**Tehreekey Islami ka Ibtedahi Daur**

Respected Companions,

I would like to relate before you, our early phase (in Jamaat) when we joined Jamaat on the call of Maulana[R.H.] and what we gained from it and the type of *karkun* that Maulana desired to develop for the movement. All those enrolled in the first rank in the movement are no more, now it is the time of new generation. It is necessary to have a strong bond without any void between them. As the building rises, the brick laid on top should be in accord to the bricks laid earlier.

I would like to tell you one more thing. If the mason has laid the first level of bricks correctly and the second layers of bricks are not proper, the wall is bound to go crooked. The wall will align straight only when the second level is in harmony with the first rank otherwise the complete building will be defective. I wish to tell you the story of the first brick and its rank. I would like to tell you how our initial period was.

Membership is the first step of any individual joining the Jamaat. In those time whosoever approach the Jamaat, first understood the message (*Dawat)* of Jamaat and then there faith *(Imaan)* incite them to join Jamaat and they would apply for the membership. The system in the Jamaat was such that applicant members were made to wait for some time. This period of waiting was not for retreat but to review whether the application for membership was the result of extreme emotions or the applicant has understood the prerequisite conditions of Jamaat with full conscious and understanding. There character was observed, temperamental examined and such assessment would go on for months.

Some prominent personalities misunderstood our process of membership, and some extreme critics have purposely tried by adopting false logics to criticized and propagandize Jamaat as conspiracies gory movement.

Our initial literature has been very explicit that in our society with variety of Muslim persona, just a call full of energetic excitement for an Islamic cause will result in mass enrollment. Soon, such group of contradicting temperament and character will become a hurdle for attaining of the aim and objective hence the founder of the movement and his companions decided instead of passionate fervent to adopt sense and understanding instead of hasten to work with patience. In the meantime they (applicant members) were told to work with Jamaat and it was evaluated how much attachment he/she had with the Jamaat.

Then the time for oath taking arrive, though I am not aware the condition of the state of mind of the present era, in our period the time of oath taking for an applicant member was like doomsday. He would vow to fulfill the responsibility of *Deen* with full conscious and understanding. One can imagine the person’s state of mind at the time of taking oath who has understood the heaviness and delicacy of the responsibility. The first effect of realizing the responsibility would be to shiver and tremble. At times it has been seen that he found it difficult to speak with voice inaudible, after few words, stream of tears flowing. He would feel as if he is not in the convention of members but standing in the court accounting his deeds. This type of nature remained in the Jamaat for a certain period of time and the first rank of Jammat comprised of such members.

The third phase was of accountability. It was seen whether the person who entered Jamaat was on the standard agreed upon or not. If he was seen falling even slightly below the par, all eyes would immediately be upon him, hands extending to give him support to recover. Everyone would be anxious for his reformation. But in spite of all the support and help if he failed to recover, then it was not cared about the decrease in numbers (of members) but remained focus on the principle. He would be requested to work without being a member.

If the harm persists without any inquiry and questioning, it is malice on the organizational discipline. The organizational discipline is destroyed by such hypocrisy. Therefore in our time whosoever broke the organizational discipline faced accountability. Our main concern would be to save Jamaat.

The forth thing in the foremost rank was, whosoever entered the Jamaat would be, in the beginning, concerned for the knowledge of Islam and state of affair. A passionate concern to acquire true knowledge of *Deen* would arise in him because without true knowledge it is not possible to practice correctly. We would our self read literature with great taste and interest and would incite others also. While sitting in any assembly in a talk, we would long to discuss *Deen* also. We always desired to be in the company of scholars so that *Dawat e Deen* could be rooted in our heart and mind and thereby increased in understanding the demands of *Dawat e Deen* especially through the study of Quran and Haddeth. We would be impatience to know all such matters that made our life Islamic and with what things to abstain from and with what life turns ignorant and additionally to know about organizational issues, international affairs, prominent science, contracting arguments and debate.

I remember in those days we use to study literature immersed with deep love and would make others hear from us hence some part (of literature) remained impressed in our mind. Literature is the soul of our movement. If we lose the clutch of it, we would lose our soul. Then there won’t be any connection between past and present. I still fear today if we are negligent on the study of literature in the light of Quran and Science, time will come when our responsible post are occupied by such people who are ignorant of our *Dawah* & Literature.

Fifth thing I would like to mention is that, in our period, time and again we use to review our life. We would be too anxious to know if something wrong and un-lawful element has not crept into our life. If we came to know about certain wrong element in our life, we would not rest till we removed that element. Mia sb. (Mia Tufail Muhammad) resigned advocacy, Late Chaudhry Ali Ahmad Khan left the service of Police. i.e. all those who attached with the Jamaat or became the member, he would in the beginning review his own life and purify his life from all wrong, un-lawful and all such elements which displeases Allah. I myself reviewed my own life and got rid of all such things that I loved tremendously but are unpleasant in the fold of Deen. We did not search for any room in Jurisprudence for not accepting all that proved through Quran and Sunnah became difficult for us.