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The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 29th October, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 49 of *Sūrah Al-Nisā’* which is translated as follows:

“Surely, Allāh will not forgive that any partner be associated with Him; but He will forgive whatever is short of that to whomsoever He pleases. And whoso associates partners with Allāh has indeed devised a very great sin.” (4:49)

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Whereas modern means of communication have revolutionized the way people communicate with one another and have brought people closer, but they have also caused people to adopt evil practices of others, with very negative consequences. One of these evils, which is most unforgivable in the eyes of Allāh, is *shirk*, or associating partners with God. It is unacceptable to Him that one should even remotely imply anything that is contrary to His Oneness. Every Aḥmadī, we should remember, has pledged Bai‘at and the very first condition of Bai‘at is that we shall abstain from *shirk* up to the time we enter our graves. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Prostrating before the shrines of saints or ṣufīs and making offerings to them is also a latent form of *shirk* which gradually leads one farther from God. The Holy Prophet ﷺ was so wary of *shirk* that he said even the slightest ostentation is a kind of *shirk* and must be avoided by a believer. It is the primary duty of an Aḥmadī to bring about a change in himself so that *Tauḥīd* is manifested in our worship and in our every action. We have to teach the world that the Holy Prophet ﷺ came to establish *Tauḥīd* and this can only be done by following his teachings.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: When religious innovations take root, they lead man away from the original teachings and the true faith is distorted. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that to be on the right path, one should read the Holy Qur’ān with understanding, act upon its commandments, pray with concentration and remember Allāh at all times. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام also discouraged too much dependence on recital of certain customary sacred words because they lead one away from the daily prayers and other obligations. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The basis of our faith are the prayers and *nawāfil* and *Tahajjud* that the Holy Prophet ﷺ taught us and all other forms of worship are only of secondary importance. It is only by following this path that one can become a true believer.

Modern innovations have contributed a lot in the spread of many evils. Speaking of the upcoming Halloween festival, Һuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: This festival is celebrated in the name of fun and enjoyment, but the fact is that it is a ritual historically based on superstitious and idolatrous concepts about ghosts and witches. Aḥmadīs should keep themselves away from such frivolous customs that lead us away from the true faith and are contrary to basic moral values.

Һuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Young Aḥmadīs, both boys and girls, should try to strengthen their relationship with Allāh and recognize our real aims instead of being influenced by western culture to the extent of losing all distinction between good and evil and becoming involved in idolatrous customs. May Allāh protect us all from these evils. *Āmīn*.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “Only he can truly worship Allāh who loves Him to the degree where his own self is vanquished. One should have perfect faith in God and become cognizant of His Kindness and Munificence, and his relationship of love with Him should move his heart so forcefully that it becomes evident from his countenance. He should be so inspired by Divine awe that everything else seems dead and insignificant in contrast.” May Allāh enable us to live up to the expectations of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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