



Sofbats by
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**THOSE WHO DO NOT ATTEND FOR THREE WEEKS SHOULD NOT
CLAIM TO BE FROM THE TARIQA**

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Our Holy Prophet (SAW) says in his dua: "I seek refuge in Allah from the bad friend." He says, "We also seek refuge in Allah from the bad neighbor, and we seek refuge in Allah from bad places." There are certain places which you must pass by quickly when passing next to them. The bad friend takes a person to danger in the same way.

Son of man is in a world of tests. You see that a man is an orderly person. He is by himself, he performs all timely prayers (namaz), and he is a pious person. Then you see that he suddenly changed. What caused him to change? The friend. He hung around with a bad friend. "We live better," they say. "We are not living an entertaining life. It is not a good life," they think, and they suddenly leave everything and go wrong when they are by themselves. That is why they certainly must be attached somewhere, to a shaykh. They need to be attached to a murshid (guide) so the people around them would also be good, would not take them to bad things, and would not show them bad things.

People's ego leans towards evil. One of the great awliya (saints) said: "What is the most foolish thing in this world? A person's ego." Because it never wants good for itself. It always wants evil and harm. What would you say if you saw a person who wanted to be harmed? You would say, "Crazy, fool." The ego is the same way. There is none more foolish, crazier, and more unreasonable than it. That is why the person who goes after his/her ego is the same way: unreasonable, in loss, and foolish. The ego wants evil for itself too, not always for others. It harms itself first. That is why our Holy Prophet (SAW) has said, "Your greatest enemy is the ego inside you."

Your ego is the greatest enemy. If you leave it be with bad ones like itself, it is happy, it celebrates, and it never shows you the right path. So there are none that went after their ego and were saved. The person who trains his/her ego is saved. The ego should not be left free. It should constantly be kept under control. A person should be attached to a community (jamaat), to zikrs, and to a shaykh. You cannot afford to release its leash. Do not release its leash, otherwise it will take you places you will regret. Allah forbid, final regret would be of no use either. Final regret is in the hereafter.



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Allah forbid, may Allah protect us from being regretful. May Allah not make us amongst those who regret it in the hereafter. Being regretful is of no use there. If you are regretful in this world and repent, Allah would forgive. If you have made true repentance, He also changes your sins to good deeds. This way you come out profiting, and this is not final regret.

Our ancestors have beautiful sayings that people do not know why they say them. That final regret is in the hereafter, so naturally it is not useful at all. We have the chance to repent and be regretful while living in this world. We even have the chance to pay ransom. Therefore, so as not to regret in this world either, we constantly need to be with the community, with the brothers/sisters, and regularly attend the lessons. If you do not attend once a week, then once every two weeks. If you cannot attend once every two weeks, you should not pass three weeks. The mashayikh (shaykhs) used to say: "Those who pass three weeks should be ashamed to say they are from the tariqa."

The efforts of shayks is to work to hold people on the right path. It is not easy to restrain humanity in the midst of so many devils. They certainly ask for madad (help) from the Prophet (SAW). There is need for himmat (spiritual support) from him so they stay on the right path. We need to struggle with the ego till the last breath. You are in danger if you do not do it. It is more difficult when you are by yourself like that. That is why Shaitan's greatest enemy are tariqas and mazhabs (schools of thought within fiqh). They want to catch everybody one by one.

Shaitan and this world (dunya) got together, they saw that people are in a body, in a community, so Shaitan and the world got very upset because they could not do much to them. The world said, "Wait, they will disperse one by one soon. First we give them preoccupations of the world, then you catch them one by one." Do not be solo. Be with the community since strength is with the community. Allah's hand of power is with the jamaat. You would be saved when you are with the community. It says if you are by yourself, Shaitan would grab you, the wolf would grab you. The wolf is Shaitan.

As we said, Shaitan's greatest enemy is our Holy Prophet (SAW) and those who follow him. He picks on and attacks more those who are on his (SAW) right path and those who follow him. There are perverted factions which you see everything of theirs is outwardly beautiful. Why? Because Shaitan is not picking on them. He says, "These ones are my men anyway." They get along with each other and help each other too. However, two people cannot even stand each other on the true path. Always a dispute, and dissension (fitna) and corruption (fesad).



