

A. Bouhdiba has made the following statement concerning the impact of Islam on the life of the people in Islamic countries:

In Islamic countries everything is bound up with religion. Islam cannot be bracketed away. It combines prayer and meditation with the day-to-day business of life. A religion as total as any other, but also totalitarian as no other religion is, Islam because of its preoccupations which are at once earthly and escatological, sensual and spiritual, readily claims the monopoly of human energies.<sup>20</sup>

The Ahmadiyya of Kababir celebrate the Muslim feasts as do the Orthodox Muslims with little differences. They use the feast of Ramaḍan as an opportunity to aid the poor among their Christian neighbors.<sup>21</sup>

The evangelist is assisted in the affairs of the mosque by a committee of six members. This committee manages all the affairs of the Ahmadiyya community, of which the mosque is one of its institutions. The committee is influential in community religious affairs. Since it represents the greater majority of the community, it sometimes deals with the village's non-religious affairs.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Bouhdiba, "Islam in Tunisia", Africanists, p. 134.

<sup>21</sup> Odeh, Questionnaire .

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.