

NTERVIEW WITH THE KHALIFATULLAH Kazrat Munir A. Azim (atba)

The Islamic View on Boycotting Blood Relations

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Fince now twenty-one years, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has applied

rigorous unislamic boycotts against the believers of the Divine Manifestation of this era. Whether at the beginning of the Divine Manifestation since 2001 up till now in the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam, ridiculous boycotts have been applied separating blood relations and causing much hatred and havoc amidst the believers of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as). Why such boycotts? Just because the new believers of the present-day Divine Manifestation have believed in a man who regularly receives divine revelations and who obeyed the divine instructions by sharing his revelations and spiritual experiences.

After so many years of relentless and unislamic forbiddance, to create further confusion and hatred among members of one same family, I have with me the Khalifatullah who has graciously accepted to do an interview on the subject.

Ya Khalifatullah, Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakaatuhu. [Huzur replied: Wa Alaikum Salaam Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu].

First of all, I welcome you and thank you to have accepted to address the issue on boycott. So, Ya Khalifatullah, what is boycott in the context of religion and is it permissible in Islam?

In the context of religion, boycott refers to a ban or separation between individuals on the basis of their respective religious beliefs. Such boycotts affect the basic social relationship between individuals and can even affect their dealings on an everyday basis, which includes trade and other restrictions which affect the physical and moral conditions of the victims.

It is to be borne in mind that Islam allows boycott in certain restricted cases and for a limited time only but never at familial level. Islam condemns the cutting of family ties. The Holy Quran and the Hadiths clearly warn us about cutting the ties of kinship.

Allah says in the Holy Quran: O humanity! Be mindful of your Lord Who created you from a single soul, and from it He created its mate, and through both He spread countless men and women. And be mindful of Allah—in Whose Name you appeal to one another—and [honour] family ties. Surely Allah is ever Watchful over you. [An-Nisa 4: 2]

Moreover our beloved Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said:

"The one who severs his family ties will not enter Paradise." [Muslim]

"The bond of relationship is suspending from the Throne, and says: 'He who keeps good relations with me, Allah will keep connection with him, but whosoever severs relations with me, Allah will sever connection with him." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

"There is no sin more deserving that Allah hastens the punishment in this world, in addition to what is stored up for him in the Hereafter – than injustice and severing the ties of kinship." [Sunan Ibn Majah]

As Muslims, many of us may have heard about the positive attitude which the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) advised both Hazrat Asma (ra), the daughter of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra), and Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) towards their respective mothers. Both were non-believers and held great grudges against Islam and the Prophet of Allah Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) but the latter ordained that those mothers be treated with utmost kindness even if they be disbelievers in his message. And through the good care and positive response of her son, and the *duah* of our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), the mother of Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ra) even accepted and fully integrated Islam. *Alhamdulillah*.

In another Hadith, Hazrat Abu Huraira (ra) reported that a person said to the Messenger of Allah, "I have relatives with whom I try to have close relationship,

but they sever (this relation). I treat them well, but they treat me ill. I am sweet to them but they are harsh towards me." Upon this he [our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh)] said: "If it is so as you say, then you in fact throw hot ashes (upon their faces) and there would always remain with you on behalf of Allah (an Angel to support you) who would keep you dominant over them so long as you adhere to this (path of righteousness)." [Muslim]

So, you see how important it is to maintain good relations with one's parents and blood relatives. The womb, i.e. ties of kinship has got from Allah the right to either pray for or curse the one who maintains it or severs it.

Thank you Ya Khalifatullah for this beautiful explanation on the ties of kinship in *Islam.* But, then why have the Jamaat Ahmadiyya, the so-called defenders of the teachings of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) applied boycott against you and all those who have believed in you, and they have pitched your own family members against you, and the same goes for the family members of your disciples?

