

SPEECH of

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After greeting everybody with the Salutation of Peace in Islam, the Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al-Fatiha, and then said:

My dear brothers, sisters and children, from all the different Jamaats in Islam and my dear disciples from the various countries in the world – from Mauritius, Rodrigues, Reunion, Mayotte, Seychelles, Comoros, Madagascar, India – Kerala (Mathra, Alappuzha, Kannur, Cochin and the other villages), Trinidad & Tobago and the other countries...

Assalamoualaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakaatuhu.



Islam, the perfect religion is always in need of revival. If Islam is perfect, then we must keep in mind that the people within the fold of Islam are not so perfect. They strive to be perfect, but cannot always succeed without a Guide to show them how to reach spiritual perfection. If the Holy Prophet of Islam, the Beloved of Allah Hazrat Muhammad (saw) was the best representative of humankind and the best and perfect guide, but this does not mean that Allah shall not send guides and prophets anymore after the death of the perfect man and prophet. Indeed Allah has sent and shall continue to send such guides

and prophets who shall be the obedient followers of the best of mankind so that the religion of Islam remains evergreen.

Allah has promised in the Holy Quran:

"Surely We have revealed the Reminder (that is, the Quran) and We will most surely be its guardian." (Al-Hijr 15: 10)

Here we can ask how it was done. It is reported that the Holy Prophet (saw) said: "At the beginning of every century, Allah will send someone whose mission is to revive Islam for the good of the community."

This is a prophecy of hope, and indeed it was accomplished during each of the previous centuries by the arrival of a Reformer, a Mujaddid, such a man, having received instructions from the Most High, has fulfilled the task that was assigned to him and helped to make shine the light of Islam in all its splendour.

Finally, the time came for the fulfilment of a series of prophecies made by the Holy Prophet (saw) especially concerning the 14th century AH, a critical time when Islam was to be the target of external attacks from all sides and where there reigned the apprehension of an internal failure.

At that time, a man of God, the long awaited Mahdi, the Promised Messiah whose magnitude was to be enough to deal with the severity of the situation, would save Islam from danger both intrinsically and extrinsically. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) claimed to be the awaited Promised Messiah and the Mahdi. His holy life was eventful and was spent in the service of Islam. He wrote more than 80 books, not to mention countless contributions such as pamphlets and newspaper articles to prove that Islam is a powerful force for the regeneration of the world and he also laid the foundation of a new scholastic system: 'the jihad of the pen'.

He set to work and reformed the Muslims themselves. He took the defence of Islam against external attacks. Through his writings and speeches, he has demonstrated the unique beauties of Islam and also proved that Islam is the only religion that can meet at this time of materialistic science the spiritual thirst of man.

He declared that God often spoke to him and revealed to him such signs that are only granted to His Elect and His Messengers. He further stated that the one who follows Islam faithfully and walk in the way of Allah will see signs and hear the voice of his Creator. Thousands of people responded to his call, and sitting at his feet, they witnessed signs almost every day. He creates an atmosphere where he demonstrated that the God of Islam is a living God, and that Islam is a living religion.

While other religions contented themselves with simple narration of stories of the past, of spiritual experience of the saints of old, the Promised Messiah (as) was never tired of writing that Islam can always give signs. He gave a new interpretation of Islam and proved that it can fully meet the needs of our scientific age.

Many people who came to him as atheists and agnostics went back upon acquiring faith, as they were deeply touched and convinced of the truth of Islam which the Messiah explained to them. The latter founded the Ahmadiyya movement which is now known worldwide, and which also now needs renewal, because of deviation from the teachings of Islam and from the invaluable advice of the Promised Messiah, our spiritual master of the past century.

I will end with some beautiful words of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) to explain the purpose of his coming. He once humbly said:

"The mission that God has entrusted to me is:

- 1. To remove the causes that have strained relations between God and His creatures:
- 2. To reveal religious truths hidden for so long before the world;
- 3. To spread the truth and put an end to religious wars by laying the foundation of peace;
- 4. To reveal in public, not by words but by perception and inner experience, these forces that are latent in man and which only show themselves through meditation and prayer.
- 5. To seek such examples of spiritualities that have so far remained hidden under the animality of man.
- 6. To plant again, especially in the mind of man the seed of *Tawheed* which is still alive but which has almost disappeared nowadays, so that it remains pure and beautiful, and is exempted from the falsification of *Shirk*.

Everything that has been said above will certainly take place, of course not by my own efforts, but by the power of Allah, Who is the Lord of heaven and earth." (Extract from 'Lecture in Islam', pg. 34).

In his book 'Al-Wassiyat' (The Will), he also said:

"Almighty Allah has decided that people of noble character who live in different parts of the world, whether in Europe or Asia, be attracted to Tawheed. That is the purpose of God for the accomplishment of which I was sent."

May Allah help us all to cultivate excellent Islamic teachings in ourselves and in our daily lives. The elects of God (Allah) only come to bring people to the worship of Allah. We are all instruments in the hand of God, but Allah also upon creating the human race has given it free will so that it can do a self-analysis and find in itself its source without which it cannot survive, that is to say, Allah the Almighty. We all have a purpose in life. Our true goal is to find the divine essence within us and all around us, and gain access to this Master, our Creator from whom we came from and to whom one day we will certainly return. The Divine messengers and reformers come only to give the message, to show the way, to shape a safer way according to the Quran and the divine guidance obtained

through revelation to guide you to the God who is so merciful, who tenderly waits for you to wake up from your long sleep and for you realize to realise that without Him you are really nothing, and that with Him, then you are complete.

The Promised Messiah of the past century came to guide people to the God who loves all of you, Who expects you to reform your consciousness and soul so that you finally taste the spiritual fruits in this world itself and forever in the life after death. As Caliph of Allah in this era, this is also my dearest wish that you succeed in finding that connection with Allah and taste these spiritual delights which the friends of Allah taste in peace. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*

May Allah show you the way and guide your spiritual eyes so that you bear witness to the truth and that you remain attached with this truth until your last breath. *Ameen.*

Jazak-Allah for your attention. Assalamoualaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakaatuhu.