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(Summary of Sermon)

After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered the third part of his sermon on the subject of *"TV's Harmful Effects"*:

TV'S HARMFUL EFFECTS

By the grace of Allah, Allah (swt) in His infinite wisdom and grace has given me again the *Tawfiq* to continue my sermon today on the subject of: *"The Harmful Effects of Television"*. Indeed the time that you lose watching TV is a time which you cannot gain back again, and verily you are in no position to know the exact remaining days which you have before you, before you leave this world. Therefore, maximize what time remains for you in the worship of Allah (*Ibaadat*), and the seeking of His forgiveness and mercy (*Istigfaar*). Spend all your time in the path of Allah by doing the works of religion and spend your money also for the propagation of the unity of Allah. Do not spend your money in useless preoccupations wherein there is no divine reward or pleasure.

Islam teaches us that despite all that which we possess (on earth), we verily have no right to use it in the way we want for all these things verily belong to Allah alone: our body, our strength, our time, our money and knowledge etc.

As for TV, it makes us waste our time and money in the disobedience of Allah and it makes us become lazy. With each second that you spend before TV you waste your existence, and verily you shall one day have to account for all that before your Creator. Your TV set plays day and night to such an extent that your electricity bill becomes enormous. It is verily wastage of your money, for apart from (national) television, you get to subscribe to other private channels and you have to pay for all that every month. Bear in mind that you have to account for all wealth/ money which Allah has given you before Him one day. Therefore, instead of wasting money, put the money to good use in the treasury of the Jamaat, to spend for the cause of Allah. This shall verily be a blessing for you for Allah shall put His blessings in your money and home and *Insha-Allah*, you shall have a

great reward for it in the hereafter. What you sow in this world, you shall reap it in the hereafter. When you sow good deeds solely for the cause of Allah, therefore you shall reap an infinite reward both in this world and the hereafter. Verily the reward in the hereafter shall be much better and grand.

Time spent before TV is time wasted. Not only time, but you lose also your money and the love of Allah and your home becomes deprive of blessings. Moreover this ruins your health and your eyes become weaker and weaker. Long TV sessions also make you become very lazy and encourage you to manifest your satanic side and you leave the teachings of Allah and His Messenger (pbuh). Besides, this is a means by which the enemies of Islam also use to destroy the religion which Allah (swt) has perfected.

Each Muslim must know in which unique way Allah (swt) has permitted us to use the oxygen of this world. This is verily to do His *Ibaadah* (worship). Besides *Salat*, all deeds done to reap the pleasure of Allah are acts of worship. Therefore, ask yourselves that question: *Does watching TV (especially the indecent movies and programmes which are ruining our lives, family lives and environment etc.) form part of the Ibaadat that Allah (swt) has sent us to earth to accomplish?*

What shall you, a mere traveller, do when the time shall come for you to leave this temporary world? Shall you then tell Allah (swt): *“O Allah, give me more time so that I may become among Your good servants.”*? Allah shall tell you: *“There is no respite for you; there is no renewing of your visa here. You have been given your number of days to live so that you might become among My good servants, but you lost all these precious time and days before TV with all its harmful effects. You have got only a little good out of TV compared to the great extent of its harm.”*

Islam has taught us also to live in peace and when there is peace within us, all people around us shall also get this peace. Islam has not taught us to act violently against our near and dear ones and humanity in general. Islam has also not taught us to rob others of their rights. Islam has not only made us consider each person who reads the *Kalima* as our brother, but it has also taught us that his life, honour and wealth are sacred just like the Holy Quran is greatly sacred for us (for it is the words of Allah). As for TV, it makes you and your children witness brutality and violence every day, and this incite you to act likewise, and thus peace disappears and you no longer feel secure. Therefore, see for yourselves the teachings which TV is showing you and your kids: how to become violent and rob others in a professional way etc.

Islam has taught us not to laugh a lot for too much laughing kills the heart. As for TV, with its comedy programmes (with all its indecent ingredients mixed!) you and your children keep on laughing with all these comedies which are also accompanied by indecency. You admire them, and keep on laughing and this can kill your heart, for then, you no longer feel the greatness of Allah in the heart and you forget that one day (on the Day of Judgement) you shall have to present yourselves before Him. Moreover, this makes you shun all notions of hell and divine punishments as well as good deeds and the reward of paradise. Now, ask yourselves these questions: *How much has your heart become hard? And how much has Satan gained authority over your hearts?*

Islam has showed us the reality of our lives. Our presence on earth is to live in the worship of Allah for we are His servants and we need to make His laws prevail in each aspect of our lives. Life on earth is short and it ends with an evitable thing which is called death. After death, we shall have to present ourselves before the court of Allah to account for each deed or word we did and pronounced respectively, and afterwards, there are only two destinations for us, either hell or paradise. As for TV, it not only makes us forget the reality of our existence on earth, but it even gives us a false image of life. Television makes us believe that we are ourselves recipient of powers and authority, such powers and authority to do as per our bidding/ wishes. Thus, the influence of TV makes us do such things as getting jobs without merit or competence required (for those jobs). As long as one is getting a great salary – despite not competent in his job and doing only little work – car, house, leading an extravagant/ luxury life, lose his money in gambling and amusement, he is happy.

Islam has taught us to live life in such a way that there is dialogue between us and especially between us and our family so that each of us may understand one another. Each must command good and forbid evil so that love and affection prevail amidst us. As for TV, it removes that dialogue and mutual advice as well as love and affection also disappear. People are now so concentrated in his favourite programmes that they do not find the time to talk with their peers. Parents do not have time to question their children about their studies in school or *Madrasa*, or even about their friends and time to come back home etc. The children/ youths also do not find time to seek the advices of their parents and benefit from their experiences. The sitting together in a congregation, as a family to eat has disappeared due to TV. This is fact is another way how love and affection disappears from houses. No one understands the character or problems of the others!

