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Friday Sermon

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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 sermon on: "The Human Condition & Remedies".

THE SUPER BLUE BLOOD MOON OF 31 JANUARY 2018

The world has witnessed an extraordinary celestial sign Wednesday, 31 January 2018. This sign is a Super Blue Blood Moon. What exactly is this super blue blood moon? It is the conjunction of three lunar peculiarities. To give a simplified explanation of this phenomenon (or rather divine sign), it is when the natural satellite is at the same time relatively close to the Earth (which gives us a Super Moon), it is also the 2nd full Moon in a month (a Blue Moon) and there is at the same time an eclipse of the moon (a Blood Moon). So it's a super-moon combined with a blue moon and with an eclipse of the moon that was total in some parts of the world and that we call, a blood moon. All three phenomena were visible only in certain parts of the earth, in this case in America (after 152 years) and in the countries of Asia and Australia and so on. But for the countries of Europe, like France etc., this phenomenon, this celestial sign was not visible (but was visible in 1982). But here in Mauritius after 152 years, we witnessed this, but only with a partial eclipse of the moon that lasted only a few minutes.

This phenomenon/ sign became subject of conversations, with everyone speculating on its meaning. There are those who say that it is an indicator of the approach of the end of the world and that the Saviour will appear soon. But the truth is that we are living the days of the end of the world and the Saviour that everyone is waiting for is already among you. When you see such divine heavenly signs, these are signs in support of the coming of a Messenger of Allah. This sign is so rare (during the lifetime of any common man) and the way it has appeared in the world clearly shows that the prophecies mentioned in the Holy Scriptures of many religions in the world and what Allah has taught us in the Holy Quran, all this is the manifestation of signs to make humanity reflect, so that it may reform its conduct. All these manifest signs are announcing also the days of the end of the world, which we are now living. And the Saviour whom everyone expects (and this for all ages to come till the Day of Judgement) has already arrived, is already among you. It is true that a Hadith of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) indicates that an eclipse does not occur to announce the birth or death of anyone. But he also said that for the advent of the Promised Messiah (the Mahdi), there will be two eclipses, one lunar, and the other solar, in the same month of Ramadan, and this is what has verily been manifested in the time of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) and also in the time of this humble servant, the Khalifatullah. This celestial sign of Super Blue Blood Moon had also appeared at the time of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Ahmad (as) a few years before his proclamation. So all of these are signs of terrible events that will shake the world, especially if people do not recognize the Elect of Allah and persist in forgetting Allah, and associate (false) deities with Him (in His worship).

183 YEARS SINCE THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

And yesterday, as you all know, was a public holiday, marking 183 years since the abolition of slavery. Our grandparents (of all nations) have faced countless atrocities, hardships, and great difficulties, where their fundamental rights, their human rights, had been trampled. It was in the 1800s that the countries of the world began one by one to abolish slavery, but see how much Islam - the perfect religion - is great! It is Islam first, since the 7th century in Arabia, with the advent of the greatest prophet that the world has ever known and shall never witness again in the future (that is, such a prophet of his calibre), that the divine commandments came down to teach humanity how to abolish slavery little by little. This step towards the abolition of slavery was so enormous because at that time the slaves were treated like animals and with the arrival of the noble

prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), the slaves, who were considered as less than nothing found their rights, their human rights, and therefore Allah through the Quranic teaching and also through the example of His prophet (pbuh) opened the door to the emancipation of slaves where they had the opportunity to regain their dignity as human beings and their freedom. *Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah.* We must thank Allah that He has brought us into being as Muslims and with all our human rights. In truth, we are very lucky when we think about the people of the past, and the utter destitution they suffered when they were abducted and sold and forced to become slaves, and where they were uprooted from their homelands and shipped to other countries to work like animals in these countries. May Allah have mercy on all those who have lived in these atrocious conditions, and may Allah reward them for all the sacrifices and patience they have taken in such difficult situations. *Ameen.*

THE HUMAN CONDITION & REMEDIES

The world is developing at breakneck speed. It is constantly modernizing, becoming smaller and less life-size, becoming closer to people like a round table where the whole world can reunite and communicate and share their ideas and lives. But with the race for power and wealth, the rich are getting richer. The poor are getting poorer. And the world continues to exist until the One Creator decides otherwise.

Rich or poor, everyone tries to live in their own way. But how many of us ponder over what health, recreation, food, and tranquillity cost to the inhabitants of a country? But above all, how much of their precious time do they devote in remembrance of the Creator through prayer. The rich have almost no problem in living their lives quietly. The poor, on the other hand, have to work harder to try to make ends meet. This class of population of any country will always remain in poverty with its multiple problems - famine, sickness, housing, unemployment.

However, people, whatever their situation, live. They try to live. Maybe some people want death because they are crushed by poverty and misery. But life or death does not depend on us. It is the exclusive prerogative of Allah Ta'ala.

But then why so much worries, so many misfortunes? ... Does Allah Ta'ala, the Unique Creator, Who knows and controls everything, not love us? Does He not appreciate our way of life, our way of doing things? Not really, according to a

Hadith of our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). It is rather that we humans, especially those of the *Ummah* forget too quickly our obligations to the Creator. So everything turns upside down. When the situation changes, life becomes destabilized. Stress, anxiety, anger, worry, doubt take place.

