THE CRESCENT OF ISLAM IS NOT ONLY SHINING ON THE HORIZON OF EUROPE AND AMERICA BUT ALSO IT IS THROWING ITS SILVERY LIGHT ON THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA. THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA, FROM EAST TO WEST AND NORTH TO SOUTH, ARE UNDERGOING A GREAT REVOLUTION—POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND RELIGIOUS. ISLAM IS EMERGING AS A GREAT FORCE IN AFRICA AND THE FORCES OF CHRISTIANITY ARE RETREATING UNDER THE PRESSURE OF ISLAM. LIKE EVERYWHERE ELSE AHMADIYYA MISSIONARIES ARE KINDLING THE LAMP OF TRUTH IN THAT GREAT CONTINENT AND BRINGING LIGHT TO THOSE WHO ARE GROPING IN DARKNESS IN SEARCH OF TRUTH. WE GIVE BELOW SOME ACCOUNT OF THE SUCCESS WHICH ISLAM IS GAINING AGAINST CHRISTIANITY. THE NARRATORS OF THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES HAVE DISOWNED THE CHURCH AND HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY TO MOSQUE.

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When I was only eight days old I was baptized like any baby born in the Catholic Church. At the age of five, my mother made me recite simple prayers and catechism. My instruction and understanding grew with my years. When I reached the third year of my primary education I had acquired enough religious knowledge to make me a useful boy in the Church.

I grew up a sincere Catholic boy attending early morning Masses everyday and sometimes helped a priest on an altar. I used to observe all dogmas and teachings of the Catholic Church. But I had my weakness—Curiosity. I completely failed to understand why the Catholic Church forbade its followers to touch religious books of non-Catholics and at the same time it invited non-Catholics to read its literature. I could not therefore stop reading religious books of non-Catholics, in spite of being rebuked by missionaries. I now feel that the Catholic missionaries had realized the frailty of their faith long ago and that is why they did not allow their followers a free choice.

To come back to my story, one day I saw a book "The Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran" on the table of a Muslim friend of mine. I asked him to lend it to me for a day or two; and he readily agreed. I took the book home and read a number of pages. As I came across in the book several paragraphs attacking Christianity, I thought I had better see a Muslim missionary. At first I was scared of being seen by my Catholic friends, but one morning I had the courage to walk into the office of an Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary.

I told him that I had read the book "The Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran" and have some questions to ask. He assured me that he was pleased to answer my questions concerning religion. His explanation was more than satisfactory. It made me review the whole Catholic Faith. For every answer he gave, he quoted from the Bible. It was a wonderful experience. Before I left him, he gave me another booklet to read at leisure and asked me to see him again if I had any question on Islam.

I was on vacation leave and had ample time to read the booklet. In it I found a number of questions which, I thought, could baffle my new friend. But I was mistaken. The missionary was steady in answering my questions and I could make out that he was speaking with full knowledge of the subject. It was only I who had always to encounter defeat. I took some of these questions to my Catholic friends, whom I regarded to be well read, but they too failed to give satisfactory answers. I even remember talking about the "Death of Jesus Christ" with a priest friend of mine. I told him that I had learnt from a certain book (I did not like to tell him the name of the book—"Where Did Jesus Die?") that Jesus did not die on the cross. He advised me not to touch such books. "They are written by people who wish to mislead Catholics," he remarked.

But I could not agree with the priest and continued reading Islamic literature. I was so fond of my new Muslim friend that when I left home for school, I gave him my school address. We exchanged a number of letters, and it was through his long letters that I learnt some of the arguments I used to put before my Catholic friends, when we talked about religion. After completing my teaching course and reading a number of Islamic books for about two years, I joined Islam in 1953.

In conclusion, I have to thank Almighty God that through His blessing I have seen the light of Truth. I have found Islamic teaching not only reasonable but practical and beneficial as well. Since I adopted Islam, I have marked that apart from spiritual grace my brain has been sharpened and I understand things much better than before."

Brother Mohammad W.E. Arthur of Saltpond, a former M.L.A. Ghana, West Africa, narrates below the events that led him to the fold of Islam.



"In 1927, *when I was a teacher in the Government School at Asankragwa, I met an Ahmadi friend Mr. Yusuf Anaman from Cape Coast who explained to me the beauties of Islam and I was inclined towards it. Due to ill-health I had to leave Govt. service after twelve years, and later some time in* 1934, *I took appointment with Ahmadiyya Mission as a school teacher, when I formally embraced Islam, at the hands of Maulvi Hakim.*

After four years service I decided to retire and do private business of my own. However, I continued my connection with the Mission by accepting the appointments of local Manager of the Saltpond Ahmaddiyya Schools and an ex-officio member of the Mission's Executive Committee. When Ghana achieved internal Self-Government in 1952, *I was elected to the Legislative Assembly and on her attainment of full independence, I was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Housing Corporation. I have now repaired to my former status as a private businessman but still serving the Mission as the President of the new Executive Council of the Ahmadiyya Movement Ghana, to which I was elected in* 1960."