

Islam Ahmadiyyat – The Truth Prevails

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After reciting Tashahhud, Ta'awwudh and Surah Fatihah, Hudhur (aba) said:

“From the outset of the claim of the Promised Messiah (as) until today, the opponents of Jama'at Ahmadiyya without reason or logic, rather out of their obstinacy, egotism and also due to their vested interests, have rejected the Promised Messiah (as). In contrast, the Promised Messiah (as) proved through thousands of logical arguments in light of the Holy Qur'an, in light of the Hadith and in light of the statements of the commentaries of the earlier holy people and scholars of Islam that he was that Messiah and Mahdi who had been prophesied in both the Qur'an and the Hadith. The Promised Messiah (as), in support of his claim, also explained the Divine Signs that corroborated his coming. He clearly elucidated the treatment of Allah the Almighty to him. But those who have a seal on their hearts from Allah the Almighty, Whom Allah does not desire to guide, cannot be guided by anyone at all. The disbelief in their heart cannot be eliminated by anybody. However, righteous natured persons accepted the Promised Messiah (as) and they came into his Bai'at (his Pledge of Allegiance). Such persons attained the good fortune of coming into the fold of allegiance of the Promised Messiah (as). It had been written in their destiny that Allah was to guide them. But those people who out of a fear of the so-called scholars, or those

who follow the so-called scholars, did not enter the pledge of allegiance of the Promised Messiah (as). Such persons remain deprived of the Grace and Bounties of Allah Despite the fact that those Grace and Bounties were descending like spiritual rainfall, even until today.

On the other hand, those persons who Allah the Almighty desires to guide, who possess both piety and also nobility, are accepting the Promised Messiah (as). Such persons accepted the Promised Messiah (as) in his time and they accept him today as well, for they are aware that all the signs indicating someone being sent at a time of disorder have been fulfilled. The lust and greed in the world is greater, whereas in comparison the fear of Allah has diminished. This has reached the point where these so-called Maulwis (religious clergies) and their cohorts have reached the depths of degradation. They have stooped to such a low level that in order to persecute Ahmadis, they do not even desist from insulting and disrespecting the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet (saw). After doing so, they say, "Qadianis have done this." They themselves throw the pure and blessed pages and parchments of the Holy Qur'an onto the floor, or into the gutter, or into rubbish bins, and after doing so, they implicate Ahmadis saying that such and such Ahmadi has carried this out, whereas that Ahmadi would have no idea whatsoever what had come to pass. The implicated Ahmadi only learns of what occurred when the police arrive at his house to arrest him, or when those persons who use filthy language carry out processions and rallies against the implicated Ahmadi. Also, another method of these persons is that upon the walls of the schools they write things in inappropriate places and in an improper manner about our master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), and implicate the Ahmadi children, whereas for the sake of the honour and sanctity of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) every Ahmadi is always prepared to sacrifice him or herself. Moreover, an Ahmadi is always prepared to even sacrifice his or her children and his or her children's children for the honour of the Holy Prophet (saw). But to due to this [the false implications upon Ahmadis], the Ahmadi

children are evicted from the schools, are persecuted and beaten up. Moreover, upon these innocent Ahmadi school children, attempts are made to launch cases of blasphemy of the Holy Prophet (saw). In such cases they do not allow bail and the punishments are most extreme. They attribute actions and deeds upon our innocent Ahmadi children, which they can never imagine or envisage carrying out. Therefore, when moral degradation reaches to such levels, when the fear of God the Almighty entirely vanquishes from the hearts, when obnoxious and vile acts reach extreme proportions, then the cries, the wails and the screams for help by the oppressed, take their course.