So why the vast majority of the world's population lives in poverty and a very small percentage, being extremely rich controls everything in this temporal world? Some who feel that they are so powerful because of their fortune, think they are half-gods. But let it be clear. Rich or poor we always live in the same fear, the same anguish, the same anxiety.

We live today in the 21st century, a time of confusion where materialism (i.e. people with materialistic minds) prevails everywhere, including within the *Ummah*. Material comfort is only useful to us here on earth. What have we prepared for the afterlife? Are we preparing enough for it? Here on earth, it is total confusion leading to wounded hearts, broken with the weakened soul.

We only have to follow the medical news - to get information about the world of medicines (pharmaceutical drugs). Scientists only produce drugs of all kinds to combat stress - the disease of the modern world, to combat anxiety, anger, nervousness, etc. The medications prescribed which are used in high doses sometimes have side effects. The situation gets complicated. Whether he is rich or poor, whether he gets treatment at the private clinic or the public hospital, the patient does not find the desired happiness or if he gets it, it is very precarious. He then turn to diabolical, satanic treatments that only worsen the situation, while there is only an effective remedy, very effective indeed, freely offered but neglected, forgotten, cast aside: a **CALL TO ALLAH TA'ALA**.

Yes, turn to HIM, The Saviour, The Healer, The Protector, The Merciful. He offers all the remedies. Without fees. Without an appointment. He only asks us one thing: to think of HIM at all times. He is here to listen to us. All we sick people have to do is to have unreserved faith and piety. Believe in Him, in His remedies, in His miracles. Are we ready for this?

We will have to be ready. We must trust our Creator. Without the slightest doubt. Without reservation. We must realize that we humans are the most fortunate of all creatures. For Allah Ta'ala gave us everything, free of charge. It's up to us to

use it carefully, with moderation, with modesty. The best goods, the best jobs, the highest security are for the human being. He must not complain about anything because everything is offered to him. Accessibility is limitless.

Despite all this, the soul of the human being is never at peace. This soul is always anxious, frightened, without tranquillity. This soul suffers, the body has no rest, comfort, sleep, tranquillity. The body is deprived of joy, happiness, gaiety. Everything looks perfectly black in his everyday life. No peace. It is a rudderless boat/ ship at the mercy of huge waves where anything can happen. Sometimes for the worse. We feel abandoned. And yet ... All material resources have been used (by him) without a positive result. Man throws in the towel. He is helpless, discouraged ... but in the face of such situations, any Muslim has the true remedies: **ALLAH ... ALLAH ... ALLAH ... ONLY ALLAH!**

Each one of us from the *Ummah*, who has reached the edge of the precipice, must never give way to discouragement. Each one (of us) of the *Ummah* must regain strength and turn to his Creator ... his Unique Creator. He is the Saviour, the Protector, the Benefactor, the Unique Supporter. He is the Only One to understand man from head to toe. It's normal, after all. For is He not the builder/ creator of this human being? It is He who modelled him, breathed in him His spirit, gave him the strength, the courage, the mind to make the difference between good and evil. He knows perfectly the human psyche being Himself the Sole Creator. He knows the pain, the despair, the sorrow, the joy of every human being around the world. He has a register for all of us here on earth. So, what is the point of turning to scammers (who try to fool us to extract money from us) when the cure for each problem is in the path of Allah Ta'ala?

In this path (i.e. the path of Allah), there is no despair, no danger, no unnecessary expense. Yes expense there is. The expense comprises of spending all your energy to obtain the grace of Allah Ta'ala. And then that's the reality of life. **“Is it not in the remembrance of Allah that hearts find tranquillity?”** (Ar-Raad 13:29).

Islam is the most perfect religion, the most beloved one of the Creator. Islam does not embody idolatry or hypercritical rules or insignificant rituals. We are Muslims. Our sacred duty is to believe in one God, to turn to Him at all times, to worship Him unreservedly. No more no less. And Allah Ta'ala, filled with kindness, mercy, infinite wisdom, never gives up His subjects. Especially those of the *Ummah*. Even

if, by negligence, laziness, carelessness, we forget Him, we abandon Him! Because of the love that Allah Ta'ala has for us, He has armed us with various very effective means, very powerful indeed. Among those means, there is the Holy Qur'an and the *Sunnah* of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). These are favours by Allah bestowed on the *Ummah*. Are we - people of the *Ummah* - aware of it? Do we know how to use them effectively and wisely for the tranquillity of our faith, of our piety, of our soul, of our very body?

The Holy Qur'an is a guide for all of humanity. The *Sunnah* is in a way an explanation and implementation of this guide.

Islam preaches first the establishment of a close, infallible bond between man and his Creator Allah Ta'ala. And this bond need to last forever because that is where there is tranquillity, cure for any mental problem. It is this bond that will protect this element of the *Ummah* against any misfortune that strikes it in this temporal world. That should be well anchored in the mind of everyone of the *Ummah*: it is Allah Ta'ala Who brings the desired stability that each of us needs when we have problems to solve or when we face difficulties ...

If a Muslim dissociates himself from this divine bond and allow himself to believe that he can solve his problem by appealing to other sources, this makes the Muslim lose the essence of his faith (*Iman*). Now, without this faith, what is this Muslim's worth? Only the name (Muslim in name only) is left.

Therefore, we must do everything to bring ourselves closer to Allah, for He alone is the Source of our tranquillity. If we want to live in tranquillity even during trials, it is by placing our trust in Him alone our Creator that we can succeed and open for us the door of inner serenity and draw on us the pleasure of Allah. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*