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Announcement publicly at the Khatmenabuwat Academy in London

As-salaamu `alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuhu,

My dear brothers and sisters in Islam, it is my pleasure to inform you that *alhamdulillah*, it is coming up to four years since Allah (SWT) granted me *hidaayah* and saved me from Qadianism. Not a day has passed when I have not been grateful for the gift of Islam. My *deen* is something that I never take for granted.

On the 26th of November, 2004, I embraced Islam after a period of intense study. Two weeks later, I made my announcement publicly at the Khatmenabuwat Academy in London, after speaking with Maulana Sohail Bawa about my decision.

The reasons I made a public announcement were two-fold. First, it would give courage to other Qadianis who were scared of the consequences of leaving the cult they were born into, through no fault of their own. Second, it would send a message to the leadership of the *Ahmadiyya* that I was not afraid and that their usual smear tactics against the outspoken in their ranks would not work on me. (It was interesting to see how many Qadianis subsequently asserted that I had been "kicked out of the jama'at", despite my very public, and very unexpected departure)

After leaving, at first, I had considered keeping myself to myself and being content with my own decision. Then I realised that since I had been given the gift of Islam, it was now incumbent upon me to spread the message and to invite my former co-religionists to the right path, away from the misguidance and *kufir* of Qadianism. I thus started writing.

Only three months after becoming Muslim, I wrote "Life After the Cult", which was a public letter to any Qadiani who was considering jumping off the sinking ship of their false religion and swimming to the shore of Islam. It gained a widespread audience. Around the same time, I began contributing heavily to the ahmedi.org forum and soon became a moderator. After around three thousand posts under various names, I left the forum and started making a series of videos on YouTube. My channel, shahidkamal, gained a steadily growing audience and came to the attention of the top levels of the *Ahmadiyya* who did their best to try and stop my work, but by the grace of Allah (SWT), their attempts failed.

Most recently, I have started, with some fellow Muslims, a new web site called TheCult.info, where there is an active blog and forum and also a wiki. We are using as many modern tools as possible to spread the message of Islam and to show the ugly truth of Ahmadiyyat, so that everyone, Muslims and Qadianis, can see the difference for themselves.

I have been shocked, if not entirely surprised, by the horrendous abuse and vitriolic hatred directed towards me by Qadianis. I only pray that those who still reason, will see for themselves what is right and what is wrong, that they will reflect and that *insha'Allah*, they will revert to the only *deen* acceptable to Allah (SWT) - and that is Islam.

Work continues on new articles, videos and book projects and *insha'Allah*, I want to make it my life's work to attract as many Qadianis to Islam as possible, remembering always, that it is Allah (SWT) alone who grants *hidaayah*. May He give it to all Qadianis, *insha'Allah*.

Please remember me in your du`a.

Wassalaam,

Your brother in Islam,

Shahid Kamal Ahmad

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