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By next week, we will be entering the last month of this year 2020. It has been quite an eventful year which will be remembered most probably as the year of Covid 19. A small virus invisible to the naked eye has run havoc in many aspects of human life on earth and has killed more than one million people around the world. The country that has registered the greatest number of deaths is the richest and most advanced country in the world, namely the United States of America. Although hope has dawned upon the horizon for them in the form of vaccines, there is still time before they can put them to use and people are still dying and in many advanced countries their health system is under great strain. Fortunately for us, this is not the case in Mauritius. That is Allah's Grace. We should all remember this well and understand that this is a Favour from Allah and it did not happen because politicians knew how to cope with this situation. So, we should all continue to pray and pray that Allah puts an end to this misery that is killing so many people around the world.

Today as well we will continue to read to our friends extracts from the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as). Speaking about how Muslims should live their life he said:

“I do not mean that Muslims should become lethargic. Islam does not make anyone lethargic. They should carry on their trades and services as usual. But what I really do not like is that they should have no place for God. They should trade when it is time for them to trade but while trading, they must have the fear of God in their hearts so that their trade, too, may become an act of worship. At the time of the daily prayers, they should offer the prayers-and they should not ignore them. Whatever the work in hand, they should give preference to religion; their ultimate target should not be the gains of this world; it should be the gains of religion. That being the case, their worldly affairs will also become matters of religion.

Look at the Companions of the Holy Prophet, *sallallahu alaihi wa sallam*. They did not abandon God even at the time of greatest difficulties. You know the battlefield is a difficult place, so much so that the very idea of it frightens the people. To be in the battlefield is to be passing through the time of excitement but even at such times they did not become negligent of God; they did not leave off their prayers; they indulged in supplicating to God.

The trouble, now, is that people try as hard as they can; they make lengthy speeches, they hold open-air meetings; all this, so that Muslims may make progress. But they are

so negligent of God that in no case they think of Him. What hopes can they cherish in such circumstances. How can their efforts bear fruits; all what they do is only for this world. You should remember that unless *la ilaha illallah* goes down deep in the hearts and it pervades every particle of the body and the light of Islam and its sovereignty is visible from it, no progress can ever be achieved. If you will follow the example of the European nations and think that since they are making progress, you will also make progress by following them, you must know that it will not materialize. Your own case is quite different. You have been given a Book and the truth has been conclusively brought before you. They (the Europeans) will be dealt with differently. So far as you are concerned, if you will leave the Book of God you will meet your Hell in this very world. The Societies are being formed and the Conferences are being held in every town for the welfare of the Muslims.

But it is a pity that nobody says that the people should make the Holy Quran their leader and they should act upon the teachings of this Book. Everybody is talking of studying English language, putting up Colleges, getting Degrees to become Barristers. That clearly shows that people do not have faith in God. Even a *unani* physician changes his prescription after a few days, seeing that it does not work. How strange! People are meeting failure after failure but do not turn back from it. If they think there is no God, let them try all they can to move forward. But God is there and He definitely is there. They can never make any progress without Him. (Malfoozat Vol. II, p. 158-159)

“Hazrat Abu Bakr, may God be pleased with him, was the person whose nature had the oil and the wick of blessings and as soon as he had the pure teaching of the Holy Prophet, *sallallahu alaihi wa sallam*, he was lit up. He did not argue with the Holy Prophet, *sallallahu alaihi wa sallam*; he did not ask for any sign or miracle. As he heard of the claim of the Holy Prophet (saw), he asked him if he had really claimed to be a Prophet. Having got the answer in the affirmative, he said, "Let you be my witness that I am first of those who believe in you."

The experience shows that those who indulge in questioning are usually deprived of guidance. Of course, those who think good of others and are patient, they have the full share of guidance. The examples of both these kinds are to be met with in the persons of Hazrat Abu Bakr, may God be pleased with him and Abu Jahl. Hazrat Abu Bakr did not have controversies and he did not ask for the signs to be shown, rather he himself became a splendid Sign. Abu Jahl resisted, opposed and did not stop showing his foolishness. He witnessed the Signs but could not see them (i.e. he could not benefit from them). Eventually he became a Sign for others and passed away in the state of his being an opponent. That, very clearly, shows that those who have the light of Faith in their nature, do not need much of talking. With just one thing they arrive at the

conclusion. They have a light in their hearts. As soon as they hear the voice, they are lit up. The divine power that they have in them gets excited by hearing the voice (of the person who comes from God and calls the people). It begins to develop. And as for those who do not possess that power, they are deprived (of the light) and are ruined. This is what has been happening since times immemorial.

Let every-body fear and know that if a Reformer appears in any Age, those who believe in him are the blessed people. He who finds reluctance in his heart and does not find himself incline towards believing in him should be apprehensive, for, these are the signs of a bad end and of deprivation. (Mafuzaat Vol. II)

This means what it means. Some people need to ask questions. But they would do it in a polite manner if they truly understood what *taqwa* is. If at the same time they are interested in what truth is they should follow the evidence and not what their leaders and elders say. Hazrat Masih Maood (as) says that Islam is the evergreen religion. When there is the need, Allah will send some people from Him to explain the truth especially when corrupt beliefs and corrupt practices become rampant. Mainstream Ahmadis, parrot-like, keep saying they are on the right path and they have khilafat and they need no one else. In his writings, Hazrat Masih Maood (as) says otherwise. So mainstream Ahmadis may choose to follow their caliph but we try to follow what the Promised Messiah (as) said.

In his *Malfuzaaat* Urdu Volume 2 on page 55, he said (my paraphrased translation):

“I have published that Allah has given me signs of the acceptance of prayers. Whoever wishes so, he may come to contest me. I have said that he who thinks that I am not on the right path should enter into a prayer duel (*mobahala*) with me. I have also published that Allah has granted me a deep knowledge of the Holy Quran as a sign; whoever wants may hold a contest with me on this matter. But no one came forward to accept my challenge. Then Allah gave me the glad tidings “*Yansorakallaho fi mawatena*” meaning “Allah will help you in many fields”. So, if these signs are not beneficial to anyone and he does not profit by them, then he should go to someone else or to a Christian and get satisfaction from him if he can. But can anyone be satisfied with anything but truth?

فَمَاذَا بَعْدَ الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ (10:33)

..... Remember that if someone entertains doubts and suspicions after seeing so many signs, he should be fearful because Satan (the manifest enemy) is near. The path to which I am calling is the one if taken will lead one to the rank of *ghawsiyyat* and *qutubiyyat*. (I will finish reading this quote and then I will explain these terms). And

these are great rewards from Allah. Those who accept me will be blessed in their religion and in this world as well because Allah has already promised

وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْحِسَابِ

meaning “we will make those who follow you above those who deny you until the day of judgment.” (Malfuzaat Urdu Vol 2 P55). The rest can be read from the book.

Hazrat Masih Maood (as) made it quite clear for all those who join his Jamaat that by following his teachings, the greatest ranks among the saints (*awliyah* Allah) will be open to them. The two words used above, namely *ghawsiyyat* and *qutoubiyyat* come from the words *ghawth* (helper) and *qutb* (pole). So when we use the word *ghawsiyyat*, we mean the state of being a *Ghawth* and when we say *qutoubiyyat*, the state of being a *Qutb*.

For someone who is quite familiar with the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as), very often he has told his followers they should understand what it means to be a Muslim and that they should do their best to do whatever is necessary to follow the teachings in order to achieve the highest rank that is open for good Muslims. The highest of these ranks is in Sufi [those who follow the path to strictly adhere to the teachings of Islam and try to develop their spiritual faculties under the guidance of a *Murshid* (a Guide)] parlance the rank of *Ghawth* and *Qutub*.

So, this is the Grace of Allah on the Jamaat of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) that one of his followers, according to my limited knowledge has been graced with the title of “*qutubuddin*” when he revealed to me in 2007 “*Yaa qutubuddin unzur ila jamaa’ati – unzur ila aasaare rahmate rabbeka alayka*” meaning “O Pole of religion look after my Jamaat- Look at the signs of the Mercy of Thy Lord upon you”.

Throughout his writings and discourses, Hazrat Masih Maood (as) laid great emphasis on the need for his followers to bring about a dramatic change in themselves so that they may become dear to Allah. Members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Al Mouslemeen have been trying to do just that throughout their lives. Mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya, instead of showing broadness of mind, manifested their pettiness, thus proving to the world that most of them, including their leaders, have not grasped the true teachings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as). Where Allah was sending praise, they sent curses; where Allah was sending His gifts, they tried to suppress them by claiming that it is reserved for a privileged few of their own making. May Allah have mercy on those who think like this because by doing this, they are doing a disservice to the cause of the Jamaat of Hazrat Masih Maood (as).

May Allah help each one amongst us to better understand the teachings of the Holy Quran so that we may enjoy His Blessings and be under His Shadow wherever we are.