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Today, incha Allah, we will start with another extract from page 70 of the 4th Volume of Malfuzaat in English.

The Promised Messiah (as) said: “God Almighty has vested in the apparent form of the universe evidence of His Oneness. The form of the universe is spherical in nature: water, the stars, fire and so on, all of these things are round. A sphere is characterized by oneness in view of the fact that it has no specific orientation. Hence, this is evidence of the Oneness of God in the outward form of the universe.

If you observe a droplet of water, it will appear round. So too is the case with the celestial bodies and with fire. If someone asserts, while referring to the apparent state of fire, that it is not round in nature, they would be mistaken. It is an accepted fact that a flame is actually round in shape, but the air disperses it.

Even the Christians accept that where the concept of trinity is unheard of, or in other words, in such places where the Trinity has not been preached, the people of such lands will be questioned according to belief in the Oneness of God because the form of the universe furnishes evidence of God’s Oneness. If there had been three gods, it was necessary for all things to have been triangular in form.

The spherical nature of the form present in the universe also establishes that the chain begins with Adam and finishes at Adam. For the circumference of a circle ends at its initial starting point. This is why God has given the name Adam to the Promised Messiah, who is the Seal of the Caliphs. As such, it is recorded in *Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya*:

“I decided to appoint a vicegerent so I created Adam.

Since the Promised Messiah is a new Adam, so too, the Satan that opposes him is different in kind.”

In an entry dated 14th November 1901 Hazrat Masih Maood(as) said:

“The days of this world are numbered. It is not good to hide testimony. You may observe that when someone presents a gift to a king, even if it is an apple, if the apple is blemished

on one side, what can the person expect to receive in return? Many rights are infringed in the case of secrecy.

For example, Prayer in congregation, visiting the sick, the funeral prayer, the Eid prayer, etc.; how can these rights be fulfilled if they are kept secret? In keeping such things hidden, one's faith becomes weak. An individual always looks at his own apparent benefit, but he is gravely wrong in doing so. Do you fear that by providing true testimony you will suffer a loss in your worldly provisions? God Almighty states:

وَفِي السَّمَاءِ رِزْقُكُمْ وَمَا تُوعَدُونَ فَوَرَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ لَحَقٌّ

And in heaven is your sustenance, and also that which you are promised.

And by the Lord of the heaven and the earth, it is certainly the truth.

Meaning, your sustenance is in heaven. **I swear on my own being that this is true.**

Who on earth, except for God, can withhold this sustenance or bestow it? Allah the Exalted also states:

وَهُوَ يَتَوَلَّى الصَّالِحِينَ

This means, He becomes the Guardian of those who are righteous. Who then, can harm a righteous man? If a misfortune or hardship befalls a person, let him remember:

مَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

In other words, an individual who adopts righteousness for the sake of God, He makes for them a way out of every difficulty and pain. Allah the Exalted further states:

وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

Meaning, He grants a righteous person provision from where he neither perceives nor expects. These are the promises of God. Who can be greater than God in fulfilling their promises? Hence, believe in God, for those who fear God are never wasted. God Almighty states:

يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

He will make for him a way out.

Now this is a glad tiding that is general in nature. If you are righteous, God will be your Provider. God will fulfil His promise fully. Keeping things hidden is a deficiency in faith. Any affliction that befalls a person is due to their own weakness.

Just observe how fire consumes people, but it could not burn Abraham (as). It is only through righteousness that the way of God is opened.

If you would like to witness miracles then adopt righteousness. There are people who constantly witness miracles. These days I am writing a book in Arabic and an announcement as well. In writing this work, I witness a miracle on every line.

As I write, wherever I am stuck, the appropriate words and phrases, which are eloquent and articulate, full of meaning and insight, are revealed to me, and in this way, I write passages upon passages. Even though I cannot present this as an argument for other people, for me, this is quite a miracle. Even if I were to swear on oath and say that God has manifested 50,000 miracles through me, this would not at all be a lie. In every respect, the rain of God's succour is falling down upon me. Indeed, strange are the hearts of those who call me a fabricator, but what can they do? As the saying goes: '**only the saint recognizes a saint**'. How can someone recognise me without righteousness? If a thief set out at night to commit a robbery, and if on the way he saw a saint hidden away in a corner, who was actually engaged in solitary worship, he would think that the saint is a thief like himself. God is hidden in the most discrete of ways, yet He is also the most manifest of all. He is so manifest that He has become hidden, like the sun, which no one can look at. One cannot recognise God by way of certainty of experience until one treads the path of righteousness. Faith cannot be strengthened by argumentation.

