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Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 22 February 2019 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.**

**Our Imam, *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper), said:**

These days *Musleh-e-Maud* day is being commemorated in the Jamā‘ats all over the world. The purpose of this is to honour the prophecy made by the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) wherein Allāh had promised to give him a son with special qualities. This son would be a true servant to the faith, would have a long life, and would carry on the mission of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). This prophecy was made on 20th February 1886 and it is a great sign of Allāh’s support for the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) and truth of his claim. In keeping with the prophecy, the Promised Son was born on 12th January 1889 and was named Mirzā Bashirud-din-Mahmood Aḥmad, whom Allāh blessed with the mantle of Khilāfat after the demise of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him).

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: “This prophecy is a grand heavenly sign that Allāh has manifested in order to reveal the truth and glory of our Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Having accepted my humble entreaties, Allāh promised to send a blessed soul whose inner and outer blessings would encompass the world.”

Allāh had given the tiding of a son with many extraordinary qualities. He would have a long life; he would be extremely intelligent; he would be characterized with grandeur, greatness and wealth; nations would be blessed through him; and he would be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He would be given deep understanding of the Qur’ān, and through this God-given knowledge he would serve the Holy Qur’ān and reveal its true status before the world. He would serve to free those in bondage. He would be ‘*Alam-e-Kabab*’, meaning that in his time the world will face universal calamities. And he would find fame to the corners of the earth.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We find that the time of Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) was characterized by two world wars and many other calamities. And then through his missionary endeavors his fame reached all over the world and continues to spread to this day.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: With regard to his early education, Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: “The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) had told my tutors that, in view of my health issues, I should be allowed to study only as much as I wanted and should not be forced to do any more. This was the manner in which I was educated, and it was

something that could not be helped because, in addition to my problems with eyesight, I suffered from ailments of the liver, for which I was given long treatments, and from an enlarged spleen, and also from tonsillitis. Thus everyone can see the circumstances under which I received my education....I have a very bad handwriting and sometimes I can't even read what I have written....Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him) told me that since I was unable to read because of ill-health, I could come to him and he would read books to me. Thus I studied the Holy Qur'ān and *Sahih Bukhari* with him. He did not teach me slowly, rather he completed the commentary of the Holy Qur'ān in two months. He would sit with me and read half or three-quarters of a Part of the Holy Qur'ān at one time and explain some verses where necessary. Likewise, we completed *Sahih Bukhari* in three months. He also taught me medicine and commentary of the Holy Qur'ān. Such was my education, but as I was coming close to the end of these studies, Allāh showed me a dream about the increase of my knowledge.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These were the circumstances under which Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) received his education, and yet when we study his speeches, his writings and his commentary of the Holy Qur'ān, they bear witness that he was taught by God Himself. This indeed is a great proof of the truth of the prophecy. Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) delivered his first speech in the Jalsa of 1906 during the lifetime of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). The profound impact that this speech had on the audience can be gauged by these impressions recorded by Ḥaḍrat Qazi Muḥammad Zahoor-ud-Din Akmal Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him). He says: "I listened to his speech with rap attention. What can I say but that it was a torrent of eloquence gushing forth. Such maturity of thought at such a young age is no less than a miracle, and I think this too is a sign of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him)."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd's (May Allāh be pleased with him) zeal and fervour for the activities of the faith and his quick intellectual and spiritual growth showed that he was indeed to be the personification of the prophecy that the promised child would grow fast. Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Tahir Aḥmad Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) gave the following description in the biography of Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him): "Even at a young age his thought had acquired the maturity of sages, which was reflected in his speeches and writings. His words were seeped in magnetism, sincerity and passion. His speech was alien to affectation and writings were free of superficiality. His speech had a natural flow and his writings were a flowing river of fluency; and both brimmed with the water of Qur'ānic knowledge and wisdom that irrigated both mind and heart."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: With regard to the first speech that Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) gave after the demise of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), when he was aged only 19, Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Sher Ali Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes: "At that moment his voice and manner of speech was so akin to that of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) that it at once brought back memories of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) in minds of the audience. If it were right to say that one man's soul can descend upon another person, then we could

say that at that moment the Promised Messiah's (May peace be upon him) soul was descending upon him and announcing, 'This is my son who has been given as a sign of Divine grace, and he is the one with regard to whom it was foretold that he would be like me in beauty and benevolence.'

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: A non-Aḥmadī journalist wrote the following regarding Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him): 'I was much pleased to meet Mirzā Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Aḥmad. He is a very cordial and unpretentious person. In addition to his cordiality, he also has deep insight into matters and wisdom. I will never forget his piety and his broad-minded simplicity.'

Ḥaḍrat Muftī Muḥammad Sadiq Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him), who was among Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd's (May Allāh be pleased with him) childhood tutors writes: 'I have been observing Mirzā Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Aḥmad right from childhood and I have found that he was always naturally modest, decent, truthful and concerned about the faith. Right from childhood he took interest in the Promised Messiah's (May peace be upon him) religious activities. He would often accompany the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) to pray at the mosque and listen to sermons. Even as a child he was naturally imbued with love for Allāh and the Prophets.'

Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Tahir Aḥmad Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) wrote: 'In 1909, Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Mahmood Aḥmad Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him) wrote an article in *Tash'heez-ul-Azhan* in which he wrote about the blessings of Ramazan and then mentioned a prayer which he had been strongly inspired to share with the readers. He said, 'No one knows whose prayer might be heard. Perhaps some pure soul is motivated to busy himself in praying for himself and the Jamā'at, which is my aim.'

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This was in 1909 when Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) was only 20 years old, and even at that time he had such concern for the faith and the people. May Allāh shower countless blessings upon him for he gave every moment of his life, night and day, to spread the religion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and to fulfil the mission of his true servant, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him).

May Allāh enable us to understand this prayer and to fulfil our duties as Aḥmadīs. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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