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As our members might be aware since Saturday 1st February 2025, we have entered the month of Shabaan for the Islamic calendar 1446AH. We pray that Allah grants us His Blessings in this month and that He enables us to reach the month of Ramadhan so that we might profit from all the blessings of that Holy month incha Allah.

Concerning the water situation in Mauritius I would like to say that this is a problem that politicians cannot solve despite their best efforts. This problem is solved by people who firmly believe that Allah is the One who provides us with water. There are several verses in the Holy Quran which can be quoted supporting this view. Alhamdulillah, we have received some water last week but this is not enough. Usually, the water that is needed for the whole year in Mauritius comes from rain that falls between January and April each year. So, with reservoirs' water at a level of less than 40% the situation is quite alarming for the year. So as good citizens we should make it a duty to beseech Allah for rain in the coming days and month. When Hazrat Nuh was addressing his people to turn to Allah in Sura Nuh(CH 71) he said:

10. "Then I preached to them in public, and *also* spoke to them in private.

ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ
إِسرَارًا ﴿١٠﴾

* 11. "And I said, 'Seek forgiveness of your Lord; for He is the Great Forgiver.

فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ﴿١١﴾

12. 'He will send down rain for you in abundance,

يُرْسِلُ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا ﴿١٢﴾

13. 'And He will strengthen you with wealth and *with* children, and He will give you gardens and He will give you rivers.

وَيُؤَدِّكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا ﴿١٣﴾

So, there is a need for asking of forgiveness from Allah and for beseeching His Help for our reservoirs to have adequate water for everyone to use. May Allah listen to our humble request and may He fill all our reservoirs as He has been filling them in the past. Ameen. So, take some more time to pray in your prostrations(*sajdahs*). Let us seek His Mercy by humbling ourselves and have firm hope in His capacity to bring that rain. Incha Allah He will manifest Himself soon as He has always been doing in the past. He says in the Holy Quran Ch42:28

29. And He it is Who sends down rain after they have despaired, and spreads out His mercy. And He is the Protector, the Praiseworthy.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُنْزِلُ الْغَيْثَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا
قَنَطُوا وَيَنْشُرُ رَحْمَتَهُ ۚ وَهُوَ الْوَلِيُّ
الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٩﴾

So, with this in mind let us make the appeal at His Door and we should never despair of His Mercy. Allah will not let our supplications go in vain incha Allah. Ameen

Now we will continue reading from Malfuzaat Volume 4 of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad(as) from where we left off last week. Hazrat Masih Maood(as) was explaining that Allah has created Jamaat Ahmadiyya to be a group of people who would do their best to practice Islam in the best possible way. At that point Hazrat Masih Maood(as) was explaining some contradictions between what members of the *Wujudis* believe and what the Holy Quran says. He continued:

“Those who possess righteousness and respect are characterized by the verse: “*And follow not that of which thou hast no knowledge*”(17:37)

Such people understand that followers of the *Wujudi* sect have overstepped the bounds of respect. They have written numerous books, but I would like to ask whether any *Wujudi* can show that God is within them or even if they have any conception of God? If God existed within them, is the human frailty and weakness with which they are struck every other day consistent with the attributes of God Almighty? Even if a person’s wife or child falls ill, he is powerless and feel himself at a loss to do anything. However, if God Almighty wills, He can grant them health, whereas this matter is not within the control of a *Wujudi*.

At times, financial hardship and poverty afflicts a man, and at other times, sin, vice and transgression make a person averse and indisposed to Faith; so, does God Almighty also suffer from these sorts of conditions? If God exists, all of His works ought to emanate from His command as indicated in the words:

He says ‘Be!’ and it is.

However, the powerless and dependent *Wujudi* stumbles at every step. How pitiful the state of a *Wujudi*, who claims they have become God, yet all the while they remain powerless. Even more astonishing is the fact that this ‘divinity’ cannot save them from hell, for God Almighty states:

And who so does an atom’s weight of evil will also see it.(99:9)

So, when someone commits a sin and is thrown into hell to bear the consequences of his actions, all of their ‘divinity’ is reduced to nothing. Even the *Wujudis* believe in this verse of the Holy Quran:

“A party will be in the Garden, and a party in the blazing Fire.” (42:8)

Therefore, when human beings can never escape their human characteristics, what need is there for such useless claims, which have no substance in reality and no meaning. Therefore, these people are insolently audacious and brazen.

