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These days, here in Mauritius, the Government has put several restrictions on the population regarding the use of water. Some new regulations have been promulgated. Consequently, people are not allowed to wash their cars or even irrigate their plants in their yard. All this is because we do not have enough water because rainfall has been inadequate. This is not the first time that this is happening here in Mauritius. But by Allah's Grace we have always been able to weather through and no one died because of lack of water. We hope and pray that this time also Allah will provide for us and our reservoirs will soon be filled though the lifegiving rain that Allah will send for us incha Allah.

In sura Al Mulk (Ch:67) we read:

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ

Allah tells the Holy prophet (saw) to convey to the people 'don't you see if *all* your water were to disappear *in the earth*, who then will bring you *clear* flowing water?'

We may infer from this verse that whenever there is a shortage of water, we should have the hope and certainty that Allah is the One who is capable of helping us to get water again. And under such circumstances we should resort to *astaghfaar* (asking for forgiveness), *do'a* (supplications) and *sadqa* (charity) to avert any impending calamity on our heads.

In the past also, we have had to face such days of impending doom but Allah, out of His Grace averted the calamity from little Mauritius and we hope the same will happen again. So, we should not panic but cooperate to save water and, at the same time, as good Muslims, we should start praying that Allah sends us abundant rain that will fill all our reservoirs as soon as possible and we will not suffer at all from lack of water. Incha Allah.

Now I will read some extracts from the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) where he explains clearly what is the real purpose of Jamaat Ahmadiyya. I will quote from his book **Victory of Islam** (*Fatah Islam*) published in 1891. Observe how he called the people to come forward to help him to help Islam. He said:

"Today, after a long interval, I wish to draw your attention to an important matter concerning the Divine scheme that God Almighty has entrusted to me for the support of Islam. I wish to expound before you the greatness of this Movement and the need for

helping this scheme, as far as God Almighty has bestowed upon me the power of speech so that I should discharge the responsibility of propagation that is upon me. In this endeavour I am not concerned with the effect it might produce on the minds of the readers. My only purpose is to discharge adequately the duty that lies upon me and to convey the message, which is an obligation upon me, whether people listen to it with pleasure or look upon it with disdain, and whether they should think well of me in their hearts or otherwise.

I commit my affair to Allah, and Allah is well-aware of His servants

.... O seekers of truth and true lovers of Islam! You are well-aware that the time through which we are passing is so dark that all matters of faith and conduct have become corrupted and a strong wind of error and misguidance is blowing from every direction. Mere Propagation, Establishment of a Holy Jamaat, and Instructions words have taken the place of faith. The term 'righteous action' is applied to a few ceremonies, extravagances and vain displays, and there is complete ignorance of true virtue. The philosophy and sciences of this age are also set against spiritual wellbeing. They have an ill-effect upon their votaries and are proven to pull them towards darkness. They stir up poisonous matters and awaken the sleeping Satan. Those connected with such philosophy and such sciences suffer so much from lack of faith that they ridicule Divinely promulgated principles and the prescribed forms of worship like Prayer and Fasting. Their hearts are devoid of any sense of God's greatness. Most of them are dyed in heresy and steeped in atheism, and though they are descended from Muslims, they are the enemies of the faith. Most students of colleges withdraw from their allegiance to faith and lose all sympathy for it before they have completed their studies. Here I have only mentioned one branch which, in this age, is loaded with the fruits of misguidance, but there are hundreds of other branches which are no less harmful. Honesty and integrity have departed from the world as if they never existed. Fraudulent and deceptive schemes for earning worldly benefits have multiplied enormously. The most mischievous person is accounted the ablest. All manner of unrighteousness, dishonesty, illegitimacy, deceit, falsehood, cunning and greed are on the increase. Merciless rancour and disputes are multiplying and beastly sentiments and emotions are raging wherever you may look. As people get more and more proficient and cunning with regard to the current sciences and laws, to the same degree, their natural qualities of goodness, modesty, decency, fear of God and honesty are on the decline.

The Christian doctrine is also preparing many schemes to demolish truth and faithfulness. To wipe out Islam, the Christians are diligently inventing and having recourse to all kinds of falsehood and make belief, and are devising ever new schemes for pushing people into error and misguidance. They grievously defame that Perfect Man (saw) who was the

Pride of all holy ones, the Crown of all those who are close to God, and the Chief of all the great Messengers. So much so, that the audience in theatres is regaled with parodies of Islam and its Holy Prophet (saw). Such utterly false aspersions are cast on Islam and its Holy Founder (saw) through these theatres as are meant to insult and defame them.