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Therefore, we need to be careful and not be saddened. They say, “How can I be saved from Shaitan or the ego?” They ask, “How will we be saved from these?” You are not saved as long as you are on the true path. You will constantly strive and constantly be careful. These are a test too. Your station rises with tests and you gain rewards. The more you oppose those things, the more your station rises and your rewards increase. So nothing goes to waste in the sight of Allah. When you do good against them, ten rewards, a hundred rewards, and a thousand rewards are written in the sight of Allah.

Some Europeans are advanced in making machines, arranging finances, and material things. Because when they do such things for themselves, they calculate everything materially. They take account of everyone in this democracy and what not dirtiness, and give judgment accordingly. They have this thing called philosophy. They have philosophy as a religion and philosophy as irreligiousness. There is manners (adab) in Islam. They do not even have the “a” of adab. Why are we saying this? They are saying, “Look how much this world and people are being oppressed. There is so much evil. Why did Allah create them?” O impudent, shameless, and immoral! How dare you interfere in Allah’s work?!

Everything has a wisdom [behind it]. Allah (JJ) did not send you and did not create you for you to chit-chat. Allah placed you in this world as a test. Afterwards, your hereafter will be eternal according to your test. You will either go to hell or to heaven. It will be hard for you if you misbehave like that. There is no suffering in paradise - no torment, no disease, no hunger, no thirst, no tyranny, and nothing from evils. If you want this, do it and sit in paradise. This world is not even like the blinking of an eye compared to the hereafter.

Why did we mention this? Just like we said a little ago, they say, “Why did Allah create Shaitan?” Here, it is the wisdom of Allah. He created him to test you. You either go to the depths of hell or you go to heaven. Here, this is his use. Allah does not create anything unnecessary. Everything has a wisdom and a use. It has a benefit and a harm. Muslims see the benefits. Our station rises by opposing him, not doing what he tells us to do, and doing the opposite of what he says. And the others follow him and oppose Allah. They are opposing Allah (JJ) just like Shaitan opposed saying, “Why did You create Adam?”

They are asking, “What is this oppression? Why?” This is not oppression. They are things that will happen. It is a test. Allah has millions of wisdoms and this is one of them. Adab is important. Not only in our country, but we were in Southeast Asia for a month and it is the same everywhere. There is an admiration for Europe. They call it the white man. What white man? They are pitch-dark. Their insides cannot be seen from their tyranny and darkness. What they do appeals to their eye. They try to dress as they dress and dine as they dine. In fact, they even forgot their own language in some countries and are speaking like Europeans.



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May Allah give common sense and intelligence to the Islamic world. They are not appreciating this blessing (nima) of Allah. They are not appreciating the blessing of Islam and the blessing of iman (faith). Because when you are born as Muslim, you are born with Islamic manners (adab). No matter how much you look like them and try to look like them, still that light of faith inside of you gives you some manners. But they have no such thing as manners. They are doing all kinds of improper acts and all kinds of filth, then they make judgments without hesitation. They think they can also make Allah Azza wa Jalla do as they like. Be careful! They have no knowledge in these things. Allah has given them worldly knowledge. They can make cars, weapons, bombs, machines, and tools, but these are not important. What is important is spirituality. It is no use for them once there is no spirituality. It is nothing but harm for them. They think they rule the world, whereas as we said a little ago, they have no minds.

Allah Exalted and Glorious be He is the absolute ruler. They do not recognize Him, and are ignorant because they do not recognize Him. They call it the Period of Ignorance (Jahiliyya). It existed prior to our Holy Prophet (SAW). The second Jahiliyya is now. May Allah protect us. The educated become more ignorant, but people think they know something. Do not be deceived by them. What they know is a little bit of technology that Allah has taught them. Technology has no limit in the sight of Allah. So they are nearly going to declare themselves as god with a little technology. That is how ignorant they are.

May Allah keep us safe from their evils. The faith Allah has given us is the greatest nima. There can be nothing greater. May Allah strengthen our faith and that of all Muslims Inshallah. Because when there is no faith, the person only consists of flesh and is of no use. May Allah bring out Mahdi Alayhis Salam as soon as possible so the truth may be seen Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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