Thus, in particular nowadays, in context of the circumstances in Pakistan through which Ahmadis are passing, as I have frequently drawn attention towards previously on several occasions, the pivotal point of your prayers should revolve only, and only around the progress of Ahmadiyyat, in other words, the true Islam. The reason why this should be carried out is so Allah's chastisement can quickly descend upon those people who in the name of Islam are carrying out excesses and extreme acts and who attempt to defame Allah, Islam and the Holy Prophet (saw). We also need to be inclined towards praying that the righteous and good natured amongst them should be enabled by God the Almighty to convey the *Salam* (the greetings of peace) of the Holy Prophet (saw) to the Imam of the time.

Amongst our various programmes on MTA are also live programmes. Within these live programmes, many callers, with the Grace of the Almighty Allah comprehend the reality and the truth and take the Bai'at (the Pledge of Allegiance). Thus, it is not that the majority of the Muslims are a part of this disorder, cruelty and persecution. Nonetheless, this is the case that a majority of the Muslims, out of fear, ignorance and due to being unaware, do not want to comprehend and understand the message of Ahmadiyyat, or if they do understand the message of Ahmadiyyat, are terrified of the law of the land. And

the law of the land, out of a fear of the Mullah (the Muslim clergy), is not prepared to give even ordinary rights of citizens to Ahmadis.

Today it is not the rule of law; rather it is the rule of the mullah (the Muslim clergy) that is prevalent. The mullah has infused into the heart of the Muslims who are unaware or ignorant, that God forbid, Ahmadis believe that Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (as) rather than the Holy Prophet (saw) is the last Prophet, whereas this is absolutely incorrect. What we say is that the Holy Prophet (saw)'s Ardent and true Devotee, in the garb of all the prophets, came to bring the followers of all religions to submit before the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), rather than to challenge the Holy Prophet (saw).

The Promised Messiah (as) brought logical arguments and reasoning and through that, he rendered speechless the world. He stood before those who attacked Islam like an unassailable wall. The Promised Messiah (as), through reason and arguments not only defended the attacks against Islam and the Holy Prophet (saw), rather he also forced the opponents to retreat. Moreover, through reason and arguments the Promised Messiah (as) fought the enemy in such a manner that they had no route to take but to take flight.

The Promised Messiah (as) was given the revelation, "Proclaim truth has arrived and falsehood has vanished. Indeed falsehood is bound to vanish. Every single blessing is derived from Muhammad (saw). Then blessed is he who taught and also who attained learning." In his book '*Tiryaq-ul-Qulub*', describing this revelation, and also the other revelations mentioned in Urdu and Persian, the Promised Messiah (as) states:

"All these revelations constituted a prophecy, that God the Almighty through my hand and through me, will establish the truth of the faith of Islam and also prove the falsehood of all other faiths. Therefore, that prophecy now is fulfilled because

no opponent has had the capacity or fortitude to prove the truth of his faith against me. At my hand, heavenly signs are being displayed, and through my pen, the truth and verities and deeper meaning of the Holy Qur'an are illuminating; therefore, arise! Search in the entire world, is there anyone from among the Christians, or the Sikhs, or the Jews, or the followers of any other religion who can stand against me, in exhibiting heavenly signs, and in setting forth the verities and profound meanings of learning? I am the one concerning whom this Hadith is found in the authentic books of Hadith, that in his time, all religious communities will perish, but Islam will shine bright in a manner that it never shone in the intervening periods."

In short, we observe that today purely through the Promised Messiah (as) the beautiful teaching of Islam is being presented. Today, it is the community of the Promised Messiah (as) alone, which in an organised and disciplined manner through a system, and under the shade of Khilafat, is carrying out the work of *Tabligh* of Islam (the propagation of Islam). Whether it is in Africa, Europe, or any other part of the world, Jama'at Ahmadiyya is carrying out the task of *Tabligh* to present the true picture and image of Islam.

