

## Responsibilities of Ahmadis in Western Society

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*Before delivering the khutba Hadur said "is there someone among you or in ladies who doesn't understand Urdu at all. She (there) is an Ahmadi who belongs to Scotland. So I shall address this congregation in English. Because it is her first chance to attend this Jumu'ah led by Khalifatul Masih. So I will address you in English today so that she should also be with us".*

*After tashahhud, ta'awwudh and recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah Hadur said:*

During my tour of Europe I have found the fulfilment of the prophecy of Hadrat Muhammad ﷺ as such a great extent, in such detail covering every aspect of life of the western nations, that I'm only compelled to say a few words on this experience.

The prophecy which I've just referred to is the prophecy about the coming of Dajjal (دجال) .

Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ prophesies that the time would come in latter days when a great havoc for the world would be born, under the style of Dajjal, which is the word translated as Antichrist in English. Whether it carries the full connotation of the word Dajjal or not, I don't know. But I am inclined to believe that it does not carry the full connotation of the word Dajjal, because it is a much deeper and richer word in meaning, for just Antichrist would not be able to carry all the messages which are sort of packed, very closely packed in the word Dajjal

Now this is a very great prophecy and also a lengthy prophecy which covers so many aspects of the future world. If I begin to speak on all these aspects it would take me a very very long time. So I am going to limit myself strictly to only one single word which Hadrat Rasul-e-Karim ﷺ has used to depict the attributes of Dajjal.

It says he will be a 'war (اعور), that is, one-eyed. Now in connection of his one eye, he further explains that his right eye would be blind; so totally blind that there won't even be the realization of its shadowing light in that eye, to be totally blind. The other one, on the other hand, would be very deep sighted and far sighted and so clear and so prominent that if that eye would be able to penetrate the depths of earth and find out the secrets of the

earth hidden below billions of tons of earth. It will be such (a) penetrating eye.

Now this is a very interesting depiction of the future Dajjal as we understand it to be as a future of Christian nations which are going to dominate the whole world. When I came to Europe and even before that I have observed this that Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ could not have chosen a better phrase than the word a'war for the characteristics of the western people. They are in fact highly intelligent and very deep sighted and very queer sighted as far as the worldly matters go. And you must bear in mind that while interpreting dreams we are told that if you see left side of a person that indicates the world or materialism. If you see the right side of a person that indicates spiritualism. So, by explaining that his right eye would be blind what he meant was that, that people however great they are apparently be, they would be blind to all that is good because righteousness stands for goodness in interpretation of Muslim way of interpretation of dreams. So all that stands for goodness, righteousness, spiritualism, religious or Godly things would not be perceived by that Dajjal which as I have explained, has been manifested in the form of the Western civilization or Christian dominance of the world. So when ever I say Dajjal it should be understood as such. I don't have to explain every time what I mean by word Dajjal because Hadrat Masih-e-Ma'ud ﷺ has at length explained

why he considers the Western Christian civilization and their religion to be the representative of this tradition, fulfilment of this tradition of the Holy Prophet ﷺ .

Now secondly, as I have mentioned earlier as far as the worldly matters go, they are so much advanced. They have achieved such high standards of precise and correct wheel that it is surprising for the rest of the world. They lead all movements which can be called materialistic movements in philosophy, in science, in sociology, in all other aspects of life which concern man, but which are not religious and which are not moral, which are not Godly, the western society leads the entire mankind. The same people who are completely blind to the values of the Creator, their submission to Him, their obligations to Him, are so well advanced in science that now they are virtually talking, literally talking with the heavens above, as we call it why I use this word talking because in Urdu we say *asman sei batein karna* (آسمان سے باتیں کرنا). It means one attains such heights as if he is by that by reaching those heights, he is able to really talk to the heavenly bodies. And this is what exactly they have done. When they first put their feet on the surface of the moon they addressed that moon and they addressed the heavenly bodies in such pride that now we have reached this. And they have started searching for other places in space to achieve even greater heights.

