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TARIQA IS ALLAH'S WAY

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Thank Allah we have become members of tariqa Inshallah. We are saying whoever makes the intention for tariqa for the sake of Allah, to get close to Allah, Allah gives the one who enters tariqa according to that person's intentions. People enter tariqa to get close to Allah. Why else would they? Actually, they should not enter for any other reason. However, people sometimes enter with a clean intention, Shaitan fools them, and they do not go on the path they promised.

The way of tariqa is the way of Allah. We would be making intention to do what Allah (JJ) commands and what our Holy Prophet (SAW) did. And this cleans a person from filth. What is filth? It is sins and bad manners. The clean person is the one who does not harm anyone. There is no sinless person but the clean person is the one who tries as much as possible not to commit sin.

Tariqa exists because of this. It exists to clean people and take them out to the presence of our Holy Prophet (SAW) and the presence of Allah Azza wa Jalla. How does this happen? By following the sunna of our Holy Prophet (SAW). What is meant by sunna is doing the things our Holy Prophet (SAW) did, and not doing the things he does not like but doing the things he likes. Our Holy Prophet (SAW) loved every goodness. He did not like lies and he did not like crookedness. "Men ghash-shana falaysa minna." He would say, "The person who cheats us is not from us." Those who do this, those who do bad things, are not considered from tariqa.

Tariqa is to make a man. Therefore, do not think by entering tariqa everything is finished. To think, "The Shaykh would favor us. The Shaykh would endure what we do," is to leave manners. Tariqa is obeying orders. The orders, as we said, are these: doing the orders, farzs, sunnahs, and wajibs of our Holy Prophet (SAW). Those who do not do these have no intention to train themselves then. They would stay in tariqa as observers and not gain merit. Our Holy Prophet (SAW) would not gaze at them, would not look at them.



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Those whom our Holy Prophet (SAW) look at are people who do good things. Doing good things is not hard. He is not telling you to get up and fight a war, to wage war on people! What you are supposed to do is quite easy, but it is hard on the ego. The ego does all worldly things by running after them from morning till night. You tell some people, "Pray two rakats for five minutes," and they say, "I cannot."

This shows how bad the ego is. There, tariqa is to train the ego. You will say, "The command is Allah's command. We need to listen to them." Prayer (namaz) is Allah's command, it is obligatory. Fasting is the same way. It is farz in Ramazan and sunnah during the three months [of Ragab, Shaban, and Ramazan] or other times. Doing it will make us gain a lot of things.

Then there are people who say they are in tariqa but who enter tariqa for worldly benefits. Their situation would be much worse, Allah forbid. Allah knows secrets. Allah is the one who knows everything. Who do you think you are? Nothing can be hid from Allah. Allah knows what is hidden and what is open.

Sometimes people go through strange states. Let them not think we are satisfied with it or we are turning a blind eye to it. They are thinking the shaykh does not see. Of course the shaykh does not see. How can he see you? Allah sees. It is enough when Allah sees anyway. The shaykh's duty is to gather people in gatherings of zikr, to preach sermons, to guide people, and to show them what is right. The shaykh is not going to go after your fraud. He has not been ordered with it either.

وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا

"Wa la tajassasoo." (Sura Hujurat:12) "Do not spy, do not go behind anybody." But even if you do not, Allah again makes that thing reach one's ear and that person gets disgraced. Be careful! The shaykh never asks for money for himself, never asks for a benefit. Whoever says the shaykh ordered it is lying. Those who want can give to the poor and needy. Or they might be planning a dargah or a mosque amongst each other. If they like they can give and if they like they may not give. However, be very careful whether they are saying the truth or not of those who claim, "It is the order of the shaykh. Give it to me so I can take it to him,"



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Why are we telling you to be careful? So they do not commit sin. Because they took three or five pennies, and the one who gave gave for the sake of Allah, but if the one who takes is an imposter then he will commit sin. Be careful so he does not commit sin. Ask and research who they are. When something good is to be done, if you question whether it is right or not, the answer will come out soon anyway. If it is not right we need to tell him, "Brother, what you are doing is not right. Repent and Allah would accept your repentance. This is a warning for you. You would be saved from sin and from being disgraced in the hereafter."

Tariqa, as we said, is the way of training, training the ego. We need to pay attention to this. Those who enter tariqa should not do it for worldly interest but should come for true benefit and to win the hereafter. Because three or five pennies in this world cannot be called a benefit. That is a harm and not a profit. It is not a benefit but a harm. What we need to win is the hereafter. We are entering tariqa for profits of the hereafter and benefits of the hereafter.

Tariqa trains a person's ego slowly, slowly, and gradually like a school. It does not happen immediately. Sometimes dervishes enter tariqa and you see them trying to do in one month what the greatest shaykh cannot do. They enter tariqa like a galloping horse. Worshipping day and night, praying, supplicating, and fasting. My brother, do it slowly. Do not undertake so much. They can only withstand it for a month. Then they either run away or go down to what they can handle.

Tariqa, as we said, is not something that runs for one or two days but lasts for a lifetime. If you give your ego a lesson every day, if you cannot then every week, and if you do things it cannot do, you would come out clean in the end Allah willing. May Allah make us all last on this clean way. May we continue to be cleaned Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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