

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM

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Introduction

A person by the name of Swāmī Sādhu Shugan Chandar had spent three or four years of his life attempting to reform the Kā'isth² Hindu caste. In 1892 he came to the conclusion that unless people were gathered together under one roof, his efforts would be in vain. He therefore proposed to convene a religious conference, with the first one taking place in 1892 in Ajmer. In 1896, considering Lahore to be a suitable venue, he began preparations for the second such religious conference. Swāmī Ṣāhib appointed a committee to oversee the arrangements. Master Durga Parshād was president of the committee, and Lālah Dhanpat Roy, BA, LLB, its chief secretary. The dates chosen for the convention were 26-28 December 1896, and the following six people were nominated as its moderators:

1. Roy Bahādur Bābū Partol Chand Ṣāhib, Judge Chief Court, Punjab.
2. Khan Bahādur Sheikh Khudā Bakhsh Ṣāhib, Judge Small Cause Court, Lahore.
3. Roy Bahādur Pandit Rādha³ Kishan Ṣāhib Cole, Pleader Chief Court Lahore, former governor of Jammu.

2. Here "th" at the end is pronounced as "th" in "three".

3. Here "dh" in the middle is pronounced as "dh" in "dharma".