Without witnessing God's signs, faith cannot be complete. It is not good for one to be torn between God and Satan. Look at the companions to see how they sacrificed their lives. When Abu Bakr (ra) believed, what worldly benefit did he see before him? Their lives were in danger and tribulations grew, but the companions remained immensely loyal. There is mention of a companion who was sitting somewhere, covered in a mantle. Someone made a comment to him and Umar (ra) who was observing nearby said: 'Show this man respect. For I have seen him in a state where he would be mounted on a horse and countless servants would walk ahead of him and behind him. It was only for the sake of religion that he left all of this behind.' In reality, this was the spiritual influence of the Holy Prophet (saw) which penetrated the companions. This truth cannot be proven false. There is attraction in everything.

Even the bricks in a wall possess an attraction to one another, otherwise the bricks would fall apart. Similarly, there is an attraction within communities. It has always been the case that in the time of every Prophet, certain people leave their community also. This is what we observe in the communities of Moses (as), Jesus (as) and the Holy Prophet (saw). Such people are evil in nature and they possess an affinity with Satan. However, those who are the inheritors of truth always remain firmly attached.

Therefore, be brave in the way of Allah. Man should never expect that he will remain alive even for one more night. He who depends on anything other than God is a Satan. One ought to be brave. This cannot be attained through the power of one's own effort. One ought to pray and solicit prayers as well; one ought to remain in the company of the Truthful. Devote yourself wholly to God.

If someone were to invite another to a feast and serve bread on an unclean plate, who would eat that bread? Such a host would instead suffer reproach. Beautify your inner self and put yourself right outwardly as well. One cannot progress through actions, but rather, by understanding the station of the Holy Prophet (saw)."

In an entry dated 16th November Hazrat Masih Maood(as) said:

“The Promised Messiah (as) said: “It is unfortunate that these people have disgraced Islam. Whatever they fail to understand, they seek to explain through a few worthless books written by European philosophers. Miracles and converse with God are non-existent among religious communities that are dead. Miracles are the first brick of Islam and before anything else, belief in the unseen is necessary.

The fact of the matter is that such views are the product of atheism, which continues to pervade society dangerously. Syed Ahmad (1817-1898 Muslim scholar founder of Aligarh University was an Indian Muslim reformer, philosopher, and educationist in nineteenth-century British India) has not understood the deeper reality of revelation. Inspiration from the heart has no more value than the flowery words of poets. It is regrettable that Maulvi Sahib (Maulvi Nuruddin (ra)) spent so much money and made an effort, but to no avail. Maulvi Sahib should definitely write a letter to him and explain to him that miracles, converse with God and prophecies are precisely the things which establish Islam as a living religion.

Speaking about Freemasons the Promised messiah(as) said:

““At times I have considered learning more about

the reality of Freemasons but I have never had the opportunity to look closely enough. Upon hearing the details that he(John Alexander Dowie) presents in his lecture, the greatness of the revelation that has been sent down to me becomes all the more apparent.

The subject matter of the revelation that I have received is that: “Freemasons will not be put in power to kill him.” In this revelation also perhaps there is an indication towards the reality of Freemasons in that they use the influence of their society in matters where the law is of no avail. It is my view that there must be high-ranking agents and officials—even certain prominent princes—who are a part of Freemason society. Their influence and power is probably what prevents members from divulging their secrets; after all, we are not talking about some miracle or spiritual wonder. It appears that such a society probably exists out of expediency to maintain power and rule.”

These days the influence of the freemasons in many societies especially the European ones and many others even in Mauritius are quite well known. Prominent politicians are members and they are very influential in all levers of power. We can see from what Hazrat Masih Maood(as) has inferred from his own revelations that he was right in what the freemasons do in society. In a footnote to this text, it is said that The Promised Messiah (as) stated:

“While I was thinking about death, I was overtaken by a light slumber and the revelation came: [Urdu] ‘Freemasons will not be put in power to destroy him.’ From the word ‘Freemasons, ‘I understood: people who conspire secretly...This is a grand prophecy

which predicts that people will conspire to kill me but God Almighty will not give them power over me.” (*Al-Hakam*, vol. 5, no. 37, dated 10 October 1901, p. 7)(P74)

May Allah help each one among us to value these teachings and information and may we reflect about the background of the Jamaat in which we find ourselves. May Allah bless each one among us and may we all be among His servants who thoroughly submit themselves to His will. Ameen!