I had said to the Jama'ats, that as the opponents of Islam are raising allegations and attacks against the teachings of Islam and the Prophet Muhammad (saw), for this reason, exhibitions of the Holy Qur'an should be held, where the beautiful teachings within the Holy Qur'an are lucidly explained. *Alhumdulillah* (all praise belongs to Allah), exhibitions were and are being held all over the world. Reports are being received in this light from everywhere. Those who came to attend the exhibitions, including the non-Muslims said; 'the image of the teachings of Islam and the Holy Qur'an that you are presenting is so beautiful, that it leaves us astonished. How were we opposing this teaching of Islam before? These aspects of Islam never came before us, we were previously ignorant.' The majority had a very apologetic tone. They took away the Holy Qur'an and also other Islamic

literature from our exhibitions. Those who came to the exhibitions were very well-educated and very well-civilised, amongst whom were Muslims, Christians and also people of other faiths. All of them without exception appreciated this work we are carrying out, saying that this is a great endeavour that you are undertaking.

However, it is unfortunate that there is a group amongst the mullahs (the religious clergies) in various countries who are opposing our Qur'an exhibitions and are opposing us spreading the teachings of Islam. Perhaps I mentioned earlier as well, that in India, in the city of Delhi, in a very large hall obtained from the government on rent, we held an exhibition of the Holy Qur'an. There, the mullahs joined with certain extremists, and raised such uproar, that the exhibition had to be wrapped up in two days whereas it was due to run for three days. Yet even in those two days, the exhibition had a tremendous impact. After the exhibition, a very well-educated, highly academic and influential person went to Qadian. He said: "I am visiting Qadian for the first time and I have journeyed here. I desired to see the place of those people who are carrying out this immense service towards Islam and the Holy Qur'an." He visited various places in Qadian and was positively affected.

It is with great regret, however, that I have to say that very recently here in a city in the UK, an exhibition was being organised; however, due to the furore of the mullahs (the religious clerics), the police requested our organisers to cancel the organising of the exhibition. In principle, such requests should be refuted with logical reasons. But the local Jama'at accepted the request of the police and they cancelled the exhibition. If here in this country, or in these countries in Europe, where all kinds of freedom are available and the governments proclaim that they grant these freedoms to you, we indulge these mullahs, then in this country also we would be those who promote extremism. We need to make the authorities thoroughly understand this point, and we need to make arrangements to

reorganise the exhibition. Some people say that we should hold the exhibition quietly. What is the point in holding the exhibition quietly? On the one hand we claim that we are going to progress the mission of the stalwart and champion of God Almighty, yet on the other hand we display appeasement. This cannot be the case.

As I stated, in this country, the rule of law is prevalent, and the government affirms that this is so. So therefore, say to the government, that it is your work to enforce the law and to give every citizen his or her right, and to protect and safeguard him or her; this is what they need to do.

In any case, this is the state of the mullah, that even in non-Muslim countries such as India or here in the UK, it is the so-called Muslim clergy rather than non-Muslims who raise objections when we make endeavours to convey the message of the Qur'an and Islam. The Mullah says, how is it possible that this 'dangerous' and 'threatening' work of conveying the beautiful teachings of the Holy Qur'an is being carried out by *Ahmadis*? There is no way we can tolerate this. Thus, this is a true picture of the so-called caretakers of Islam. Yet we have to continue in our task. In every circumstance we need to silence the opponents of Islam and we need to endeavour to spread the teachings of the Holy Qur'an in the world, *Insha'Allah* (God willing). Naturally we will go on doing this, so that we can bring the world to submit to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw).

It is a positive quality of Western countries that before the law or the government, everyone is seen equally. Therefore, if anyone tries to place hindrances in front of our work, we should seek the help and support of the law and the government.

Here I shall present an example of the upholding of the law. When recently, I went on a European tour, on the way back I led a Friday prayer in Holland. There

I addressed a politician, who is a member of parliament and a party leader, whose name is Geert Wilders. I gave him this message in the Friday Sermon that you people, against Islam and the Holy Prophet (saw), are exceeding in your disrespect and the utilisation of vile and profane language. You have exceeded all limits of enmity. Desist from this or else fear God's chastisement, which comes unannounced, which then manifests at an appointed time and destroys people like you. That God most certainly possesses the power to seize persons like you. I also said that we have no worldly power. We can only challenge people like you through our prayers. When the In-charge of the Press Section came to me with this press statement for the press release that was prepared based on a summary of this Friday Sermon, he had written all of the other matters but he had not written this particular sentence. I then said to him that most certainly add this sentence that we have no worldly powers. This is exactly what I said, that you and everyone like you is destroyed, and this is the reality. When we contest our opponents and those who hold enmity towards us, we do it either through logical reasons, or most of all, we do this through our prayers.

