

# WORLD REKNOWN MUSLIM SCIENTIST, AUTHOR AND LECTURER DELIVERS STIRRING SPEECH IN LAS VEGAS

## PART I

By Muhammad Abdullah

Noted author, educator, lecturer and Biochemist, Dr. Ahmad H. Sakr, Ph.D arrived in Las Vegas on Friday, July 24, 1992 to meet and greet the Muslim community of Las Vegas.

Dr. Sakr has traveled extensively throughout America and the world lecturing at Mosques and Islamic Centers, colleges and universities and promoting and authoring over 37 books, manuals, brochures and other publications on Islam, Qur'an Prophet Muhammad, Tafseer, Sunnah and other works.

Presently Dr. Sakr is the Director of an Islamic School in Walnut Grove, California with an enrollment of 60 or more full-time students. Classes are held daily teaching subjects such as Arabic, Islamic Studies, Islamic History, Tafseer Qur'anic Science, Mathematics, Nutrition and

others.

Dr. Sakr was invited to Las Vegas by the Islamic Society of Nevada located at 4932 Palm St.

Dr. Sakr conducted Jumah prayer service on Friday afternoon and accommodations were granted to him by Brother Khalid Khan and other believers at the Palm Mosque.

On Saturday afternoon Dr. Sakr was given a tour of the Islamic Cultural Center (ICC) by Brother Imad Kattan and spent several hours at ICC where he offered suggestions, and taped videos, offered suggestions, and taped a segment for future broadcast on ICC's "Voice of Islam" weekly radio broadcast.

Dr. Sakr donated several of his publications to ICC and the Islamic Society of Nevada.

Upon leaving ICC, Dr. Sakr was driven back to Brother Khalid Khan's home to deliver an evening address (Khutbah or lec-

ture.) Brother Khan's back lawn was utilized in order for the Las Vegas area Muslims to attend the event. Nearly one hundred Muslims were on hand to feast on the wisdom of one of America's foremost Islamic scholars.

Dr. Sakr was emphatic and highly spirited as he delivered his lecture on unity and dawah (propagating) Islam.

Dr. Sakr gave up a career as a Biochemist to put in full-time as an Islamic educator. He has assisted Muslim communities all over America and the world in setting up full-time Islamic schools for children and adults. He is currently developing a national Islamic Correspondence Course that will enable Muslims to study Islam in the comfort of their homes and to receive an Associate and/or Bachelor Degree upon completion. Degrees will be offered in Arabic Studies, Islamic studies

and other areas.

Dr. Sakr's speech touched on numerous areas of Muslim concerns, such as: 1) Educating Muslim children; 2) Supporting all Mosque and Islamic Centers with our actions and money; 3) Propagating Islam in our Businesses; 4) Establishing Islam in the Media; 5) Supporting and Establishing a full-time Islamic School; 6) Establishing a well-stocked Islamic Library; 7) Authoring and co-authoring Islamic publications to be given to the public at no expense.

Dr. Sakr expressed his desire to come to Las Vegas to assist the area Muslims at Islamic Society of Nevada, Islamic Cultural Center, located at 880 East Sahara, Suite 202, and Masjid As Sabur, located at 711 West Morgan Avenue in West Las Vegas.

His message of unity and individual responsibility of all Muslims to support each other and not to be fighting amongst each other while the whole world waits for Islam to flourish, rang out wide and clear for those have

eyes to see.

Muslims attending the following speech were from around the world including: Kenya, Pakistan, Bukhistan, Afganistan, Iran, Syria, Egypt, Mecca, India, Bangedesh and America.

Dr. Sakr commented to the SENTINEL-VOICE before delivering his speech, that he was a former teacher of Imam Warith Deen Muhammad son of the late Honorable Elijah Muhammad - and Muslim American spokesman for Human Salvation.

