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Esteemed Sir,

I cannot adequately express to you my gratitude for the letter received from you under date of December 17. I had almost given up all hope of receiving a reply but the contents of the letter and circulars fully repaid me for the delay. I hardly know what to say in reply except that I am still very anxious to gain more of the truth than I have thus far found. After reading your circulars an idea occurred to me which I will present to you for your consideration knowing or rather feeling confident that you, who are so much more spiritual than I so much nearer to God will answer me in a way that will be for the best. Were it possible for me to visit would do so only to gladly. But I am so situated that it seems almost

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an impossibility. I am married and have three children. For nearly two years I have been living a life of celibacy and shall continue to do so as long as I live. My income is not sufficient to justify me in giving up my business as it requires all that I can make to support my family, therefore, even if I had sufficient means to enable me to make the journey to India I would not be able to furnish support for my family during my absence. Therefore a visit to India being out of the question it occurred to me that I might through your aid assist in spreading the truth here. If, as you are the Muhammadan is the only true religion why could I not act as its Apostle or promulgator in America. My opportunities for doing so seem to me very good if I had some one to lead me a right at first. I have been led to believe that not only Muhammad but also Jesus, Gautam Budha, Zoroaster and many others taught the truth, that we should, however, worship God and not men. If I could know what Muhammad really taught that was superior to the teachings of others, I could then be in a position to defend and promulgate the Muhammadan religion above all others. But the little

عين كوشيني افتياركركهي واوراسياي لقبة العم ميرى آمرني اسفدرنهين وكرمن اينوكام لما قياصن على بوسكول كيونداس آمرني سيصي بانتظام نامانيعيا من المنح كما المالي الدراه بحران المحالي المالي المالي المالي المرادي ين الحالمة رأك كا اعانت كا عانت كا عانت كا عانت كا المحروب كرسان كرسان الرصي كأت وات الم الملام ي عادين سے توہم كما و صدك من امر مايون تليخ وافعاعت كالم مذرسكون بشرطيك كوي محدكونهم لمحاس مِنْ الْ رَابُول كُرْمِي كُواس طَعِي النَّاعِظِي النَّاعِظِي الْمُعْقُول موقعات عالى بى تجبه كولفنن بو صاحب على عبيرى ولوتم نده وزوروسط ورسن ولور

I do know of His teachings is not sufficient for me to do effective work with. The attention of the American people is being quite generally attracted to the oriental religious but Buddhism seems to be foremost in their investigations. The public mind, I think is now more than ever fitted to receive Muhammadanism as well as Buddhism and it may be that through you it is to be introduced in my country. I am convinced that you are very much in earnest. I have no reason to doubt that you are inspired by God to spread the light of truth- therefore I would be happy to know more of your teachings and to hear further from you. God who can read all hearts, knows that I am seeking for the truth-that I am ready and eager to embrace it whereever I can find it. If you can lead me into its blessed light you will. find me not only a willing pupil but an anxious one. I have been seeking now for three years and have found a great deal. God has blessed me abundantly and I want to do His work earnestly and faithfully. How to do it is what has moved me-how to do it so that the most good may be accomplished. I pray to Him that the way may be

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pointed out clearly to me so that I may not go astray. If you can help me I hope that you will do so. I shall keep your letter and prize it highly. The circulars I will have printed in one of the leading American newspapers so that they will have a widespread circulation and 1 will send you a copy of the paper. They may reach the eyes of many who will become interested I shall be happy to receive from you at any time matter which you may have for general circulation and if you should see fit to use my services to further the aims of truth in the country they will be freely at your disposal provided, of course, that I am capable of receiving your ideas aud that they convince me of their truth. I am already well satisfied that Muhammad taught the truth that he pointed out the way to salvation and that those who follows His teachings will attain to a condition of eternal bliss. But did not Jesus Christ also teach the way? Now suppose I should follow the way pointed out by Jesus, would not my salvation be as perfectly assured as if I followed Islam? I ask with a desire to know the truth and not to dispute or argue. I am seeking the truth-not to defend any theory.

