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After reciting the *Tashahhud*, the *Ta'uz and the Sura Al Fatiha* of the Holy Quran, Imam Zafrullah Domun said:

These days, as you are aware, we are talking about the conditions of *bay'at* as explained by Hazrat Masih Maood (as). Anyone who tries to make himself aware of the teachings of the Promised Messiah will notice that Hazrat Masih was endowed with great wisdom and he did his best to impart that wisdom to those who joined his movement. Anyone who has not studied the writings of the Promised Messiah in depth will not be able to confirm what I have just said. Unless and until one makes plenty of efforts to understand his writings one will never be able to know what he stood for. These days Hazrat Masih Maood (as) is not present amongst us and the mainstream Jamaat says that he has been succeeded by caliphs who have been appointed by Allah. By the Grace of Allah we have understood since a long time now that despite the declarations of all caliphs to that effect this statement is not true. These caliphs especially since the second caliph have been appointed by men. Furthermore many attempts have been made within the Jamaat, despite clear-cut instructions of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) to the contrary, to link their khilafat with the khilafat of the earlier caliphs. But there is not even one statement from the earlier caliphs which said that they were appointed by Allah directly. We all know what Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique said when he was appointed caliph. He said:

"I have been given the authority over you, and I am not the best of you. If I do well, help me; and if I do wrong, set me right. Sincere regard for truth is loyalty and disregard for truth is treachery. The weak amongst you shall be strong with me until I have secured his rights, if God wills; and the strong amongst you shall be weak with me until I have wrested from him the rights of others, if God wills. Obey me so long as I obey God and His Messenger (Muhammad, pbuh). But if I disobey God and His Messenger, ye owe me no obedience. Arise for your prayer, God have mercy upon you."

Hazrat Abu Bakr(RA) spoke in full humility and he never said that it was a divine appointment. Now we may ask who was greater the caliphs of the prophet or those of the Promised Messiah? Definitely the first rightly guided caliphs were the greatest in merit. Anyhow Allah knows best.

The present head of mainstream of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat tours the world to tell them that he is an advocate of peace and that he does not in any way think like other Muslims who believe that there is a need to do armed struggle to propagate the religion of Islam. He even receives kudos for his statements about Islam and for adopting the slogan “Love for All, hatred for none.” Unfortunately we Ahmadis Muslims who have dissociated ourselves from him we know for sure that he practices double talk which is highly condemned by Allah. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

“O ye who believe why do you say what you do not? It is most hateful in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not” (61:3-4).

It is a well-known fact that the Ahmadiyya caliph approved his predecessor’s directives that a group of Ahmadis should be the victim of a social boycott in Mauritius. This has been going on for the last twelve years and it is still going on. The members of the mainstream Jamaat in their slavish obedience to their caliph and his subordinates amirs and missionary in charge have been very keen to obey this unislamic instruction of their caliph to the letter. It did not matter to them at all if they did not obey him in other matters. In their obedience to their caliph they have become almost blind and they are not aware of what they are doing. They think they are acting virtuously.

An incident occurred the previous week in which an Ahmadi mother who does not have *bay’at* with the caliph was barred by force from entering the mosque where her daughter was being married , only because she was no longer a member of the mainstream Jamaat. Young men stood on the doorway like Jihadists to prevent the mother from entering. When I came to know of this incident I did not want to believe my ears because I thought that despite all their shortcomings the amir and the missionary in charge and the members of the amila could not allow such a thing to happen. But it did happen and there are many witnesses to corroborate it. I am told by a reliable person that a mainstream Ahmadi brother was so offended by the misbehavior of the Jihadists that he expressed his disapproval on a post on Face book. Immediately immense pressure was exerted on him and he had to remove his posting. This type of behavior is similar to the one we see in sects where force is used to make people obey the official line. Hazrat Masih Maood (as) told us that his message should be spread by love, by wisdom and by fervent prayers. But here we are seeing stupid and ignorant leaders pushing their followers to act in very unislamic ways and quite contrary to the teachings that we have received.

If, as from 1915, a group of enlightened people from Mauritius, our grandparents were attracted to the teachings of the Promised Messiah, today those who have inherited these teachings are showing through their own actions how far they are ignorant and they need to be made aware of these teachings again. It is quite unfortunate that

mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya members have allowed the fear of others besides Allah to so overwhelm their heart that they have failed to fear only Allah and condemn the wrongs that are being perpetrated in their presence. The Holy Prophet (saw) has advised us thus:

“Whoever of you sees something repugnant to morals or faith, he should change it by his hand. If he has not the strength to do so, then by the word of mouth. And if he cannot do so, then dislike it at heart (and endeavor to reform through prayer), but he would say that this was the weakest of faith.”

