20,000 PEOPE HAVE BECOME MUSLIM IN AFRICA

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Tariqatunas Sohba wal Khayru fil Jamiyya.

Our Tariqa stands with association (sohba), and benefit is with congregation. Thank Allah we are granted to travel everywhere so many times. This is due to Sheykh Efendi's consent with the mission he assigned. It is for the brothers (ikhwan) who cannot come from Africa. We go there so they can see us. We go next to them so they do not say, "We wanted him to come but he did not." So it is becoming possible. Sheykh Efendi Hazretleri travelled non-stop until he was 80 years-old. It was more beautiful when Sheykh Efendi Hazretleri went there. Thank Allah that, with the blessings (baraka) of Sheykh Efendi Hazretleri, because we are going with his permisson, they are all happy [when they see us]. They feel Sheykh Efendi's help (himma) on themselves. Last we went to Africa's southern most region, they call it South Africa. Mahallah the ikhwan there did good works with Sheykh Efendi's instructions.

It was October when we went, exactly 14 years ago. It was night time. Sheykh Efendi Hazretleri went there one time. They call it Capetown. Those places are sacred. There are many saints (awliya) there. Europeans: English and Dutch, sent the saints there to exile. It is the other end of the world. A person is unable to come back from there. We went somewhere. It dated from long ago. They say people came here from Ceylon or Indonesia 300 years ago, or in the 1700s. But it is not entirely clear. They brought these people from there.

They brought Sheikh Yusuf Hazretleri along with 49 of his disciples (mureeds) and placed them there. That holy one built the first mosque. They were so enthusiastic that they struggled in the way of Allah and fought for the sake of Allah in the Islamic world. We only know Muslims where we are. Yet unbelief (kufr) exists in every part of the world. They struggled (made jihad) everywhere always for the sake of Truth (Haq), for the sake of Allah. We went to Tataristan and Bashkurdistan a couple of months ago. In the same way, all the way north, all the way south, all the way east, they struggled against unbelief over there. The English built something like a monument for those sacred ones. When we say monument, they placed an old cannon that projected cannonballs. And under it they wrote this sacred one's name, hero. Hero means brave. He fought against them, and they tricked and captured this sacred one. Along with himself, they captured his mureeds and sent them there.

There is goodnes in everything. This means that it was for the benefit of Islam for that person to go there. It was beneficial for Muslims there as well. He was of a Tariqa. He is from the Khalwati Tariqa. I was also surprised: did the Khalwati Tariqa exist over

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there?! So there was continuous communication with that place during Ottoman times. The Ottomans were reaching everwhere. They were not saying, "Leave them be," but helping them for sure when something happened to them. The Ottomans were both educating the nation in religion and helping much in war aid. These sacred ones went there, and built mosques and tombs (magams). There are more places further down. There are magams everywhere, stating the names of the awliva. You see that they descended upon villages and brought those people as slaves during those times. Those people were brought and sold as workers and slaves. This tyrany injustice lasted for 300 years. Regardless, look at the wisdom (hikma) of Allah: none of the people they brought as slaves changed their religion in the face of tyranny, and they all stayed Muslim. There are awliva over there, in these towns. There are guides (murshids), there are madrasas, and there are mashayikh (sheykhs). They do not reject the awliya like now. They do not reject the Prophet. They protected their children's religion with their supplications (duas). Because they were mujahids. They struggled in the way of Allah. Their duas were accepted. They prayed, "We went through much difficulty. Inshallah our lineage will stay Muslim until Judgement Day." And their duas were really accepted.

When Sheykh Efendi Hazretleri was there, he guided them with the power of awliya exactly 14 years ago. He said, "Make these local people, the black people, Muslim. Help them reach guidance." He said these words 14 years ago. They said, "Yes, yes," and the days passed. They remembered these words 3-4 years ago. They decided to follow his order. So they remembered it at that time. They did not do much for 11 years. Yet now, they have started to do things. The blacks live in tinplate homes. Lots of poverty. Dirt, disease and every kind of evil exists there too. Mashallah they started this work for service (khidma). Mashallah.

