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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allah be his Helper) delivered on 23 March 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Judge this Jama'at upon the criterion of Prophets

Our Imām, *Hadrat Khalīfatul Masih V* (May Allah be his Helper), says:

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: “Judge this Jamā‘at on the criterion of Prophets and then see whose side the truth is on. Hypothetical standards and suppositions do not mean anything, nor do I employ hypothetical standards in my support. I present my claims in the manner of the Prophets, why then should these not be judged according to the same principles?”

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: I am sure that those who listen to my words with an open mind will benefit from them and accept them. But as far as those who harbour malice and prejudice in their hearts are concerned, my words will not benefit them. They are like the cross eyed person who sees double of everything; no matter how you try to prove to him that what he sees is one and not two, he will not believe. It is said that a man had a cross-eyed servant. One day he asked him to bring him a mirror from the other room. He came back and said, “There are two mirrors there, which one should I bring?” The man said, “But there is only one mirror.” The servant said, “Do you think I am lying?” The man said, “Okay, then, go and break one mirror and bring me the other.” When the servant broke the mirror he realized his mistake. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: but how can I convince the cross-eyed people who I am faced with? The fact is that what they bring forth again and again are only the volumes of traditions which they themselves do not consider to be more than conjectural. Little do they realize that a time comes when people will ridicule them for the absurd beliefs.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: Every seeker after truth has the right to demand proof of my claim. (This is right, everyone has the right to demand proof), and so the proof I present is the same that was presented by the Prophets. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: I have made a collection of proofs from the Holy Qur’ān and Hadīth, as well as rational arguments which prove the present age requires a reformer, and the signs that God has manifested through me, of which there are 150 signs that have been witnessed by millions. It is not the way of the righteous to make absurd objections.

He will come as Hakam (the Arbiter)

This is why the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him) said that he (the Promised Messiah) will come as the Hakam and his decisions must be accepted. But people who have mischief in their hearts do not wish to believe,

and so they come up with frivolous excuses and objections. But remember that ultimately God will, in keeping with His promise, manifest my truthfulness with powerful signs. I am convinced that had I been a liar God would have destroyed me at once. The fact is that my mission is His mission, and I have come from Him. To reject me is to reject Him. Hence, He shall Himself establish my truthfulness.

To deny me is to deny God and His Messenger

Elaborating on the fact that his denial leads to the denial of Allāh and the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him), the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: To deny me is not to deny me, rather it is to deny God and His Messenger. This is because before one denies me he holds God to be false since he implies that despite all the internal and external challenges faced by Islām, God did not, in keeping with His promise *انا نحن نزلنا الذكر وانا له لحافظون* do anything to bring about its reformation. Even though such a person apparently believes that God has promised in Ayah Al-Istikhlaf to continue the succession of Khulafa in the ummah, as He did in the ummah of Moses, God did not keep his promise (God forbid) because, according to him, no such Khalīfa is present in the ummah at this moment. Not only that, but such a person will also have to imply that the Holy Qur'ān is false in declaring the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him) to be like Moses. This is because in order to establish a likeness between the ummah of Moses and this ummah, it was necessary that a Messiah should be born in this ummah at the head of the fourteenth century just as one was born in the fourteenth century after Moses. Also, he will have to deny the verse *واخريين منهم لما يلحقوا بهم* which promises the coming of a Buruz (reflection) of the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him). And he will similarly have to reject many other verses of the Holy Qur'ān. Indeed, I can say with conviction that he will have to deny the whole of the Qur'ān from Al-Hamd to An-Nas. Reflect, therefore, whether is it a small matter to reject me? I do not say this on my own, rather I swear in the name of God that anyone who rejects me will also reject – if not in words then in effect – the whole of the Holy Qur'ān and he will turn his back on God.

How my denial results in the denial of the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him)

You ask how rejecting of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) implies rejection of the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him). This is because the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him) that a Mujaddid would appear in his ummah at the head of every century, would stand falsified and his statement *امامكم منكم* would also be rejected. It would also negate the Holy Prophet's (May Allah's Blessings be upon him) prophecy about the coming of the Messiah and Mahdī at the time of the onslaught of the religion of the cross; and so you would be implying that while the onslaught is going on, the Messiah has not come. Now, would not anyone who accepts such beliefs also reject the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him)? I reiterate that to reject me is not a small matter. Before you call me a kafir, be prepared to be a kafir yourself.

And Incident relating to Brother Ibrahim of Benin

Benin is a small African country, there a local Jamā'at was established in 2012. Before accepting Ahmadiyyat, Brother Ibrahim was already a Muslim and man of knowledge. After accepting Ahmadiyyat, he grew in sincerity and devotion and began to spread the message. However, his brother did not like this and

started opposing him and accused him of wanting to turn people away from Islām. Brother Ibrahim, however, continued to preach and convey the message of Ahmadiyyat, and soon three neighbouring villages embraced Ahmadiyyat. His brother then conspired with a friend to kill him because he thought this was the only way of stopping him. Brother Ibrahim says that he had a dream wherein he saw that his brother and a friend of his were digging a hole in the ground and putting something in it. Three days after this dream, the friend suddenly got ill and died. At this the brother claimed that Ahmadīs had worked some magic on his friend, and so he reported the matter to the chief of the region. The chief said that if he could bring him some money he would have the matter handled. He brought the chief some money, and the chief summoned Brother Ibrahim and reprimanded him angrily, “What is this new faith you have accepted! I order you to relinquish this faith or else you will not live to see tomorrow’s sun.” Brother Ibrahim replied, “I have accepted this faith because I know it to be true, so I cannot turn by back to it. As for life and death, it is in the hands of God.” The chief said, “I am the God of this land and do what I want. You know the verdict I am going to give, and you know that when I say a person will not see tomorrow’s sun, he will be dead by tomorrow.” Brother Ibrahim replied, “You may say so, but I will not abandon my faith, for it is the true Islām.” The chief then ordered his men to take Brother Ibrahim away. When they were escorting him to confinement, Brother Ibrahim said to them, “Do not get involved in this and let me go.” Since such people are greedy, they took some money and let him go. The next day the chief was struck with paralysis and two days later he died. This sign had a deep impact on the people and served as proof of the truth of Ahmadiyyat.

The age is virtually crying out for the Promised Messiah and Reformer

Describing the need for the Promised Messiah and Reformer, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: Just as there is a time when the crop is ripe for harvest, so has the time come to remove all these ills the time has come to remove the mischief and sinfulness that pervades the world. These people have gone to every extreme and denying and reviling the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him). They are not afraid of attacking the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him) even as much as they would be afraid of a wasp or a fly. The verse كذَّبُوا بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ is applicable to them. They have shouted all they could and hurled every abuse. But now the time has come for God to do away with this. At such times He always raises someone who has great zeal for His Honour and Glory. Such a person is supported by a hidden power. In fact, it is God Himself who does everything, but He raises such a person because this is His practice, and you will never find any change in it.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) to members of your Jama‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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