

EIGHT QUESTIONS FOR MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD

On 26th July 2009 in his eighty minutes concluding address to a 27,500 strong audience in London, the present caliph of the Ahmadiyya International Muslim Jamaat, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke among other things about the most important subject of the continuation of the reception of revelations amongst the Muslims. Quoting profusely from the Holy Quran and the writings of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) the caliph explained that the reception of revelations is an exclusive gift and favour that Allah has reserved for some particular persons in the umma of the Holy Prophet Mohammad^{saw}. In addition he quoted such authorities as Imam Raghīb, the twelfth century lexicographer and author of *Mufradat al Qur'an* and the second caliph Hazrat Mirza Bashir uddin Mahmood Ahmad (1889-1965) to explain the different meanings of revelation (*wahy*). He further explained how the recipients of revelations who are usually messengers or the friends of Allah (*awlia Allah*) have a deep concern for humanity and how they strive to save the people despite the fact that they are vehemently opposed and rejected and despised. He said that from time to time when there is a need Allah sends these people so that they might help others to stick to the right path (*siratam moustaqeem*) and not to deviate from it. In the end the caliph appealed to all Ahmadis around the world to convey to all peoples of the world the revelations that were received by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} who came in fulfillment of the prophecy of the Holy Prophet Mohammad^{saw} to preserve the religion of Islam from all sorts of innovations that had crept into it.

To say the least I was really very happy to hear that speech on YouTube sometime after it was delivered. In fact, as a caliph and head of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, nothing less could have been expected of him. He honored his office by telling the world the exact Ahmadiyya teachings about the reception of revelations because this is a major plank on which the whole edifice of the Jamaat has been erected.

If someone is familiar with my sermons which are weekly published on our website at www.jaam-international.org and my “declaration” which is also published over there since about two years one cannot fail to notice the similarity between all my statements about revelations and that which the caliph has now presented to the world. There is no cause for astonishment at all. Since the caliph and I both have delved in the same ocean of the knowledge of the Holy Quran as explained by a true and sincere lover of Hazrat Mohammad^{saw} that is Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} there cannot and should not be any contradiction between our statements as long as we are true to our spiritual heritage.

When in October 2007, I informed the world that Allah had revealed to me on May 26, 2007 “*Yaa Qutubuddin unzur ila jamaa’ati. Unzur ila aa’saare rahmate rabbeka*”, the *amir* of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius informed the caliph about this matter. In his sermon of 7th December 2007 the *amir* said that the matter had been reported to the caliph and that the latter had said that no one will come within Jamaat Ahmadiyya since there is a system of khilafat in operation within the Jamaat. I have no means of confirming whether the caliph had made this statement or not because I do not have access to official papers. But since it was one of his *amirs* who quoted him as saying so, we will assume that he really made such a statement. Since then I have been quoting profusely from the Holy Quran and the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} in

my Friday sermons to say that Jamaat Ahmadiyya International as whole had deviated from the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} as far as revelation is concerned. I have been maintaining since then that the interpretation that the Jamaat is making of the writings and sayings of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} to the effect that the system of khilafat as it is will suffice the spiritual needs of the Jamaat up till the end of days is wrong and also false.

As I said before, the speech is available to be listened to on the net on YOUTUBE MTA channel. In view of the importance of this speech I have spent some time to give an English rendering of it at www.jaam-international.org. Apart from a few Urdu words which were not easily heard, overall the rendering gives a fair view of all the ideas expressed by the caliph. Should anyone consider that any part of this rendering is not unfair to the speech, he should inform me and I will make the necessary correction if I think fit.

On listening to this speech any unbiased person of average intelligence can easily infer the following:

1. Revelation from Allah to a select group of individuals will continue till the end of times according to the Holy Quran and the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as}.
2. Allah will continue to send some individuals whom He will guide by revelation to guide mankind whenever the need arises.
3. When such individuals appear it is incumbent upon those who are eager to follow guidance and to tread the straight path (*siraat mustaqeem*) to accept them.
4. Although the people may dislike it but the guides will persist to try to help them to understand the purpose of their coming
5. Such individuals will after Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} appear among his followers not necessarily among his descendants.
6. Nowhere is it said that the future guides of the world will necessarily be the caliphs appointed by the International Majlis Shura of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya although this possibility cannot be thoroughly avoided.
7. It is within Allah's knowledge when one or several guides should appear.
8. Since Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} is an appointee of Allah, following in the footsteps of Hazrat Mohammad^{saw}, it is incumbent upon those who are seeking salvation to enter into allegiance with him.

Now I would like to ask the following questions to Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. They may be answered by him or in his name by his *ulemas*, if there are any left within the Jamaat. These questions are of such a nature that none of his followers would dare ask him not because of the fear of Allah but just because they are afraid of him. But as far as I am concerned I have no fear but that of Allah in my heart. That is why it is easy for me to ask. His replies will insha Allah enlighten his own followers who are wallowing in doubt about these questions especially since I have openly declared that I am mandated by Allah to correct the errors of beliefs and practices that have crept within the Worldwide Jamaat Ahmadiyya.

FIRST QUESTION

Since you have said that Ahmadiyya Teachings are very clear that revelation will continue until the end of times, please tell us what will happen if an Ahmadi says that Allah has told him through clear revelation to look after the Jamaat. How will you deal with him? Will you reject him outright or will you try to make an investigation into his claims?

SECOND QUESTION

Do you have any authority from Allah or from the Holy Quran or from the Hadith or from the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} to disregard someone from the Jamaat who declares that Allah has told him “Verily, those who swear allegiance to thee indeed swear allegiance to Allah. The hand of Allah is over their hands. So whoever breaks *his oath* breaks *it* to his own loss; and whoever fulfils the covenant that he has made with Allah, He will surely give him a great reward.”?

THIRD QUESTION

Do you think that Allah can raise someone other than the reigning caliph to the status of prophet and messenger or Imam or *Mujaddid* as we understand it within Jamaat Ahmadiyya?

FOURTH QUESTION

If such a person were to make his appearance would it not mean that Allah is no longer satisfied with the system of caliphate that has been going on within the Jamaat for the past 100 years? What do you think?

FIFTH QUESTION

Can you tell the world what is your authority to justify the break up of family relations among Ahmadis by imposing social boycott on those who do not take you as their caliph?

SIXTH QUESTION

As far as I am concerned the revelation of Allah to Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} “*Inni ma’aka Yaa Masroor*” does not apply to you until you make a declaration to the effect that Allah has told you that it applies to you. Can you or will you make such a declaration? In the Nazm posted on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-R-4TX_uv8 entitled “*Mere Huzur Hazrat Masroor zindabaad*” it is said “*Haq neh kiya hai aap ko ma’mur zindabaad*”. To the best of my understanding this verse may be translated as “Allah has commissioned you *!Zindabaad*”. When asked if he were a *ma’mur* the second caliph replied in the negative. Can you tell the world please how your appointment as caliph has made you a *ma’mur*? Do you have any revelation from Allah to this effect?

SEVENTH QUESTION

Can you tell the world how many Ahmadis are there around the world? I have always argued that the official figures given by your office are not true? Can you clarify the situation and tell us the truth about the bai’at the Jamaat has been registering since 1993?

EIGHTH QUESTION

Please tell us how do you interpret the verse “*mim ba’dismohou Ahmad*”? Do you align yourself with the opinion of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Uddin Mahmood Ahmad or do you have your own interpretation?

Last year I wrote two open letters to you to which you did not reply. You ignored them. Had you adhered to truth as a caliph your reply would have forced you to acknowledge your mistakes. But you preferred to feign indifference rather than acknowledge what is true. Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} said that the first quality of a would-be caliph is his love for truth. But you even as caliph you prefer to let your gross mistakes circulate around the world rather than make an apology that you or your predecessor had been misled.

I have asked the above questions because I want you to tell Ahmadis around the world what is your opinion about these matters. I am not interested in what the previous caliphs said because they are no longer alive to defend their opinions or to say that they were mistaken. I think that even a caliph may be mistaken in his interpretation of some religious matter even if he is well intentioned. However I also believe that it is a sign of wisdom to correct our view if we think that we were mistaken. As far as I am concerned the opinion that you defend cannot be corroborated by neither the teachings of the Holy Quran nor the hadith nor even what Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} has said. In these days there is a need for the correction of beliefs and practices within Jamaat Ahmadiyya. Allah wishes to bring about this reform and that is why He has raised this humble one with the support of His Revelations.

Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} wrote a booklet “*Siraj uddin isai ke chaar sawalon ka Jawaab*”. Since to all your followers you are a caliph appointed by Allah, I would be most grateful if you could reply to me in a booklet entitled “**Reply to Zafrullah Domun’s eight questions**” or simply “**Eight Questions Answered**”. Consequently every one will know what is exactly your opinion about all these matters.. As far as I am concerned I keep an open mind. If you possess such a light that might help me I will make good use of it. Remember that Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} has said:

“The purpose of having a Reformer sent every century is that within the past 100 years those who possessed spiritual knowledge have taken it to their graves. And if new teachings are not imparted by the Almighty to the people then how will truth sustain? Hence, a new foundation is laid in the Heavens in order to rectify the impurities and distortions that have developed.” (Malfoozat, Volume 5, Appendix, Page 457)

Most Ahmadis cannot think for themselves. They lack the necessary understanding of the Holy Quran and they are not well versed in the teachings of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as}. So they await the opinion of their caliph to take a decision. Hence it is part of your responsibility to publish your opinion about some specific matters that touches the fundamental beliefs of the Ahmadis. They look up to you and you have a duty towards them. The following verses are being suggested only for reflection. I do not at all wish that it should happen as described:

“On the day when their faces are turned over in the Fire, they will say, ‘Oh, would that we had obeyed Allah and obeyed the Messenger!’”

And they will say, ‘Our Lord, we obeyed our chiefs and our great ones and they led us astray from the way.

Our Lord, give them double punishment and curse them with a very great curse.’(33:67-69)”

Allah has not put me here to curse anyone even though others may curse me and their followers might even be praying for the curse of Allah to fall upon me and my friends. We have trusted our affair in the hands of Allah because “Sufficient is He as a Protector for us.”

We are eager to hear from you. Your reply, if any will be posted on our website.

May Allah have mercy upon him,

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