So this is one end as far as the worldly affairs go, they have invented highly sophisticated weapon system; so sophisticated and so deadly that once they decide to use such weapons against the mankind, there is every possibility that the species of mankind would be destroyed and wiped out from large areas of the world. All this because of their very exceptional eye-sight regarding the material world and the laws of nature. Very penetrating eyes have been granted to them by Allah. And this is what was foretold.

Now these traditions who depict the future power of Christianity are not sayings which Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ concocted from himself. It was his habit and custom and a very strict custom for that matter that he would utter not a single word from himself. All that he said was from Allah or was by way of interpretation of the Holy Qur'an. And this is exactly what has been mentioned as well in the Holy Qur'an itself:

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۗ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ ﴿٥-٦﴾ (Al-Najm:5-6)

Look at My prophet Muhammad Mustafa, he does not utter a single word from himself. All that he says is based on the Holy Quran. So such is the prophet addressing us and telling us that there is going to be a Dajjal or Antichrist. What ever you call him.

Where is he mentioned in the Holy Quran that is the question, which comes to ones mind if Hadrat

Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ is going to say all that he says from his Lord and nothing from himself, then there must be some reference of this in the Holy Quran.

Now, that Surah in which Dajjal has been mentioned has been pointed out by Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ himself. When he warned his people; his followers against the appearance of Dajjal, he was asked by one of them: how could they be saved from the horror and the damage of such a havoc? So he said the only way out is that you recite first ten verses of Surah Al-Kahf before retiring and also the last ten verses of Surah Al-Kahf.

Now, what he meant was obviously that, that Dajjal has been described here in detail. If you understand the meaning of first ten verses and final ten verses of Surah Al-Kahf, then you will recognize your enemy and once you recognize your enemy and the direction of attack, then it is only possible for you to take defensive measure to guard yourself against the enemy. As long as you do not know where the enemy is and where he will attack from, from which direction he is going to come upon you. You are naturally not be able to defend yourself. So he is pointing out very positively what the enemy is? And what he should be guarded against?

The first ten verses of the Surah Al-Kahf refer to Christianity and the warning is specifically given to Christianity. That Allah warns you against

concocting and attributing a false son to Him, while He has no son.

وَيُنذِرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ وَلَدًا ۗ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ وَلَا  
 لِآبَائِهِمْ كَبُرَتْ كَلِمَةً تَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۗ إِنَّ يَقُولُونَ إِلَّا  
 كَذِبًا ۖ (Al-Kahf:5-6)

So this Holy Prophet of Allah has come to warn you and warn those in particular who are Christians, who have invented by themselves imaginatively a son to Allah. And they attribute that imaginary being to Allah and say He has a son. Neither they have any knowledge, nor their forefathers had any knowledge, they are just talking nonsense, out of their hats, as they say in English. So this is *كَبُرَتْ كَلِمَةً تَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ* but this nonsense would be taken very seriously by Allah because it is an affront to Him. So they are going to be punished for that.

These are the verses which make very clear the religion of Dajjal that what ever power that being, that power is going to be Christian and Christian of that stage in future which would become almost entirely idolaters. Now after this there is diversion after a few verses and distorted shape of Christianity is left alone and then Allah turns to their count of, those are the Christians who were God-fearing and who offered great sacrifices for the sake of Allah, went to the caves for the sake of saving their religion from their opponents. Those were the other people then mentioned. And it is made explicitly

clear that whatever the future Christians would gain by way of the materialistic advancements would be in fact because of their early forefathers' good deeds. It is a reward not for their own sake, but for the sake of those early Christians who offered so much for the sake of Allah, that they are reaping this reward of great achievements in the world. Now that is a different subject altogether, but those were not Dajjal, so Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ confined himself to the only first ten verses. Because the account which relates to the great early Christians who part of whom we called Ashab-e-kahf (اصحاب كهف); people of the cave, are exempt from this warning. They are, in fact, narrated in the Holy Qur'an with great love and regard. So we leave them alone for the time being and go to the last ten verses. What do we find there?

