



Summary of Speech of the Khalifatullah Hazrat Munir A. Azim (atba)

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Allah's Messenger (atba) made some analysis and put some questions forward as research work for the Jamaat UI Sahih AI Islam members on the following subjects:

1. *The Compilation of the Holy Quran during the Lifetime of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra)* – The first Caliph of the Muslim Ummah after the demise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was reluctant to comply to Hazrat Umar ibn Al-Khattab's (ra) suggestion to compile the revelations of the Quran into one complete book. By the time he put forward such a request, more than 700 *Hufaaz* (those who knew the Quran by heart) died during the battle of Yamama. Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) was unsure to use this recourse, as it was not of actuality during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

(a) What we analyse is that: at the demise of the Prophet of Islam (pbuh), it was Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) who recited a verse of the Holy Quran to stop the grief (manifested into revolt) of Hazrat Umar (ra).

(b) In this actual context, we see that it is now Hazrat Umar (ra) who has come forward with sound arguments and especially with reference to the Holy Quran we shall find that Allah has promised that He shall preserve the Holy Quran till the Day of Judgement, and about the Quran being "Book" (*Kitab*) – e.g. *Kitab-ul-Munir*. Did Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) not know about these verses? Then, why the reluctance to agree at once to the compilation of the Holy Quran? Moreover, it is to remind the people also that Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) knew of this Hadith of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) which said that those who learn the Quran should teach it to others. Why then the reluctance he showed to propagate the revelations of Allah in Book format? Therefore, we find here that Allah has awakened the Muslims to the fact that the Holy Quran must be preserved in various other ways, not just through *Hufaaz*, because they are humans and are prone to death. The battle of Yamama was a waking call, and Hazrat Umar (ra) was the foremost companion of the Prophet of Islam (pbuh) to have gotten the idea for the writing down of the revelations of the Quran in manuscripts.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was not at first convinced, and if we do a flashback, just like Hazrat Umar (ra) was not convinced of the death of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), but then it was Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) who came forward to dispel his wrong notions and to state clearly for one and all that Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) was really dead, just like all prophets before him died.

After Hazrat Umar (ra) illumine him on the valid reasons for the writing down of the revelations into one complete book, thereafter the first Caliph agreed that Hazrat Umar (ra) was indeed right, that the Quran must be preserved in this manner, as the *Hufaaz* were being martyred in great number, the reason why then both Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar (ra) called for the chief scribe of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) for taking charge to assemble all people who possessed written copies of some of the revelations, and also existing *Hufaaz* to confirm each other. Hazrat Zaid bin Thabit was that scribe, and like Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), he also was initially against that idea of the compilation of the Holy Quran, but after having understood the key reasons for the undertaking, he put his whole heart into that delicate work which proved to be the greatest of responsibilities. He took his job to heart, and went person to person to collect the verses of the Holy Quran and put them in their right order.

Now, about the order of the verses of the Quran as revealed – There are some Muslims who think that it was after the demise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) that the names of *Suwar* (chapters) of the Holy Quran were input as well as the order in which we know it now. But it must be borne in mind that it was during the lifetime of the Prophet (pbuh) himself that the Quran as we know it today has been filed in the proper order. We can find the references in various Hadiths, one of which says that Hazrat Jibreel (as) used to come to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to recite to him the Holy Quran. He came every year for a complete revision of the Quran, and on the last year before the demise of the Prophet (pbuh), he came to see him twice for its recitation.

2. *Concerning the revelation of the Torah* – The Khalifatullah has asked a question (*to which he knows the answer*) so that the assembly can ponder over it, and seek guidance from Allah, to get the relevant *Ilm* (knowledge) on how the 10 commandments were revealed to Hazrat Musa (as) on Mount Sinai. Was there someone with him who noted down these revelations? Did he himself wrote it while getting the revelations or did Allah directly give him the written revelations as it is (that is, like he showed his people upon getting back to them)? The Holy Quran was revealed in the space of 23 years. The 10 commandments were revealed within the duration of 40 days. Now for how long was the Torah revealed? Was it during the whole life of Hazrat Musa (as)? And who wrote down these revelations? Was it Musa (as) or someone else? The same question applies to the Gospels and Psalms (of David). These questions I also put before the spiritual leader of the Ahmadiyya Community and that of the Ahmadiyya Islah Pasand and also to all the other Muslims (scholars and theologians) of various sects in Islam!

