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## **Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>(aba)</sup>'s directives to members of the Jama'at regarding *The Review of Religions***

**From the afternoon session address on the second day of Jalsa Salana United Kingdom 2010**

**(Translated from Urdu)**

Hudhur<sup>(aba)</sup> said:

“With regards to *The Review of Religions*, this is that magazine that started during the time of the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup>. At the outset of his Khilafat, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>(rh)</sup> also announced a scheme to increase the number of subscribers. For a short while people paid attention to this, however, it was then neglected, and now there are hardly any subscribers to this magazine.

There is a great need to pay heed to this and the Jama'ats should give due regard and increase its subscriptions.

For instance, there are 118 subscribers in America. There are a total of 5 subscribers in Canada. America and Canada should have at the very least 500 to 1000 subscribers. All those countries in which people can read English should also increase the subscribers. In Africa, 2000 copies of this magazine are printed and there are 495 subscribers. This magazine is printed in Ghana for the African countries. Ghana needs to increase subscriptions. This publication is also printed in Nigeria, and in India as well, where 2400 copies are printed, but there are only 913 subscribers. In the UK this magazine is printed here in Raqem Press, however the number of subscribers is very low; there are only 33. They should also increase subscriptions.

In light of the importance of this magazine, the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup> drew attention at that time towards increasing subscribers. Although currently the literature of the Jama'at is disseminated through various modes, *The Review of Religions* began during the time of the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup> and he desired that the subscription should increase, hence the Jama'at should pay attention to this. He states:

'Up to now, permanent funding for this publication has been inadequate. If, God forbid, this magazine ceases to exist as a result of a lack of interest from this community, then this would be a cause for mourning for the community. Therefore, I urge, with great emphasis, the sincere members of my community to provide as much support and financial assistance as may be possible for them.'

He added:

'Therefore, anyone who helps me in my wish in my presence and during my lifetime, I expect that such a person will be with me on the Day of Resurrection.'

He stated that:

'If to support this magazine 10,000 people of this community subscribe to the English or Urdu editions, then it would run according to one's wishes.'

[*Al Hakm*, vol. 7, number 32, p.19, and also cited in *The Review of Religions* (Urdu), September 1903]

And this target has still not been attained. As *The Review of Religions* is now available on the Internet as well, people have taken more interest in that.

(Slogans are raised for MTA International; Hudhur<sup>(aba)</sup> says:)

Despite MTA International, this is the desire of the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup> – the number of subscribers should increase, *InshaAllah*."