

"Ahmadiyya was unquestionably one of the most significant movements in the history of Islam in the United States in the twentieth century." - Islam in the African-American Experience, Richard Brent Turner

"Since obedience to the Five Pillars of Islam is the cornerstone of Ahmadiyya rites, their followers were the first African Americans to learn and practice salat (Muslim prayer)." - Black Pilgrimage to Islam, Robert Danin

"The first and continues to be the most effective model of a multi-racial community experience for black people in the religion (Islam)." - Islam in the African-American Experience, Richard Brent Turner

"Their prolific production of texts and newsletters were valuable assets for the promotion of Islam. The Ahmadi provided a majority of the literature available to all African American Muslim communities." - African American Islam, Aminah Beverly McCloud

"Through their proselytizing, Ahmadi missionaries in the United States have had a great impact on the formation of African-American Muslim identity." - Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History, Vol. 1 Edward E. Curtis IV

"Ahmadi missionaries played a significant role in the early decades of the century in attacking what they saw as the blatant racism of American society." - Islam in America, Jane I. Smith

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam has been recognized by historians as the most influential Islamic organization and contributor to American Islam. It has been described to have influenced the most dynamic African-American movements while maintaining its focus on spiritual development and its presentation of a multicultural, peaceful and egalitarian Islam.

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