



Sohbats by
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OBEY THE PEOPLE OF AUTHORITY

*Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,
Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Rabeem,
Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Anwalin wal Akhirin,
Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya Sadat As'habi RasuLillah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina,
Dastur Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Faiz Daghestani, Sheikh Nazim al-Haqqani. Madad.
Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

Sayyidina Grandshaykh ‘Abdullah Daghestani used to recite this ‘Ayah in many Sohba. BismiLlahi r-Rahmani r-Rahim. **أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ**, ‘Atiū’ Llahu wa atīū’ r-Rasūla wa Ūli l-‘amri minkum’, ‘Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.’ (Qur’ān 04:59). Obey Allah ﷻ, obey our Holy Prophet ﷺ and obey the people of authority. “Ūli l-‘amr” means government. Obey the government. The work of the government and your work are different. Their knowledge is different and yours is different. Your duty is to earn your living, deal with your work and perform worship. You will have obeyed Allah ﷻ and our Holy Prophet ﷺ then. And you will have obeyed the government as well. But when you go against them and act with the thought that you can do better than them, it will be harmful both to you and to other people. Regardless of the place and time, it is the same for all Muslims. Whether you are in a Muslim country or in a country of Kufr, with an oppressor or a fair man as the leader, your duty is to obey them. No need to put yourself and others in danger.

Allah ‘Azza wa Jalla created everyone for a certain duty. Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **كُلُّ مَيْسَرٍ لِمَا خُلِقَ لَهُ**, “Each person is facilitated for what he has been created.” Not everyone can be a leader or be in the government. If everyone could, there would be what they call democracy now. Democracy means to spread Fitnah everywhere, nothing else. It is to prevent the work and doing good things. If there are 10 million people in a country, they have one person on top of them. If everyone was a leader, there would be 10 million opinions. They would remain where they are. And it wouldn’t get better, only worse.

Allah ‘Azza wa Jalla wants goodness for us. Allah ﷻ doesn’t want badness to people. But people oppress themselves; they cause troubles and problems to themselves. If everyone minds his own work, there will be no harm and they will live on. They say comfort is boring. Shaytan pushes people and they start saying, “This is good, that is good.” And apart from interfering with people in their own country, they start interfering with others as well.



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However it has happened, if they took over the government, you must obey them. It is foolish to go against the government. It is said in Sharī'ah as well; no matter who the leader is, you must obey him. Sharī'ah says so. Going against him is going against the ruling of Allah ﷻ. They will be punished according to Sharī'ah. But there is no Sharī'ah. If people followed Sharī'ah, they think there will be oppression. There is no oppression. Oppression is from the people of Shaytan, not from others. Therefore, all the evil in the world is because of disobedience to the orders of Allah ﷻ. If they obey the orders of Allah ﷻ, they will be in comfort in this world and more importantly in ākhirah. May Allah ﷻ protect us. May Allah 'Azza wa Jalla make it easy for us to obey His orders insha'Allah.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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