MONEY

One aspect of a cult is financial control through mandatory payments directly to the organisation. Ahmadiyya, among its many mandatory payments has a basic payment called “Chanda Aaam”.

This requires every member of the organisation to make an obligatory payment of 6.25% of their net income every month. This includes pensions, child benefit, income support and incapacity benefit. This payment is not voluntary and is in addition to other obligatory charities such as “Chanda Jalsa Salana” (Welcome to Ahmadiyyat, pages 396-402).

This is contrary to the Holy Qu’ran and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) has clearly stated that the only obligatory charitable payment on Muslims is the zakat (Sahih Bukhari, Volume 1, Book 2, Number 45) but Ahmadiyya have created many new mandatory payments.

THE CULT

As an outsider looking at Ahmadiyya, I never understood why many former Ahmadis so vehemently call Ahmadiyya a cult. Is Ahmadiyya a religion or is it a cult? When does a religion become a cult? Psychologist Philip G. Zimbardo identified four primary factors that distinguish a cult from a regular religion, upon which Mitch Horowitz appended two:

- Behaviour control, such as monitoring of where you go and what you do.
- Information control, such as discouraging members from reading criticism of the group.
- Thought control, placing sharp limits on doctrinal questioning;
- Emotional control, using humiliation or guilt.
- Financial control, either through mandatory payments or full disclosure of financial information.
- Extreme leadership, such as excessively revering the leader.

In this edition we briefly explore the above points with regard to Ahmadiyya. How many of the above factors would Ahmadiyya fall under if any at all? If any references are required for the information provided, please contact ahmadi.flyer@gmail.com.
FACEBOOK BAN

On the 26th of June 2011, the Ahmadiyya leader Mirza Masroor Ahmad banned Ahmadis from using Facebook. All accounts had to be deleted immediately, so much for “Freedom of Speech”.

Muslims are free to use Facebook or any other social network as they see fit. There isn’t, and probably never will be a centrally controlled singular Facebook group for Islam or Muslims as there is for Ahmadiyya.

In Ahmadiyya you are forbidden to worship with Muslims, marry them or even take part in their funerals. Ex-Ahmadis have stated that they are made to believe Muslims are terrifying people. This keeps Ahmadis isolated from Muslims and vulnerable. Ahmadi girls have also been prevented from joining or mixing with female Muslim associations at universities. To maintain further control, you cannot write a publication in the name of Ahmadiyya without permission. This is in addition to encouraging Ahmadis not to disclose their Ahmadi identity when making complaints to the media with regard to stories that are not in their favour. Furthermore the organisation has employed computer hacking tactics to target sites that speak out against them.

Moreover you can only acquire a senior office post in the organisation if you are a member of the ‘Wassiyat’ scheme which is a pledge to donate your assets to the organisation upon your death while paying 10%-33% while you are alive. If you would like a first class ticket to heaven, then you can get it by joining this scheme which entitles you to be buried in the “Heavenly Graveyard” whose occupants are destined for paradise. Is this a religion or a cult?

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please visit the following websites for information about Ahmadiyya:

www.alhafeez.org/rashid
http://www.irshad.org
www.thecult.info/blog

ahmadi.flyer@gmail.com
user/DaggersOfTruth
ahmadi_flyer

CONTROL

In Ahmadiyya an ‘Umumi (maintains records) is appointed to gain knowledgeable about events in the neighbourhood and report incidents that break the rules of the organisation as well as reporting back on the habits and trends of the city/town.

In one incident a family was reported to the organisation for having held a wedding where males and females were not separated. Instead of advising the family in private that this wasn’t in accordance with Islam, the Ahmadiyya not only ex-communicated them from their religion but humiliated them by announcing their names at a Friday congregation. This maintains the emotional control element.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said, “God has bestowed upon me six favours which the former Prophets did not enjoy: ... (6) And the line of prophets has come to its final end in me.”

(Muslim, Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah)