

# *Reviving the True Spirit of the Islamic Faith*

Commemorating the Centenary Anniversary  
(1917-2017)

of the first publication of Maulana Muhammad Ali's  
English Translation and Commentary of the Holy Quran

Presented by  
**Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society**

Saturday August 12, 2017  
10:00 am to 2:30 pm — Lunch provided

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**T**HE LAHORE AHMADIYYA ISLAMIC SOCIETY hosts an educational symposium each year devoted to a topic about Islam that is relevant to contemporary issues. This year presents the centenary anniversary (1917-2017) of the first publication of the **English Translation and Commentary of the Holy Quran by Maulana Muhammad Ali**.

We will be commemorating this world-renowned work by discussing:

- ❖ Its historical impact on promoting the spiritual basis of Islam
- ❖ Its current utility in furthering a universal message of peace
- ❖ Its efficacy in continuing to influence modern Islamic thought

Maulana Muhammad Ali's English Translation and Commentary of the Holy Quran was a pioneering work, being the first English translation of the Quran by a Muslim widely accessible to the West. It was first printed in England in 1917 and was an integral resource to the Woking Mission, the **first established Islamic mission in Europe** and center of Islam in the West in the early 20th century. African American Muslim communities used it as the primary text to study the Quran before and during the civil rights era, including influential figures like **Elijah Muhammad** and **Malcom X**. In contemporary times, particularly in the **academic** realm, it is valued as rendering an authoritative presentation of Islam that effectively **rebuts extremist ideologies** and revives the true spirit of the faith.

Among the guest presenters at the symposium will be **Professor Hussein Aly** (American University of Cairo), who recently completed the translation of Maulana Muhammad Ali's English commentary into Arabic, and **Professor Shlomo Alon** (Hebrew University in Jerusalem), who is currently translating Maulana Muhammad Ali's English translation and commentary into Hebrew. They will both speak about their respective translations and the prospects of these works contributing to establishing peace in the region. We are also pleased to have **U.S. Representative Andre Carson** (second Muslim Congressman in U.S. history) share his reflections on Maulana Muhammad Ali's Quran translation and commentary and the impact this work had on him personally.

Join us for these talks and an **exhibit** featuring, among other historic items, the **original hand-written** translation and commentary by Maulana Muhammad Ali.

*We look forward to you honoring us with your presence!*