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LOSING SPEECH

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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 his speech on *"The Reform of the Youths"*:

Wa laqad karramnaa Bani Aadama wa hamalnaahum fil-barri wal-bahri wa razaqnaahum minat-tayyibaati wa fazzal-naahum 'alaa kasiirim-mimman khalaqnaa tafzii-laa.

Indeed, We have honoured the children of Adam, and We carry them by land and sea, and provide them with good things and have exalted them far above many of those whom We have created. (Bani Isra'il 17: 71).

The world we inhabit is decorated with all sorts of entertainment and games. There are games to acquire friendship, others of enmity and hatred. Man struggles hard as he wishes to have everything and to be victorious. He wants to prove himself to justify his existence in this world and to move further. We forget easily that we are temporary here in this world. No one has lived eternally (i.e. nobody is immortal). We have great love for ourselves only, i.e. we like to be always winners, we do not like to see our brothers' progress. We like to become great personalities so as to be respected and to have people afraid of us. We forget Allah's favours upon us. There are many other things thus leading man to think that he would have an eternal life in this world.

Nowadays, wherever we go, we see destructions, wars, revenge, oppressions, modern life, lack of social peace, disappearance of spirituality and moral values despite having so many well-built mosques, temples, churches and pagodas. We are very lazy and reluctant in the field of spirituality. Despite all these spiritual efforts, the youngsters of Mauritius have become materialists. This is so because our modern society has been spoilt completely. Most of our youngsters nowadays seek easy life, easy wealth; they take great pleasure in meeting friends for entertainment, indulge in drugs, alcoholic drinks, disco-dancing, TV and pornographic films. The society is in an alarming decadence.

Nowadays, one of the greatest problems is television. When making a minutely analysis, most children and adolescents lose much time in watching TV. Out of a

survey done, a housewife spends about five hours daily in watching films. If this survey is exact, the time allotted in watching films is out of measure.

Television is a means of entertainment where we can watch good programmes: cartoons for small children, stories, the news, documentaries, and so on. But there are also programmes or films which are very influencing. For example: Advertisements and publicities which influence people to take alcoholic drinks etc. In brief, television influences people in different ways.

An innocent child who is watching television becomes “the best judge”. He can distinguish between the actor and the villain in films. The next day when playing with his friends, he wants to become the main actor (hero) and his friends to play the roles of villains and goons. So gradually while playing these roles, these children finally are implicated in criminality where they destroy their youth life and become a burden for their parents. Very often parents are astonished to see their innocent-like kids transforming into violent and aggressive adolescents and adults.

We, adults who are here today, let us recall our youth before the introduction of television in our small island. We spent most of our time in reading. The educated one spent most of his time in reading and writing compared to someone nowadays, not even one-tenth of his free time is spent on reading! In the past, in a way, reading (books) was a hobby but today it is considered as a burden. The young prefers to spend their leisure time in front of the television.

Parents have also become very neglectful these days. They also sit in front of the television together with their kids for long hours. They do so after work and after the children having done their homework.

Reading is an activity where someone can choose what he desires, but watching films on television (live programmes) cannot be chosen. Hence, parents should be very careful. They should know the time when good films are being projected. We have bought a television set at home. It forms part in the entertainment of our life but we must make sure that we do not exceed the limit because we are very different from the western world. Hence, parents, you should take good care of your kids, whatever their age, encourage them in reading - which is becoming more and more difficult nowadays, especially reading to acquire spiritual

knowledge. This young generation can become violent and aggressive with parents whenever books on spirituality are given to them.

Nowadays children are getting tired after a very short time. When they are told to do a piece of work, to pray or to study, they are short-tempered and say that they are very tired, they have spent a lot of time at school. Instead of obeying their parents, they would rather turn their backs and sit in front of the television. If a book on spirituality is given to one of them, he reads only few lines, he stops and says that he is not understanding anything - but he can understand clearly the film he is watching despite it is projected in an another language. So, it is high time to open our eyes wide to clear out this chaos.

Parents also are not taking their children into consideration as if they are afraid of them. They are allowing them to do whatever they want. And day by day they are not realising the bad effect of television upon them. What will they become tomorrow? We are only following fashion and are falling prey to it. We, adults must realise how much time we and our children have lost. If you do not succeed in making them understand the philosophy of our life and that our belief is very different from the western countries, then, it will be too late. Hence, encourage them to make reading a habit and you also make time for reading as you will be a perfect model for them. May Allah help you and remain with you always. *Ameen*.

