



5 Starter Facts About Ahmadiyya Islam

1. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) is the only sect to believe the long-awaited Messiah came as Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in 1889. There are ~10 million Ahmadis worldwide and ~15-20 thousand in the United States.
2. The AMC is led by a caliph. The fifth and current caliph is Mirza Masroor Ahmad. Ahmadis believe he is divinely ordained. In response to his accession in 2003, His Holiness was exiled from Pakistan and has since ruled from London.
3. Due to their beliefs, Ahmadis face persecution from other Muslims. They are legally declared heretics in multiple countries, e.g. Pakistan's Constitution prohibits members of the AMC from identifying as Muslim, and there have been state-sponsored killings, cover ups, and oppression of religious freedom.
4. The AMC has a large missionary component and have adopted non-Abrahamic prophets (including Zoroaster, Confucius, and the Buddha) as prophets in Islam as the Ahmadis have spread to over 209 countries to date.
5. The AMC is the only sect to endorse the separation of mosque and state. It also invests heavily in women's equality, education, and empowerment programs. In 2014, the U.S. House of Representatives formed the Ahmadiyya Muslim caucus. This bipartisan effort addresses the global issue of human and civil rights of persecuted religious minorities.

Learn more at:

<https://www.alislam.org/library/ahmadiyya-muslim-community/>

<https://www.ahmadiyya.us/>

These five points are not meant to be comprehensive or authoritative. We hope they encourage you to explore this spirituality more deeply and seek out members of this community to learn about their beliefs in action. In understanding our differences we will better understand our common humanity.

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