This particular press release was also read by the Dutch politician, Geert Wilders. He then wrote a letter to his government in which he posed certain questions to the Home Minister. When this was mentioned in the press, the Jama'at in Holland wrote to me that Wilders had posed questions in this manner. It seemed as if the Holland Jama'at was quite worried. I responded to them, that if the Home Office asks questions of you then there is no need to be fearful and nor do you need to be apprehensive. Fully explain your stance. The foundation for this was laid by that politician who is carrying out inappropriate acts and who has produced erroneous films regarding the Holy Prophet (saw). He has utilised very harsh language and he has defamed Islam. We responded to that and what we said was, that Allah the Almighty is One, and He upholds the honour of His prophet. He can seize persons who disrespect His prophets, so therefore be fearful of God.

In terms of the questions that he posed, the government responded to them after a few days, which was also published in the newspapers. The first question asked by Wilders was that, "Are you familiar with this article that 'World Muslim leader sends warning to Dutch politician Geert Wilders'?" So the Interior Minister replied to him, "Yes I am aware of this article and have read it."

The second question by Wilders, quoting my name and writing to the Minister, was "Mirza Masroor Ahmad has said that 'Listen carefully, you, your party and every other person like you will ultimately be destroyed'". Interpreting this quote himself he said, "What measures does the Interior Minister plan to take against this mischievous message?" The Interior Minister replied, "According to the press release, Mirza Masroor Ahmad said that such peoples and groups are not destroyed by disorder or violence or any other secular activities, but rather only through prayer. I do not see anything in this statement that incites disorder or violence or could be a cause for it. For this reason I see no reason whatsoever to take measures against Jama'at Ahmadiyya (the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community)."

Then, his third question was, "How is the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Holland connected to the Ahmadiyya Muslim community worldwide and to Mirza Masroor Ahmad?" The Interior Minister replied, "The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Holland is part of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community."

Hence, this was his reply. This, therefore, is the justice displayed by these people. This politician is a party leader, a member of parliament and then, also of the same religion as them, yet when he poses a question the response he is given is fair and also just. I have heard that now Wilders is researching further into the Jama'at to try and extract negative points. However much these people desire, they can make efforts. This is a Divine Jama'at and this Jama'at always says what is true and what is based on facts. This is exactly what they will always find within the Jama'at.

Thus, the Imam of the time has assigned to us the duty of spreading the message of Islam to the corners of the world and to rendering the opponents of Islam speechless through logical arguments. According to every person's capacity and efforts, every single Ahmadi is endeavouring to undertake this task. And where the opponents of Islam attack Islam, there, it is Ahmadis who defend Islam and also provide responses that render them speechless, and it is Ahmadis also make the world understand. It is the spiritual knowledge and understanding that is acquired from the Promised Messiah (as) that we utilise, because of which every single Ahmadi, without any inferiority complex, is able to provide the message of Islam to major secular and religious leaders. When other people go to these world leaders, they go to seek help from them or to attain some worldly benefits. They never have the courage to convey the message of Islam to them.