Commenting on this hadith a commentator said:

“This hadith pertains to national, family and individual reformation. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) says that many religious and moral evils grow because people connive at their sight and fail to take any oral or practical measures of reformation, the result being that the evil becomes widespread, the bad example of one man infects scores of others. It does not stop at that; the natural fear of evil begins to disappear and to lose its hold on the hearts of men.”

This is what has been happening in Mauritius since 2001. In their blind obedience to authority the members of the mainstream Jamaat do not care at all about all the evils that they do. Instead of listening to the voices of those who condemn their evils they do their best to stifle those voices. But a Muslim cannot remain silent whenever he sees evil. He has to remove it or at least condemn it. But to do this one has to have a solid faith in Allah and considers Him more important than everything else. Hazrat Masih Maood (as) came to create such a Jamaat. But unfortunately there is a great difference in faith in the Ahmadis who will be celebrating a centenary of Ahmadiyyat in Mauritius and those pioneers who understood the teachings of Hazrat Ahmad (as) during the years 1913-1920. Within three generations we see that the teachings of the Promised Messiah have been completely diluted. The leaders who were supposed to preserve these teachings have allowed it to be tainted and in their stupidity they think that they are doing a great service to Islam that invites a celebration. The fact is that these people should have shed tears of blood because they have prepared a generation of Ahmadis who have been taught to hate others and to harm them instead of loving them and saving them. And yet they tell you that the caliph is here and he is sufficient and he can direct the affairs of the Jamaat. If the caliph were so effective why is it that so many unislamic things are being done in the name of Islam? If the noble name of Islam has been sullied by its own adherents through their unislamic behavior so history is repeating itself within Jamaat Ahmadiyya. Its own people are setting the house on fire by practicing the Islam that comes from their evil passions rather than the Islam taught to us by Allah, by His Messenger and by His Promised Messiah.

It is the sheer Grace of Allah that we have been set apart from those who wanted us to participate in the evils that they practice. Allah has saved us from them and *incha* Allah, Allah will help us to consolidate ourselves. We need to stick to *Tauhid*, to the Unicity of Allah and avoid associating anyone with Him. It is only then that we will indeed be the true followers of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) and his Promised Messiah. *Tauhid* should descend in our heart and not stay on our lips only. Advising us on this matter Hazrat Masih Maood (as) says:

Tauhid [Unity of God] does not simply mean that you say *la ilaha illAllah* with your tongue but then hide hundreds of idols in your heart. Anyone who gives reverence to his own plans, mischief or clever designs as he should revere God, or depends upon another person as one should depend upon God alone, or reveres his own ego as he should revere God alone, in all such conditions he is an idol-worshipper in the sight of Allah. Idols are not merely those that are made of gold, silver, copper or stones. Rather, everything, every statement, or every deed, which is revered in a manner that befits Almighty Allah alone, is an idol in the sight of Allah.... Remember that the true Unity of God, which God requires us to affirm and upon which salvation depends, is to believe that God in His Being is free from every associate, whether it be an idol or a human being, or the Sun or Moon, or one's ego, or one's cunning or deceit; it is also to conceive of no one as possessing power in opposition to Him, nor to accept anyone as Sustainer, nor to hold anyone as bestowing honour or disgrace, nor to consider anyone as Helper or Supporter; and it is also to confine one's love to Him and one's worship, and one's humility, and one's hopes, and one's fear to Him. No Unity can be complete without the following three types of particularizations. First, there is the Unity of Being—that is, to conceive the whole universe as nonexistent in contrast with Him and to consider it mortal and lacking reality. Secondly, the Unity of Attributes—that is that *Rabubiyyat* [Lordship] and *Uluhiyyat* [Godhead] are confined to His Being and that all others who appear as sustainers or benefactors are only a part of the system set up by His hand. Thirdly, the Unity of love, sincerity and devotion—that is, not to consider anyone as an associate of God in the matter of love and worship and to be entirely lost in Him. (*Siraj-ud-Din 'Isa'i ke Char Swalon kaJawab, Ruhani Khaza'in*, vol. 12, pp. 349–350)

This extract of the Promised Messiah's writings should be read and re read and meditated upon in order for its wisdom to sink into your mind. It is only then that one might understand that by just saying *Laa ilaha Illallah* without thinking about its implications one has not done justice to the concept of *Tauhid*. It is only then that you will understand that the caliph is nothing besides Allah and that you should always refrain from elevating his status to that of Allah by thinking that he should be obeyed

in all circumstances even if he says something which is against the Holy Quran. Hazrat Masih has made it clear in this extract that we are not allowed to revere any man as we should revere Allah. May Allah open the mind and heart of those who are still shut to this reality. May Allah be with us always. *Ameen*.