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TECHNOLOGY HAS ENSLAVED PEOPLE

Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh.

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Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jam'iyya.

Shaykh Mawlana sends salams. He said to send salams to everyone asking about him. We came back from there. Thank Allah it was good. Mashallah, people know better than us and follow Shaykh Mawlana every day. The other day, a television channel came there and interviewed him. The man talked quite some time and in the end he spoke about technology. Shaykh Mawlana said, "Technology made our lives miserable."

This fool supposedly knows a lot, and thinking Shaykh Mawlana is very old says, "Technology made our jobs a lot easier. You wake up in the morning and do things. Everything got easier." The person in the highest station is saying something beautiful about the real meaning of life – they call it philosophy of life – and the man across is amongst worldly people, not realizing it at all. He is not aware at all of what technology ruined and how it made a mess of life. He says, "It made a lot of things easier."

Thank Allah we see Shaykh Mawlana and that is another matter, but Shaykh Mawlana says, "Technology ruined people's lives and made it terrible." Truly it is so. Amanna wa saddaqa (we believe and affirm). It is so a hundred percent. People are unaware of it. This supposedly clever man says, "It made our jobs a lot easier." How did it make it easier?

In the past, when there was no technology, it would take the villager two months to sow the ground. He had to till the soil, spread the seeds, and spread the manure. It would take two months. Then comes harvest season. He gets up to cut down the grasses for hay and threshing. This would also require two months. The man would labor with his hands for four months. While laboring he would have no time for TV, for the coffeehouse, nor thinking about anything else. He could only do that, and he would sit in his village and earn his living there with what he did. There would be nothing else left for him to think about.

"There is nobody left in villages," the guys say about Europe. Why? Because a tractor tills a hundred or two hundred acres a day. If a man has a thousand acres of land, it



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would be finished in five days. Let us say he is richer than that. This time he brings two tractors. Again in the same manner, work would be finished in five days or a week at most. They even said, "Let alone driving a tractor anymore, it can be driven remotely." So there is no man. They were showing a machine in America that harvests again. It harvests vegetables. It was probably peas. A machine like a ship – from here to the end of the street. Who is the person driving it? A 90-year-old lady. You would think she was an alien. Such a thing was driving it there. So what will happen then? Alright, it is over. Work is done in one day. "Come on, let's do something else," she says. This time there is no work and they come to the cities.

Jobless people have other pastimes in the city. As we said, there is no end to luxury. The more you give your ego, the ego is never satiable, and the more it wants. There, they come out with a phone. Six months later they increase the numbers a little on the same phone, and everybody runs to get it. So it is like that. These guys know what they are doing. This is what is meant by the trouble that is technology. And Shaykh Mawlana spoke the essence of the matter.

Shaykh Mawlana said, "If they hand us this country we would make it reach safety in forty days." Of course it is so. It would reach safety with Shaykh Mawlana's disposition Allah willing. No doubt at all. Egos are like dragons, like monsters. They will not do such a thing Inshallah, but this world is not heading in the right direction at all. Whether a Muslim or someone else comes to power, again it leads to the same result. It is the same in the end. Again, they are fooled by this luxury, tricks of Shaitan. They conform to their ego somehow.

This can only be fixed when Mahdi Alayhis Salam arrives. Here, people's ego: even though Mahdi Alayhis Salam will come and so many miracles and wonders (karamat) will appear, disbelief (kufr) will increase and people will go astray again in the end period of Isa (Jesus) Alayhis Salam. They will live through this after seeing so many things within forty years. People's ego is very kafir. It forgets in two minutes the karamat seen, whatever it might have seen. People forget goodness and remember wrongdoing. You can do good for forty years and in the end something happens. So even if you did not mean it, people forget the rest and speak of the wrong. This is how the ego is. There, that is why there is ego training in tariqa.

You should say alright without thinking to whatever Shaykh Mawlana shows, whoever he points to. Because Shaykh Mawlana is a murshid (guide), what he knows we do not know. There are lots of tests too. Sometimes you see that he assigns someone, and the person does not turn out as people thought he would. What is the wisdom behind this? The wisdom is it is also a test for that person. If he were to continue with good moral and



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without conforming to his ego, he was going to reach much higher stations. He was also going to be much higher in the eyes of people, and it would have firstly benefited him.

Shaykh Mawlana still give his madad (help) and himmat (spiritual support) to the person when he first assigns him. There, it is a test. Some cannot handle it and think it is from themselves. Whereas there should be no selfness there. Everything happens with the shaykh's himmat and the shayk's madad. The person flunks the test and is left helpless out in the open then. Or he tests the people around whether they will follow or not follow that person.

Shaykh Mawlana assigns somebody, and this is another matter. You cannot interfere in the works of the murshid. However, as we said, it is a test. You cannot play with the awliya (saints). Shaykh Mawlana is very merciful most of the time, but he has under his hand, under his service, Rijal ul-Ghayb (Men of the Unseen), awliya who do not disobey him. If you do as he says, then alright. When it is not done, whether on purpose or with another intent, it will certainly be accounted for. It is also questioned in this world before the hereafter because these things are not a game.

The Hadith Sharif says: "Being a means for the guidance of one person is better than the whole world." Good works are done in secret. Why are they done in secret? So there would be no selfness. It explains in the holy verse: "You can do it openly, but it is better to do it secretly." However, it is better to do it openly in some instances so that it becomes an example to others. In some countries, when it is all Muslim it becomes more of riya (show of hypocrisy). That is why it is better for him to give it secretly or do good works secretly.

Our tariqa firstly teaches adab (good manners). "Absolutely adab, absolutely adab". Humility is very important. It is not pleasant to give something while bragging about it like that. It needs to be done with adab. Manners and generosity are the qualities most beloved to Allah. The greatest example of this is our Shaykh. Nobody has the adab he has. Shaykh Mawlana has all the beautiful qualities, all the qualities that are in Islam and in humanity. And why is that? Because he is the Warith-e Muhammadi (Muhammadan Successor). He is the Warith-e Muhammadi in this century. Just as he is appropriating the reality of our Master (SAW), he is also performing his (SAW) sunna a hundred percent.

It would be evident on our Holy Prophet (SAW) when he was in a gathering and he disliked someone, or he heard a bad word or something he did not like. He would not get up and shout about. There was no such thing as, "What are you saying?!" There was no rude behavior or the like. How would they know? He would turn his head, he would not



We have a lot to learn from Shaykh Mawlana. Technology is truly very bad, but if we leave it all together to them, this time it would be total loss. Now we are able to collect Shaykh Mawlana's sohbas, old and new, whatever there is, and watch it all thank Allah. This is a blessing (nima) as well. From now on we are to manage until Mahdi Alayhis Salam comes out. As Shaykh Mawlana says, people have become prisoners and they cannot do without it either. Everything is dependent on it now.

The guy says, “It made our lives easier.” It did not make it easier but it enslaved you. If this technology did not exist, a family could make a living with one hundred liras a month. Now, a thousand liras are not enough for a family. A thousand liras are not enough as there is technology. If they were without it in their village or town, they could easily make ends meet with a hundred liras, and Allah would send their sustenance. Son of man will certainly work and do things all day long. For what? People are worshipping technology now. They will run after it. As we said, they made son of man an absolute prisoner. So there is no place to run. May Allah bring Mahdi Alayhis Salam as soon as possible. May we go to him and reach him with our Shaykh Inshallah.

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