Recently, as part of a delegation, our Ameer Sahib of Kababeer had the opportunity to travel to Italy. Before he travelled, he mentioned to me that this delegation to Italy consists of people of different religions and that it was going to be an inter-religious meeting where they would also meet the Pope. In fact, he said, they were going on the invitation of the Pope. Therefore (he asked) if you deem it appropriate, I would like to deliver a message from you (that is from Hudhur), and I would like to also gift him with a copy of the Holy Qur'an. So I replied that this would be very good. Most certainly do so. Subsequently, I wrote a message and sent it to him, and told him to deliver it to the Pope. He made copies of that message. When he went there, he delivered the message to the Pope and he also gave copies of that letter to other senior priests or cardinals of the Vatican. He also gave the Pope a gift of the Holy Qur'an; and pictures were taken of the meeting. I will relate just one part of the report written by Sharif Odeh Sahib. He writes that:

"This humble one went to the residence of the Pope, the Vatican, on 10th November 2011, along with a group that contained people of different religions, including the great Rabbi of Israel (who is a very important Rabbi of Israel).

Christians, some Jews and some Muslim officials were all included. I delivered Hudhur's letter to the Pope. I said to the Pope that within this letter is a most important message from the worldwide Imam or leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The Pope received the letter himself by hand. I also gave him a copy of the Italian translation of the Holy Qur'an. The Italian and Israeli TV and also Italian and Hebrew newspapers published pictures of my meeting with the Pope. After the meeting, on Vatican Radio, there was a press conference held. I mentioned Hudhur's letter in this press conference and also mentioned the summary of the letter. I gave a copy of this letter to all the journalists. Similarly, I also gave copies of the letter to the person in the Vatican responsible for the Middle Eastern Churches and to all the cardinals etc. I also held a meeting with the committee of inter-religious discussions. They noted my address in order to invite me to their conference. Their next conference will be held next year in **Sarajevo.**"

Coming to the letter that I wrote to the pope, the summary of it is that after some words of prayer was this verse of the Holy Qur'an, "*Say 'O People of the Book!' Come to a word equal between us and you, that we worship none but Allah and that we associate no partner with Him, and that some of us take not others for Lords besides Allah*" (Ch.3:V.65) Then, (I am just giving the summary here) I mentioned that nowadays, Islam is under the glare of the world. Its teachings are being frequently targeted. Although this is occurring due to the actions of certain Muslims, however the basis for targeting Islam is absolutely incorrect. Due to these bad acts, even well-educated people do not desist from raising allegation and attacking the Holy Prophet (saw) and Islam. In the way that there are teachings of any founder or teachings of every religion, the purpose of which is always to connect man and God, Islam teaches exactly the same. In fact, Islam teaches this in a better manner. Therefore, due to the actions of a minority of people, Islam should not be attacked inappropriately.

Islam teaches us to respect all prophets, including the prophets mentioned in the Bible and in the Holy Qur'an. We are the humble servants of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) and are extremely grieved and pained by the attacks on the honour and respect of the Holy Prophet (saw). We do respond to these attacks, but by presenting the beautiful teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw) and the beautiful teachings of the Qur'an in front of the world. We teach love, affection and brotherhood. The fundamental teaching of Islam is that tread on *Tawqa* (the fear of God, and righteousness) and this is the sound that resonates five times a day from our mosques, in which the greatness of God the Almighty is proclaimed and also it is announced that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) is the messenger of Allah. Further on, I also wrote that "the reason why peace is being destroyed in the world today on the pretext of freedom of conscience and expression is that some people play with the sentiments of others. They also cause religious offence to other people. Nowadays, small-scale wars are erupting in the world. The world requires today to make efforts to end these wars; otherwise this could lead to a world war and this world war could result in untold destruction". Then I wrote that "rather than focusing on the material progress of the world, there is a greater need to make efforts to save the world from destruction, otherwise there will be certain destruction. Thus religious leaders should try to uproot from the world mutual enmity and the usurping of other peoples' rights". I then wrote, "because you hold an influential voice in the world and you have a large following, therefore you need to make efforts to the following effect; that all world religions should work in cohesion and strive to establish peace, and in this way, we need to make the world recognise the Creator—the One God."

Hence, this is a summary of the letter which was sent to the Pope. May Allah the Almighty enable him to have understood this letter and I hope that he would have read it. May these people be those who establish human values, who respect and regard religious values, and most of all, may they recognise the One God.

As is evident from the report of Sharif Sahib, on this occasion there were also other Muslim leaders and influential people, however if anybody was enabled to deliver the message of Islam and the Holy Qur'an to the Pope, then it was the servant of the Imam of the time and Stalwart of Allah. Yet these people say that Ahmadis are not Muslims and that, God forbid, we affront the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) and the Holy Qur'an. Whereas, by attaching ourselves with the Promised Messiah (as) we are witnessing even today a renewed glory of the successes of Islam. Even non-Ahmadis who have rancour and enmity in their hearts are forced to confess that the Promised Messiah (as) has most certainly achieved his mission.

There was a well-known case filed against the Promised Messiah (as) by a priest, Henry Martin Clarke. In actuality, the motivation behind this court case was to try and seek revenge for the defeat of the Christians by the Promised Messiah (as) during a debate. The Promised Messiah (as) has explained the details of that debate in his book *Jang-e-Muqaddas*. Martin Clarke raised this court case against the Promised Messiah (as) and he falsely accused him of murder. The details of this are also found in the Promised Messiah (as)'s book *Kitab ul Bariyyah*. In any case, in this court case the Promised Messiah (as) was honourably acquitted by the judge of the time, Captain Douglas. The Promised Messiah (as) gave this judge the title of Pilate II. This is also a lengthy exposition. Dr. Henry Martin Clarke was completely humiliated and disgraced during that court case. In fact, the judge said that "if you so desire you can raise a case of defamation against him".

Recently, our Asif Sahib of MTA informed me that he had contacted the great-grandson of Henry Martin Clarke, who had wished to meet me. So I said to him that I would be most happy if he came, and to bring him. Thus recently he came to meet me. People do come to meet me routinely and as a norm, but the things which he said in that *mulaqat* I would like to present some of that before you because it is a sign of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (as), that how splendidly even today Allah supports him. I was speaking to him with reference

to *Jang-e-Maqaddas* and he said that, "I only started researching into this very recently. Today I have realised that Henry Martin Clarke is lost in the past." This is the statement of the great-grandson that, "Henry Martin Clarke is lost in the past. Whereas in contrast, the person who had challenged him, he is successful the world over." He said, "Until a few years ago I was unaware who my great-grandfather was. Only very recently when I was researching into my ancestry did I come to know that Henry Martin Clarke is my great grandfather". In any case, we discussed for about half an hour. He spoke in a very measured and meek manner. I felt that perhaps this was his mannerism, but later he said to Asif Sahib that, "during the entire meeting I remained in an extremely emotional state." Later Asif Sahib also told me that when I was discussing with him that the Promised Messiah (as) used some harsh words against Martin Clarke, he explained to his great-grandson that he used this because of the obstinacy of Henry Martin Clarke and due to the circumstance that ensued. It is completely evident when a person looks into that debate that Islam gained victory, yet Martin Clarke kept proclaiming and insisting that Christianity had won the debate. Then the Promised Messiah (as) said this would be decided through prayer, so that Allah would display a clear sign. Henry Martin Clarke's great grandson responded to this spontaneously amongst the lengthy discussions that were held, that "God has certainly shown a sign even today." He then mentioned the meeting there. I have said to Asif Sahib to write an article about this. In any case, the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (as) is today being verified by the progeny of those very opponents of Islam. If there is somebody who does not understand, then it is the mullahs, who are the so-called caretakers of religion.