O Muslims, listen carefully. In order to obstruct the holy effects of Islam, the Christians have pressed into service every kind of complicated imposture and cunning device, and by spending money like water, they are making every effort to give currency to these aspersions, the details of which had better not be described in this article. Such is the magic and sorcery of the Christian people and the supporters of the Trinity, that unless God Almighty displays His powerful hand which possesses the miraculous power to demolish their magic, there can be no hope whatsoever for simple hearts to find deliverance from this European sorcery.

Therefore, in order to frustrate this magic, God Almighty granted to the true Muslims of this age the miracle that He honoured this servant of His with His revelation and special blessings. Having equipped me fully with minute knowledge of His ways, He sent me against the opponents with numerous heavenly gifts, divine wonders, and spiritual verities, so that with this Heavenly stone, the waxen idol prepared by the magic of the Christians might be broken. Thus, O ye Muslims, the appearance of this humble one is a miracle on the part of God Almighty for dispelling the darkness of these magicians. Was it not necessary that the world be shown a miracle in opposition to their magic? Does it appear strange and improbable in your eyes that in response to these cunning devices, which had bordered on magic, God Almighty should display a flash of truth which should have the effect of a miracle? **[Fat-he-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 3, pp. 3-6]**

He said further:

“At this point I wish to remove the misapprehension of some who are well-off and account themselves very generous and devoted to the faith, but who are wholly averse to spending their wealth in its proper place. They say, ‘Had we found a righteous one enjoying Allah’s support in this age, who had come from God to strengthen the faith, we would surely have sacrificed ourselves wholly in his cause; but what can we do when there is nothing but deceit and falsehood all around?’

Be it known to you, O people, that one has been sent for the support of the faith but you have not recognized him. He is among you and is the one who is now speaking, but your eyes are under heavy veils. If your hearts seek the truth, it is easy to test the claim of a person who says that God Almighty speaks to him. Come to me and stay with me for two or three weeks so that, if God Almighty should so will, you might be able to observe with your own eyes the blessings that are falling upon me like rain and the light of Divine

revelations that are descending upon me. He who seeks is the one who finds, and he who knocks is the one for whom the door is opened. If you shut your eyes and hide yourselves in a dark room and then complain that you cannot see the sun, you complain in vain. O ignorant one, open the door of your chamber and lift the veil from your eyes so that you should not only see the sun but should be illumined by its light.

Some people say that it is enough support for the faith to form associations and establish schools, but they do not know what faith is or what the true purpose of our lives is or how this purpose might be achieved. Let them understand that the ultimate purpose of this life is to establish such a true and certain relationship with God Almighty as should deliver one from one's selfish associations and bring one to the fountainhead of salvation. The ways of such perfect faith are not opened by means of human schemes and designs, nor can any man-made philosophy be of any avail. Rather it is God Almighty Who, through His special servants, always sends down this light from heaven at the time of darkness. He who comes from heaven leads to heaven. So, O ye people who are sunk in the pit of darkness and are prisoners of doubts and misapprehensions and have become slaves of your passions, take no pride in your nominal and ceremonial Islam and do not depend upon your plans of forming associations and establishing schools to bring you true welfare and ultimate success. These devices are only of elementary benefit and can be regarded as the first stage of progress, but they are far removed from the true purpose.....”

If in around 1890 the Promised Messiah (as) made such an appeal to other Muslims, today such an appeal should again be made to many amongst the mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya. There is a need for them to learn what faith is and how to progress through it. It is not enough to just construct huge mosques which have few *namazis* most of the time or advertise twenty years' achievements of humanity first or hold *ijtemas* or clean the streets of London after the English people have dirtied it on New year's night or make a speedy recruitment drive for people to join the Wassiyat scheme. According to Hazrat Masih Maood (as), this is not the main duties of Ahmadi Muslims. What should be of paramount importance for each Ahmadi Muslim is how far he has travelled the path of faith by purifying his heart of all its evils and by making his words and actions in conformity with each other. That is to say by not saying “love for all and hatred for none” when in fact a majority of Ahmadis do bear grudges and even hate Ahmadi Muslims who disagree with them. If greater emphasis had been laid on understanding what Hazrat Masih Maood (as) said by reading his writings, such deviations from the path chosen by Hazrat Masih Maood (as) would not have been taken.

May Allah help us all so that there is complete agreement between what we say and what we do and that we do not stray from the right path.