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

In his sermon of last week the fifth caliph of the mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya read the following verses of the Holy Quran:

**‘O ye who believe! be strict in observing justice, and be witnesses for Allah, even though it be against yourselves or against parents and kindred. Whether he be rich or poor, Allah is more regardful of them both than you are. Therefore follow not low desires so that you may be able to act equitably. And if you conceal the truth or evade it, then remember that Allah is well aware of what you do.’ (4:136)**

**‘O ye who believe! be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people’s enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah. Surely, Allah is aware of what you do.**

**Allah has promised those who believe and do good deeds that they shall have forgiveness and a great reward.’ (5: 9 – 10)**

Then commenting upon these verses he said among other things that Jamaat Ahmadiyya lives up to these teachings and apparently there are some non Ahmadis who even do acknowledge that the Jamaat really lives up to these noble teachings of Islam but they say that the Jamaat is just a minority. Then the caliph went on to say:

“Do we consider it sufficient to temporarily silence those who object and when we are scrutinized by the world we are not found to encompass the high standards we speak of? Veracity of any community is confirmed when it is faced with a difficult situation and everyone in the community practices the teachings of God to attain God’s pleasure by enduring difficulty. The practice should be of such high standard that it should take them out of the situation successfully. Otherwise merely expressing beauties of a teaching does not make any community stand out. Many non-Ahmadi Muslims must present the teaching of Islam to non-Muslims. Their representation of the beautiful teaching as proof of Islam’s beauty perhaps makes them look good to the non-Muslims and due to their courtesy and association, perhaps the non-Muslims stop objecting about Islam. However, Ahmadi Muslims should be mindful that when they present the beautiful teaching of Islam before the world, they also introduce themselves as Ahmadi Muslims and as followers of one who claimed to herald the second phase of Islam.”

In other words what he means is that an Ahmadi-Muslim should be someone who is a personification of Islamic teachings. Whatever the caliph has said up to now is good. We have nothing to object to. Ahmadis have to live up to the teachings of Islam as explained by Hazrat Masih Maood (as). Then the caliph said:

“If there is contradiction between word and deed of an Ahmadi, people would say that such and such says something else and does another thing or does not fulfill requirements of fairness. In fact it is promptly said that such and such is an Ahmadi and they make many claims and say that they are at the vanguard of fairness and justice, but among them are people who are embroiled in great injustices. Some people who go into business with Ahmadis write to Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih about breach of trust and unfairness of Ahmadis. This way that Ahmadi damages the image of the Jama’at and becomes a source of its disrepute. For this reason he is more sinful because his claim and action are contradictory. Indeed, this was also a concern of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and he said that people should not disgrace him after associating themselves with him.”

Here we will pause to reflect. Definitely there are in Jamaat Ahmadiyya big contradictions between words and deeds that we have been denouncing since a long time. Unfortunately these contradictions are not only amongst the ordinary members but they are practiced by the caliph himself. Since he became caliph he knows what has been going on in Mauritius. He knows quite well that his amir(s), his Majlis Amla and his missionaries with his permission have established some practices which have nothing to do with Islam by far. With their all-pervading bigotry, they have institutionalized hatred within close relatives within the Jamaat whilst at the same time hypocritically they promote their slogan as “love for all”. They have established enmity between father and son, between brothers and sisters, between cousins, between kith and kins to be brief. No one from the outside can imagine to what extent these Pakistani- mullah influenced bigoted leaders have gone to show to the world that they only pay lip service to the teachings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as). Through propaganda, not good deeds, they try to deceive the world at large that they are doing good deeds but in fact they are those who practice the worst kind of corruption because they promote hatred. As I have repeated before the members are being led by people who are themselves misguided and they are doing all they can to misguide others. The caliph is telling the members that they should heed the teachings that they have received as if such an advice does not apply to him. Ahmadiyya caliphs think so much of their judgment that they think that they are not in need of any advice. In fact the caliph himself is in need of advice but if people are afraid of him instead of being afraid of Allah, how will they dare to give him any advice. Most members of the Majlis Shura of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius know the havoc that the ill advised decisions of the caliph has done on the Jamaat in Mauritius but is there a man worthy of that name who has enough courage in his heart to send a motion to be debated in the Majlis Shoora that enough is enough? The Jamaat has been practicing a grave injustice for too long. It is time to wonder whether the Jamaat has been practicing what the Holy Prophet (saw) practiced or whether they should continue to be a slave of their lower selves and imitate the enemies of the prophet. But we know that the poor members are in awe of the caliph and not of Allah and so they would not dare to say or do anything to upset the applecart. Where is the true concept of righteousness that Hazrat Masih Maood (as) came to teach the Muslims? The caliph's sermons are hollow because everyone knows that these speeches are not there to move hearts but just for the gallery. Had the caliph and his close advisers been sincere they would have known that as leaders they should have

been forward in establishing Justice even if it is against their own selves. They would have proved themselves to be the embodiment of true islamic teachings and not just lipservers.

