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Many times I have said and I will continue to say that mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat's leadership is failing its people. When I speak about the leadership, I do not just mean the caliph. I mean the caliph together with his amirs, the missionaries, the members of the Managing committee (*majlis amila*) and all the presidents of the auxiliary organizations, that is, the Sadr of Khuddam, Lajna and Ansarullah. It is this inner circle that tries to spread its ignorant and harmful influence on all the members of the Jamaat and consequently some of them fall in their trap and act according to their ill-advised and unislamic wishes. Most Ahmadis including those who form part of the inner circle do not know at all the basic tenets of Jamaat Ahmadiyya as explained by Hazrat Masih Maood (as). Had they had an inkling of knowledge we would have seen it translated in their actions, in their behavior. But unfortunately such is not the case. Here we see a group of people who have received the best of moral teachings which would have made them recipients of divine favors. But what do we see in its stead? A group of double or triple faced people who preach one thing and do another and exactly personify what they were told not to be. And we all know that Allah has severely condemned such people in the Holy Quran. Allah says "O ye who believe why do you say what you do not do. Most hateful it is in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do" (As saff: 2, 3) But mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya represented by this inner circle plus some others who think that they can influence others through the power of their wealth will use all sorts of intellectual gymnastics to justify the irresponsible, unislamic and obnoxious actions of their leaders.

Recently we celebrated the marriage of two members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Al Mouslemeen. As expected many persons from Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream were invited and as good Muslims they honoured the invitation by their presence. And as expected some people have reported their presence to the amir who in turn sought guidance from the caliph who since September was absent from London.

After making his grand tour of East Asia and making many speeches in Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Japan about the great peace-promoting teachings of Islam ,came back to London to sign a letter sanctioning all the office bearers of the Jamaat who attended these marriage ceremonies. Now the amir of Mauritius, acting in a way to protect himself as usual, is asking these people in a subtle way to resign from their posts instead of just kicking them out because they have broken the mainstream Jamaat's orders.

To those people who are being so cavalierly treated by Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mainstream I say that they need not worry at all because the mainstream Jamaat represented by the caliph and his inner circle of which we have spoken above are acting unjustly and the unjust will be severely punished by Allah.

These people should know that they have not broken any law of Allah and so they should not regret at all that they have been present in these marriage ceremonies. Family relationship is of greater importance in Islam according to the Holy Quran than following unjust rulings from a caliph who does not act according to the teachings of Islam. Allah has made it very clear in the Holy Quran that people who exert power should not try to break family relationship. Allah says: "Would **you then**, if **you are placed in authority**, create disorder in the land and sever your ties

of kinship?”(47:23). Who has been engaged in this type of behavior for the past thirteen years? It is mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya’s leadership and no one else. Systematically, as spreaders of hate within society they have tried to break the unity of many families within the Jamaat and they are trying to dissociate our relatives from us.

Through their threats, boycott and whatever unislamic behavior they have at their disposal, they try to estrange people from us. But *Alhamdulillah* they have not succeeded. All our close relatives are with us and they do not care a fig for the mainstream Jamaat’s stupid and unislamic teachings. At least there are some people who have the courage for their beliefs and opinion and they reject all types of oppression.

Several times I have said that the Ahmadiyya caliph is a double faced person. One can read and listen to all his speeches and writings and you might be tempted to think that he loves peace and justice and peaceful coexistence more than the Dalai Lama. He presents himself as an ambassador of peace and as someone who knows how to bring about peace in the world. But when he has to deal with people who challenge his authority, he forgets Islamic teachings and he acts according to the tribal customs of Pakistan. He is unable despite his many declarations to shed off his cultural baggage. He continues to deal with those who challenge him as it is done in his country and has been going on through the ages. He is a person who can speak about Islam but who is unable to imbibe the true teachings of Islam in his life and so are those who blindly follow him thinking that he is leading them to Paradise. Someone can do plenty of good deeds but a small bad deed can nullify all his good deeds. Remember the hadith I spoke about last week about that martyr that learned person and that person who spent much in the cause of Allah. Because an action was not done exclusively to obtain the pleasure of Allah, it was rejected by Allah. How can Allah accept the caliph’s action when such actions are diametrically opposed to Allah’s teachings?

Now look at the amir of Mauritius. Not a person particularly endowed with religious knowledge and who does not seem to be a person who has matured in wisdom with the years. On the occasion of Jalsa Salana he makes several speeches and one particularly addressed to non Ahmadi guests. His speech to that audience is particularly pleasing because he has to show the guests how the teachings of Islam are noble and peaceful and that Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream is a personification of those teachings . On one such occasion in his speech we can read the following:

- “In Islam there is a symbiotic relationship between Islam and peace. They are the two faces of the same coin”
- “What benefits can be derived in hurting others feelings besides fanning hate and disgust?”
- “Islam enjoins upon us to act with justice and equity even with our enemies. The Holy Quran advises us: “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.”(5:9)
- “This is the most excellent teaching that can help to establish peace in society.”

