

Contents

Acknowledgements	IX
List of Illustrations	XI
List of Acronyms and Abbreviations	XII
Note on Spelling	XIV
Glossary of German Terms	XV
Glossary of Islamic Terms	XVII

Introduction 1

1 The Founder and His Vision	12
1.1 Muslim Mission in Response to Christian Mission	14
1.2 Embodying Jesus	20
1.3 Charisma and Social Change	25
1.4 Positioning Oneself on the Global Stage	28
1.5 The Imprint of Education	30
1.6 Outlook on the Chapters Ahead	34
2 Preparing for Europe	36
2.1 Mission Approaches	37
<i>Lahore: Establishing an Interface</i>	37
<i>Qadian: Conquerors on the Coast</i>	39
2.2 Mission Structures	42
<i>Qadian: A Matter of Obedience</i>	43
<i>Lahore: The Democratic Principle</i>	46
<i>Financial Challenges</i>	52
2.3 From Lahore to Berlin: Four Missionaries	54
<i>Sadr-ud-Din (1881–1981)</i>	54
<i>Fazlul Karim Khan Durrani (1894–1946)</i>	55
<i>Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah (1898–1956)</i>	57
<i>Azeez ur-Rahman Mirza (1905–1937)</i>	60
2.4 Between Vision and Reality	61
3 Muslim Missions in Interwar Berlin	63
3.1 Why Berlin?	65
3.2 The Message of Revolution	69
<i>The Birth of the Islamische Gemeinde zu Berlin</i>	70
<i>Winning Over the Germans</i>	72

- The First Split* 74
 - The Second Split* 75
 - 3.3 The Message of Non-violence 76
 - Ahmadiyya Qadian: 'The Exotic Flair of Berlin is now in Evidence'* 78
 - Ahmadiyya Lahore: 'How to become a Muslim'* 81
 - 3.4 Unity or Diversity? 85
- 4 **Converts in Search of Religious Progress** 94
 - 4.1 A Fragile Equilibrium 96
 - 4.2 The Attractions of Muslim Missionaries 100
 - To the Islamische Gemeinde Berlin* 101
 - To the Ahmadiyya* 105
 - Hugo Marcus and his Quest for the 'inner child'* 109
 - The Women of the Deutsch-Moslemische Gesellschaft* 113
 - 4.3 The Campaign against the Ahmadiyya 119
- 5 **Jews into Muslims** 126
 - 5.1 Different Motives 129
 - 5.2 The Interwar Topography Revisited 131
 - 5.3 Parallel Life Courses 133
 - 5.4 Four Passages from Judaism to Islam 140
 - From Lev Nussimbaum to Esad Bey* 141
 - From Leopold Weiss and Elsa Schiemann-Specht to Muhammad and Aziza Asad* 142
 - From Hugo to Hamid Marcus* 144
 - 5.5 Limits of Religious Adaptation 145
 - 5.6 The Jewish-Muslim Synthesis of Alexander Waldman 148
- 6 **The Berlin Mosque Library as a Site of Religious Exchange** 152
 - 6.1 Reconstructing the Berlin Mosque Library 155
 - 6.2 Promoting Muslim Reform in Nazi Germany 162
 - Pan-Islamism and Global Polity* 165
 - The Islamic Tradition of Peacekeeping* 167
 - Religious Progress* 170
 - 'Hot' Topics* 176
 - 6.3 Cosmopolitanism from the Periphery 179

7	The Mission in Nazi Germany	182
7.1	Privileged Muslims in Nazi Berlin	186
7.2	Muslim Soldiers in German Armies	190
7.3	The Aryan Bias: The Deutsch–Moslemische Gesellschaft during the Rise of Nazi Power	192
7.4	A Jew among the Aryans: Hugo Marcus's Vision	199
7.5	The Workflow between Lahore, Basel and Berlin (1939–1942)	205
7.6	The Berlin Mosque as a State Institution (1942–1945)	207
7.7	The End	209
8	Reconfigurations within a Post-colonial World	212
8.1	Zero Hour	214
8.2	Picking Up the Threads in Pakistan and Western Europe	219
	<i>The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat (AMJ)</i>	219
	<i>The Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-I-Islam (AAII)</i>	225
8.3	The Woking Mission in Retrospect	231
	Bibliography	233
	Index of Names	258
	General Index	263