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Recently I saw on YouTube a lecture by a world renowned Islamic Scholar that Dajjal was going to appear last week either on 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of May. So I thought that it would be pertinent that I tell you and others who might read our sermon some observations of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad(as) on Dajjal which is usually translated as antichrist. Unfortunately, I will not be able to tell you all that needs to be said about Dajjal because there are some verses of the Holy Quran which indirectly speak about it but there are plenty of hadiths where the word itself is specifically used. Let me tell you a few from Bokhari.

'Abdullāh bin 'Umar narrates :

“Allah’s Messenger stood up amongst the people and then praised and glorified Allah as He deserved and then he mentioned Ad-Dajjāl , saying, "I warn you of him, and there was no Prophet but warned his followers of him; but I will tell you something about him which no other Prophet has told his followers: Ad-Dajjal is one-eyed whereas Allah is not." This hadith has been diversely commented upon by scholars throughout the ages but we will not go into that today.

In another hadith we learn that Hazrat 'Aishah(ra) said “I heard Allah's Messenger in his *Salat* (prayer), seeking refuge with Allah from the Fitnah (trial and affliction) of Ad-Dajjal. In another hadith we learn that this prayer was “*Aouzo billahe min fitnatid Dajjal*”. Similarly, we know that the Holy prophet (saw) is reported to have said that he who recites the first Ruku of chapter 18 and its last Ruku on Friday would be protected from the troubles and tribulations caused by Dajjal. Members should read these verses and try to understand them.

If you look in the books of Hadiths in almost each one of them there is a whole chapter about Dajjal. For a broadening of knowledge members may read them. However, for today we will read what the Promised Messiah(as) said about it. This extract is from the book “*Izala Awhaam*”(the removal of misconceptions) which was written and published in 1891. It is one of the most important books of the Promised Messiah which unfortunately up till now the mainstream Jamaat has not translated into English. Anyhow in it Hazrat Masih Maood (as)

discussed many points regarding his claims and it is there that he spoke about the 30 verses of the Holy Quran which convincingly prove the death of Jesus Christ. He says:

“It may be asked: Jesus, son of Mary, was to come to vanquish the Dajjal, and if it is you who have come in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, who then is the Dajjal against you? My answer is that, though I admit the possibility of another Messiah son of Mary coming after me, and he may even be the promised one in the context of some Hadith, and a Dajjal may also come to mislead the Muslims, yet my belief is that so far there has not been any Dajjal like the Christian clergy of these days, nor shall there ever be till the Day of Judgement.”

Before we proceed any further I would like to say that in this extract as in many others Hazrat Masih Maood (as) makes it clear that the possibility of someone coming after him is quite plausible. He never shut this door whereas Khilafat Ahmadiyya has shut this door by erroneously imposing the belief on Ahmadis. By so doing Khilafat Ahmadiyya has, so to say, taken the privilege of Allah in its hands. This is a clear example of how the mainstream Jamaat is acting contrary to the real teachings of the Promised Messiah. Now we continue with the extract.

“A Hadith of Muslim reads: ‘Imran son of Husain reports: I heard the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: From the creation of Adam(as) to the Judgement Day there will be no greater catastrophe than that of the Dajjal.... Considering the import of this Hadith of Muslim, I say that if we were to examine all documentary evidence available to us from the creation of Adam (as) to this day, and examine the activities of all those who have ever taken upon themselves to do the work of Dajjal, we shall not find anything matching the Dajjal-like activity of the Christian clergy of this day. They have in mind an imaginary Messiah who, according to them, is alive and claims to be God. Jesus son of Mary never made any such claim, rather it is these self-appointed advocates of his who claim that he is God. They have had recourse to every kind of distortion and deception in support of their claim, and there is hardly a place, with the exception of Mecca and Medina, where they have not gone in pursuit of their objective. There is no form of deception, conspiracy or design to mislead, which they have not adopted. Is it not true that in pursuit of their Dajjal-like designs they have encircled the whole world? Wherever they go and establish a mission they turn everything upside down. They are so

