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IF THE EGO IS MADE THE GUIDE

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May our discourse and association be good Inshallah. It is like advice while making dua. It says, "Allahumaj'alni," meaning may the result of our works be good. There is a hadith sharif that says, "Son of man keeps doing good then before dying he does something, the opposite happens and he is ruined. Sometimes he is on the evil path and he changes in the last moment and reaches felicity, reaches salvation." May Allah always make our works good Inshallah. Son of man is constantly in battle with Shaitan now. He does not leave you whether you are a devout ('abid), an ascetic (zahid), or a scholar ('alim). The more you rise the stronger devils (shaitans) come to you to deviate you off the path.

If it were only with knowledge, the pope knows Muslimism better than us. There are many priests/pastors who are professors of Islam at universities. So the person we call a scholar cannot stand opposing a priest/pastor, a non-Muslim. There are branches of science on Islam at English universities, at the Sorbonne in France, at Oxford, and at Harvard. Leave that aside, even those of us who claim to be scholars sometimes receive their doctorate there.

You received it there but what use is it? It is of no use because it is not finished by becoming a scholar. He certainly has to get attached to a person who has a connection (rabita) with our Holy Prophet (SAW). And they are the people of tariqa. The Naqshbandi Tariqa comes from Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA). The other forty tariqas come from our Master Hazrat Ali (KW). He has to find a true guide (murshid) in one of them. When he is attached Allah willing he is under protection. It is very difficult otherwise. In fact, it is impossible.

Why are we saying it is impossible? Approximately half of Muslims, including us, are on the Hanafi mazhab (school of fiqh). They have said Imam Azam (RA) is the imam of the Hanafi mazhab. He is the greatest imam. May Allah always raise his station, his level. Even he, what did he say? "Were it not for a certain two years, Numan would have perished." Numan is himself. Numan is Abu Hanifa's principal name. What are these two years? He found and was with Hazrat Ja'far as-Sadiq (AS) for two years. Hazrat Imam Jafar-e Sadiq (AS), who is on the golden chain of our tariqa, is a grandchild of our Holy Prophet



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(SAW). Even though he was Imam-e Azam he says, “I was saved after initiation with him, otherwise I could not have been saved with sciences.”

We do not want to speak politics now, but it comes from here and there. People keep asking, “What is this situation?” To make an example, Allah Azza wa Jalla gives an example and says, “Take lesson from everything.” This is the greatest lesson. As we said, about half of Muslims follow Imam Azam. If even he said this, other people need to be very careful.

Scholars have pride and arrogance. It does not work and their ego is not trained when they do not take initiation with a shaykh. When the ego is not trained, no matter how good it looks, everything can go away all of a sudden in the slightest matter and the person gets disgraced. Your greatest enemy is not the man in front of you but the ego inside of you. When you comply with your ego you become disgraced. There is no other possibility. A hundred percent those who comply with their ego become disgraced. Regular people do not care much but it is something else for someone big with a following to be disgraced. However, being disgraced in this world is still nothing compared to being disgraced in the hereafter. It would be much better if a person said, “I did it,” when a person makes a mistake and breaks his ego.

There are some hadiths where our Master (SAW) says, “Humility is a very beautiful thing. It is much more beautiful when it is in a scholar.” Because it does not look good when a scholar is arrogant. Regular people can be humble but it is very hard for a scholar who has become arrogant saying, “I am a scholar!” to go ahead and show humility. That is why our Master (SAW) says so, but they cannot see it. Their ego deceives them. Shaitan deceives them. They do not know that humility is beautiful and they cannot handle it. They say, “This will be abasement for our ego.” Scholarly people who have not received tariqa training think like this.

Also, our Holy Prophet (SAW) says, “Generosity is a beautiful thing. The generous person is most beloved. He is Allah’s beloved servant.” In fact, he says, “Even if the generous person is an open sinner (fasiq), he is better than the stingy scholar. Since Allah loves that person, He will certainly turn him good.” As we are saying, we said it in the beginning of the sohba too, what is important is for our end to be good. Generosity is beautiful on the rich person. What can a poor person do even if he is generous? However, a person who is rich and not generous is totally useless. He does not even benefit himself. While everyone loves the generous rich one. Because Allah (JJ) makes other people love the generous person He loves. When a person wears clothes they say, “It fits him well,” or, “It does not fit him well,” but generosity fits the rich well and humility fits the scholar well.



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People see scholars as leaders. Most of our people ask, “I wonder who is right? Who is justified and who is unjustified?” Unjustified ones are people who do not know the manners (adab) of tariqa. Shaykh Mawlana always says, and Grand Shaykh (QS) says it too:

أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

“Ati’ullaha wa ati’ur rasula wa ulil amri minkum.” (Sura Nisa:59) Meaning, “Obey Allah, the Prophet, and the Ulul Amr.” Ulul Amr: you are burdened with sin if you are rebellious to him even though he prays and supplicates. If not, if there is an Ulul Amr who is rebellious to Allah, you change him if you are able to do so. If not, if you are unable and there is nothing you can do, you can reject him with your heart. Another advice of Shaykh Mawlana:

وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا

“Wa laa tajassasoo.” (Sura Hujurat:12) Prying meaning - you know - spying or listening to two people’s conversation is forbidden. It is written in the Koran. Do not ever spy. In this case you are disobeying Allah in every sense. Let us say this openly, we do not fear anybody, and we are saying the truth. Shaykh Mawlana says, “Say the truth and do not fear.” Our condition is the same. Our brothers (ikhwan) keep asking. That is why we are saying it. Otherwise, there is a lesson in everything.