Almost 20,000 blacks have become Muslim only in this province (there are 5-6 regions) in the past three years. We were afraid to go to these areas in the past. We went there now. Mashallah. They built a mosque and have a black Imam, glowing, he has light in his face. There are students 10-15 years old. We prayed the noon prayer (Dhuhr) together in that area. They recited beautiful qasidas. They showed us a boy, he had just become Muslim and his grandmother had brought him. His grandmother is Christian. She is very happy that her grandchild has become Muslim. There is such beauty in Islam. The others both made men slaves and changed their religion. Their love is empty talk. There is no sign of humanity. The works they do are just baloney. There is no mercy in any religion other than being Muslim. Because all [other] religions have been altered fraudulently. They have distorted them according to their own heads. There is no true religion other than Islam. This is why in the world, there is being Muslim and religions that are against it. There is no third religion. What do they call it? Antagonist to religion. Their religious and non-religious are the same. A Muslim brings cleanliness to where he is, he brings beauty and he brings abundance (baraka). There is no baraka when there is no Muslim and when there is oppression. The place these people inhabit is the richest land in the world. But poverty is widespread and misery is widespread. Men are in poverty in the middle of riches. Why? There is no baraka. They are stealing and taking away. Yet there is no baraka where they are taking it either. No matter how poor a Muslim country might be, there are no people dying of starvation. There were famines in Europe in the

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past. They cannot understand the reason (sirr) behind this. This secret does not exist in any other religion. Baraka is in being Muslim. Ask for baraka.

We went to Duabi on the way back. It is the world's richest country. Over there as well, it is Allah's hikma, Allah is showing us again. Buildings are very tall and you cannot see their end. There was someone who was saying, "I cannot make ends meet. I have to make \$10,000 a month to make ends meet." Then I see people who work there: Indian, Pakistani, and Asian people in construction, working here and there. Their monthly salary is \$300. The man takes care of all his family. There are at least a million foreign workers there. If the daily wage for each is \$10, it makes \$300 a month and he manages to make ends meet with a family. There is baraka in being content too. The men are making \$300, Mashallah everything is in place and they can make ends meet with baraka. This is a matter of being content and a matter of consent. A human's ego (nafs) does not get satisfied. It is enough if you show content. We see a lot that when a rich man is to give something little, his hand shakes. The poor man, the man who has nothing, he gives tenfold that and does not blink an eye. And that is a matter of faith (iman). The man who thinks it will finish when giving cannot give. He cannot give even if the whole world were his.

We had told you the story of the Priest earlier. Let us tell it again. There was a priest at the time of Jesus (Isa) aleyhis selam. Isa (a.s.) sees that this man is living in a cave and asks, "What are you doing?" He answers, "Allah gives me two pomegranates a day so I can manage with them. Isa (a.s.) enters the man's cave and [finds] it is full of pomegranates. Rotting pomegranates. He asks, "What have you done here?" The Priest answers, "I eat one and save the other." When asked, "Well, what do you save it for?" the Priest answered, "What if it does not come the second day." Allah is already giving you two. He provides from nothing. So there is no faith. This is what we mean with the matter of iman. That is why this man is not an accepted one. Allah Azza wa Jalla Hazretleri is showing Isa (a.s.) that this man is of no benefit. It means that he has no iman. Two pomegranates come from nowhere, that man follows his nafs, gets scared, shows stinginess, does not eat and places it there. Nothing would happen even if he shares with someone, but he saves for himself. People think, "Let me gather, let me gather, what if it does not come later." You gathered so much. What you gathered is enough for you even for 500 years. Nothing will happen if you give. May Allah not make us follow our evil nafs.

Sheykh Efendi Hazretleri's advise is: give! He says this money is paper afterall, do not look after it. When he saw paper money, he used to say, "This is rubbish, give, give. When it comes give." This is how trade is. Real trade is the trade of the hereafter (*akhira*). The number of morsels we are to eat in the world is known. One cannot eat the share of ten. Even the most gutsy amongst us can only eat that of three people. Eating is not an expensive thing either. What is expensive is the forbidden (*haram*). There is no harm if the person eats lawful (*halal*) morsels. The halal morsel is very important. Continue to take halal morsels to your family, your children. There is baraka in halal morsels. There is protection on the children. Halal morsels are important for you to protect from all evil. With the permission of Allah, nobody can do anything [harm] after eating halal morsels.

These people have worked here and there under oppression for 300 years. None of the children, Mashallah, have any complaints. They are all observing their prayers (*namaz*) and supplications (*niyaz*). They went to Umra and Hajj. There are many mosques. They are building the mosques in black areas. They have good deeds (*hasanat*). They are a great model, an example, for us.

The halal morsel is a very important subject. May Allah not feed us haram. (Amin) May He keep as away from haram. (Amin) May He correct those who eat haram Inshallah. There is unease everywhere in the world. This is happening because it is the End of Times (*Akhir Zaman*). Doomsday (*Qiyama*) would not occur if it were not so afterall. For Qiyama to occur, Mahdi (a.s.) has to come. Inshallah he will come and remove this disorder. He will fill the surrounding with justice and tranquility Inshallah. May it happen soon Inshallah. May we see the beautiful days of those times all together Inshallah. May Allah protect us all and make us the object of His favors.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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