wealthy that all the treasures of the world seem to lie at their feet. Although the British Government is concerned only with administration and has no concern with religion, the missionaries have a government of their own which possesses unlimited wealth and is spreading its tentacles all over the world. They carry with them all kinds of heaven and hell. One who is inclined to follow them is shown the heaven, and the one who chooses to oppose them is threatened with hell. They are accompanied by mountains of bread wherever they go, and many, who are the slaves of their stomachs, are carried away by the sight of white loaves of bread, and start proclaiming: 'The Messiah is our Lord.' There is no quality of the Messianic Dajjal that is not to be found in them. In a manner, they even revive the dead and kill the living. (Let him who possesses understanding understand.) And there is no doubt that these people possess only one eye, which is the left one. If they possessed the right eye as well, they would have feared God Almighty and refrained from deifying Jesus. All previous scriptures mention this Dajjal, as do the Gospels on the authority of Jesus son of Mary. It was only proper that every Prophet should have warned against this Dajjal, and each of them has done so, whether expressly or implicitly, directly or indirectly. From the time of Noah down to the time of our lord and master, Seal of the Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), we find warnings about this Dajjal, and this is something I can readily prove. No one can even imagine the extent of the damage that Islam has suffered at their hands and how truth and justice have suffered. Prior to the thirteenth century of the blessed Hijra, there was no trace of such mischief. But around the middle of the thirteenth century this Dajjal-like group suddenly emerged and started to expand progressively, until at the end of this century, according to Reverend Mr. Baker, half a million people had been converted to Christianity in India alone, and it is estimated that every twelve years one hundred thousand new converts enter the fold of Christianity and start to believe in a humble man as God. No sensible person can be unaware of the fact that Christian missionaries have brought under their sway a large number of poor and needy Muslims by giving them bread and clothes; those who could not be lured by these means were seduced through women; and those who could not be so trapped were exposed to all kinds of atheistic philosophy which now holds captive hundreds of thousands of young Muslims, who make fun of the Islamic prayer and fasting and consider revelation to be a kind of hallucination. For those who are not able to learn European philosophy, a large stock of fictitious tales was cooked up—too easy a job for the clerics' sleight of hand— which derided Islam in the guise of stories and historical events and

was very widely published. In addition, they compiled countless books in refutation of Islam, blaspheming our lord and master the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and widely distributed them free of cost. Most of these have been translated into other languages.... Allah is Great. If our people still do not consider these missionaries to be Dajjal of the highest order, for whose refutation a Messiah is needed, then the plight of our people is pitiable indeed! Look, ye heedless ones, just look how hard these people are trying to demolish the edifice of Islam and what large resources they have employed for this purpose. In their endeavours they have exposed their lives to danger, spent their wealth like water, and indeed they have carried their human abilities to the limit. They have adopted shameful means and implemented them to undermine righteousness, and they have laid down mines to destroy the truth and honesty. All the finely fabricated details of falsehood and pretense have been strenuously invented to bring ruin to Islam. If people's minds could not be corrupted by other means, they invented thousands of supposed stories and dialogues to do this. Is there any method of the ruin of truth that they have not invented? Is there any way of misguidance that they have not adopted? Thus it becomes obvious that all these tricks and charms which the Christians and advocates of Trinity have resorted to, could not proceed from anyone but the great Dajjal and we have no choice but to identify this group of Christian missionaries with him. When we observe to the past history of the greater part of the world, we gain the impression that, as far as it can be ascertained, there has been no precedent of such successful deception and misguidance as undertaken by these people. And as the Ahadith say, the Dajjal will cause such mischief as would be unmatched since the beginning of the world. It follows, therefore, that these people are the great Dajjal who was to come from the church, and to counter whose magic a miracle was needed. He who disputes this should produce a matching instance from the Dajjals of the past.

*[Izala-e-Auham, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 3, pp. 361-366]*

He further said:

“The Holy Qur'an then specifies that in the latter days the Christians will dominate the earth, and they shall be the cause of all kinds of mischief running rampant. Waves of calamities will rise on all sides and will race down from every height....They will possess great material strength and dominion, against which all other powers and states will seem powerless. They will also enjoy supremacy in all kinds of knowledge and sciences and establish new and

wonderful industries. They will also be dominant in their policies, projects, and good administration, and will show great resolve in their worldly enterprises and will also excel in their endeavour to spread their faith. They will leave behind all other nations in their social, agricultural and commercial policies, as indeed in everything else. This is the meaning of “*min koulle hadabin yanseloune*” meaning ““They shall hasten forth from every height.(21:97) *Hadab* means high ground and *Nasal* means to run ahead and to excel. In other words, they will leave behind every other nation in whatever is great and prestigious. This is the major sign of the people of the latter days who were designated as Gog and Magog and this is also the sign of the mischievous group of Christian clerics who are called the Promised Dajjal. Since *Hadab* means an elevated part of the earth, this indicates that they will achieve all earthly heights but will be deprived of the spiritual heights. This proves that these people are called Gog and Magog in view of their national dominance. Among them are the people who have left no stone unturned in spreading misguidance and consequently came to be known as the Great Dajjal. And God Almighty has said that at the height of misguidance, the trumpet will be blown and people of all faiths will be assembled at one place. [Shahadat-ul-Qur’an, Ruhani Khaza’in, vol. 6, pp. 361-362).

So no specific days can be expected for the appearance of Dajjal. It is a group of people with a deceptive mindset and they have been playing havoc with the thoughts of the people since a long time now.

May Allah help each one amongst us to keep away from all the wrongs of Dajjal.