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A member says:

Our Ulama hold the same rank as the prophets of the Bani Isra'il

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At the proceedings of the Pakistan National Assembly on 5th September 1974, **Malik Muhammad Jaafar** said at the end of his lengthy statement:

میری آخری تجویز تبلیغ کے متعلق ہے۔ میں سمجھتا ہوں جناب! کہ یہ بہت بڑی کوتاہی ہے ہمارے علماء کی۔ ان کو اپنی ذمہ داری کا احساس کرنا چاہیے اور اس کمزوری کو ماننا چاہیے۔ یعنی جس کو ہم کہتے ہیں ختم نبوت، یہ ایک بنیادی حیثیت رکھتی ہے عقیدہ اسلام میں۔ تو یہ کیونکر ہوا۔ ایک اسلامی معاشرہ میں ایک شخص نے نبوت کا دعویٰ کیا، اور دعوے میں اتنا تضاد، اور اپنے باقی کاروبار بھی، عورتوں کے متعلق بھی، سب چیزوں میں اتنی خرابیاں۔ اور الہام جو ہیں بالکل بے معنی اور بے ربط ہیں۔ ان ساری چیزوں کے باوجود اسلامی معاشرے میں پڑھے لکھے لوگ، عالم، سیدوں کے خاندان کے، مولوی نورالدین جیسے لوگ، اور مولوی محمد علی، یہ لوگ کیوں اس جماعت میں شامل ہو گئے۔ اگر ہمارے علماء جن کے متعلق قرآن کریم میں یہ حکم ہے مسلمانوں کو کہ تم میں سے ایک گروہ ایسا ہونا چاہیے۔ یہ علماء کے متعلق ہے۔ جو لوگوں کو ہدایت کی راہ دکھائے پھر علماء کے متعلق حدیث یہاں بیان ہوئی ہے۔

(عربی)

میری امت کے علماء جو ہیں بنی اسرائیل کے انبیاء کے برابر ان کا مقام ہے۔ اتنا بڑا مقام۔ ایک غلط مدعی نبوت اسلامی معاشرہ میں پیدا ہوا اور اس کی جماعت ترقی کرتی جائے اور اس حد تک ترقی کر جائے۔ یہ تبلیغ کا فریضہ ہمارے علماء اور باقی لوگوں کو بھی ادا کرنا چاہیے۔ لیکن ہم نے ادا نہیں کیا۔

(Note: Given above is the image of the text of his statement from the National Assembly Proceedings Official Record, pages 2666-2667.)

Translation

“My last proposal relates to preaching. I believe, sir, that it is a great neglect by our Ulama. They should realise their responsibility and admit their weakness. What we call finality of prophethood has a fundamental place in the doctrines of Islam. Then how did it happen that in an Islamic society a man claim prophethood, whose claim contained so many contradictions ... full of flaws in every way, revelations which are senseless and disjointed, yet despite all this, **educated people in Islamic society, learned people, descendants of the Holy Prophet, men like Maulvi Nur-ud-Din and Maulvi Muhammad Ali, such people joined this Jamaat?**

Regarding our Ulama, about whom there is an order in the Holy Quran for Muslims that they must have such a group among them — this is about the Ulama — who show people the right path. Then there is a hadith about the Ulama: **The Ulama of my Ummah have the same rank as the prophets of the Bani Isra’il, which is such a high rank.** Yet a false claimant to prophethood arose in Islamic society and his Jamaat made progress, great progress. This duty of preaching should be carried out by our Ulama and the rest of the people, but we have not done it.”

Malik Jaafar then presented the following proposal in English:

“Tabligh: Government should set up an organization whose duty it should be to propagate the basic articles of faith of Islam, particularly the concept of Finality of Prophethood.”

The hadith he has cited actually says: “The Ulama of my Ummah *are like* the prophets of the Bani Isra’il” (علماء امتی کانبیاء بنی اسرائیل). Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad used this hadith in support of his claim to have come in likeness of the prophet Jesus. He has mentioned this hadith in connection with his claim even in his last books.¹ His opponent Ulama, particularly in recent years, have responded that this hadith is not authentic because it is not found in any collection of Hadith. **But Malik Jaafar not only quoted it in the Pakistan National Assembly but applied it to the Ulama who oppose Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad!**

Moreover, he proposes that a body of such Ulama, **who hold the same rank as the prophets of the Israelites (*Bani Isra’il*)**, should be set up to preach to the public of Pakistan that **no prophet can come after the Holy Prophet Muhammad**. It would be the height of absurdity, and a comical sight, that Ulama claiming to hold the rank of prophets would themselves be proclaiming that prophethood ended with the Holy Prophet Muhammad!

We may also note that Malik Jaafar admits that eminent Muslims “**like Maulvi Nur-ud-Din and Maulvi Muhammad Ali**” joined the Ahmadiyya Movement. In his view this was because of the neglect and the weakness of the Ulama of the time who failed to do their duty of combating the teachings of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement. This is a clear admission that the Ulama were, in fact, defeated by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

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¹ See *Barahin Ahmadiyya Part 5* and *Haqiqat-ul-Wahy* in *Ruhani Khaza’in*, vol. 21, p. 354 and vol. 22, p. 100, footnote, respectively.