, Dr Hami joined various industrial units related to edible oils, fats and soap industries in Pakistan, and also worked as manager of the Baby Food Industrial units of Glaxo Laboratories and Cow & Gate Limited from 1957 to 1963. Later on, he went to Chittagong (now Bangladesh) and worked as production manager, supervising edible and fats production. In 1974 he established his own soap and detergent manufacturing factory at Sargodha in Pakistan. Unfortunately, soon after its establishment it was attacked, looted and set on fire during the anti-Ahmadiyya riots in 1974. The mob also attempted to set his residential home on fire but, by the grace of Allah and the timely help of family members, most of his possessions were saved.

Towards the end of 1974, due to family circumstances and on the advice of some of his friends, he moved to the UK, where in 1975 he joined Reading University to do further studies on the subject of nutritional science. After completing one year of extensive studies he was able to obtain his M.Sc. degree with distinction in Nutritional Science in 1976 and was awarded the Gold Medal. He pursued his Ph.D. from the same university and was appointed Assistant Lecturer and worked at that institution for two and a half years. In 1978 he was offered a job as a lecturer at the Al-Fatah University, Tripoli, Libya and he worked there for two and a half years. After this,

he returned to the UK, bought a house and settled in Wembley in 1992.

From his college days in Lyallpur, Dr Hami was keen to read Urdu and English literature – religious as well as poetry. He was keen to study translations and commentaries of the Holy Qur'an and other Islamic literature. The English and Urdu translations of the Qur'an by Maulana Muhammad Ali fascinated him greatly and he read almost all Maulana Muhammad Ali's Urdu and English publications.

He was very critical of the Qadian views about the claims and interpretation of the finality of prophethood and he became much closer to the views of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. He was a regular subscriber to the weekly publications, *Paigham-i Sulh* and *Light*.

His interest in having deeper knowledge of the Qur'an and *Hadith* prompted him to learn the Arabic language on his own and he obtained a fair amount of command over the language in translating Arabic references from the Qur'an and the *Hadith*. He can speak and write both English and Urdu fluently.

Dr Hami has been writing a series of articles, rejoinders, columns and letters to the editors of daily and weekly newspapers in Pakistan and the UK. While writing in Pakistan he often used a pen name. His writings regarding the Ahmadiyya Movement were published in the weeklies *Paigham-i Sulh* (Lahore) and *Al-Fazal* (UK). Later, when his studies of science, philosophy and sociology increased, he started contributing thought-provoking articles to *Saqafat*, *Hamdard*, *Pakistan Times* and the *Civil & Military Gazette* of Pakistan. His articles on nutritional science and biochemistry, which total about 100, were published in foreign research journals from 1952 to 1985.

Dr Hami has special interest in history, especially of the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*sas*) and the Prophet's companions. He can narrate minute details of events and individuals and their

way of life that bring to the listener a live picture of early Islamic history, the circumstances in which a particular event took place or the character of a companion who took part in it.

He is equally adept at writing poetry and short stories. Some of these were published in the well-known literary journals of Pakistan such as the weekly *Qindeel*, the monthly *Maah-i Nau*, *Nairang-i Khayaal* and *Takhleeq*, and various other literary digests of Pakistan. While settled in England his regular columns "Shazraat" in *Al-Fazal* and "Food Advice" (*Ghizaai Mashwarey*) in the daily *Jang* were read with great interest.

While at Lyallpur and later when working as Chief Chemist at the Punjab Vegetable Ghee and General Mills, Lahore, which was owned by the late Sh. Mian Muhammad, who later became President of the Lahore Anjuman, he became close to the Lahore Anjuman and attended annual *jalsas* and other functions of the Anjuman. This led to him having closer relations with Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan, Mian Fazl-i Ahmad and other prominent members of the Lahore Anjuman.

In 2000 he came to know about the Lahore Ahmadiyya centre at 15 Stanley Avenue in Wembley, which was quite near to his residence at Sudbury Hill, and he became a regular member of the Lahore Anjuman by taking formal initiation. For most the last five years Dr Hami has virtually been the *Imam* at the Wembley centre, delivering Friday sermons, *dars-i-Qur'an* and *-Hadith*. The Centre recently started a computer system called *Virtual Mosque*, through which Friday sermons and other lectures and deliberations are relayed live.

Dr. Muhammad Hami's sermons and talks are full of knowledge and deeper insight into the Holy Qur'an and the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sas) and in this respect members are always keen to listen to him.

PHOTOGRAPH

[Courtesy Br Shahid Aziz, Secretary, AAAIL UK]



Dr Muhammad Ahmad Hami (centre) at Darus Salam, London

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