- He concluded his speech with the following prayer “May Allah the Almighty help us to manifest the highest degree of tolerance and respect for the sensibilities and emotion of each one amongst us. May we become the standard bearer of mutual love, affection and peace.”

These are extracts from his speech which has been published in *Le Message* **September** 2013 and which I have translated in English. Now when you read or listen to such speeches will you not think that such a person is a great peace maker and that he is animated with great and noble sentiments?

Of course you will because the Holy Prophet (saw) has taught us that, "Some eloquent speech has the fluency of magic" (*Bokhari Volume 7, Book 62, Number 76*). It affects you and makes you believe things which are not true. So the amir of Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream Mauritius knows how to make those speeches to please those who are in front of him. But this same person has made speeches influencing Ahmadi to hate their own kith and kin. Sometimes he even goes so far as quoting verses of the Holy Quran to justify his bigoted and misguided views about Islam.

He and his caliph speak about justice. But where is the Justice that they speak about in practice? Without wishing to speak about the meaning of Justice as understood by those who mete it out I will just say that in mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya there is no Justice at all. In most countries the constitution of the country concerned is the supreme law of the land. So any law made by parliament has to be subordinate to the constitution. Laws that do not seem to be compatible to the constitution can be challenged in the Supreme Court and the Justices will pronounce about their constitutionality or not. This is a system that has been developed through the ages in order to protect and not trample upon each countryman and that his rights are protected.

What is the constitution with reference to Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius? Is it the Holy Quran? Is it the book of hadiths? Is it the writings of the Promised Messiah or is it Islam as interpreted by the second caliph of Jamaat Ahmadiyya? Or is it the articles of association approved in the early 1960s which have never been replaced? Or is it the rules of Tehrik Jadid which are being implemented illegally because it is against Mauritian laws? Those who speak about being just should be bold enough and come forward and say what is it that they follow as guidance to establish peace and justice over the globe or to say the least in Mauritius.

In fact Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream has been run for sometime now with a hybrid system which is not in accordance with Mauritian laws. To be fair I will say that Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream has failed to live to established standards of Justice when it casually removes any Ahmadi from any office for which they have been elected. Yet the caliph does not stop repeating in his speeches that one has to obey the laws of the land! If we go by the rules and regulations that have been approved no one has the right to remove someone from a post to which he has been elected unless an established procedure is followed and unless the person concerned has been given the right to defend himself.

To be fair I will say that Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream has failed to live to established standards of Justice when it casually removes any Ahmadi from any office for which they have been elected. Neither the caliph nor his amirs have been given any such privilege in

Islam. If someone has to be removed a due process has to be initiated and at the end such a person may be removed if he/she is found guilty as charged. And such persons have to be given the right to defend themselves. But acting on whims and personal animosity murders justice and that is not sanctioned at all by Islam. By making a mockery of the law of the land and by acting arbitrarily the caliphs abetted by the amir are showing that they do not know what Justice is after all. Then how can they teach the world about it. Someone has attended a marriage feast and he is being asked to step down as they say. Yet we all know that the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) said "If anyone of you is invited to a wedding banquet, he must go for it (accept the invitation)." (**Volume 7, Book 62, Number 102**). Now the question is should one obey the Holy Prophet (saw) and Allah or should one obey a self-proclaimed caliph and his amir. The answer is too obvious. The caliph cannot make any law or give any direction that goes against what the *Shari'at* says. If he says so he should be categorically disobeyed. Even if his rule were legitimate, any directives that he gives against Islam makes him unworthy of being obeyed. Did not the most worthy among the companions, namely Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique say, most humbly:

"O people! I have been selected as your Trustee although I am no better than anyone of you. If I am right, obey me. If I am misguided, set me right. Of course truth is honesty and a lie is dishonesty. The weakest among you is powerful in my eyes until I do not get him his due, Insha-Allah (If it should please Allah). The most powerful among you is the weakest in my eyes until I do not make him pay due rights to others Insha Allah. Allah sends down disgrace on those people who give up Jihad in the path of Allah. Allah surely sends down calamities on such people who indulge in evils." I ask you to obey me as long as I obey Allah and His Messenger (*Sallallahu 'alaihi wa Sallam*). If I disobey Allah and His Messenger you are free to disobey me. Now come and offer Salat."

By Allah's Grace I have read most of the writings and speeches of the Ahmadiyya caliphs. Unfortunately up till now I have never seen anywhere that they have ever quoted this extract. Anyhow due to lack of time we will have to end here for today. I have some more to speak about this matter. We will take it up again *incha* Allah next time.