ميل ب ي منى كوحفاطت و ركبون كادراسي بناين يجوي ب کے انتہار کو امر کمد کے کئی موانیارین يهدوا وون كاوراكك نسخار اخباركا أي ياس كالمحوكة حرب اسكان بن بن بن بن الما ورده الي كوك كى نظرون من كذر كا جواس طي سعا لماسين شوق اور توصطا بركيني - آينده كوكوى اور حقيقت اعام طورسے شہرانا عامن کے اور سے یاس ای غرض سے مرص کے زید سری کال توتی ورسرور مع بعث بوكا-ادراكاب بيرى فدينون الريفاني كي انتاعت المحالي بين نواب كوبرو عجنه المجان المنحوري ادرين المحاني قال بول المول - مجدكو - تو بخال لفنن بوجا - كري

I think I understand you to be a follower of the esoteric teachings of Muhammad and not what is known to the masses of the people as Muhammadanism; that you recognize the truths that underlie all religions and not their exoteric features which have been added by men. I too regret very much that I cannot understand your language nor you mine for I feel quite sured that you could tell me many things which I much desire to know. However I am impressed to believe that God will provide a way if I try to deserve His love. Blessed be His holy name and I hope that I may hear from you again and that we may some day meet in spirit even if we cannot meet in the body. May the Peace of God be with you and with those who listen to your words. I pray that all your hopes and plans may be realized. With reverence and esteem I am.

Yours Respectfully,

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Reply of the above said letter.

DEAR SIR,

I received your letter, dated 24th of February 1887, which proved itself to be a great delight to my heart and a satisfaction to my anxieties The contents of the letter not only increased my love towards you that led me to the hope of a partial realization of the object which I have in view-for which I have dedicated the whole of my life, viz., not to confine the spread of the light of truth to the oriental world but, as far as it lies in my power to further it ln Europe, America, &c., where the attention of the people has not been sufficiently attracted towards a proper understanding of

آب کی جہی جودل کونوٹ راہ وطلی کرنیوال ہی جہہ کو المحرب کے پڑھ سے ندھرف زیادت عبت بکرمیری المحرب کے برخی سے منصرف زیادت عبت بکرمیری وہ مراد ہی جس کے بیٹے بین اپنی زندگی کورتف سجہتا ہو رہیں یہ کہون تی کالمت بین محدود رہیں یہ کہون تا کہون باکہ جہا کہ المرکیہ اور لوری کے بھی کے اسلامی اصول کے بھی کے ایک اور ہے عبب مالیت کو بہلاؤن کا کمی دخواست کو بول کی ایک اور ہے عبب میں میں کر گواری سے آپ کی درخواست کو بول کر آبون اور سے جب اور سے اپنی کی درخواست کو بول کر آبون اور سے جب اور سے خداوند قادر مطلق بیج میرے ساتہ ہے اور سے خداوند قادر مطلق بیج میرے ساتہ ہے اور سے خداوند قادر مطلق بیج میرے ساتہ ہے اور سے خداوند قادر مطلق بیج میرے ساتہ ہے اور سے خداوند قادر مطلق بیج میرے ساتہ ہے

the teachings of Islam. Therefore I consider it an honour to comply with your request; and have a strong confidence in the Almighty Creater, Who is with me, that he will assist me in giving ysu a perfect and permanent satisfaction. I give you my word that in the conrse of about five months I will compile a work containing a short sketch of the teachings of the Alkorau, have it translated into English and printed and then send a cepy of it to you. I strongly hope that it will bring full and final conviction to a justful, considerate and uncontaminated mind like yours, ennoble your soulendow you with a firm belief in God and improve your knowledge of Him. But perhaps it may be, that the various demands on my time may not allow me to spare a sufficient time for sending the whole work at once, in such a case I will send it to you in two or three batches. I will not end the communication of instruction to you by this treatise but will continue satisfying your thirst after the investigation of truth for the rest of my life. Your friendiy words permit me to entertaln the happy idea that I will in a short time have the intelligence that the instinctive moral greatness has direc-

عرف معدولكا- ين آك وعده كرنا ون کے لئے محبور کر کا اور انتہاج صدر اور قون لھین ted not only to you but to many other uirtuous men of America to the right way of salvation pointed ont by Islam Here I end my ietter of earnestness and sincerety. May God you and I be kept secure from all earthly and heavenly misfortunes and have all our hopes and plans realized.

Yours sincerely
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Chief of Qadian,

Gurdaspur district, Punjab

in India.