There Allah tells us:

أَفَحَسِبَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنْ يَتَّخِذُوا عِبَادِي مِنْ دُونِي آوِيَاءَ  
 إِنَّا أَعْتَدْنَا جَهَنَّمَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ نُزُلًا ﴿١٠٣﴾ (Al-Kahf:103)

أَفَحَسِبَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا those who have denied the message of the Holy Prophet, who refused to believe in him, do they think, are they working under the misconception that they will ultimately become successful. By doing what? By making Allah's creatures by treating Allah's creatures as his partners <sup>ط</sup>يَتَّخِذُوا عِبَادِي مِنْ دُونِي آوِيَاءَ. As against Me if they start making partners, calling partners besides Allah from among Allah's creatures. If they think

that they would become successful, then they are totally wrong in that.

Further it says these are the people who have turned all their attentions, all their energies, all their powers towards materialism:

(Al-Kahf:105) الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعِيَّهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

Now this is the verse to which I want to attract your attention, in particular. This is a tell-tale verse. It tells us that these are the people whose faith is Christianity, whose religion is Christianity, but who would have made such advancements in material pursuits

(Al-Kahf:105) وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا

that they would think that they have achieved the very best in life, that means to say, that not only their entire energies and capabilities would be directed towards materialistic pursuits, but also they would have gained so much by that pursuit that they would believe that they have done the very best in life. What best could there be other than this?

Now this is exactly the situation which we find today when we are travelling in Europe. They have excelled in the pursuit of materialism. They have gone to such stages as is unimaginable for poor people of Pakistan or India or other backward countries to achieve even in after hundred years. They've gone so far ahead of us. And by the pursuit of materialism they've come out with beautiful things as well as the Holy Qur'an himself self

admits **أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا** means that their industry would be so wonderful that when they would look at their products they'd say, look here, how beautifully they've made them. We can manufacture such beautiful things. So all over Europe you'll see the same things.

They've excelled in industry, and this is what the Holy Quran tells and at the same time that Dajjal becomes manifestly clear to us. He is the same Dajjal which was talked about by Hadrat Mhammad Mustafa **ﷺ**. That one eye is blind; as far as the religious values are concerned they don't see the logic of the things. They say three is one and one is three. God begets children, physical beings. It's impossible. How absurd it is! Yet their logic immediately goes to sleep when they begin to realize religion. They don't see anything at all there, in fact. This is why they are called "blind". And the moment their eyes turn towards the materialistic things their vision becomes so bright and clear, so illuminated that we look at them with wonder. How they could perceive those things while we also live the same universe, we also pass through the same natural phenomenon. But we miss the point while they have picked at the right points and made advancements because of the correct study of nature.

So this dilemma is solved by Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa **ﷺ** for us. And by solving this it gives us hope too. Instead of giving us inferiority

complex we are strengthened in our faith, we realize that although there are wise people but fourteen hundred years ago Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ had seen through them. He had warned us that they would materialistically become extremely advanced, yet you must not follow them in their ethical values, in their religious values, and all the values which are termed good in Islam because there they would be a blind people. If you follow them there you'll be destroyed yourself.

This is the message which I want to make clear now to you that this should be our approach to the West. What a great prophet he was! Where he saw light, he admitted it in so many words. Where he saw goodness he admitted in so many words. Where he saw badness he warned us against that bad and evil feature. And this is our approach too. I mean we can't follow a different approach from the master.

Now here we are making mistakes. I am talking about that society which has migrated from the East to the West by not understanding the message of Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ. They are following an entirely different course from what he advised. He advised us that you can trust their vision as far as material world goes; you can copy their pursuits because there is no harm in studying the nature of Allah. It was the creation of Allah, not their own creation. Their vision is correct. This verdict has been given by Hadrat Muhammad

Mustafa ﷺ. By that the Holy Prophet meant that, in as much as their sciences are concerned, their study of nature is concerned, you should not only follow them, you should try to excel them. No harm in that. Because they are not the creators. It's the creation of Allah which they have rightly understood. But in all the other values you must completely abandon them and not follow their path.

What I see here is quite a different pattern altogether, in fact it's the converse of this.

