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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: *"Islam & Death"*.

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ

Kullu nafsin zaa-iqatul mawt

Every soul shall taste death. (Al-Imran 3 : 186).

Today is a public Holiday as it is All Saints Day; in other words such a day in the life of a Christian where he commemorates the Saints and also the dead in general. And it is not a coincidence that Allah has guided me to deliver this sermon today (a sermon which I prepared beforehand and which applies exactly for today).

The world we live in is only ephemeral. One day or another, death will overtake us. We must then leave behind all our wealth, families, and friends. The only luggage we will bring with us is our actions and the intentions behind these actions.

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said that there are three things that accompany a deceased to his grave: his family, his riches, and his actions. Of these three things, two come back, his family and his wealth. Only his actions accompany him. (Bukhari, Muslim).

On 02 July 2000, I received from Allah this revelation in poetic form (*in French*) on the subject of death: **“Death is your Last Journey/ Travel”**.

*“Death is a journey,
So get ready,
No need for luggage,
Or yes, take with you:
Your pious actions, the love of Allah
Destination: the afterlife
Death is your last journey.”*

In this extract, Allah mainly mentions the spiritual baggage of the believer, where he shall arm himself with his good deeds, his pious actions and his love for Allah. The pious will be very lucky. His obedience to Allah and His Messenger, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), and to the Messenger of His epoch - if his epoch was the time when Allah sent a Messenger and Reformer to revive Islam, like in this present era - will be like a fiery light for him, which shall illuminate his way. His path to the afterlife will be easy compared with the unbeliever or the hypocrite who had during his stay on earth ignored Allah and His commandments.

Allah says in the Holy Qur’an concerning the disbelievers and hypocrites: **“O Prophet, fight against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be harsh with them; And their refuge is Hell, and wretched is the destination!”** (At-Tauba 9: 73).

All the prophets of Allah and their followers and the believers who followed them thereafter have always faced the infidels and the hypocrites. The latter cause so much chaos and create so many obstacles for the prophets and believers, forgetting that they are themselves humans and subject to death and that after death they will have to confront Allah and His wrath. The divine wrath is great for the disbelievers and the hypocrites, those who associate deities/ partners with Him, the One God, and those who go against the true faith to take the wrong path and help the disbelievers to finish Islam and the chosen servants from Allah.

These people forget that they are mortal and will have to face a terrible judgement.

An example of it is the recent death of a doctor belonging to the Jamaat Ahmadiyya of Mauritius. He died on Monday 29 October 2018 and his death left the Jamaat Ahmadiyya in a state of shock. He was the brother-in-law and cousin of the ex-so-called Amir of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Mauritius.

These people made evil plots to expel me from the *Nizam-e-Jamaat* in the year 2000. They held a meeting on 25 December 2000 when I was in Rodrigues. Their evil schemes were indeed before the sight of Allah and that brother-in-law of the ex-so-called Amir (the deceased doctor) spread all kinds of great lies, saying that he prescribed me some powerful anti-depressants and psychotropic medicines, and stated that those who take such medicines are like drugged people subject to hallucinations. He falsely stated that this was my case also. And this so-called doctor even stated that it was because I was taking these medicines that I was taking hallucinations as divine revelations. *God Forbid!*

And he, along with the collaboration of a pharmacist in the Jamaat tried to tarnish my reputation and state of health in the Jamaat by spreading false rumours that I was taking those medicines and that was why (as per their evil schemes) I was saying that I am receiving revelations. But the world had witnessed some time back (in the year 2014) how the pharmacist who humiliated me – by saying that I came to him in his pharmacy presenting to him these doctor's prescriptions (of anti-depressants etc.) to seek those medicines – was in turn humiliated. That pharmacist's license was revoked by the Ministry of Health (since 2012) and both the Pharmacy Board and the ADSU (Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit) conducted inquiries on him and came to inspect his pharmacy. They cancelled his license.

And now, the doctor who pretended to be a great defender of the *Nizam-e-Jamaat*, despite being a doctor, but when his hour came, he could not save himself – suffering a massive pain – and he just died. This death shook the Jamaat Ahmadiyya on Monday 29 October 2018, and the next day at 5.00pm, they did his funeral and burial. Like Allah says in the Quran, the punishment of the criminals, the *Zaalims* (wrongdoers) shall be atrocious, be it on earth and much more so in the hereafter. And verily, the deceased person was a great enemy of the Divine Manifestation of the age.

We all know that nobody can escape death. It has been decreed for all of us, that come what may, death shall overcome us one day. But this does not mean that when mentioning these facts/ anecdotes, we are rejoicing over the death of a person. This is not the case. But sometimes, there are signs of Allah upon such deaths. When Allah seizes the culprits, He seizes them in a forceful/ painful way. That person was a doctor working for the government (public hospital) and on his own (private consultations). His profession was to save lives, but when death overcame him, he could not save himself.

Verily, our life is in the Hands of Allah. Therefore, beware O those who hatch evil plans against Allah and His Khalifatullah, as well as those who spread false statements and mock the signs of Allah. The machinery of Allah is On, and there is no escape from it for these kinds of wrongdoers. This year marks eighteen years since those people first persecuted and mocked us. Therefore, beware!

