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After his conversion to Islam, he again travelled and worked throughout the Muslim world, including Arabia, Iran, Jordan, North Africa and Pakistan. In 1953 he was appointed as Pakistan's plenipotentiary to the United Nations. He moved to Morocco where he completed his magnum opus, the 'Message of the Qur'an.' He later settled in Lisbon where he died on 20th February 1992.

Asad's other works include 'Road to Mecca,' 'Principles of State and Government in Islam', and 'Sahih Bukhari: Early Years of Islam.'

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