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These days the Ahmadiyya Caliph is touring the USA. He has opened at least three mosques over there. And as usual in his speeches he speaks about the most beautiful teachings of tolerance, nonviolence, the need to create cohesion in society and says that members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat do live these values in their daily lives. Unfortunately, it is well known within mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat that the leadership of the Jamaat together with its bigoted members are not at all concerned with these values. In order to nourish and perpetuate their enmity and their hate towards a group of their own brothers and sisters, they are deaf to whatever their caliph or his representative, the missionary in charge, tells them. Through their behaviour many of the members of the mainstream Jamaat in Mauritius show that they do not care at all for the teachings of Islam if these teachings try to change them and make them become better and nobler human beings.

Anyone who has studied the teachings of the Promised Messiah (as) knows that in many circumstances the Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mainstream in Mauritius has failed to mold their life according to what the Promised Messiah (as) has said. They are not at all interested in self-purification which is the main objective for which they have joined the Promised Messiah's Jamaat. A casual reading of the book of the Promised Messiah "Noah's Ark" will help many to understand that they are failing the Promised Messiah by falling short of these teachings. At several places the Promised Messiah (as) has made it amply clear that unless there is harmony between what we say and what we do we will amount to nothing in the sight of Allah. This is a piece of advice that our own members as well have to take into consideration. We need to learn to live with the constant thought that Allah is ever present and that His angels record our actions and our words. If there are contradictions between what we say and what we do, we will be destroyed by Allah if we are not doing our best to remove these contradictions. This is a serious matter. So, at the head, an effort should be made to deliver the true teachings of the Promised Messiah (as) to the people instead of teaching them how to cultivate hate instead of love in their heart. May Allah have mercy on them.

These days new books of the Promised Messiah in English are being uploaded on the mainstream Jamaat's website. The young people within the Jamaat should try to read these books and allow themselves to be inspired by their teachings. Knowledge is power and it frees people from the shackles of tradition and authority. In the book "*Haqiqatul Wahi*", Hazrat Masih Maood (as) discusses three types of dreams and revelations. Once one reads these explanations, it becomes crystal clear to judge anyone who makes claims about revelations and decide whether he might be truthful or not. One will not need any Amir or Sadr or missionary to tell one what to believe. One will understand it clearly from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as). I hope many Ahmadis will avail themselves of this great opportunity to dispel their ignorance and arm themselves with the power of knowledge.

So today, we will continue to read from Volume I of the *Malfuzaat* of the Promised Messiah (as). He said:

"None of the faculties endowed by Allah Almighty have been granted to man so that they may be wasted; rather, their discipline and proper use is the true means by which they are nourished and developed. This is why Islam has not taught that the faculties of virility be slaughtered completely or that the eye be gouged out. Instead, it teaches their proper use and the purification of one's inner self. In this respect, Allah the Exalted states:

مُؤْمِنُونَ أَفْلَحَ قَدْ

Surely, success does come to the believers. (23:2)

Then, after illustrating the life of a righteous person, God Almighty draws a conclusion in the following words:

الْمُفْلِحُونَ هُمْ وَأُولَئِكَ

And it is they who shall prosper. (2:6)

That is to say, those who tread the path of righteousness; those who believe in the unseen; those who establish or set upright their Prayer when it begins to fall as it were; those who give from that which is bestowed to them by God; those who, irrespective of their own thoughts and fancies, believe in all the divine scriptures sent by God, ultimately attain to the level of certainty. It is these very people who are truly guided and who tread a path that goes on to lead a person to success. Therefore, it is such people who are triumphant and who shall reach their final destination, and who have been delivered

from the perils of the journey before them. Hence, from the very outset, Allah the Exalted has given us a teaching of righteousness and bestowed upon us a book, which also provides counsel on how to develop piety. And so, let my community grieve, more than anything else, **over whether they possess righteousness or not.**”

So, as a member of the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah (as), one has to examine oneself throughout one’s life and wonder whether one possesses righteousness (*taqwa*) or not. In fact, this should be our greatest concern at any moment of our life because no one knows when his last moments will come. So, one has to be ever ready to be able to answer yes to such a question. In other words, we have to be honest and wonder whether we are leading a life which is in conformity with the teachings of the Holy Quran or not. This is a very serious matter. Allah will not ask us whether we built mosques although building mosques is a good thing. Allah will not ask us how much chanda we are paying although paying chanda is a good thing. We will be judged according to our behaviour: how far we acted in conformity with Allah’s teachings or not. So, all amongst us should be very careful and do our best to follow the teachings of the Holy Quran or else we will have to answer for all our misdeeds. May Allah have mercy on us all.