*“The departure is fixed.
Destination: Eternity
Get ready,
It’s ready to grab you
At all times and in all places.”*

From our birth on earth, what is certain is that a day will surely come, in which there is no doubt where our soul will leave our body, rendering it inert, a corpse and that it will return to its Creator. This final day of departure is therefore an absolute certainty. For Allah has told us that every soul shall taste death. This present world is only temporary and it is the hereafter which is eternal for us. This departure for the afterlife is different for each person. Everyone has his own day of birth. Today, with technological advances, parents can know what day their children will be born, because now births are caused by caesareans, and parents accompanied by doctors can establish a specific day for the birth (and sometimes despite their plan, the divine plan intervenes concerning the birth in question). But we cannot say the same for death. Even someone whom the doctors have condemned him, that he will not live long, even that one does not know the day and the exact time during that day when his death will occur, except of course for a criminal who has been condemned to death (i.e. who has received the capital punishment) by the judge or a dying person whose family with the doctors’ approval, disconnects an artificial machine at the hospital to allow him to die in peace. But besides those exceptions where death comes by the push of people -

or even a suicide that is reprehensible in the eyes of Allah - death is uncertain for the rest of humanity. Allah says:

*“It’s better to prepare yourself,
No need for Visa,
Or yes indeed: **Laa Ilaaha Illallahu
Muhammadur Rassullullah,**
To return to your Allah.
The takeoff will be violent:
Tearing of the soul from the body.
More suffering and agony
To infinity, if you come loaded with your sins,
(But) Bliss,
If on earth, you sowed
Sweetness, Love, Faith and Kindness.
Your place is reserved
Since you were born.
In a plane without a window
Lying on the back,
Head facing the Qibla.
Destination: the afterlife.
Do not forget.
Get ready ;
Because if the term is fixed,
Neither the day nor the hour you can guess.
Live while thinking about this journey
Which can at any age lead us
At the gates of paradise
Or in that cursed place (i.e. Hell).
Prepare to turn the page.
Death is your last journey.”*

Nowadays, man’s trip to another country requires a passport and a Visa. He gets ready for it days before, so that his journey goes well. As for death, the believer, who has the fear of Allah in his heart, must prepare himself physically, mentally and spiritually for this final journey to his Creator. He must prepare for this during his entire life. Old and young, death is guaranteed for everybody at any moment. Death does not have the same expiry date set for everyone. Our salvation to all

lies in our attachment to Allah. The fear of Allah and obedience to His prophets and all His commandments reassure our spiritual survival and we must die with the *Shahada* on our lips. The *Shahada* is like spiritual food that revives the soul of a believer. This pronunciation of the *Shahada* at the moment of his death allows the individual to feel close to Allah and hope in His mercy. It applies to the believer. And not for the unbeliever who has for all his life renounced Allah but who at the time of death accepts the supremacy of Allah. This was the case for the Pharaoh at the time of Hazrat Musa (as). Throughout his life he took himself as a god, and persecuted Musa (as) but when death threatened him at the time of drowning, he finally accepted Allah but it was already too late.

Allah says in the Qur'an: **“And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh and his soldiers pursued them in tyranny and enmity until, when drowning overtook him, he said, ‘I believe that there is no deity except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of the Muslims.’ [Allah says]: Now? Whereas before you had rebelled and were of the corrupters!”** (Yunus 10: 91-92).

The moment when our soul must leave us is very painful. It is around this that all our actions are concentrated; all the ultimate progress of faith is revealed there itself. It is at this very last moment that everyone must preserve his faith for it is at this precise hour/ moment that Satan tries his very best to remove this faith (of ours). Those who succeed are those whom Allah delivers from Satan's tricks and whom Allah (swt) helps to pass away in the state of (true) faith.

According to Mu'adh Ibn Jabal (ra), the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said: *“Anyone who dies, bearing witness with the certainty of his heart that there is none worthy of worship but Allah (Laa ilaaha illallah) and that I am His Messenger (Muhammadur Rasullullah), will be forgiven by Allah.”* (Musnad Ahmad).

Narrated by Zadhan Abi 'Umar: A companion of the Prophet (ra) informed me that he heard the Prophet (pbuh) saying, *“Whoever breathes his last with the words ‘There is no god but Allah’ (Laa ilaaha illallah) enters Paradise.”* (Musnad Ahmad).

We must then be always ready to face this moment and prepare ourselves to live in the other world where life is eternal. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) advised Abdullah, son of Hazrat Umar (ra), to live in this world only as a traveller or

stranger; a traveller who does not care about the different pleasures that may come his way, because this path is very painful, and he may not arrive at his destination (if he lets himself be attracted by those temporal pleasures).

This is why Muslims must beware of being caught in the traps of worldly affairs and must avoid relationships that may prevent them from reaching their real destination. They must often think of death, which will preserve them from the temptations of this world. However, this does not mean that those who, for example suffer, must wish for their death as a means of escape. These people, as well as the rest of us (all mankind, all Muslims), must often recite this prayer: ***“O Allah, grant me life as long as it good for me, and grant me death when it is better for me.”*** Ameen.

This prayer is complete because life and death are in the Hands of Allah and it is Allah Who will guide us to the best life and the best death. We just need to ask Him to be guided and to live in the right path until our last breath of our life, and we must also make the necessary efforts in that direction. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*