

JAMAAT AHMADIYYA AL MUSLIMEEN

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After reciting the *Tashahhud*, the *Ta'uz* and the first chapter of *Al Fatiha* Imam Zafrullah Domun read the following verse from the Holy Quran:

Wa'dallahoul lazina aamanou minkoum wa amelous swalehaate la yastakhlefannahoum fil arze kamastakhlefannalazina min qablehim wa layomakkenan nalahoum dinahomoul lazirtaza lahoum wa layobaddelan nahoum mim ba'de khawfehim amna ya'bodounani wa laa youshrekounabi shay'a wa man kafara ba'da zaaleka fa oulaaeka homoul faaseqoune.
(24:56)

The translation of this verse is as follows:

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. [24:56]

As members might already be aware, in his sermon last week the Ahmadiyya caliph, Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke about the controversial subject of Khilafat and *Mujaddadiyyat*. Members are quite familiar with the subject of khilafat and whenever an Ahmadiyya caliph refers to it he means the khilafat that has been established after the death of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as}. The concept of *Mujaddadiyyat* stems from a unique hadith found in only one of the six authentic books of hadith. The hadith is as follows "At the head of each century Allah will raise one or several persons who will revive His religion". In his sermon the caliph has not given any new insight into this controversy. He has more or less repeated what his predecessors have said, namely that after the arrival of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} as the Promised Messiah and Mahdi and also as the seal of caliphs (*Khatamal Kholafa*), the Ahmadiyya caliphate has taken over the work of *Tajdid e Deen* (renewal of religion). In a nutshell this is what he has said although he has not advanced any cogent argument to prove his points. In my sermon today I will try to comment on some of the remarks that he made in his sermon. Allah willing I will incha Allah write a booklet

to speak in more details what Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} has said about this subject so that the members of the Jamaat might make their own conclusions!

The caliph said that the hypocrites try to create doubts in the mind of the younger generation and they ask who is the *Mujaddid* of the 15th century. According to him this question has been raised several times in the course of Jamaat Ahmadiyya's history especially during the time of the third caliph (1965-1982). According to the caliph the raising of this question then was to create trouble within the Jamaat. In fact in those days some Ahmadis had really started asking questions because the fifteenth century after Hijra was quite near. To be exact it started in November 1980. So the third caliph had to make several speeches to explain the situation to the members. It was in those days that another son of the second caliph namely Mirza Rafi Ahmad(1927-2004) spoke about the revelations that he was receiving from Allah and the Jamaat did its best to silence his voice. Fortunately for us due to the internet it is only now that we have come to know a bit more of what was going on during those days in Rabwah. For those who are interested to know more about this matter they may consult www.greenahmadiyyat.org. If this website had not been created most Ahmadis around the world would never have known an important aspect of the Jamaat's history and all this has to do with the concept of khilafat and Mujaddadiyyat. When Allah does something which is against the expectations of those in power within the Jamaat all types of arguments are used to qualify the recipients of Allah's blessings as hypocrites or trouble makers. Did not the disbelievers in Mecca say the same thing about the Holy Prophet and his companions? Every Ahmadi has a right to ask questions and it is the duty of the caliph to give appropriate replies which do not leave any room for doubts. According to the caliph the good members of the Jamaat do not ask any question about *Mujaddadiyat*; they are thoroughly satisfied with what they have been told. In other words they are content with the pervasive ignorance. The caliph should have understood that the question of *Mujaddadiyat* is a legitimate question that causes plenty of anguish in a majority of Ahmadis minds. The more so these days when there are some persons within Jamaat Ahmadiyya who are questioning the structure of the Jamaat and khilafat and they are saying that they have received revelations from Allah questioning the leadership of the Jamaat. Just qualifying these people as hypocrites and trouble makers and expelling them from the Jamaat is the work of those in power who feels that the ground is shifting under their feet. The caliph has not explained this controversy with reference to the Holy Quran nor to the writings of the Promised Messiah.

According to the caliph, Ahmadiyya khilafat together with the missionaries are doing the work that a *Mojjaddid* is supposed to do. Here he is just repeating what his predecessors said. But later on in the same speech he contradicts himself and says that if there were any need Allah might make the reigning caliph the *Mojaddid*. If khilafat Ahmadiyya is a divine khilafat as they aver and it is doing Allah's bidding what will be the need for Allah to nominate the caliph as

Mojaddid since according to Ahmadiyya doctrine khilafat is above Mojaddadiat? So we see that the contradiction is quite apparent in this line of reasoning. The fact is that Ahmadiyya Khilafat is not as divine as the Jamaat's leadership wants it to be. It is a man made institution and as such it is prone to error and many unislamic practices are being implemented in its name. We have spoken a lot about such practices. But we will recall the blatant ones here.

To begin with we all know that a drive was initiated to increase the number of Ahmadis in the world by the late caliph, Mirza Tahir Ahmad (1928-2003). According to official Ahmadiyya records published on www.alislam.org the number of Ahmadis in the world had risen to about 200 millions by 2001/2. But almost everyone knows that these are false figures. Yet such figures have come from the caliph's mouth. What is worst in this matter is the fact that despite they know that these are totally untrue figures they continue to parade them around the world in their magazines and newspapers. They are not able to make a realistic assessment and publish reasonable figures. This shows that the caliph is not committed to truth. If they are mistaken about a simple mathematical calculation which can easily be carried out on an Excel Sheet how they can be right with matters divine?

