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TEKKES AND ZAWIYAS DURING THE OTTOMAN PERIOD

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Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem

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Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.

Tariqa stand with discourse and the congregation. It is almost the same with all tariqas. Discourses are important in our Naqshibandi Tariqa though. Tekkes and zawiyas were removed after the Ottoman period. They realized that these things were around even though the Ottoman state was gone. It is dangerous if these stay. That is why shaytan is cunning, it did not fit him, and he did not want it. He left the people both ignorant and wanted to keep them away from the manners of Islam. That is why he removed these zawiyas and tekkes. However, they were useful for the state, for the Islamic state.

Ever since the Ottoman state disappeared, instead of people becoming better, they are becoming more and more wild. Even if they shut the dargahs in Anatolia, on the other hand thank Allah, the alims (scholars) stayed and the salih (virtuous) stayed. They are people of will. They gave the people enlightenment, they gave guidance, and they gave sohbas where they were located. When pressure is lifted, Mashallah the country is full like before. We see that nothing was shut in other places, but a huge discord appeared there.

However much people have distanced themselves from the Ottomans, that much more they have become brutal. So it was this tariq and this dargah that was teaching them adab (manners). The most important thing is Islam is adab. Allah gave the best adab to our Holy Prophet. There was no yelling and screaming in the time of our Master. There was no such thing as going out in the streets, yelling and screaming. It did not even happen during war time. A sahabi (companion) was acting like a tough guy. Our Holy Prophet said, "Allah does not like these actions, but you can do it against infidels." There is no permission against Muslims, but there is permission against unbelievers.

Why was the Ottoman such a sacred state? Because it was an Islamic state. They were doing everything according to Islam. They were acting according to Islam. There was not even the slightest thing contrary to Islam, opposite to Islam. The Ottoman Empire ruled for almost 700 years. They always spoke ill of the last part of those 700 years, but when the truth is researched it is understood that we cannot reach them for hundreds of years.



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Last night they were showing something interesting so we decided to have a look. It was about slavery in the Ottomans. Allah Allah, what a strange thing is this? I do not know who the man is, he was explaining buying and selling slaves. It has procedures and rules of conduct. He explained how it was done. They would first become prisoners of war, then they would become slaves. You cannot decide to smuggle a person and make him a slave, otherwise he will fight you. He explained that one by one too. He showed it all: how they came, how they went, and how they were bought. It was not like the Europeans, descending on a village, and taking away the poor and impoverished people as a family without a war. They all had records, where they came from and where they went, whether it was according to procedure or not. He explained it to the slightest detail. So it was such, there was no oppression. There was no such thing as injustice. That is why it was such a holy state.

War, during Ottoman times, was waged with the non-Muslims. What are meant by non-Muslims though, are not the non-Muslims within our own country. They enjoyed the same rights, as they also belonged to the Ottomans. There were viziers and there were grand viziers from all of them. As he was explaining, there was a grand vizier slave. He spoke about him. Sultan Suleyman's slave became the Grand Vizier. So it can happen. Look at the justice of the Ottomans. There were rights and laws. It also came with an incentive to free them. If a person held on to a slave for about ten years, they would find it shameful. There was a good habit amongst people thinking the slave stayed for so long, and needs to be set free because it is shameful. This habit would encourage people to set slaves free. And after setting them free, they would help them so they could continue making a living and making ends meet. Sometimes it would happen and the slave dies. They would write, "I freed this slave," on his grave so he would not become a slave on the Day of Judgement. They would laugh much at the one who did it since he freed a dead slave. That is why most people wanted to set free as soon as possible. These things were done because of ayats shown in the Koran as well. Good things were encouraged and done. There, these things were taught in dargahs and learnt from mashayikh (shaykhs). The ikhwan (brothers) and tariqa masters would all get along. Nobody would infringe upon the rights of others.

Thank Allah, with the blessings of the Ottomans, many more services will be done in our country Inshallah. With the appearance of Mahdi Aleyhis Salam, he will take hold of the trusts here Inshallah. The inhabitants here will be his helpers Inshallah. There is no khilafa (caliphate) with these fake people who claim, "I am the Khalifa. I am the Caliph." The caliphate is with the Ottomans now. The Ottomans are the Khalifa. How did the Abbasi Khalifa hand over the khilafa to the Ottoman Sultan Salim with his own will? Nothing was done by force. The end is near, it will come. When Mahdi Aleyhis Salam also



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arrives, the Ottoman Sultan, the person here, whoever is the rightful owner, he will deliver it to Mahdi Aleyihis Salam and will be his helper. We are always and still in the title deed of the Ottomans Inshallah. May Allah not separate us from this way. We are honored by the Ottomans. The Ottomans and the Ottoman Sultans put themselves and their lives on the way of Islam. They waved swords in the service of Islam. They gave everything in the way of Islam. How happy they are, thank Allah. How happy is the one who says, "I am Muslim," thank Allah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq.

Al-Fatiha.

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