Furthermore, since this sect ultimately reinforces freedom from divine law and a way of permissiveness, this sect continues to grow. The poison of this sect has pervaded large parts in the districts of Lahore, Jalandhar and Hoshiarpur. Reflect and look at the outcomes; this is promoting nothing but a way of permissiveness.

These people do not adhere to the injunctions of Prayer and fasting, nor can they, for they are devoid of righteousness, which is the very foundation of salvation and underpins the importance of deeds. Some of them are, more or less, atheists.

Therefore, I say that this too is a grave trial from among the various forms of disorder that are prevalent at this time, which has let loose an ocean of transgression and vice, and flung open the gates of permissiveness and atheism. If the honourable companions, may Allah be pleased with all of them, had been alive today, they would look at these people with astonishment, wondering from where this so-called Islam has come. It does not behove man under any circumstances to overstep the bounds of human nature. How true it is that (Persian verse):

Do abandon worldly pleasures and seek to inculcate

piety, sincerity and devotion;

But do not step ahead of Mustafa (the Holy Prophet(sas)).

In short, this sect may be likened to tuberculosis. There was a man in Allahabad and he corresponded with me. After letters were sent back and forth in one or two exchanges, he began to use curse words and obscenities. Purification of the inner self

is a far-off thing for these people; even the general state of their morality is not very good. The fundamental reason is that exemplary morals and purification of the soul hinges upon righteousness and fear of God, and it is unfortunate that these people possess neither, because they consider their own beings to be God. As such, when they relinquish their human nature and assume for themselves the seat of God, and when it is a proven fact that they cannot become God, all that is left for one who abandons their human nature is to become Satan. This is why such people are hastily incensed. The more one investigates their state of affairs, the more it becomes clear that they do not adhere to Islam. I have already mentioned that they do not pray or fast, because they have no fear of God, and ultimately, awe of the Divine dissipates. Such people begin to associate with atheists and become permissive, breaking the limits set by God. Hence, this is a most lethal poison. A person may suggest that Hazrat Bayazid Bastami, Khwaja Junaid Baghdadi, or Syed Abdul-Qadir Jilani, may the mercy of Allah be upon them all, have made statements, which the ignorant either deem blasphemous, or like the misguided sect mentioned above derive from them an argument in favour of the Unity of Being (*wahdat-e-wujud*), as is evident from the words:

Subhani maa aazamo shaani

○Holy am I. How great is my grandeur!

Or the statement:

Allaho fi jubbati

○Under my cloak is Allah.

Those who derive an argument in favour of the said concept from these statements have misunderstood. Firstly, we do not even know if they made these statements or not. However, even if we accept that they actually uttered these words, the spring from which these sorts of statements gush forth is that of love and passion. For example, an ardent admirer, in the passion of their love and wholly absorbed in devotion, can say (Persian verse):

I have become you, and you me, I the body, you the soul;

So that no one can say hereafter, that you are another, and I someone else.

This state of being completely absorbed and annihilated is of a unique nature, like the manner in which a mother loves her child. If a mother is unable to see her child even for a little while, her heart begins to sink, and she begins to feel perturbed and

restless. The longer this state lasts and the more it continues, so too her anxiety continues to grow and she begins to lose her senses. Now this form of annihilation (*fana*) is greater than her own being, but as for the *Wujudi*, he claims that his state of *fana* becomes an entity in itself. So, statements of this nature uttered by the saintly stem from complete and utter devotion, passion and love, but on account of their flawed understanding, the *Wujudis* have turned them into something else and presented them in their own favour. They do not know that when passion and love surges forth, they manifest the most remarkable effects—and this is to such an extent that a person becomes detached completely from his own being. When a person is dominated completely by love, he is unable to behold his own being, and all that he perceives is that he himself is nothing.” (P11-14)

We will stop here for today. Incha Allah we will continue next time. May Allah help us to develop ourselves spiritually and may we always attach ourselves to the *siratam moustaqeem* throughout our life. To know what the *siratam moustaqeem* is we should study our Holy Quran and absorb its teachings which has best been explained by Hazrat Masih Maood(as). May Allah help each one among us to do so. Ameen