Thus to close this subject (for today for this subject is really vast and cannot be completed in only three sermons), a Muslim is supposed to be an intelligent person; he needs to know how to distinguish between what will benefit him and what will harm him. A Muslim does not follow the trends whereby these can bring about his own destruction, be it in this world and the hereafter. Has the time not come for us to wake up from our long sleep and stop taking life as a plaything?

I pray that these realities penetrate our heart and compel us to react so that we may be able to protect our future and the future of our children, by combatting that big Satan which has invaded our homes. The parents especially need to ponder over this: Do you really want to become a means for the guidance of your children or a means for their deviation? Let's pray to Allah to safeguard us against all satanic effects. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*

HATE CRIME AGAINT ISLAM

We all know what happened on 13 November 2015 in Paris (France) after extremists opened fire on people, out of whom 129 died and more than 350 injured. After that incident, there have been other attacks and last month itself in the USA, some hours after the Paris Attacks, some people opened fire on an Ahmadi Mosque in Meriden, Connecticut, the "*Baitul Aman*". By the grace of

Allah, there were no victims. But these attacks on mosques, be it those of Ahmadiyya or other mosques and Islamic centres, be it in America or elsewhere in the world, are becoming all the more frequent, especially because of the vendetta/ revenge which people are extracting against Islam. According to them, it is Islam and its teachings which are to be blamed!

Worst, nowadays in America there are some stupid people who are standing as presidential candidates of the USA, for example, Donald Trump, a Republican who has seized the opportunity of the Paris Attacks to make his political campaign against Islam whereby he has proposed that if the Americans vote him, he shall make it a must to spy on the Muslims and bar entry of Muslims in the USA. His hate speech against Islam and the Muslims has brought shame to his own political party. His own people have fallen on him for what he said for America is for the freedom of religion, people and liberty of expression. I warn him, and all those like him, that if he does not desist from his words and realise his error, if he continues in his hate speeches against Islam and Muslims, therefore Allah shall seize him in a severe punishment and humiliation. It is Allah who shall deal with him, because terrorism has no religion. Terrorism is terrorism. It is neither Islam, nor Christianity, nor Judaism, nor Buddhism etc. Terrorists exist in all forms and in all cultures and religion. If people do not follow the teachings of Islam and that of the other religions also, therefore that religion in particular is not to be blamed. Especially Islam with its exemplary teachings! Therefore, it is only those who follow the footsteps of the Satan without any guidance from Allah and from His Messenger Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and without the guidance of the Khalifatullah of this era who shall go astray. They therefore spoil the image of the teachings of Islam in the eyes of the world. But Allah is Great and His Justice is the Best Justice which a servant of Allah must seek against the attacks of the comrades of the Satan who seek to mask themselves as defenders of Islam and that of other religions, like Christianity etc.

An example: Last Sunday, 13 December 2015, some stupid people have vandalized in the same night two mosques in Hawthorne, in the south of California. One of those mosques was the Ahmadiyya Muslim mosque "Bait-us-Salaam". The vandalism included graffiti whereby the name "Jesus" was painted on the gate of the mosque, and a fake grenade (plastic one) was launched within the property to frighten the Muslims, here being the Ahmadi Muslims. They did lots of dirty things and also vandalised the Islamic centre of Hawthorne whereby they wrote: "*Jesus is the Way*".

It is really sad what happened there, but it is a moment for the Ahmadi Muslims as well as all other Muslims to reflect on our state, for if we are not united, therefore the others shall continue to attack us with their hatred. It is more particularly a lesson for the Ahmadis also, for if you recall, when there were dangers menacing the Ahmadis in Mauritius, therefore Allah revealed through me (in the year 2000) some of His attributes to read and seek His help to ward off those dangers. But unfortunately, instead of listening to Allah and replying favourably to the call of Allah, they have mocked those revelations (and names of Allah) and made plots against me and all those who believed in me to oust us from the *Nizam-e-Jamaat*. Shame on them! They have not put into practice the love which they preach in the world to present a good image of themselves among their own Ahmadi brethren! Now the Ahmadis are not only suffering in the hands of the other

Muslims, but the “modern” world, with the majority from the Christian and Jewish worlds, as well as the other religions are fighting against them (against Islam as a whole also).

Islam is Peace; there is no doubt in that. Therefore why are we Muslims, from the entire Ummah not in peace? We need to blame ourselves in the first place before blaming others (for our predicament) for it is when they saw us disunited that they have seized the opportunity to do what they like with us! There is no longer the union which Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) brought and which assembled the Arabia of the time as a united force with one same goal, one same belief, and there was also tolerance towards those who did not accept Islam. Our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the Rightly-Guided Caliphs (*Khulafa-e-Rashideen*) respected the beliefs of the others and adopted: “**Laa Ikraha fid-Deen**” (There is no compulsion in Religion). It is true that there had been conquests of lands at that time, for the others also like the Romans and Persians etc. did likewise (it was a normal occurrence at that time), but the Muslims, the true (*Sahih*) ones never forced people to accept Islam, and it is this which shows the beauty of Islam.

I pray that Muslims, irrespective of Jamaats realize the favours which Allah has showered upon you in this era, for like He promised, He sent His Khalifatullah to unite you all and to deliver this message so that you may benefit from it for your own material and spiritual progress. The Honour of Islam is at stake, and we Muslims need to stand as one body, as one voice to protect the beauty of the teachings of Islam and of the Holy Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*