The Promised Messiah (as) says: "rejecting me is not rejecting me. In fact, it is rejecting God and his Messenger (saw) because whosoever rejects me, God forbid, he considers God as false. Although he observes that internal and external disorders have exceeded all bounds, and despite the fact that Allah the Almighty has promised that, "*he has sent down this exhortation and most surely we have been its guardian* (Ch.15:V.10), yet (apparently) Allah has not arranged for the

reformation whereas, he believes in this matter that in *Ayat-e-Istekhlaf*, Allah said that just like the Mosaic dispensation, in this Muhammadan dispensation, there would be a sequence of Khulafa (successors). But God forbid, this would mean He has not fulfilled His promise, because there is no *Khalifa* currently in the Muslim Ummat. But it does not end here, but further, you would have to reject that in the Holy Qur'an when the Prophet Muhammad (saw) is called the like of Moses, that would not be true either, for it was essential for the congruity that a Messiah should appear in the fourteenth century from this Ummah, just as a Messiah had appeared in the fourteenth century of the Mosaic dispensation. Similarly, the verse of the Holy Quran would have to be rejected and denied that, "*and among others and from among those who have not yet joined them*" (62:4) because this gives the tidings of the coming of a Messiah. In the same way, many other verses of the Holy Qur'an would most certainly have to be denied. I say with most conviction that from *Al Hamd* to *An Naas*, the beginning to the end of the Holy Qur'an, all of it would have to be abandoned. Then consider this, is it easy to accuse me of falsehood? I do not say this myself, I say it on oath by God, that this is the fact; whoever leaves me, whoever rejects me, he does not do it with his words, but with his actions he would have rejected the entire Holy Qur'an and would have left God. This is indicated in a revelation to me that "*rejecting me is rejecting God.*" Accepting me testifies to God and leads to firm belief in the being and the existence of Allah the Almighty. Rejecting me is not actually rejecting me, it is also rejecting the Holy Prophet (saw). So before you conjure up the courage to reject and deny me, reflect in your heart and come to a decision about who you are in fact rejecting."

The Promised Messiah (as) says (in another book) that: "Remember well, that in this battle you are hurting yourself. So do not thrust your hand into the fire, lest it happens that the fire should flare up and consume you. Know most surely, that had this been man's endeavour then many would be born who would destroy it. In addition, it would not have reached this age and stage. In your view, has there ever been such an imposter who falsely claimed communication with God

Almighty and yet survived for such a long time? It is regrettable and a pity that you do not reflect at all and do not recall the verses of the Holy Qur'an wherein God Almighty, with reference to the Holy Prophet (saw), says that if he falsely attributed even the smallest thing to God then I would have severed his jugular vein. So who is dearer to God than the Holy Prophet (saw), that he should not only survive a great imposture but he should be enriched by divine bounties. So brothers, refrain from self deception and be not obstinate in matters which are especially in the knowledge of God. Break your habits; become a new person. Tread on the path of righteousness so that Allah may have mercy on you and that He may forgive your sins. Thus, fear God and restrain yourselves. Is there not even one among you who is rightly guided? If you do not desist, then God will eminently bring His special help to His servants and He will destroy His enemies and you will not be able to do Him any harm."

May Allah the Almighty make it so that the opponents of the Promised Messiah (as) understand and comprehend this message. May Allah the Almighty, everywhere, protect Ahmadis from all kinds of evil. May Allah the Almighty enable us to submit and prostrate before Him to the maximum degree possible and to enable us to pray. Ameen

Now after the Friday prayer, today as well, I will lead some funeral prayers. The first funeral prayer is of Muhtarrama Maryam Khatoon Sahiba, wife of Mukarram Zachari Sahib of the Chaubara District. She passed away on 5th December 2011. In the evening at approximately 5 O'clock in the Chaubara District, some non-Ahmadis attacked an Ahmadi family and she passed away in this way. *Surely to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return.* In other words, she is a martyr. Her house was connected to the Murabi house and there are also other Ahmadi people residing in the houses in this area. A few years ago, some opponents bought the adjacent land and through some conspiracies and dealings, they annulled the right of the land of the family of the martyr. This case is in the court. The opposing persons had already previously carried out an attack in order to