Furthermore this khilafat has imposed upon Ahmadis in Mauritius and others around the world to boycott their brothers and sisters. It has systematically been an instrument to create hate in society instead of promoting peace and love. Hence it has failed in carrying out the mission of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} who was the Prince of peace. Allah had sent him to put an end to all types of strife and to teach men to live like brothers and sisters. But Khilafat Ahmadiyya has failed to achieve this. They have done the contrary. There are many other bad things that this Khilafat has done but unfortunately I cannot go into the details at this moment. I have spoken about its misdeeds in many of my previous sermons. In addition the caliph says that khilafat Ahmadiyya is busy reviving the religion of Islam everywhere. They insist that Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} is the Imam for the millennium. How far have they succeeded in making his teachings known to the world? How many of his approximately eighty books have been translated in the major languages especially English. Even one hundred years after the death of Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} only one of his major books has been translated in English namely "The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam". Up till now Allah knows why almost nothing has been done concerning the other major books such as "*Buraheen Ahmadiyya*" or "*Aina Kamaalaat Islam*" or "*Haqiqatul Wahi* or "*Chasma Marifat*" to name but a few. If there were a plan and a real determination this work could easily be accomplished within a period of about ten years. In addition there are about twenty books of Hazrat Masih that were written in Arabic and almost none of them have been translated in Urdu let alone English. Could it be that the Jamaat does not want the people to know what Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} has really said and its missionaries want to keep the privilege of imparting this knowledge to others? Hence they can control what to say and what not to say.

Although the Jamaat might have translated the Holy Quran in a lot of languages yet there is plenty of work still to be done in this field and the work done is not to the standard. I can go on to speak about the lack of substantial work in many other fields which show that the renewal of religion (*tajdid deen*) has not been accomplished by Ahmadiyya caliphate as much as it should have. Despite the fact that Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} gave us a golden rule to apply to hadith, up till now there is almost no research paper or book published about the study of hadiths. Molvi Nuruddin^{ra}, the first caliph said that the book of hadith “Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal” is an interesting book of hadith. No attempt has been made for its translation at least in Urdu. Only recently I read from a Pakistani newspaper that a young Non Ahmadi man of 27 years has completed the translation of the whole book in less than one year. Today this book is available on the net. *Al hamdolillah*.

Now let us hear from Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} himself what is true *Tajdid Deen*. In his booklet *Fatah Islam* which is translated as “Victory of Islam”, he says:

“To publish translations of the Holy Quran as a profitable business or as a custom, to prepare and circulate Urdu or Persian translations of religious books and books of Hadith, to teach new and lifeless exercises which has become the custom of our time - these are not matters which can be described as *Tajdid-Din* or Restoration of Religion. Of these, the last one amounts to promoting Satanic institutions, subversive of true religion. To publish and circulate the Holy Quran and authentic Ahadith is undoubtedly laudable. This may be done with the utmost care and attention, with a keen eye on all the formal requirements; any yet fail to measure as true service. True service springs from a state of the heart: which accepts the influence of the Quran and Hadith. Without it service of the Quran and Hadith remains lifeless, without meaning. Such lifeless service only needs some learning, and such service we have known always. It has no bearing on true *Tajdid*. In the eyes of God it is trading in dead dry bones, nothing more. Says God: "Why do you say what you do not? Most hateful is it in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not" (Holy Quran 61:3), and, "O ye who believe, take care of your own selves. He who goes astray cannot harm you when you yourselves are rightly guided" (Holy Quran 5:106).”(page5)

So what the Jamaat mainstream has been doing is not enough. In many fields the Jamaat has fallen short of real righteousness. It still has the opportunity to put things right. But for this to take place it has to go back to what Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} has really said and done and try to do the same. There is a need for the present caliph to take a fresh look about all controversial issues and get the help of all who are ready to offer their help and stop the decay that is already apparent in many areas within the Jamaat. Jamaat Ahmadiyya is here to show the way. It has to show to the world how progressive a Jamaat it is because of the teachings that it has received and is still receiving. All types of bigotry and prejudice and ill-will should be eliminated within the Jamaat. The caliph has to show to the world that it can adopt better explanations that it has up till

now proposed on some controversial matters. But in order to succeed we need to turn to Allah with an open mind and seek His Help and use the Help that He gives. The caliph should know that from now on the usual explanation given by the leadership about *Mujaddid* and Khilafat will no longer be valid. Today the people have access to all the extracts where Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} gives a different explanation than the one given by the caliphs and the result will be catastrophic for the Jamaat unless it adopts the explanation given by the Imam Azam, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}. Any other explanation that will be forced upon the members will make Jamaat Ahmadiyya resemble more its Christian counterpart. Allah knows best. Anyhow incha Allah we will soon publish our booklet to explain the truth about the continuous arrival of divinely inspired guides within Jamaat Ahmadiyya.