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The Amīr/National President

Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Ḥazrat Muṣṭah Mau'ūd's رضی اللہ عنہ advice and anecdotes regarding the proper upbringing of children.

Undue leniency and undue harshness both have a negative impact on children's upbringing.

No invention is evil in itself, nor can they be termed as unlawful innovations, but we must avoid their wrongful use.

On 18th March 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Speaking about the proper upbringing of children, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that at times it is the wrong attitude of parents that spoils the children. Excessive harshness as well as excessive leniency both have a negative effect on the children's upbringing. Children, especially when they are entering youth, should be instructed with reason and argument. Fathers in particular should be careful about where to be strict, where to be lenient, and how to instruct them.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited several episode related by Ḥazrat Muṣṭah Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ which he listened from the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, and which have the following morals. Eat what is lawful and appropriate, but also be careful that some things may be lawful but it may not be appropriate to eat them. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام came to do away with innovations in faith and to reveal the pristine face of Islam. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) advised against the inappropriate use of the Promised Messiah's علیہ السلام photos on social media. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that those who have made a business of selling these photos and demand high prices for them, should be mindful of this. Some people color the photos of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, although no color photograph of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام was ever taken. This is a wrongful practice that should be avoided. Similarly, it is wrong to use the photos of the Khulafā' inappropriately.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that bioscope, cinema or phonograph is not evil in itself but some forms of it are such as corrupt the morals. If they are used for Tabligh or for learning without an element of frivolity, then there is no harm in it. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said it is not forbidden to make use of new innovations, but it is not permissible to use them for wrong purposes. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said there are some doctors who do not want their patients to see any other doctor and become annoyed if they do, but this is not right because Allāh can grant cure through anyone. Sometimes people are able to cure through simple herbs where even specialist doctors have failed. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that some people are experts in such fields and if their knowledge is carried on these professions can be kept alive. For instance, some people are experts in the art of healing bone fractures. This art should be learnt and taught to others. Some of our ancient people were miserly in teaching their skills and did not impart them to others,

and so their professions died with them. European however do not do this and tend to spread their skills to others. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the learning of these professions is not harmful, rather it is beneficial and helps to foster knowledge, and so I desire that these dying professions should be kept alive.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that there are people with various dispositions, while some are very devout and accept things openheartedly, there are others who are quick to raise objections. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) illustrated this with an anecdote related by the Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضى الله عنه and said that Aḥmadīs should avoid such attitudes.

Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضى الله عنه said that Allāh commanded the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to deliver the Sermon in Arabic and that he would be given the knowledge. He says: “When the Promised Messiah عليه السلام came to deliver the Sermon, light seemed to radiate from him. I listened to it from beginning to end without understanding a word.” Once Ḥazrat Ummul Mominīn fell ill and since there was a revelation regarding Masjid Mubarak that everything in it is blessed, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام gave her medicine in the mosque and within two hours she became well.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said to Aḥmadī doctors that they should also play their part in spreading the faith since people who are ill are readily influenced by the truth. Addressing the issue of *pardah*, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Islām has given us freedom but does not allow immodesty in the name of freedom. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Islamic injunctions are based on *Taqwa*. Responding to a question about the beard, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that love is of the essence, once love is born in people's hearts they will naturally start to follow in our ways.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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