



## Press Release

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### **Solving our Economic Crisis—Islamic perspective**

#### ***Religious leader offers President-elect Obama advice on US economic woes***

The worldwide leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC), Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, delivered a sermon focused on the world-wide economic crisis. Ahmad offers sage advice to President-elect Barack Obama on how to resolve this crisis and laid out five “golden rules” that must be understood to end such global economic crises:

1. Everyone must learn to stay within their means at both a personal and national level and be content with what they can easily afford, instead of being dazzled with bigger houses and bigger cars that force people into the system of debt.
2. Everyone must refrain from charging interest/usury. The system of interest/usury has created an ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor.
3. Wealthy nations should abstain from trying to gain control over the natural resources of other countries. The underprivileged countries should have the confidence that their resources will solely be used for the benefit of their country, even when there is international intervention.
4. Heads of a nation should be loyal and patriotic to their country.
5. The rights and obligations of the poor must be fulfilled.

Ahmad used the Holy Quran as a basis for offering a solution to the world’s economic woes. Referencing the unfair practice of charging interest, Ahmad offered the US the following advice: *“The solutions [you] are now coming up with to save [your] economy are again not long-lasting, nor reliable. The real solution lies only in gaining nearness to God and following His teachings.”*

For full transcripts of this sermon please visit:  
<http://www.alislam.org/archives/friday/FSS20081031-EN.html>

#### **About AMC:**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) is a dynamic, reformist and fast growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, AMC spans over 180 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. AMC USA, established in 1921, is the first American-Muslim organization.

AMC is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> (1835-1908) of Qadian. Ahmad<sup>as</sup> claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus<sup>as</sup> of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. AMC believes that God sent Ahmad<sup>as</sup>, like Jesus<sup>as</sup>, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad<sup>as</sup>'s advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Islam of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.

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