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As members of our Jamaat (Jamaat Ahmadiyya Al Mouslemeen) are well aware, it is now almost 18 years since the fourth caliph of Jamaat Ahmadiyya International expelled us from the Jamaat. He took this decision following a meeting that I had with the then Amir Jamaat of Mauritius together with seven other members of the Jamaat including the present amir and two central missionaries. The then caliph took the decision that we were no longer good members of the Jamaat and that we had to be expelled from the Jamaat.

Most people in the Jamaat thought that after sometime we would be compelled to come back in the jamaat with our heads bowed and presenting our apologies to the caliph. I was adamant that there were no apologies to be presented because we were enjoying a special Favour from Allah and that we needed not be afraid of anyone albeit a caliph. Consequently, despite the moral persecution that some members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius have been too happy to heap on us, by Allah's Grace we have stayed loyal to our declarations. There have been no apologies and none will be presented, incha Allah.

What I have been saying is that Allah has chosen me as an Imam for the people through clear revelations that I have received. Several times I received the revelation “*Inna ja'alnaaka linnaase imama*” meaning “We have made you an Imam for the people.” The majority of the members of the Jamaat of Mauritius have turned their back on this declaration because they could not understand how Allah could name someone else an Imam whilst Jamaat Ahmadiyya has a system of Khilafat and which, according to them was going to last forever. Within this paradigm no one can come from Allah except the caliph himself. These are not my statements but recorded statements made by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> caliphs which are available on the net.

Last Friday, prior to going for Jummah prayer, I checked the live transmission of the Ahmadiyya Muslim association's Jalsa Salana on YouTube. I learned that they have a central representative who would make the opening and closing speech. So, I decided to listen to the guest at 15h30. I listened for a few minutes and then went on to do my usual Friday routine. On Saturday I did not listen at all. However, after Fajr prayer on Sunday I went back to sleep. In a semi sleep I saw that I was in their Jalsa gah and I saw written on a poster “*Boushra komoul yawm innal fazla beyadillahe you'tihe man*

*yashaa*” which may be translated as “Good news to you on this day. All Grace is in the hands of Allah; He Gives to whom He Pleases.” Whenever I receive such words from Allah, I know that I will receive some good news that will delight my heart. Since I saw in semi sleep that I was in the Jalsa Gah, I thought that it was maybe related to something that will be said there. So, I thought of listening to the speeches of the day. But contrary to my expectations none of the speeches nor any of the proceedings were being broadcast live. I was a bit disappointed but I have learned to submit to Allah’s Will by His Grace. On Monday morning, when I switched on my computer and went on YouTube I saw that the proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the Jalsa were available online. I rapidly fast-forwarded through it listening to a few sentences here and there. I was going through the speech of the amir when the following words caught my attention. He said “The second Caliph (ra) told us ‘without khilafat no human being can establish a relationship with Allah; no one can even become a good Muslim; not only this but no one can have that relationship with **Allah which can be had through khilafat unless that person receives a special grace or favour from Allah** (Blessings of Khilafat). From the posted video this extract can be heard from 59:15s to 59:45s).

Since the beginning of the divine manifestation in Mauritius, the mainstream Jamaat’s position has been that Allah cannot elevate someone in the presence of a caliph. Since that time, I have been saying that no one can dictate to Allah what He should do. He does what He likes. All Favours are in His Hands; He distributes as He Likes. He does not need to ask permission from any caliph or amir or sadr or whatever before He chooses someone for any special favour. Eighteen years later, an amir who has been most vociferous in defending the established caliphate with his limited understanding of the religion of Allah quotes this statement of the second caliph. If someone really reads the Holy Quran and understands it as it is to be understood he would speak like the second caliph. But that speech was made at the Jalsa Salana in Qadian in 1914. Molvis and sadrs of limited religious understanding bent upon denying that Allah can favour whomsoever He wishes among His Servants have been most forward in lying to the people to prevent them from understanding their religion as it should have been understood. Consequently, they have perpetuated the myth that Khilafat is almost “the be-all and end-all of existence” by exacerbating their hate for a group of people who are still dear in the sight of Allah. Such behaviour we have witnessed in those who deny Hazrat Masih Maood (as) but it cannot be expected from those who claim to be his followers, his representatives! If such is the case it means that those

who are the enemies of the Promised Messiah (as) have taken control of the Jamaat and they are running it according to their whims and not according to his teachings.