May our end be good. How can our end be good? By learning the manners of tariqa. Shaitan grabs the one who does not follow a shaykh. It says in the hadith sharif, “People bound to paradise do all kinds of good and finally their end is not good and they enter hell. Some on the contrary do works of people of hell, Allah wills that they do good and they become people of paradise.” Now, these things that are happening (FETO) truly started very well. Hundreds of thousands of people benefited. They protected the children and all, they did this and that, but Shaitan did not like it. “How should I make them?” he thought. He made them become arrogant and lowered all their works to zero. If a person prepares a fine meal and throws filth over it, who would eat it? Nobody would eat it.

Here, these things we are talking about are a result of not following a shaykh. He only conforms to his own ego. Whatever his ego says is it. He thinks everything is because of himself such that his guide (murshid) is himself, his own ego. This is all you get if you make a murshid of the ego. He caused people harm. He harmed the country a lot. However, Inshallah there is good in everything that happens. Tariqa is important. The thousand-year-old state’s service to Islam was through tariqa. There was no sultan or padishah without tariqa. They were all in tariqa and had a shaykh. There were dervishes, there were tariqas, and they would respect them all. They would respect the Ahl al-Bayt (Family of the Prophet)



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too and would never fail in respect for them. On the contrary, they were granted showing the respect that others did not show.

Would you like it if you were unable to make it up to somebody who has done you good? You would not. If they gave one because of their respect for them, Allah gave them a hundred in return. If He took one life from them, He gave them a hundred blessings (baraka). They also gave their life and blood undauntedly, fearlessly, and lovingly. They gave it for the path of Allah, for the path of the Prophet (SAW), and for the path of the Ahl-e Bayt. They did this so the flag of Islam would keep flying high.

Also, may Allah give peace as soon as possible to their country and save them Inshallah (showing Shaykh Ali of Syria). This is also a great thing to take lesson from. These people were tyrannized for forty years. A tyrant means they deserved it and so Allah gave this tyrant. Now when you say Muslim, our folk also like the Salafis much. It is the same with the Wahhabis. As long as one is Muslim it does not matter what one is. Speaking of the Ikhwan al-Muslimeen, they also like them. These are all enemies of the Ottomans and are old Arab nationalists. They have no such thing as love of the Prophet (SAW). That is why Allah (JJ) made these guys in piecemeal fashion like this.

I was in Germany last year and one of our oddity hodjas mentioned it: Sayyid Qutub's books were banned at the time of his father in Sham (Syria). Subhanallah, I was surprised. It means Allah sent a tyrant and through the hand of a tyrant did a good thing. Allah wrote it. They rose up. If they had stood out for two more months without letting in this filth, nothing would have been left and it would have been over.

These hell-bound Salafis came and the Wahhabis entered. They neither left a grave of a companion (sahabi) nor a grave of a saint (awliya). They took them out, burnt them, and threw them here and there. Then as an example for others, Allah (JJ) suddenly made them zero and did away with them even with all their force. So you cannot battle with Allah. Do not trust yourself. Allah does not help you if you are not on the right path. You were crueler than him that Allah did not help you.

Let us say it again here, those called the Ikhwan al-Muslimin are like the people we are cussing here (FETÖ). He is the same as the man you know. No difference whatever. The same structure in organization. It is the same thing. They are the Jew's number one and the Jew founded it. Speaking of Salafis: again the same. Islam is mercy. Merciless people are all Shaitan's and Jews' men. Jews - not just Jews - but the whole world of disbelief (kufr). "Al-kufri millatun wahida."

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Kufr is one nation. Now there is kufr in the world and against it is the Ahl-e Sunnat wal Jamaat and nothing else. All who harm Muslims are of them and nobody else. They do not want it. Shaykh Mawlana has been saying it continuously for years: "They do not want Turkey, the Ottomans, to rise. They will not be able to take a stand against it if it rises." That is why there is a new problem every day. I have been here for 25 years. It is much more comfortable if you do not watch the news any longer.

When the Arabs do something to each other they fight for a hundred years anyway. Because each of them is thinking differently. They think they are clever: "I know the Koran. I read it. I understood such and you understood such." Whereas they are serving the Jew, they are serving disbelief and nothing else. Therefore, may Allah give sense and intelligence to our Muslims. The one who does not follow a shaykh and a tariqa is unable to learn Islamic manners. As we said, they get arrogant when they are scholars. When they are something else, they are deceived and are gone saying, "Europe," anyway. Supposedly Europe.

Europe has sunk as much as it could anyway. It is not worth five pennies. In the past, Turks of ours would go to Europe because the money was there. Now there is no money left either. It is just drugs, filth, vileness and nothing else. But the poor lonely ones got stuck there and cannot come back. It is not easy coming from there. May Allah make our end good. May Allah give us all sense and intelligence. May He also give our Shaykh a good and long life. When Mahdi Alayhis Salam comes out, he will not leave one of them Allah willing. Let us hold together.

Lillahi Ta'al-al Fatiha.

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