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THE VIRTUES OF KHATM KHWAJAGAN

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Tariqatunas sobba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

The manner of our tariqa is to mind our own business: to follow the way according to what we learned from our shaykhs, the way they taught it. The Khatm Khwajagan is in the foundations of our tariqa, meaning it is the pillar. We need to do it once a week. Those who cannot do it every week can then come once every two weeks. Three weeks at most. Shaykh Mawlana (QS) used to say, "If one exceeds three weeks, the person should be ashamed to say, 'I'm in tariqa.'" It is alright to do it by oneself if one cannot come.

The Khatm Khwajagan, as we said, is the pillar of our tariqa. It has its manners and method. There is the major Khatm Khwajagan, the method of the Naqshbandi Way. There are stones, small pebbles, and the major Khatm Khwajagan is done using them. It is done using them, but Shaykh Mawlana (QS) moved to this method of ours when Mashallah the congregation grew. We are doing the minor Khatm Khwajagan and no pebbles are used. The shaykh or the person who is a graduate to lead the Khatm Khwajagan tells everybody what to do:

25 Astaghfirullah, 7 Fatiha, then 10 salawat, 7 Alam Nashrah, 11 Ikhlas, 7 Fatiha, and once another 10 Salawat is finished this Khatm Khwajagan would be finished. This is the method coming from the mashayikh¹ in the Naqshbandi Tariqa, in our way. It was shown like this and we do this.

There is no need to change this. If permission was granted to someone, he graduated, he became a representative somewhere, and he changes it then he would be doing it according to his own head. He needs to continue verbatim. Normally there is silent zikr in the Naqshbandi. What is meant by silent is it is said secretly. But the zikrs we do are in resemblance to the 40 tariqas. It is done as such through the inspiration and order of our Hazrat Shaykh Abdullah Daghestani Effendi so their blessings² are granted to us.

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Regarding making zikr standing, some people say, “There is no such thing in the Naqshbandi Tariqa.” True, it does not exist. We are not saying it exists. It is done both to remember the other tariqas and accept them, and so their baraka is granted to us.

Hazrat Abdulqadir Gaylani, Hazrat Ahmad Rufai, Hazrat Ahmad Badawi, Hazrat Imam Dusuqi, Hazrat Shazili, Hazrat Chishti... The holy ones are plenty. There are pirs of 40 tariqas. Hazrat Shaban-e Wali, Hazrat Haji Bayram-e Wali... There are plenty of holy ones. As we said, they are also friends of Allah, awliya. We are making zikr in that method in the assembly so their himmat would also be present.

The wakil or anyone else, the graduate person, can do as he likes there. He can increase it or decrease it. It is not important, but the really important point is the Khatm Khwajagan cannot be changed. Saying, “Sir this tariqa says this and says that,” is not from manners either. This is the way we know as true and believe in, and the way we saw from the mashayikh. Hearing from other places, never think, “He does such and such. I wonder if we should also do it?” In fact, it is spoken among the ikhwan too sometimes, and that is also outside of manners.

This Khatm Khwajagan that is being done has been established based on the teachings of our Holy Prophet (SAW). Only Allah Azza wa Jalla knows its blessing and virtue. It is such a great blessing. Those who are on this way are so lucky. Because the point here, the point we are missing, is that this is a service done for the sake of Allah. Purely. There is no other intent, there is no other desire, and it is only being done for the sake of Allah. That is why sincerity is the most important thing.

Allah (JJ) tests people. There are different types of tests. “I wonder if I’m doing little? Others are doing more. He makes 100,000 Kalima-e Tawhid (La Ilaha Illallah) and 200,000 Lafza-e Jalal (Allah) a day.” You do what your shaykh says. Keep your sincerity. It is more useful for you. Do not trust in your own ego saying, “I did this much!” What you need to do is follow the shaykh and fulfill his orders.

“I wonder if he did not understand me correctly?” sometimes people think, “I spoke. The shaykh might have been thinking of something else and said alright.” No, even if he was thinking of something else, Allah Azza wa Jalla gives you what you need there. You can get that answer because of your sincerity there.



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We need to endure everything and be thankful for everything for being on this way. Our path is the path of Allah, the path of Truth, and the path of sincerity. The door is open, it is open for everybody. It is the way of Shaykh Mawlana (QS), the way of Hazrat Prophet (SAW), and the way of the companions. We accept anybody who comes. They can come and see. If they like it they like it. If they do not like it, we cannot tie and hold them here. They can stay if they like and leave if they like. Whether other shaykhs accept that one or not, as we said that is none of our business. We are trying to continue exactly what we saw. If someone is to leave, we do not hold that one either.

The way is clear, guidance is from Allah. However, of course we would want to be of service to this way and be of service to the youth of Islam. We have the desire inside to save them from the bad way. Why do we get sad? We get affected very much and get sad when we see Muslim children fall into inappropriate and bad ways. We want Allah to help us, and grant us to attract them with spiritual powers to these ways. We do not want to lose even a single one to Shaitan.

If you talk about Europe, the situation is worse there. It is the same here now. We would say it was only in Europe in the past, but now it is the same here. We are living in very hard times. May Allah keep us safe. May they also be saved with dua and sincerity Inshallah, because Shaitan and his helpers are trying to erase Islam and Muslims from the face of earth ever since the Ottomans. But Allah is not allowing it. Inshallah they will be defeated. May Allah strengthen all of our faith Inshallah. May Allah help us and help Islam.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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