In the name of Allah the Gracious, ever merciful

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Respected Sadr Sahib,

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**LETTER OF APOLOGY AND AMENDS**

May I refer to my personal discussion with you on the mis-conduct of my son during his Nikkah ceremony on 22rd August, 2020 and the video clips in circulation thereafter.

Let me start by thanking you so much for the love you have for me and your concern about my spiritual well-being. This issue was engendered by the fact that the bride’s father is a Non-Ahmadi. Before the Nikkah, he was indifferent to whoever his daughter married so long the man is a Muslim. In contrast to that, the bride’s mother who is an active Ahmadi has a strong desire to marry her daughter to a fellow Ahmadi. That was her prayer as she ensures that all her children participate actively in the auxiliary body of the Jama'at to which each of them belongs. Therefore, it was a prayer answered for her when her daughter got married to my son.

During preparation for the Nikkah, there was a dissenting opinion when the bride’s mother sought her husband’s permission to allow the Nikkah to be solemnized by Ahmadiyya. It took the grace of Allah before he acceded to this request. He rather preferred his own Jama'at (orthodox Muslim) to officiate.

The bride’s father conceded to the wishes of his wife on the two points above, but however expressed desire to organize a reception for the children after the mosque activities. All the family members agreed even though his wife was a bit averse to it but she had no choice at this time. Even at that, the mother pleaded for the removal of some un-Islamic practices that were listed on the agenda.

Initially all these sagas were not known to me until at the venue of the reception when I was taken by surprise at the arrangement put in place. This was because what I understood earlier was that we would go to the bride’s residence to do a brief Introduction and greet some elderly ones who could not join the gathering at the mosque because of Covid 19 restrictions. As if I knew there might be a misconduct at the brief introduction, few weeks before the Nikkah, I called Brother S.O. Lawal who is an uncle to the bride’s mother and requested that he talked to the family not to introduce any un-Islamic practice in the brief introduction. On getting to the venue of the Brief Introduction which turned out to be a Wedding Reception and I saw the arrangement in place, I again called Brother S.O. Lawal to seek his assistance on what was about to be an embarrassment but he allayed my fear as usual that everything is under control that he had talked to the family. The programme, however, continued and when my son was called out to the audience, he initially refused to **dance**. That action caused a lot of tension in the crowed and the bride’s father had started feeling furious and irritated. At this point I got annoyed and strained. The atmosphere was very tensed, pressure mounted and there was confusion everywhere. This forced my son to give-in to the pressure. Even though very reluctantly.

A lot of thoughts were running through my mind as I bowed down my head amidst this confused situation. It was then it occurred to me that I was lured to the reception because they knew I would decline the whole arrangement. I thought of disrupting the gathering by putting my feet down but the consequences of the action steered me in the face as follows:

1. Looking at the scene of the programme and the ‘cloudy’ atmosphere, it would not just make any sense at all to wear an insane toga and scatter the programme. The question would be: “Are you not part of the arrangement?” ; ” Are you just knowing this”. An answer in the negative would never make any sense in this situation. This action would amount to hooliganism which Islam Ahmadiyya does not support. The dirty lining of both families (bride and bridegroom) would be exposed as well.
2. What would be the impression of the bride’s father about the Ahmadiyya Jama'at. This is a man who is still being admonished to sign Biat. Will this action not totally kill his interest and thereby make all the efforts of the wife at converting him to be in vain?
3. Would he not see the Jama'at as ingrate and selfish (God forbid) who would not let go one action after two had been conceded to her? (I was only reading his mind-Judging from his level of faith)
4. How would the bride’s mother feel on this occasion after she had passed through thick and thin raising her three children single-handedly in the ‘’True Islam’’ and only to feel disgraced on this occasion.
5. The two remaining bride’s siblings – will the husband ever again give his wife (bride’s mother) the free hand to mentor them the way she did for their sister (Bride) going by this antecedent?
6. Would this action not cause friction in the bride’s family?
7. Would it not rather be better to tread this issue softly so that we can later talk to bride’s father and win his soul and those of the other two children to the ‘’True Islam’’ rather than coerce him by this action?

These were my deep thoughts after which I gave-in to the forces of reasoning.

Respected Sadr Sahib, in actual fact, were it not that the bride’s father is a Non-Ahmadi and for the sincere efforts of the bride’s mother and the resultant effect of the aftermath, the misdemeanour would not have occurred.

Sir, in order to affirm or disprove my assertion, I would be most grateful if you could invite Brother S.O. Lawal to give his witness on this issue.

In conclusion, giving recognition to the oath of Biat and the allegiance to the Institution of Khilafat which I hold dearly to my heart, I hereby register my sincere, unreserved and unalloyed APOLOGY to the Ameer Sahib, the Sadr Sahib and the Ahmadiyya Jama'at in general. And I seek forgiveness from Almighty Allah who is devoid of any blemish to forgive me and others our sins as regards to this matter and beyond.

“AstagfiruLlah, Inna Llah Gafurun Raheem”

Thank you so much sir.

JazakAllahu Khairan

Yours Sincerely,



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