Most of the Asians who come over to these countries they don't follow them in their good nesses, but they follow them in their wrongs. They lose their way of life. They lose their moral values. They lose their religion. They lose all that is good in them and start following the western pattern of the rotten society. While they were forewarned by Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ fourteen centuries ago. How clear was his vision! How beautiful the message! Here they are wrong. Don't just condemn them wrongly and revolt against all the Westerns. This is what he said in his message.

Choose the right thing from wrong. And I'll give you the criterion, unfailing criterion which would never lead you to a wrong decision. That on the right things, they are always wrong; on the left things, they are always right. Follow them materialistically. Learn from them and try to excel them (-) no harm. But whenever there are the moral values, religious values, ethical values are

concerned; it could be poison for you, if you follow them. You'll eat poison.

Now this is exactly what the people are doing from the East. This is why Ahmadis are expected, not only to warn the West but also the Eastern people who come over here and indulge in these blunders. And this is what the Ahmadis are not doing in fact.

This is why I have prepared the ground for you to see where you are missing the values which are expected of you, most unfortunate. In fact you came here, to the West, not only in your personal capacities. But in the capacity much more so, in the capacity of ambassadors of Islam and the representative of Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ. If you don't understand his religion, if you don't follow his path and you don't exhibit the way of life through your own personal example, how can you be named the ambassadors of Islam and representatives of Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ? You are so dormant to these things, in fact in some respect, that it deeply hurts me to notice that in many respects we are losing ground to the West, rather than gaining ground.

As far as our rate of preaching is concerned, that is almost zero in Scotland. I made thorough inquiry here about how many Ahmadis today are present here who belong to this soil, so that for their sake, I should address you in English, and I was told just one lady. And that is fifty percent of all we have

achieved here, because there is one gentleman left out who is missing unfortunately. So fifty percent of local Ahmadis are here and that is one! This is (a) shame. This is a point for us to ponder and reflect. What have you been doing here, all of you; young, youth and old and ladies and gentlemen? Who came from Pakistan or some other countries to seek employment here or to do business. That was not the fundamental thing in you.

The most overriding thing in an Ahmadi should be the message of Islam. Don't leave it to the missionaries. They simply can not do it alone. It is you who are going to take up the cajole, otherwise, Islam will remain in this defeated state, as you find it today.

Read the early history of Islam and you'll come to know, that, in fact, it was not a clergy, because there are no such things as clergy in Islam, which brought about the great revolution over the world.

Who converted China? Go to the history of Islam and then you'll find out; not a single missionary was sent to China. I mean those four provinces of China which are predominantly Muslim. The four big provinces who have become almost entirely Muslim, and not a single creature was sent to them by any Muslim ruler. Just tradesmen, those who sought employment as you have sought employment today, they went to China. Who converted Indonesia? Neither a sword nor such

missionaries as you find today; there were no such systems in fact. Just ordinary tradesmen went there and started preaching and they were responsible people.

Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ didn't leave any thing unexplained. He explained at length what he meant by Dajjal, he explained at length where he is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, he explained the philosophy of the institution of Dajjal, he explained where he should be followed and where he should be avoided and where he should be opposed and where he should be aided. So every thing has been made manifest by Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ but, unfortunately, we are not paying attention to his words and this is what I am repeatedly trying to draw your attention to. Allah bless you, may Allah help you but I assure you that, if for the sake of Allah you make this decision today, that from now on, you are going to lead a life of a missionary, if you make this decision today, that for Allah's sake you'll devote all your energies towards converting this country into Islam, then you'll see the great changes appear. All around you people will begin to get converted.

But that can only be done, if you also remain humble, if you also continuously pray to Allah, seek His help, accept you are being nothing. Admit that you have no power on earth whatsoever. And then turn to your Lord repeatedly with tears and with aching hearts. O Allah! I have taken the

responsibility of converting these people, I who am a nonentity, we are nothing, we have neither any knowledge, nor wealth, no strength enough. How can I do it? But O Lord! I have done it for your sake. I believe in Your mercy, I believe in Your succour and aid. You come to my aid because I was what ever I am, however humble I have been, I have come to Your aid. So all that expect of You is, to come to my aid for this noble goal which I am pursuing for my love for You, for my love for Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ. So if I am offering my self to Your task, why shouldn't You come to help me?

