

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 29th January 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted from the statements of the companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام which speak of the light or *Nūr* that accompanied him and was not only manifested spiritually but also physically. The companions report that the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام was a fine specimen of masculine beauty accompanied by a divine glow and spiritual radiance. Just as he was spiritually ordained to reflect *Jamāl* (i.e., beauty and elegance), so was he endowed with physical beauty to the extent that it drew to itself the heart of every beholder. Far from being accompanied by pride or haughtiness, the Promised Messiah's علیہ السّلام enlightened countenance had a glow of humility and love and kindness. His face always shone like pure gold, for he had completely immersed himself in the light of his Master (the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) and followed his example in worship, in morals and in all his habits.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted various accounts narrated by the companions to the effect that it was impossible for anyone not to be touched by the spiritual radiance that emanated from the Promised Messiah's علیہ السّلام countenance and the divine light that always seemed to be raining upon him. Whenever the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام entered the mosque through a small door that opened into his house, a flood of light seemed to enter with him and those who saw him at once exclaimed that this cannot be the face of a liar; it is surely the countenance of a holy man who is bathed in divine light from head to toe; it is indeed the face of a truthful and righteous one.

According to the accounts of the companions, when the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام took the pledge of Bai'at, his words and his enlightened countenance had such an expression of compassion and modesty that it cannot be described in words. A kind of current seemed to run from his hand to the others. Once, in 1904, the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام was addressing a convention in Lahore when a lawyer who was among the participants saw that a column of light was emanating from the Promised Messiah's علیہ السّلام

head and rising to heaven. He mentioned this to another person sitting beside him and he too saw the light. This experience had such an effect upon the lawyer that he pledged Bai‘at to the Promised Messiah ﷺ that same day.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also related some narratives regarding the companions of the Promised Messiah ﷺ who, having derived spiritual light from him, reached high spiritual stations. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: God blessed with visions and true dreams the eminent companions who were pious and pure-hearted. They derived divine light by purifying their hearts and enlightening their souls and thus acquired the light that became the embodiment of their inner selves. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: In this pleasure-loving age, the need for prayers is all the more urgent. If we keep praying and our hearts are filled with the same light that illuminated the Promised Messiah ﷺ, we will then be able to carry on his mission. Let us make a determination that we shall adorn our lives with *Durūd* and prayers.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also quoted the testimonies of some non-Aḥmadīs who admitted that the followers of the Promised Messiah ﷺ are indeed blessed with a divine light. The Promised Messiah ﷺ says, “Remember, Divine light cannot be kindled in a heart unless it descends directly from heaven.” Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: It is indeed true that Divine grace only comes from God and He alone grants His light to whoever He pleases, and He grants it only to those who love His loved ones. May Allāh, out of His limitless grace, grant us His true light that results from loving His chosen ones and may this light remain with us forever even in the hereafter. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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