He said that Allah (The One God) enabled him to help prepare Imam Muhammad to take the role of leadership of the American Muslim movement after the death of his father. He assisted Imam Muhammad and now he has become one of Imam Muhammad's students. "He (Imam Muhammad) is my Imam," he said. "I am proud to say that he is my Imam."

Efforts of Dr. Sakr in the field of education and his publications can be seen listed weekly in the Muslim Journal. Copies

can be purchased at Masjid As Sabur on Fridays by dropping by the Mosque or calling (702) 647-2757. Publications by Dr. Sakr and other Islamic scholars, as well as audio and video-cassette tapes, can be checked out and or purchased at the Islamic Cultural Center or by calling (702) 734-5985.

For information on Jumah prayer and other activities available at the East Las Vegas Mosque, drop by or call (702) 458-1986.

Next week we will present speech by Dr. Ahmed H. Sakr.

Dr. Sakr has established the Foundation For Islamic Knowledge and he prays that the foundation be a legacy for Islamic scholarship, education and services. The foundation has a tax-exempt status with the IRS and all donations are tax-deductible.

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## FOUR BISHOPS ELECTED DURING FORTY-FOURTH AME CONFERENCE

Delegates to the 44th General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church elected four new bishops on July 14, 1992.

The newly elected leaders will replace bishops who are retired or deceased. Fifty four candidates sought election to the four available seats. The following individuals were elected on the third ballot: Zedekiah L. Grady of Charleston, So. Carolina; C. Garnett Henning, Sr. of St. Louis, Missouri; Robert V. Webster of Jacksonville, Florida; and McKinley Young of Atlanta, Georgia.

Within the next thirty days, the new bishops will assume posts in the international AME organization. Zedekiah L. Grady will preside over the Caribbean, South America, and England; C. Garnett Henning, Sr. will preside over Zambia, Central Africa; and McKinley Young will preside over Capetown in the Republic of South Africa.

Veteran bishops were assigned or reassigned to locations with the United States. Bishop John H. Adams will preside over the Seventh AME District which covers South Carolina. Bishop Vinton R. Anderson was assigned to the Fifth District which covers all states west of the Mississippi River. Bishop Henry A. Belin, Jr.

was assigned to the Third District which covers Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Bishop Vernon R. Randolph Byrd was assigned to the Thirteenth District which covers Kentucky and Tennessee. Bishop Philip R. Cousin was assigned to the First District which covers New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Bermuda. Bishop Frank C. Cummings was assigned to the Eleventh District which covers Florida and the Bahamas. Bishop Richard A. Chappelle, Sr. was assigned to the Eighteen District which covers parts of Africa. Bishop Frederick C. James was assigned to administer ecumenical affairs for the AME Church. Bishop James H. Mayo was assigned to the Fourth District which covers Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Bishop Donald G. Ming was assigned to the Sixth District which covers Georgia. Bishop Harold B. Senatle was assigned to the Nineteenth District which covers parts of Africa. Bishop Frederick H. Talbot was assigned to the Twelfth District which covers Oklahoma and Arkansas. Bishop Cornelius E. Thomas was assigned to the Ninth District which covers Ala-

bama. Bishop Robert Thomas, Jr. was assigned to the Eighth District which covers Louisiana and Mississippi.

Bishop John H. Adams delivered the Consecration Service address. He challenged the new bishops to focus on building churches rather than being intent on personal gain. He said, "We as bishops are to embody integrity, vision, character, and courage and resist getting bogged down in individual pettiness and resentment of each others skills.

Bishop Adams stressed that the AME Church leadership must set the moral climate in which the church body functions.

He admonished the bishops to be more spiritual and less political. He said that he recognized the needs for food, clothing, shelter, security, education, work, health care, recreation and a sense of accomplishment. He concluded, "God will not deny our need for things. There's nothing holy about poverty. But man does not live by bread alone. We also need integrity, faith, dignity, honor, truth, belonging, a sense of destiny, honesty, and friendship.

The Church will not be saved by new laws, new money, new bishops, new general officers, or new programs. What we need is new power."

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