If you pray to Allah with such pain and such aching hearts, it's impossible for Him not to accept it. Then you will see changes occurring all around you. Then you will see the fate of this country changing gradually and light appearing in the darkness and dispelling darkness all around.

May Allah bless you, may Allah help you! First make this sincere resolution, then act upon it. Then may Allah help you to follow this noble goal perseverantly, not with temporary emotions. We don't want Ahmadis with temporary emotions. It is a long task, we may have to devote a generation after generation or energies towards achievements of this goal. So we don't want people who are tired. Allah and the Holy Quran tell us that there are angels who never tire in praising Allah. So are the followers of Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ who tirelessly

follow the goal which has been set to them by the holy founder of Islam. This is your station in life; this is your status in the eyes of Allah. So rise to it. Why do you seek ordinary low level of ordinary Asians who come here, lose their values, acquire complexes and get lost themselves.

You are different. Why don't you realize it? This is what hurts me most. Not only the fate of the people around, but when I see Ahmadis behaving like ordinary people, while they are not ordinary people, then it hurts me most, and then I turn to Allah. O Allah! What is the use of my coming here? If I can't turn Ahmadis back to your message, if I can't make them realize where they belong to. What is the use in my going through the streets of London and Glasgow and Frankfurt and Hamburg? Because then I would be just an ordinary person, doing the same thing as hundreds and millions of visitors do. I have not come here for that purpose and I have no power on the hearts of Ahmadis. It is You alone who has that power. You help me. So, as I am humble in my approach and I only seek Allah's help. You should also be humble in your approach and seek Allah's help for your sake. For the sake of your generations, for the sake of mankind suffering around you. Then you'll see the great signs appearing, great changes appearing انشاءالله تعالى. And a new Jama'at would be born here in these countries out of your bodies, your souls will emerge and that is the message of Ahmadiyyat which I deliver

to you and trust to Allah that it will carry the weight انشاءالله تعالى.

*During Khutba-e-Thania Hadur said:*

After the Jum‘ah prayer we'll say ‘Asr prayer together with the Jum‘ah. I my self and all the rest of those who are on journey, would say half of the ‘Asr that is two rak‘at (ركعات). Those of you who belong here, they should complete their prayer after that without saying assalam o ‘alaikum (السلام عليكم). But they should not stand up until I finish the second assalam o ‘alaikum.

I have observed people behaving hastily, impatiently. While they are not permitted to bow beyond the movements of Imam while the Imam is still locked in prayer, till he says and finishes his second assalam o ‘alaikum, the followers have no right to stand up. When Imam is free, then they are free to move. So the prayer of the Imam ends with the second assalam o ‘alaikum, not with the first. So you wait until I have finished the second assalam o ‘alaikum and then stand up for completing your prayer, that is adding two more rak‘ats without assalam o ‘alaikum.

After that, Shiekh (Mubarik Ahmad) Sahib has told me that Jama‘at wants to renew their pledge of Bai‘at (بيعت). So انشاءالله for the sake of Jama‘at of Scotland we'll go through the ceremony of Bai‘at. And Imam of Scotland brother Mr. Bashir Orchard, he would come forward and some of those who can and put their hand touching my hand and the rest of

you can put hands on the person who is sitting before you. So that to establish a sort of bodily contact.

Now bodily contact is not what is meant. What is meant is the spiritual contact. Because this is the same Bai'at which is referred to in the Holy Qur'an as Hablullah (حبل الله). You hold Hablullah with the strongest possible power which you have. Now through Bai'at you come to, in contact with Hablullah. So that is a spiritual contact, and why do we ask you to establish also a bodily contact? Not because of superstitions, but because Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ has taught us this. This was his habit, he used to do it like this. So we are his followers. It's only I think, a way of symbol. I am establishing the necessity of your contact, by telling you to establish physical contact, what the Holy Prophet meant was that you should try to be near the Khalifah or near whom you are pledging your Bai'at to. Not only physically, but also spiritually much more so. Perhaps that is a symbol, but what ever it is, we do how we found, exactly as we found Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ and his followers do. So it is no superstition. So after the Bai'at we'll say prayer and then انشاء الله I'll take leave of you.