



**Sohbats by**  
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**OBEY THOSE IN AUTHORITY (ULUL AMR)**

*Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,  
Authu Billahi Minash-shaytanir Rajeem, Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem,  
Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya As'habi Rasulallah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina,  
Shaykh Abdullah Daghestani, Shaykh Nazim al-Haqqani. Dastur,  
Abu Ayyub al-Ansari. Madad,  
Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jam'iyya.*

Hazrat Grandshaykh Abdullah Daghestani was [living] near us, not even a hundred meters away thank Allah. Because Shaykh Nazim Efendi had left the world and went next to his shaykh. They had constructed shanty like houses on Mount Qasyun to be close to him. We would attend his sohbas every day since he lived close by. Of course because we were young we did not comprehend and understand much, but he would repeat some things a lot. He would say, "Pay attention to this," and recite the holy verse:

Authu Billahi Minash-shaitanir Rajim. Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.

أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

"Atiullaha wa atiur rasoola wa ulul amri minkum." "Obey Allah, obey the Prophet and those from amongst you who are ulul amr (of authority)." (Sura Nisa:59) Our Grandshaykh would repeat this continuously. He would recommend to people, to those there saying, "Pay attention to this. Do not digress from this." What does it mean? It says: "Obey Allah," then, "also obey our Holy Prophet (SAW)." Everyone who is Muslim needs to accept this and most do.

Some who came out later say according to their own minds: "No, I accept this. I do not accept that," but most people say, "We obey the commands of Allah and Hazrat Prophet (SAW) as much as possible." Some obey very little and some obey more. There is an important point here: it is Allah's command, so even if you cannot do it, do not object to it. You need to say, "It is Allah's command. Thy will be done," and not dogmatise, make judgment. There is no democracy, it is in the sight of Allah, and Allah is one. Someone else might be involved when objecting to worldly matters, but Allah is one. Allah can change you. You cannot change it.



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Therefore, He says to obey our Holy Prophet (SAW) as well. Do not object to these. Say, "We cannot do it. May Allah forgive us." Allah is forgiving, merciful. Be soft headed and while complying with the commands of Allah and the Prophet (SAW) say, "This is Allah's command but we are weak servants. We could not do it somehow. May Allah forgive us." Never say, "It is possible, it is not possible!"

Deviant people are plenty these days. The deviant are plenty, they refuse everything, and tell the people, "You need to object. You need to rebel." They are turning it into a habit. If you rebel, that rebellion would be crushed in the sight of Allah, and nobody would be able to save you. This is Allah Azza wa Jalla [we are speaking about]. Nobody can oppose Him.

Of course all of our ikhwan (brothers) are accepting, but our advice to our nation, to Muslims, and to people is not to rebel against Allah! Not the whole world but the whole universe cannot revolt against Allah Azza wa Jalla. It is the same with our Holy Prophet (SAW). He is delivering Allah's commands. However, as we said, as long as you do not infringe on the rights of others, there are plenty of doors in the sight of Allah. The doors to repentance are open. When you repent, Allah Azza wa Jalla would forgive the sins you committed.

The third is "Wa ulul amri minkum". He says, "Obey those ruling over you." Do not revolt against them. If you revolt, you as well as they would get punished. The times during which we lived in Sham Sharif were pretty hard. Of course it is not easy, but even for the state there our Grandshaykh Efendi said, "Do not revolt against them." There is wisdom in this. It is good to sit in peace.

People would muddle along, manage in that condition in peace. Our Shaykh Mawlana (QS) would also say, "If something happens, do not go and harm anybody, do not torment anybody, and do not revolt against the government. Because Allah Azza wa Jalla appointed these people over you in response to the things you did. If you sit still, you will get along with ease, and nobody would bother you. Allah would help you because you obeyed His orders, and He would keep you in safety and security. If not, if you do not listen, revolt, and attack here and there, then Allah Azza wa Jalla would leave you to yourselves. You would regret it later."



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That is how it is, even in those tough countries the shaykhs are saying, “Obey the ulul amr.” Those in authority need to be obeyed. They are to be obeyed as long as something, an order, against Allah is not ordered. If they go ahead and tell you to do things Allah forbids then do not obey them. There is nobody doing this by force anyway.