From his sermon we quote:

“Today it is the task of true believers, Ahmadi Muslims to continuously work for justice, truth, peace and security keeping in view the subtle and fine points it entails. This is because we have been given awareness of the real teachings of Islam by the Imam of the age and we also try and present a practical example by implementing the commandments. We need to self-reflect as to how much fairness and honesty we practice, we need to scrutinise our hearts to see if we try to attain the level that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) set by testifying against his father? If we do, then why is there an air of lack of confidence in our homes? Why is there no love and affection in marital relationships? And this is affecting the children. Why are there cracks between relationships of brothers? Why is there a breakdown in relationships resulting from thinking ill of others and absence of honesty? Why businesses forged out of friendship are ending in acrimony? Why is there an increase in cases brought before Qadha Board? Obviously, this is because of the condition of hearts and contradiction in word and practice. There is one standard for the self and another standard for others. Every Ahmadi should have cause for concern, office holders as well as members of the Jama’at, as to how they will discharge the enormous task of dispensing justice and truth in order to attain God’s pleasure. Certainly, we will have to be mindful of God’s commandments and try and practice them.”

When one hears such words one would think that such a man cannot be unjust in anyway. There are so many problems within the Jamaat because the leaders themselves do not practice what they preach. Recently even Pope Francis had to tell his people that there should be no contradiction between words and deeds. This is a basic teaching. We cannot preach something and practice another. Hazrat Masih Maood (as) has come to teach us to establish harmony between our words and our deeds and then it would be possible to establish peace and harmony within society. We cannot preach hatred in private and love in public. This is the work of politicians who want to divide and rule. For a believer there should always be complete compatibility between deeds and words.

Some good thinking Ahmadis seem to think that their caliph cannot sanction the misery and persecution that members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Al Mouslemeen have been subjected to for the past ten years. These are the innocent ones who are not at all aware of what goes on in the corridors of power. We all know that even within Jamaat Ahmadiyya there are some dark forces at work who try to push their own agenda. These people understand how to deceive others and how to get their work done through them. They are very artful and they know how to push their anti-islamic and anti-ahmadiyya agenda forward. They have imprisoned the mind of the people and out of ignorance the latter cannot do anything. Such people do succeed for some time. But when Allah gets hold of them they have nowhere to flee. We have seen in this small Jamaat of Mauritius how these dark forces, propelled by dark hearts impervious to the noble teachings of

the Promised Messiah have been receiving their God given punishments. But they seem not to care and forget Allah. Allah will not forget them. If they persist in their evil ways their leaders will get even more punishments.

But I will always maintain that the actual caliph is responsible for the situation in Mauritius. He is the one who has maintained the social boycott and for that he will have a great responsibility to bear on the day of resurrection when his head will be bowed down and his amirs and missionaries will be standing most probably behind him and hear their ill deeds being spelled out in front of the world. That day will be a terrible day for them and all those who have helped them in their evil deeds. He ended his sermon last week with the following words:

“God has given us the responsibility of taking the message of peace and security to the world. For this, we have to abide by fairness and truthfulness. Fairness can be maintained when one reflects over God’s commandments in depth. It is required that we deeply ponder over discharging rights of God and rights of mankind. May God enable us to do so and may we make our homes and society like paradise and in light of the beautiful teaching of Islam also fulfill the dues of Tabligh. May we explain the teaching of real justice to the world and save it from destruction! The world is indeed fast moving towards most frightening destruction. Justice remains neither among Muslims nor non-Muslims, not only is there no justice but they are all exceeding limits in cruelty. At such a time only Jama’at Ahmadiyya can play the role of saving the world from destruction. For this everyone should make practical efforts within their sphere and of course turn to prayer with great focus.....”

I suggest that he reflects upon these words and show the world that he is someone who practices what he preaches. In his endeavour to promote Justice and fairness, he must have a second look at what we have been saying and correct his gross mistakes in time before it is too late. Furthermore I suggest that he tells all those leaders of Jamaat Ahmadiyya in Mauritius (amirs, presidents, sadrs, missionaries) that they have helped him to sin enough and that now is the time for repentance and making amends and that they should present excuses to all those people that they have offended deliberately while thinking that they were practicing virtue. They have to show the world that there are no contradictions between their words and their actions. May Allah help all of us to show no contradiction between what we say and what we do. All quotations from the caliph's speech come from <http://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2013-04-26.html>.