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As I said previously I will give some more information about that unique “Revealed Sermon” which Hazrat Masih Maood (as) delivered on Wednesday 11th April 1900. This is how he wrote about this sign among the signs in his book “Haqeeqatul Wahi”:

“Accordingly, I stood up after Eid prayer to deliver the Eid sermon in Arabic. God Almighty knows that the capacity was bestowed upon me from the unseen and the eloquent Arabic address that proceeded extemporarily from my mouth was definitely beyond my power. I cannot imagine that anyone in the world can deliver such a speech, extending over so many pages, with such eloquence and without the help of Divine revelation. This Arabic address, which has been named *Khutbah Ilhamiyyah* [*The Revealed Sermon*], was delivered to an audience of about two hundred people. All praise is due to God. It seemed as if a fountain had begun to flow from the unseen, and I knew not whether it was I who was speaking or whether it was an angel speaking through my tongue. I knew only that I had no part in this address. Sentence after sentence issued from my mouth and each one was for me a sign. These sentences have been published by the name of *The Revealed Sermon*. Read this book and you will realize how impossible it is for someone to stand up and extemporarily deliver such a long speech in Arabic. This is a miracle of a literary nature that God has shown, and no one can present anything like it. **[Haqiqat-ul-Wahi, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 22]**

Here it will be pertinent to add that Hazrat Masih Maood (as) translated this speech in Persian and Urdu and published it together with four other chapters that he wrote in Arabic in the form of a book entitled *Khutba Ilhamiyya* the following year in August. In that book the revealed sermon is written on only 38 pages and on one page there was 7 lines and in each line there were about five words. So approximately there were in all about 1350 words in the speech and since it was repeated three times so in all we might count about approximately 4000 words which could be delivered in about one hour. I made this calculation because I wanted to have an idea of how long the speech might have been delivered and I could not find any detail about it.

So on the cover page of the book “The Revealed Sermon” Hazrat Masih Maood (as) wrote in Arabic “This is a book, a part of which was revealed to me from the Lord of mankind on the day of Festival which I delivered to the audience extempore speaking under the influence of the Faithful spirit. There is no doubt that it is a great sign. It is not within the power of any human being to deliver such an address extempore. This is

a great bounty of the Divine and it is, as it were, a means of transportation for people to good fortune. It is a rain of mercy from Allah after universal famine which brought ruin to the world. The truths set forth in it are not to be found in the outstanding works of the wise men who have passed away. Indeed these are truths that have been revealed to me from the Lord of the universe.”

Concerning this revealed address Hazrat Masih Maood (as) wrote two dreams of his companions. He said that Mian Abdullah Sanauri saw in a dream the deceased Munshi Ghulam Qadir of Sanaur and he asked him to give some news about the sermon on the day of the festival from the other side (meaning the afterlife). He replied saying that there was a commotion in heaven concerning it. In a similar vein Hazrat Masih Maood (as) said that another companion Sayed Mir Ali shah sahib saw in a vision while the sermon was being delivered that The Holy Prophet (saw), Hazrat Isa (as) and Hazrat Moosa(as) and Hazrat Khizr (as) was sitting in the audience listening. This piece of information has been written by Hazrat Masih Maood (as) on a page in a book and it can be read as a note in Tazkira Urdu on page 349) Most of us have heard about the first named prophets but most probably not of Hazrat Khizr. He is a well-known figure among the Sufis. I have read that Ibn Arabi saw him a few times and so did another Sufi known as Hakim Tirmizi. I personally think that the vision mentioned only emphasizes the importance of that event and what was being said in it.

Another companion of the Promised Messiah Abdul Hay said:

When I read the eloquent writings of the Promised Messiah I was convinced that unless someone received help from Allah he could not write like that. But I personally was not convinced that these words were from the Promised Messiah himself. Although Molvi Nuruddin and other learned Ulemas did try to convince me and showed me that it was Hazrat Masih Maood (as) own writings yet they could not remove my doubts. And through diverse means I tried to assess if these writings were Hazrat Masih Maood’s (as) own. I wrote him some letters in Arabic and he replied in Arabic and I compared his replies to his writings and I saw that they were different and I was told that what he wrote in his books and what he wrote as replies to letters are different. The reason was that in his books he wrote with special help from Allah. So I came to Qadian to see if I can also witness any sign concerning him. So when I saw how he delivered the revealed sermon in such an eloquent language, with contentment in my heart I vowed my allegiance to him. (From Al Fazl 2nd May 2014 page 7)

So we, members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya are really privileged that Allah has manifested such a great sign to help his Messiah. This text is to be meditated upon and need to be

studied so that the wisdom that it contains might profit all of us. Incha Allah I will try to translate the text in creole so that everyone might read and understand it. The extract of the text that I read yesterday just gives an idea of the main objective of animal sacrifice in Islam. We need to learn to kill all our animal tendencies and adopt the noble way of manifesting the best behaviour in all circumstances. This is something that we should learn to do. We do not receive good behaviour by birth, it is something that we should learn and practice throughout our life time. I hope incha Allah each one amongst us will make the necessary effort to learn why we are here and how we should live to win the pleasure of Allah.

The fact that Hazrat Masih Maood (as) delivered this speech in Arabic was indeed a sign from Allah. When this book and his other twenty books in Arabic were circulated among the Arabs they were bound to accept its superiority. I hope incha Allah I will have an opportunity to talk or write about this matter in the future. Then members might learn how great was Hazrat Masih Maood (as) and how great were the favours of Allah upon him. For today I will stop here concerning this matter.

We will move to another matter now. I do not know how many amongst you are aware that we will be having a super moon on Sunday. It will be a full moon and there will be a total eclipse of the moon that will be visible only in the Americas but a partial eclipse will be seen even in Mauritius. What is different with this position of the moon is that it will be closest to the earth and it will appear 14% bigger than a usual full moon is. It is quite a rare event. It occurred only five times since 1900(1910, 1928, 1946, 1964 and 1982). The next time that it will occur will be in 2033. So while its average distance from the Earth is 239,000 miles (384,600 kilometers) it can get as close as 226,000 miles (363,700 km) at the closest point, or perigee. It will be about 21,000 km closer to us. So try to watch the moon on 27th September and the spectacle will take your breath away. Allah knows if you will have the opportunity to witness such an event again in your life.

Unfortunately the Hajj this year has been marred again by another tragedy. As members might have heard yesterday there has been another rush to throw stones on Satan and at the time of writing 717 people have been crushed to their death and more than 800 have been injured. One has to agree that unless the Hajjis themselves do their best to behave as per instructions that they receive regarding safety such events will continue to happen. After the crash of the crane on September 11th which killed 107 and injured twice as much we see that the Hajj this year has been marred by the loss of many lives. Previously whenever there has been such incidents it has been on the same occasion of throwing stones at Satan. But when we think that at an assembly of two million people a

small problem can create a lot of damage despite the sophistication of highly developed software and more than 5000 CC TV cameras and more than 100,000 troops to monitor the pilgrims. Anyhow it is sad that so many people have lost their lives. May Allah forgive them and treat them with His Mercy.

From the information that I have read nearly two million people were present for the Hajj this year and foreigners were about 1.4 million. We also understand that more than 100 Iranians have died in this accident. If I get more statistics about the Hajj I will share them with you in the next sermon insha Allah. May Allah cover all of us with Mercy and may He open a way for the Muslim world to know how to solve its problems in the best possible way.