seize the land, but failed. On the day of the incident, they tried to seize the land again, when they were opposed. Apparently, they threw a brick and this is how she died. From her post mortem, however, it came to light that she was hit by a part/handle of a weapon due to which she was severely injured and passed away. It was due to Ahmadiyyat that she was opposed. Two of her husband's sisters were severely injured, but they are in a better condition now. The martyr was only 25 or 26 years old. The family was a farming family. In 1992, her father-in-law purchased a plot and gave a part of it to the mosque where the murabbi house was constructed. The opponents were trying to capture this land for quite a long time and this case even reached the high court. In the high court, they failed in their attempts. After that, they tried to change the record as is the tactic used in Pakistan, certain persons conspire together and try to alter the record. In any case, the court case was running. Because there was a great deal of tension involved, when the Jama'at presented the report to the DPO, he clearly apologised saying that he could not upset the opposing faction. Maryam Khatoon Sahiba, after her demise, was buried in Shergarh in the District of Layyah. The culprit has already escaped with the help of the police (that is, the culprit who martyred this lady). She has three very small children who she leaves behind, apart from her husband. The eldest son is nine years old, then there is another child of four years old and then she has a daughter who is six years old whose name is Maria Parveen, and also a child of five and a half years old.

The second funeral prayer is of Mukarama Azeem un Nisa Sahiba, wife of Bahadur Khan Sahib, Derwaish Qadian, who passed way on 3rd December 2011. *Surely to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return.* She was from the province of Bihar. She was the daughter-in-law of Mia Shadi Khan Sahib, Sahabi, (companion) of the Promised Messiah (as). From her childhood she prayed to go to Qadian. She wrote a long poem in this regard. Allah the Almighty accepted her prayer and after her marriage in 1952, she moved to Qadian. One verse of her poem reads as follows, "My Lord, my longing and my prayer is that show me

rapidly, that peaceful place of Qadian". With her husband, she spent a long period of destitution and difficulty with great loyalty and sincerity. After her husband's demise, for a long period of twenty nine years she spent that with patience and gratitude as a widow in Qadian. She would keep special regard for the education and moral training of her children. She taught them most excellently the Holy Qur'an. She leaves behind five daughters and three sons. May Allah the Almighty elevate the rank of the deceased.

The third funeral prayer is of Suleman Ahmad Sahib who was a Mubaligh of Indonesia. He passed away on 1st December 2011 due to some heart ailments. *Surely to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return*. He was born in 1953. He did the Bai'at (the pledge of allegiance) in 1978. In 1979, he was admitted to Faslul Khaas, Jamia Ahmadiyya Rabwah. In July 1985, he passed his Mubashir exam and he returned to Indonesia. He was appointed to Bogor and after this he was enabled to serve in nine different places. At the time of his demise, he was in the Jama'at Bundo. Aside from his wife, he leaves behind three children. May Allah the Almighty grant them patience and also forbearance and also elevate the rank of the deceased.

The fourth funeral prayer is of Alhaj D.M Kallon Sahib of Sierra Leone. He passed away on 26th November 2011 after a brief illness, *Surely to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return*. He grew up in poverty and he would say until the age of fifteen, he would go around barefoot. But because of his love for knowledge, he attained success and at a young age, he became the managing director of the Sierra Leone produce marketing board. He attained great knowledge. He was a very cheerful and very sincere person of high moral standards, who gave great financial sacrifices. He leaves behind two daughters and four sons. His wife, Hajia Salma Kallon Sahiba is currently being enabled to serve as the national Sadr Lajna Imaillah Sierra Leone. One of his sons Tommy Kallon Sahib, who lives here, was the former Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya United Kingdom. May Allah the

Almighty elevate the rank of the deceased and enable his piety and righteousness to continue on to his progeny. I *Insha'Allah* (God Willing) will lead all these funeral prayers after the Friday prayers."

Key for Abbreviations:

(saw) means SallAllaho alaihe wassalam= Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

(as) means Alaihe Salam = upon whom be peace

(ra) means either RaziAllaho Taala unho/unha/unhoma meaning Allah be pleased with him/her/them

or **(ra*)** means Rahmullah alaih= Allah's Mercy be upon him

(aba) means Ayyad Allaho Taala be Nasril Azeez = Allah's Help and Succour be with you always