Look! Allah has given His every human servant what we call freewill and intellect. Those who follow blindly unislamic ordinances are preparing their abode in hell. Since the beginning of the Divine Manifestation, I have been talking lengthily on the subject in my discourses and sermons and even launched a pamphlet *"Boycott, or No Boycott?"* but they paid no heed. Today, although they have lessened their boycott policies but they still exist when it applies to my disciples, where they bar mothers and siblings who have believed in this humble self to attend the *Nikah* ceremony of their daughter or son, and siblings. There is the boycott protocol in place to invite believing members of the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam [only recently] in family gatherings but not in their mosques or other places where their officials would conduct the *Nikah* ceremony. What is this? Is this what they call Islam, inviting to the true Islam? Is that their representation of the perfect teachings of Islam?

Blood relations are barred from attending Nikah ceremonies but polytheists are invited to the Nikah ceremonies. This shows clearly to what low level they have fallen where they associate themselves fully with polytheists and disregard the ties of kinship and the beautiful teachings of Islam. Ya Khalifatullah, I know that only too well. The boycotts have been so heavy during all these years that now it makes no difference to me whether they invite me or not [on a personal note]. If they do invite, good for them, and even if they do not invite, nothing matters anymore! It is the company of Allah and His Khalifatullah and the family of the believers I seek. What is your feeling on the subject and what advice do you have now O Khalifatullah for those rebellious people as well as your new disciples in the other countries who are undergoing the same kind of boycott that we underwent?

As the Khalifatullah of this era, it is my duty to bring forward their anti-Islamic behaviour to light and warn them of the divine punishment if they do not desist from such abased practices. Their leader, the fifth Khalifatul-Massih [Khamis] on whom they blindly trust and follow, even if it means going against the very tenets of Islam, has indeed led them astray by letting that kind of boycott continue over twenty-years. As a man-elected leader, he would have a severe account before Allah for the way disunity spread in the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah (as) under his Khilafat. After the demise of the fourth Khalifa, he did nothing to bring peace and harmony in the Jamaat. On the contrary his boycott policies only helped the *Ulul-al-Baab* [those truly endowed with intellect] to perceive where the truth is, and to leave falsehood and enter the fold of the Divine Manifestation of this age.

As for this humble self, it does not matter whether they invite me or not. I am not dying to be invited by them, but what causes me grief is that they are going very deep in their waywardness, bewilderment and deviance and unfortunately it is my sincere disciples who have to bear the brunt, and going through this trial for the cause of their faith. As a spiritual father, it grieves me that my spiritual children are suffering, but when the heart of a Messenger of Allah pains, the disbelieving people will surely bear the consequences of their acts.

My call to the rebellious people [i.e. the ones who have rebelled against Allah and His Messenger] is to stop treating your own family members as strangers and people with whom you cannot socialise and invite in your mosques and gatherings. This is indeed grievous in the eyes of Allah. I am not saying all this for my own sake, but for their own sake, for they have cut family ties and pitched family members against one another like the evil Satans of this era. The Holy Prophet [our Beloved Prophet] Muhammad (pbuh) has indeed said: "Iblis places his throne upon water; he then sends detachments (for creating dissension); the nearer to him in rank are those who are most notorious in creating dissension. One of them comes and says: "I did so and so." And he says: "You have done nothing." Then one amongst them comes and says: "I did not spare so and so until I sowed the seed of discord between a husband and a wife." Then Satan goes near him and says: "You have done well." He then embraces him." [Muslim]

Thus, we see that what the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is doing nowadays **has nothing to do with Islam**. They are no more the guardians of the true teachings of Islam. That is why Allah has raised His Khalifatullah in this era to bring back those lost teachings and to guide aright all those who want to be rightly-guided.

It is a pity that the Ahmadi Mullahs and the Ahmadis in general are blindly following unislamic guidance of their elected Khalifa. They say that such orders come from him. If such orders do come from him, then his consequences in this life and the life to come will be very grievous. Allah sends His Warner to warn. If the people do not pay heed, then they will go to their loss and thus, they cannot say that they were not warned beforehand. Allah gives a delay before He strikes and when He strikes, it pains where they least expect it.