After 18 years Allah makes an amir say in a Jalsa Salana words which contradict the stand of the Jamaat in Mauritius. To me this was a piece of good news that came from Allah. Now I wonder if the amir is fully aware of what he said or he was just reading an extract as many are wont to do. From the Holy Quran, from the books of hadiths and from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) we know that Allah chooses whosoever He wishes from among His servants for a purpose and He is at liberty to do whatever He wills. Now if someone thinks How can Allah choose an insignificant man from Mauritius whereas there are so many top shots within the Jamaat and specially in the presence of the caliph who, according to Ahmadis, are chosen by Him, then my answer will be Allah grants His Favour to whomsoever He chooses and he does not answer to anyone but all will answer to Him. If a caliph within jamaat Ahmadiyya cannot find room for people in the jamaat who receive a call from Allah, that caliph thinks too much of himself by denying this great favour from Allah because Allah promised the Promised Messiah that He would “help him with men to whom He would send revelation from the heavens.” The Arabic words of the revelation are “*Yansoroka rijaaloune nouhi elayhim minas samaa’e*”(Tazkira). Within Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream, the fulfilment of this revelation is when people join the jamaat after seeing a true dream. However, that is a very restricted meaning of these noble words though if they are applied to those people who say they have come from Allah to perpetuate the teachings of the Promised Messiah, then these words do really make sense.

Hence Ahmadis should think about those words of the second caliph quoted by their amir. To us these words do not have much meaning because we already knew that Allah can favour whomsoever He likes with His special Grace. Someone might think that that caliphs are here to present the true teachings of the Promised Messiah. But since long I have been saying that the meaning that the mainstream jamaat gives to “*Qudrate Sania*” is not the same as the Promised Messiah had explained. Now who knew better the teachings of the Promised Messiah than the first caliph, Hazrat Molvi Nuruddin (ra). This is how he has explained “*qudrate sania*”, the second manifestation. He said:

“When the founding father of a community completes his worldly tenure, his mission will thereafter be carried out successfully with Divine support. As

stated in the Holy Quran: “Today I have completed for you your faith and fully blessed you with my bounty”. It happened not only in the time of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) but also continued onwards during the time of his Khulafa, Nawab’s, Reformers (*Mujadidin*); and they were all the second manifestations’. The second manifestation is boundaryless. When a community becomes (spiritually) feeble, the Almighty in his infinite wisdom, keeps on descending the second manifestation to help recoup the deficiency that occurred over time.” (Badar 23 May 1913)

This is the first time that I have read this extract and presented it to you but in my heart of heart I understood it to be so through what the Promised Messiah has taught us. Today we see that the Jamaat has means but does it also have spirituality as Hazrat Masih Maood (as) wished it should have had? The answer will be a big “No” because we are seeing a Jamaat which has brainwashed most of its people to think that it is ok to disobey Allah provided you obey the caliph. If people have such beliefs under the guidance of a caliph, then how is the system of khilafat helping in achieving the objectives of the mission of the Promised Messiah?

Look at the Wassiyat Scheme. Pious people within the jamaat would have joined it being motivated by a desire to offer greater sacrifices in the path of Allah. However, within the mainstream Jamaat there is a recruitment drive so that most people might join it. Its initial objective was to encourage people offer their money or wealth for the spread of Islam, for consolidating the finances of the Jamaat, for investing this money to bring in more money to work for Islam. How can a group of people who allow hate to grow in their heart can form part of such a pious scheme? Those who are at the head care mostly to run the system without any regard for whether the members are progressing in spirituality or not.

There is a hadith in Muslim related by Hazrat Ibn Mas’ood who said that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) said:

“Never a Prophet had been sent before me by Allah towards his nation who had not among his people (his) disciples and companions who followed his ways and obeyed his command. Then there came after them their successors who said whatever they did not practice and practiced whatever they were not commanded to do. He who strove against them with his hand was a believer: he who strove against them with his tongue was a believer, and he who strove against them with his heart was a believer and beyond that there is no faith even to the extent of a mustard seed.” (Muslim 81)

This makes it quite clear that among the leaders of even the Muslims there would be people of that kind. To preserve one's faith, one has to strive against them with one's hands or one's words or at least within one's heart. I invite members of the mainstream jamaat to check where their misguidance is coming from!

We, members of jamaat Ahmadiyya al Mouslemeen, will continue to strive against those who have abandoned the teachings of the Promised Messiah (as) and have given to their caliphs and leaders an obedience that they should have only shown to Allah and His Prophet Mohammad (saw).

May Allah help each one amongst to take hold of Allah's rope with solid hands and may we never deviate from straight path till our last breath, incha Allah.