The Promised Messiah said further:

“The Word of God states that the righteous are those who walk with humility and modesty, and do not speak arrogantly. They speak as though they were a lowly person addressing their senior. In any case, we should act in a manner that brings about our prosperity. None can claim a monopoly over Allah Almighty, for He desires righteousness alone. One who adopts righteousness shall attain a lofty status. The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, or Abraham, on whom be peace, did not receive honour by any inheritance. Although we believe that Abdullah, the revered father of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was not an idolater, but it was not on this account that the Prophet of Islam was conferred his prophethood. Prophethood was endowed to him by divine grace due to the virtues present in his nature. This is what drew in God’s grace. It was sincerity and righteousness which led Abraham, on whom be peace, the Father of the Prophets, to sacrifice his son without hesitation. Even he himself was cast into a fire. Just reflect upon the sincerity and devotion of our Chief and Master, Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, peace and

blessings of Allah be upon him. The Holy Prophet (saw) stood firm against all forms of evil. He bore diverse trials and tribulations but did not care in the least. It was this sincerity and devotion which moved Allah the Exalted to shower His Grace. It is for this reason that He states:

تَسْلِيمًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَيْهِ صَلُّوا أَمُّنُوا الَّذِينَ يَأْيَهَا 'النَّبِيِّ عَلَى يُصَلُّونَ مَلَكَتَهُ وَ اللَّهُ إِنَّ

Translation: Allah Almighty and all His angels send blessings upon the Messenger. O ye who believe! You also should invoke blessings and peace upon the Prophet (saw).

This verse establishes that the deeds of the Noble Messenger (saw) were such that Allah Almighty did not use any specific word to praise them or outline his attributes. Although words could be found, God Himself chose not to use any in particular. For the pious deeds of the Holy Prophet (saw) were beyond the confines of praise. A verse of this nature does not exist in praise of any other Prophet. The soul of the Holy Prophet (saw) was imbibed with such sincerity and purity, and his deeds were so praiseworthy in the sight of God that Allah the Almighty decreed for all times to come that all future generations would send blessings upon the Holy Prophet as an expression of gratitude. The resolve and devotion of the Holy Prophet (saw) is such that we would find no equal, either before him or after him, who could match him. One may reflect upon the time of the Messiah as to see the extent to which his resolve, or spiritual sincerity and devotion impressed an effect upon his disciples. Anyone can appreciate how difficult it is to put right an ill habit. It is truly challenging to relinquish firmly rooted habits. However, our Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, reformed thousands of people who were worse than animals. There were some who, like animals, thought nothing of having relations with their mothers and sisters; they would devour the wealth of orphans and usurp the inheritance of those who were no more. Some worshipped the stars while others were atheists and others still worshipped the elements. What was the Arab Peninsula? It was home to diverse religious thoughts”

Then talking about the Holy Quran, the Promised Messiah (as) said:

“One benefit of this is that the Holy Quran possesses within itself every necessary teaching. Its tenets are more than sufficient to uproot every false doctrine or ill teaching that could possibly exist in the world. This is the deep wisdom and power of Allah the Exalted. Since this perfect book was destined

to bring about perfect reformation, it was necessary for spiritual disease to be at its peak at the time and place of its revelation as well. This was so that a perfect remedy could be provided for each and every malady. As such, this peninsula was home to ailing people of all sorts, who suffered from every spiritual illness that was to afflict the people of that age or those of future generations. This is why the Quran brought all religious law to its perfection. At the time of the revelation of other books, neither was this needed, nor did they possess such a perfect teaching.”

The Holy Quran is a miracle in itself. We all should develop a love for it. Recently I saw in a vision a copy of the Holy Quran. On the cover was written “The Holy Quran” and below it “The Answer Book”. I understood from this that It has answers for everything because Allah has explained everything. Other friends of Allah might have received other gifts from Allah about the Holy Quran. As for me, He has shown it to me as the book that contains all answers. We beseech Allah to help us all to delve in its wisdom and find answers to all our questions.

So I say it again that we should cultivate within ourselves a love for the Holy Quran and do our best to live according to its teachings. Satan might make some of us believe that we need not care for these teachings. But the testimonies of many righteous people contradict the illusion that Satan creates for some amongst us. May Allah help each one amongst us to care to understand the Holy Quran in the best possible way and we all be living examples of those who do their best to live according to its teachings, incha Allah. Ameen.