Today, with the appearances of all kinds of never-seen-before viruses and illnesses, even the own members of their community are barred from *Nikah* ceremonies and other functions in their own Jamaat due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Long ago, they used to mock the believers of the Divine Manifestation that we have no mosque and have to assemble in houses to pray, and they even closed the mosques of Allah for us. Now, Allah has closed the mosques for them. Only restricted number of people is allowed in mosques. During the critical phase of the Pandemic, at international level, they were even barred from Jummah, but by the grace of Allah, in our little houses and mosques, we did not miss our Jummah, we kept on doing what Allah ordained for us, and we are happy this way.

That is why I advise my sincere disciples: Never lose faith in Allah, in the fate and path He has chosen for you. Keep on striving for His cause. Remember, boycott was applied on our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh) during his first years of prophethood, and the Quraysh even pinned a boycott notice at the door of the

Ka'aba. But what happened afterwards? Allah caused termites to eat that decree and end the boycott.

So, you should not be disheartened and keep on doing your *Deen* works and *Dawa*. Allah will open the hearts of many seekers of truth through you. *Insha-Allah Ta'ala Al-Aziz*. You are the lights He has chosen to illumine other lights who in turn will illumine others until the victory promised by Allah will occur. So, rejoice in your transaction with Allah, when you sold your souls to Him in return for Paradise. *Insha-Allah*.

Jazak-Allah, Ya Khalifatullah. Now, recently in India, a Mullah whom you invited for Mubahila along with other Mullahs, all of whom did not respond to your challenge of Mubahila, brought a marriage proposal for the daughter of one of your disciples to a recently-converted Ahmadi Muslim. In the process, he is adamant to apply the Ahmadi boycott rules on your disciples, thus cutting a mother, sister and brother-in-law and family from the marriage preparations and Nikah of their daughter, sibling and relative. Moreover, it was shocking also that they stooped so low as not to allow the name of the mother of the bride to even appear on the wedding card invitation, and all the believers were barred from involving themselves in the wedding. What do have to say about this?

First of all, that Mullah along with the other Mullahs and Ahmadis whom I have challenged should have come forward with acceptation of this Mubahila. Months have gone by and they flee the divine battlefield, and one of them chose to come forward with that marriage proposal, and yet imposes his unislamic laws on blood relations, thus accumulating his sins. He bars a mother from attending the wedding of her own daughter. A Mullah is removing a daughter from the paradise at the feet of her mother. Do you know how much sins he is accumulating against himself? This clearly shows how frightened he is to come in the court of Allah for this Mubahila and he is choosing others way to inflict discord within the Divine Manifestation of this age, in India.

So, where has this teaching gone where our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said that the mother hold more importance for a child than any other blood relative?

Hazrat Abu Huraira (ra) reported that a person said: "[Ya Rassullullah (pbuh)] O Messenger of Allah, who amongst the people is most deserving of my good treatment?" He [The Holy Prophet (pbuh)] said: "Your mother, again your mother, again your mother, then your father, then your nearest relatives according to the order (of nearness)." (Muslim)

So, where has the teachings as depicted in this Hadith gone? Has the Khalifatul Massih's word become more important than the sacred words of our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh)? To what level of baseness they have fallen. They seek to command the people with unislamic rulings, and to tear a mother from her daughter, thus making her heart bleed. This blood, I tell you will annihilate the sinners and cause great havoc in their lives.

That is why I seize this opportunity to challenge them again to accept the challenge of *Mubahila* if they feel that they are on the path of truth and great defenders of their Khalifa. The Official *Mubahila* is already available on Youtube.

Like Allah says in the Holy Quran: "Say: 'Wait, I too am waiting with you.""

Thank you Ya Khalifatullah for this befitting reply. Jazak-Allah. These are indeed very encouraging words and I hope and pray that all your sincere disciples listen with care to them and do not lose hope in the ways of Allah, and I pray that our Ahmadi brothers and sisters who are presently separated from us get the right guidance from Allah so that the doors of Allah's grace and mercy be opened for them as well and they are blessed to recognise and believe in your advent just like the Sahaba were blessed when they recognised and accepted the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the Promised Messiah Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) respectively. And, Insha-Allah, I do hope for the sake of truth that those Mullahs who pretend to be on the right path to come forward and accept your challenge of Mubahila. Indeed, Allah is the Best Judge in this Affair.

Jazak-Allah once again.

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu.