Here is another example of the success of Islam in Africa. In the article published below Brother Bashir-ud-Din describes how he left Church to join Mosque. Although he was born a Catholic, trained and educated as a Catholic, yet the church could not hold him back and he was attracted by the beauty of Islam as presented by the Ahmadiyya Movement.



"I was born a Catholic, trained as a Catholic and educated as a Catholic. My Christian name was John Osborne Bainn. But when I attained the age of manhood, I became a Muslim, in 1929. *My Muslim name, now, is Basheerud-Din. I have now rejected Christianity and sought to cultivate the spirit of Islam, because:*

In the Catholic school, where I was trained and educated, we were not allowed to read the Bible and to find the truth for ourselves; that, the prayer books, catechisms and other books sanctioned by the Pope, were bought by us from their bookshops and read them ourselves. This is what is going on in the present-day Catholic schools.

I read the Bible and found out that Jesus Christ, Abraham and Moses made the prostration as the Muslims do.

In the Catholic church, anything one does not understand and asks the priest, he (the Priest) says that it is a mystery.

That, in the church, in which I was, we were taught to confess our sins to the priest, who in turn, would grant remission of sin.

We were taught that God is in three persons, viz. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, and during the invocations in the church, they called the Holy Ghost to come upon us. These I found to be unreasonable and I became a Muslim.

The Holy Quran, says "This is the Religion I enjoined upon Noah, Abraham, Solomon, and David." All these made me realize that as a Muslim I was doing what these prophets did.

Here is another brother in Islam from Ghana. Sergt. Yusifu Ankamah who was a Presbyterian Christian but was not satisfied. He searched for truth and by the grace of Allah, found it in Islam. He says :

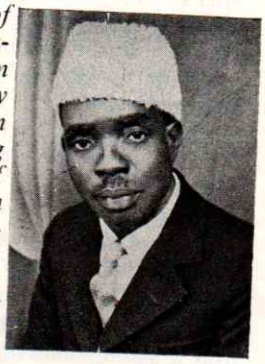


"I was a Christian in the Presbyterian church since the early days of my life. When I became of age I started to fear God and believed in Jesus Christ (Peace be on him) as my saviour. I studied the Holy Bible, and followed the accepted practices of the church, in my search for the true God. But after studying very carefully the teachings of the old and the new Testaments of the Bible, I became dissatisfied with the teachings of the books, for they were contradictory.

Having seen that the church is addicted to superstitious teachings and beliefs I gave up all hopes of remaining a member of the church and subsequently stopped going to church services entirely.

In the year 1961 *after studying the teaching of Islam I sprang into spiritual consciousness. I have seen the true God in Islam. There is no doubt in the teachings of Islam. I have found the true Key of worship of God and today by the mercy of Allah I have become an accepted member of the world-wide Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds.*

Mr. Mumtaz B. Arthur. who is now the General Secretary of Ahmadiyya Movement in Ghana, was a Christian in his early youth but was attracted to Islam and joined this World-Brotherhood. He was attracted to Islam at the early age of 17, specially because he liked the Islamic mode of worship. In the following article he narrates his story :



"When I was a Christian boy of about 17 *years old, in the Elementary School, I was attracted to Islam by its mode of worship through my class teacher who, though a Christian critic of Islam, could not help being so impressed by the Muslim way of worship, that not a religious lesson passed in his class without his comment in appreciation of it.*

With my interest thus aroused, I would sometimes spend hours standing and watching Muslims at prayer till, at last, I was fortunate to lay hands on a copy of the booklet: "The Islamic Mode of Worship." The perusal of that small book was all I needed to be convinced of the superiority of Islam over Christianity and my reasons are the following:

i) Islam teaches daily in practice universal brotherhood of man, inasmuch as in worship king and subject, master and servant, rich and poor, old and young are required to stand shoulder to shoulder before their Creator; unlike the practice in Christian churches where specially designed pews are allocated for the high and inferior ones and for the low, thus creating class distinction and segregation.

ii) Islam is a perfect religion, hence its mode of worship is also perfect in that both the body and soul join in the worship, whereas in Christian worship the body plays a negligible part and all the time is devoted to singing.

iii) By the 'Salat' (Prayers) of five times daily, in which a believer is enjoined to seek audience with his Creator, Islam has established the fact that Religion is not a thing to be called to mind once a week and then put aside and disregarded as in Christianity.