We see how perfect the religion of Islam is, where it is the only religion which Allah gave its name "Islam". No other religions received such a favour. Religions in the past stumbled in great sins when despite receiving numerable divine

favours in the forms of prophets of God coming to them – and that is true especially for the Jews, the Children of Israel – they fell into sins as regard to the persecuting and killing of the prophets of God. God loves extensively this people until they exceeded all limits, by rejecting and killing His Elects. Thereafter He made perfect such a religion, with the coming of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) which stands as the perfection of His teachings. All the religions in the past underwent transformations and many of the past peoples were made to vanish by undergoing severe chastisements for their rebellion and killing of prophets, and rejecting the message of Allah. Thereafter, Allah decided to make appear such a religion which He shall make alive till the Day of Judgement. That religion is none other than Islam, which He perfected and He promised in His Holy Book (the Quran) that He shall preserve the Quran till the Day of Judgement.

Now, the question which is crucial to ponder over: Is it only through *Hufaaaz* (the guardians of the Holy Quran, who know it by heart) or by writing (into the form of a Book) that the **Quran shall be preserved**?

Bear this well in mind: By preserving the Quran, Allah also means to say that when the teachings of Allah shall be baffled, when Muslims shall become in the same category as the Jews and Christians (as understood from the Surah Al-Fatiha when we are to ask Allah not to let us become like the “*Mahzuub*” and “*Zwarleen*”), therefore He shall send reformers from within the Ummah of His Holy Prophet (pbuh), from within the final religion which He perfected through the revelation of the complete divine laws. These reformers do not bring anything new, but they renew the teachings of Islam, the same teachings which the Muslims and others have each taken in their own way, in what their minds have suggested them to do, each taking pride in their interpretations of the Holy Quran.

It is vital that the people follow a leader, and that was the case within the Ahmadiyya Community when there was not yet the coming from Allah of His direct Elect. Therefore, before his arrival, we were all behind the leadership of a man-elected caliph. But what happened after a long period of time? Such *laissez-faire* have been given access to Islam and especially the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah (as) whereby the fourth Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Community gave replies to such questions which brought the people to take his words as the visa to do everything they wanted, because the caliph has said, and therefore the words of the caliph should be taken into consideration and executed. In doing so, the people have let go of the teachings of the Quran and Hadiths (like cutting their hairs – especially for women, wearing all sorts of clothing, lighting fire-crackers and committing frauds). Therefore, as Islam is the final religion and the Quran as the final code of life (the final perfect laws), therefore there was a need for Allah to send His Reformer, His Messiah, His very own Caliph (the Khalifatullah) to revive the lost faith. The teachings are still here. Around the world, there is now millions of *Hufaaaz-e-Quran*, but does that mean that the Quran is being preserved? Not in the right way! There may be the *Hufaaaz*, but what use are the memorised words of Allah if they are devoid of any practice and people who know them by heart do not put them into practice and teach them to others in the way it should have been conveyed to others?

Therefore, to ensure that Islam remains alive and the Muslims as the best people, Allah sends His prophets-reformers to revive the teachings of Islam. Like He extinguished the past people through calamities of all sorts, likewise He shall destroy the people – in this era also – so that the bad may go away and that the pure (for future generations) may stay, so that in the final go, Islam witnesses its lasting victory.

Therefore, I repeat myself again and again, even if Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam – by this I mean the people forming part of it – after a certain period of time (like in the past) do not conform themselves to the teachings of Islam and erode in their views and stop being the reflection of true Islam, thereafter Allah shall send another of His elect who shall come from within my Jamaat (from among my pious followers) who shall revive the true Islam. Islam shall never die. That is why Allah shall send Messiahs, Khalifatullahs, reformers for the revival of Islam, as a sign of the preservation of the Holy Quran, of Islam and definitely, the promise He made in the Holy Quran that He perfected Islam and shall preserve it and its teachings (the Holy Quran) will remain ever true. This preservation shall come through the appointment (direct Divine appointment) of Elects of Allah who shall come in the confirmation of the promise of Allah made in the Holy Quran, just like the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was the promise from Allah for the revival of the unity of Allah, the religion and faith of Ibrahim (as), and like the Promised Messiah (as) came for the revival of Islam, from within Islam itself. Likewise, I have come from within Islam and from within that very divinely appointed Jamaat of the Promised Messiah (as) whom Allah promised shall be maintained till the end of days.

May Allah guide your hearts aright so that you may understand this message and find the answers to the pertinent questions put forward to you, and also to the Khalifatul-Massih V of the Ahmadiyya Community also (concerning the fact that he says that there is no need for the appearance of Mujaddid whereas Allah and His Rassool (pbuh) say the opposite). *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*