

<u>PERSECUTION BY AHMADIS IN KERALA: SOME REFLECTIONS</u>

When a Khalifa in the person of Hadhrat Adam (as) was sent by Allah, the angels showed their obedience and only Satan, the accursed "refused and acted with arrogance" (2:31-35). Likewise, whenever a Messenger of Allah appears in the world, only a few lucky souls will display their angelic nature and enlist themselves to follow the new Messenger and help the cause of Allah. On the other hand, inebriated with devilish instincts, most people of the time will usually reject the Message of Allah.

The Holy Qur'an records many such incidents in the ebb and flow of history and from the life of Prophets, including the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). The arrogant lot who contemptuously reject the Message will invariably seek to harm and hurt and persecute the followers of the new Messenger. Inevitably, the disciples of Prophets have to endure great hardships and life-altering trials at the hands of their senseless opponents. Allah's eventual treatment of such arrogance and hubris is also a well known lesson in history: the arrogant shall bite the dust and the Messenger and his disciples shall prevail over the world with help and succor of Allah.

When Hadhrat Ahmad (as) appeared at the turn of the 14th century as the Mujaddid of the Era, he was vehemently opposed by the people. Reflecting on this phenomenon of opposition, he observed: "Whenever a Servant of God appeared at the turn of every century as a Reformer, the ignorant people vehemently opposed him and strongly detested any attempt to correct the errors which had become a part of their habit and custom". (Lecture Sialkot, p.10). People thus become habituated to their old ways and refuse to consider the claims of the new Messenger in the light of spiritual requirements of the age. They accuse the Messenger and his disciples of drifting away, and deviating from, the old path and creating a new faith.

The members of the Jamaat of the Promised Massih (as) witnessed all these kinds of persecutions in their own life when they initially joined the Jamaat. They were accused of not having real faith in the spiritual message of Islam and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) and of creating new divisions within the wider Muslim community and of forming a new religion. In every day life of ordinary believers, the trials took different forms and manifestations. Even Husbands were forcibly separated from their wives and children because they joined the new Jamaat, following the call of their heart and spiritual conscience. Even the judicial institutions of the country witnessed and testified to the struggles mounted by the new disciples in the pursuit of their human dignity and basic rights in the face of such deprivation of conjugal rights by the ignorant masses and their brain-less leaders.

The Ahmadiyya Community in Kerala and elsewhere has come a long way from the days of persecution and struggle of the distant past. As Hadhrat Ahmad (as) noted: "See, a Mujaddid comes at the turn of every century. This is also a form of trial from Allah, the Most High. Now also a trial for Muslims is taking place. Allah, the Most High has sent a divinely raised one." (Malfuzat, vol.10, p.250). Allah has now revealed His time-testified Divine scheme by sending a new Mujaddid of the century in the person of Hadhrat Munir Ahmad Azim Sahib of Mauritius. Like all people who lived in the time of Messengers of Allah in the past, the Ahmadis today

face a great test of faith: the choice is to accept the Messenger of Allah and be blessed or to reject him and go astray from the way of Allah. Which path will they take in this test of faith by Allah?

The Ahmadiyya leadership is trying to put out this light of Allah by all means possible at their disposal because they perceive a grave danger to the prestige of their great idol in the wake of people recognizing the truth in all its varied dimensions. In spite of the official policy of "love for all hatred for none", the leadership has forbidden ordinary Ahmadis from having social relations with the disciples of the new Mujaddid. Worse still, the leadership has prohibited Ahmadis from exchanging greetings or even saying or returning 'Salaam' to the disciples of the new Mujaddid, thus expressly and literally asking them to go against the command of Allah in this regard. Official circulars have been issued or other announcements were made at the local Mosques by the Mullahs concerned prohibiting Ahmadis from reading the literature or even looking at the internet website of the new Messenger of Allah.

Thus, those who have accepted the new Mujaddid are facing social boycott and communal prejudice at the hands of their Ahmadi brothers and friends. Already, in many instances, family relations have come under strain because of the emotional pressure being applied by the leadership on individual Ahmadis. Even believing Ahmadis have been asked to give declarations to the leadership stating their intention to remain 'loyal' because some of their close relatives have accepted the new Mujaddid.

Dr. Thahir Sahib, the General Secretary of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, Kerala, recently mounted, through a series of leaflets and publications, a scathing attack on the intellectual and moral bankruptcy of the current Ahmadiyya leadership and its refusal to engage with the larger questions raised by the Messenger of Allah in our times. Instead of engaging with this spiritual argument with counter points, if there are any, the Ahmadiyya leadership seems to be stooping too low to conquer. Dr. Thahir Sahib is being accused of trying to convert people to a new religion through his publications! Since his daughter Rajeela Sahiba is married to Mr. Nooruddin, son of the local Amir of the Ahmadiyya Association KC Muhammad Sali, the sending of the aforesaid publications to the house of the Amir Sahib was used as a pretext for damaging his daughter's family life, separating her from her minor children. In an outrageous incident, the lady was physically beaten and mentally abused by the son of the Amir Sahib.

In a Friday sermon delivered on January 07, 2011 Hadhrat Khalifathullah pointedly remarked that this year will witness many incidents pointing to the moral decline of Ahmadi youth. Torturing of women by Ahmadi youth only indicate the same. It is a strange irony that the incidents that are occurring now have remarkable similarity to the experiences of the early believers in the claims of Hadhrat Ahmad (as) in Kerala. Many of them were persecuted and deprived of the company of their dear ones because they believed in the claims of the Mujaddid of the Era.

T his article (testimonial) is only a brief about the cunning and abased behavior of the faithless leaders of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, be it in Kerala (India) or elsewhere round the world. The coming of a Messenger of Allah is not tolerated, to such an extent that persecutions of all kinds are leveled on his sincere disciples, but it is a fact, a truth which the opponents of truth cannot deny that Allah and His Messengers are ever victorious, not the enemies of faith; even if the latter say that they are protecting faith and not otherwise!

When the Khalifatullah read the above-mentioned article about the persecutions in Kerala, in the aftermath of his invocations (duahs) to Allah, Almighty Allah gave him the following messages: "Indeed they are foremost in saying that they believe in that which Allah has revealed before; Nay, they are only good for nothing, saying something while doing something completely different. When you tell them not to create disorder on the earth, to do justice and have Taqwa, they instead say: "But we are not creating disorder, we do have faith, do justice and have Taqwa." Let them in their delusion and confusion. Soon they shall encounter such a day when no respite shall be given to them and when their arguments shall hold no value whatsoever. You indeed warn them, but they are adamant to refuse to listen to your message, preferring the powers which this mundane world has given them and worshipping such an idol who cannot profit them in anything. Indeed, they accept that which fools accept but they do not realize.

Fear not, O Khalifatullah, for those who are with you, Allah shall bless them, and shelter them in His Mercy. Allah does what He wills, and Allah is Mighty and Wise. The one to hear the verses of Allah recited to him and then, as though he never heard them, persists in insolence, then give to him the glad tidings of a painful punishment. The wrongdoers are without support; Let them alone to plunge and play, until they encounter that day of theirs which they are promised. Have you seen he who takes his desire for god? With knowledge, Allah has led him astray, setting a seal upon his hearing and heart, and has put a veil over his eye; who then shall guide him after Allah? Will they not then reflect (upon this)?"

Indeed the culprits shall see to an unfortunate end if they do not reform and repent before Allah for their unislamic doings. Now young Ahmadi people have dared to beat their wives because the latter have listened and accepted the message of Allah and His Messenger. Who knows of what they are capable to do worse than that in the near future. Will they resort to killing like their Muslim counterparts? A pity that a son of an Amir (the representative of their leader) has stooped so low and acted worse than an animal! Is this the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saws) or is it the teaching of their actual leadership?

Shame on the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community who following the lead of enemies of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), now they are hell-bent in proving themselves sincere terrorists in the name of Khilafat Ahmadiyya (and that too, a mundane-established one)!