When this is the situation, thank Allah our situation here is the opposite. Muslims have suffered and seen oppression for many years. Muslims are the people who are tyrannized most in the world. Just as it is everywhere, especially here. Because this is the head of Islam, it is the capital city of the Ottomans. No matter how much make up they put on and say, “We love you and do such for you,” in the end everything is out in the open and it is clear now. The whole world of unbelief is attacking here to finish Islam.

Therefore, the subject of obeying those in authority is obligatory especially during these times of dissension. “Do it!” says Allah Azza wa Jalla. It is an order. In fact, those who disobey the order could even lose their head. It is as the state decides. That is why it is not an easy matter.

Those who obey Shaitan are many. They say, “We understand the Koran. There is no need for the hadith.” In the past they would say “The Koran and the hadith”, then “The Koran and the sunnah”, and now they came out saying “Only the Koran”. The Koran says it openly for you: “Obey Allah, obey the Prophet, and obey the ulul amr, those ruling over you.” If you ask, is there another explanation for this, the foolish say, “There is.” The state is a great blessing, and the greater blessing is the state of Islam Allah has provided. We need to be thankful.

When we were young in Sham, there would be a military coup every three months in our time. Six months would not pass without a coup. It is the wisdom of Allah the coup would occur amongst those guys. There was one television and radio station and there was the presidency. You would see all hell break lose: cannons, guns, bombs, explosions and what not. And they read out the notice in the morning. Last they did the same here. They said, “We took control with this notice.”

“We have taken control of the state with notice number 1. We are the president now!” they would say. Six months later you see all hell breaking out again. Thank Allah they were doing it amongst themselves. But 3000 to 5000 people would be gone by the time they established control. Six months later you see it happening again. All the way

until the father of this guy came. That man was real crafty and stayed on top of them for 40-45 years.



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I was little and was asking Hajja Anné, “Why is there need for these things? Could it not be without the state and the police? We could get along nicely then. Is it not possible?” Hajja Anne was trying to explain, “My son, such a thing cannot be,” but I was not convinced much. I was saying with the naiveté of a child, “They are engaging each other so much. For what? What use is it? People can get along and neither want a president nor anything else.”

Fundamentally, the state is important. Everything goes bad as long as there is not a steady state governing people. People now say things regarding the subject of state from their point of view. Our son says there is no need for it. What do farmers want? What do workers want? What do the rich want? How will they be exporting? How will they be importing? Would it be too much if we buy here? How much should we increase salaries? Billions of liras are gone even when you say one percent.

So it is not an easy matter. Therefore, their job is already tough, so do not make their job harder. Let them provide services to you. If you did not go about taking on him saying, “Such will happen to us. This traitor is there, that cursed one is there, that bad person is there,” the country would be a bed of roses. Those who do these things are following Shaitan. If they were not following Shaitan, they would be following Allah such that Allah’s command is: “Obey Allah... Obey the ulul amr.” Obey those in authority so that they may provide good services to you and help Islam.

What we have seen in the past 15 years is there is service wherever you go in the world. May Allah be content with them, our state’s services have reached everywhere. It has reached all the way to Africa. We were in Argentina last and they even slaughtered cattle on Eid al-Adha (Festival of the Sacrifice) there. They came to our dargahs and saw them. They have reached everywhere: all the way to what is called Patagonia, all the way to the other end of the world.

They did this to be of service to the servants of Allah. Therefore, those who are enemies now are really enemies. Let them repent and ask forgiveness. They would not be contemptible in this world and Allah would forgive them in the hereafter. Let people not be deceived. Shaitan is easily deceiving people. People do not remember the good. They

only remember the bad. People do not remember anything else and complain. Do not complain. Be thankful.



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Many thanks for our situation because Allah has given us the most beautiful places. Thank Allah, those who look after us are also good people, people who fear Allah, and people who fulfill Allah's commands. This is important. The other way around is hard. If you look at the states around, one person was the head for 40-45 years. On the other side some are for 50 years. They have been tyrannized for 70-80 years. Even they got used to it.

People do not get used to it when you do good and when you say something. They want the better and more. Even more. There is a measure in everything. So this is all that can be done. One needs to be thankful for these and content oneself. We are not staying in this world forever. The end of this world will also come. The times we are living are End Times. We are only able to live like this in End Times. Thousands of thanks are due to Allah.

Of course, this fitna and corruption will occur for Mahdi Alayhis Salam to arrive. These are the signs. Mahdi Alayhis Salam will clean them all with justice without anybody being oppressed Inshallah. May it happen as soon as possible Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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