O my young children who are here today, realise that this period of youth is that period where you must devote yourselves wholly in prayers; hard work and start taking some responsibilities. The reform of a nation cannot be done unless the youth reforms himself/ themselves. It is the duty of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam to reform the young generation and to increase your spiritual knowledge and to make you interested in involving yourselves to work for *Deen-e-Islam*, to start, *Dawat-i-Allah* (Invitation to Allah).

The aim of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam is to establish, to anchor the unicity of Allah and to have love for our brothers, to live in peace with others and to establish moral values which have completely disappeared. This is the main reason why the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam has started the Study-Circle under divine instructions and to organise frequent meetings and trainings so as to give our young generation a good training, to come close to Allah, to instil love for Allah in their hearts and also love for others and to serve our country and humanity in

general. To achieve this goal we have to establish a wide programme on spiritual, moral, intellectual and physical developments.

For us, our guide and light is the Holy Quran. We have to act and react in conformity with the commandments of the Holy Quran. Each of us has to make this effort of making the reading and studying of the Holy Quran obligatory (*Farz*) everyday to seek a good direction (i.e. the right path) and that the Quran guides us in our life. *Insha-Allah*.

The excellencies of the Holy Quran are such that we must project this light beyond our horizon and it is our duty to give the teachings of the Holy Quran to the whole world. Each member of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam should observe their five daily prayers regularly and on time. We all know that *Namaz* (prayer) is the second pillar of Islam. Without prayers all our other good actions will be like a building without foundation. All laws of the Holy Quran and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) are completely based upon this subject (i.e. *Namaz/ Salat* - prayers).

Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said that, what you can distinguish between a Muslim and an hypocrite is the *Namaz* (prayer/ *Salat*). The one who neglects even one *Namaz* out of his five daily prayers, cannot (confidently) say that he is a Muslim.

The duty of the officers of the Jamaat (...), and the Jamaat in general should take that into great consideration, with much seriousness. All members should therefore perform their five daily prayers and know their translations and encourage the young generation to worship in congregation. And also we must all make special efforts to wake up early to perform the *Tahajjud* prayer and if possible in congregation.

We must pray for the happiness of our relatives, friends, compatriots, our country and moreover for our enemies also.

Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as) has said:

"My religion has taught us, so long as you don't pray for your enemies, you shall not have peace of mind." He asked us to pray for our enemies in the like of the

example of our beloved Holy prophet (pbuh). Was it not through prayers that Hazrat Umar (ra) converted to Islam? Indeed Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) prayed for him regularly. Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as) said: *"You must not be misers in your prayers"*. And he said that he used to pray for all his enemies. He recommended us to follow this teaching so that later we will reap its fruits.

Our young children! You are the backbone of the nation. You must follow the path of progress and take your responsibilities. I wish you a good journey towards Allah.

The objective of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam is to build a new world both materially and spiritually. This progress will not be achieved as long as you don't do what you are told to do and you must not be slow at work. Progress will come forward only when we all walk hand in hand to build this new world. *Insha-Allah*.

Hence, put much confidence, trust in Allah and reform yourselves. Wake up at night and perform supplementary prayers (*Nawafil*), then you will become that youth who will see revealed dreams. Each of us, the young kids, the future generations, become an *Abdal*. *Abdals* are those who offer their prayers fervently and who receive divine favours. They are also the models of virtue. Make great effort to come close to Allah till people know that all your *duahs* are being granted and they will come forward to ask you to pray for them. I pray a lot for you so that Allah enlightens your faces by His light and not be darkened by Satan, the rejected one.

Allah said in the Holy Quran, Chapter 30 Ar-Rum, Verse 31:

Fa-aqim wajhaka lid-Diini hanifaa; Fitratal-laahil-latii Fatarran-naasa alayhaa.

So set your face to the service of religion, with single-minded devotion. And follow the nature made by Allah, the nature according to which He has fashioned mankind.

May Allah help all of us, children and adults, young and old, ladies and gentlemen to understand this message and to achieve what is in our aptitude to make our life become a true representation of Islam in all facets. *Insha-Allah, Ameen*.