



Sofbats by
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THOSE WHO CANNOT CONTROL THEIR EGO

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We are saying may Allah not leave us to our ego. People who follow their ego ruin themselves and those around. According to how big the person sees his ego, he roams around arrogantly by himself if nobody is around. As long as others do not follow him he cannot harm anybody but himself. Just like some people say: "The man is not a bad person but he does some things and only harms himself." People of this type say this and suffer the harm themselves. However, if those around think he is somebody and go after him, then his harm spreads around as well.

We need to do the things Allah commands. You benefit if you do it. It would benefit you and those around you. However, it is harmful if you go ahead saying, "I am on the way of Allah on this way of service. This is the way Allah is talking about," and do not show the way of Allah but show the way of your ego and the way of Shaitan as the way of Allah. If there are people who believe him he would also be harming them.

The commands of Allah are clear. The path of Allah (JJ) and path of our Holy Prophet (SAW) is clear. Our Holy Prophet (SAW) says, "Yassiroo wala tu'assiroo wala tunaffiroo." "Show ease." Show ease so people may enter this way and love this way. People go through some circumstances and there are people who have newly entered the way. What people do should not be a burden on them. It is not right to get up and say to this person, "What you are doing is wrong. You need to do all the worships and everything."

There are still people who have no idea of religion. It might be easy for you according to your own thinking, but even praying two rakats is a great hardship and a great pain for a person who has no idea. Why? Because he has no idea of these things. You would be doing him a great favor if you tell him to pray two rakats and he prays them. There are lots of different circumstances. There are lots of people who have not heard of religion, faith, Allah (JJ) and the Prophet (SAW). It is important for them to enter this way. You need to act according to their circumstance: slowly without scaring them.



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Now sofis (hard sufis) of ours are objecting: “Shaykh Mawlana’s murids are doing so and so, and that man is doing so and so to the murids.” Shaykh Mawlana knew the religion, the faith, the sharia (divine law), and the tariqa 1000 times better than you. So he is not talking without knowing, and he is not turning a blind eye to it. It is not turning a blind eye. Shaykh Mawlana knows all of it. This is why he does not say anything while seeing the things that are happening. He does this so people are not frightened and scared. It does not mean Shaykh Mawlana was accepting of that situation.

Shaykh Mawlana does not accept it as He only accepts the commands of Allah. However, he is happy when people take even one step. He is happy that the man took one step, the first step on this way. People get better slowly. There are many examples like this. Ladies who become Muslim later are saying: “Shaykh Mawlana told us to say ‘La Ilaha Illallah’. Our head was bare and our dress was not appropriate. Look what became of us after saying ‘La Ilaha Illallah’.” Their heads are covered and their dress is veiled. So they all went forward with one step.

Why is this so? Because Shaykh Mawlana’s intention is for Allah and it is pure. Shaykh Mawlana is not doing this work for self-benefit, for popularity, or for fame, but he is only doing it for the sake of Allah. Those following him are going on that way after one step, two steps, five steps, 20 steps, 100 steps, and 1000 steps without ever turning back.

Some premature minded Muslims object to Shaykh Mawlana saying: “No, he has such and such kinds of people around him.” They are people who do not know the wisdom behind it. They have a crude thinking. They do not have the beautiful, fine, and gentle thinking of our ancestors and of Islam. They are called “Coarse fanatics”. They start immediately insisting: “You will pray five times a day, you will do this, you will do that, and you will wear the full veil (Chador).” Anyway, when you say this the person turns around and runs away before taking one step.

There is this situation, and the second situation where people are the opposite of Shaykh Mawlana. They approach people in the name of the holy ones saying, “We are on this way, on the way of the awliya, on the way of Mawlana, and on the way of the pirs.” There are those who pull people, deceive them like Shaitan, and then suck advantage out of them.



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People show respect to the dead. No matter how distant people may be from religion, when there is a funeral or the like the ladies cover their heads. There are also ladies who sing songs and ballads. No matter how revealing they may dress, the dear women cover their heads when they attend a funeral.

Here, as we are saying, those fake guys even see that as too much. They are not allowing people who are Muslim whom they are calling on the way of Allah to cover their heads. To speak of namaz (prayer), there are many charlatans who come out saying, "I pray in your stead. I take upon all your sins." Not one, not two, but these types of people are plenty.

Here, we are talking about them, Shaykh Mawlana would never consent to them. In fact, there were no bareheaded women who came next to him in later times. He had admonished them. Shaykh Mawlana had disposition over them. If there were any that came downstairs, the ladies would look for a head cover before entering through the door.

Now the other type of people we are talking about, those who say they are Muslim and do not even wear a headscarf when praying are little dajjals (deceivers). These are little dajjals who will emerge before the Dajjal (Anti-Christ). These ones think, "I have become a celebrity." A mouse fell in a jar of wine, got out thinking it was a lion and yells, "Where is that cat?!" They are the same way. They have three to five people around them and they think they are something. They make judgments without hesitation and think nothing of Allah's commands.

They are dajjals and these are End Times dissensions (fitnas). Those who follow them get no benefit either. Allah forbid, they are harmed. Allah forbid, there is harm in this world and in the hereafter. The one in the hereafter is worse. There they see that the works they did have no use whatsoever. They put so much effort into it and they tried to accomplish things. Thinking they are doing good and then seeing that it is not beneficial for them but harmful in the hereafter, they will be sorry that time.

As we said in the beginning, a person who is about to enter the way is taught a little on the light side and the duties increase as the days pass. They ask for invocations (tasbehat) in tariqa and they are given some. Afterwards they ask, "Can we do more?" It is not alright to continue the same. Our Holy Prophet states, "A Muslim whose two days are the same is in loss."



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These two are not the same and gets worse over time. He was doing alright but is doing bad now and following his ego. He does not know and thinks what he does is beneficial. Not the head. Of course the head sells Allah, the Prophet, and all merely for profit, for worldly gain. Anyway, there are hadiths of our Holy Prophet (SAW). The person who does so is heading to hell in the hereafter.

These types of people, people who follow their ego are plenty in these End Times. Unfortunately, there are plenty who believe them too. Why do they believe? They are not thinking to follow an honest person when he comes out, because nothing is stopping them. Shaitan tries to stop you and your ego tries to stop you if you want to follow a good person. They are not happy with it. They are not happy with doing good deeds but with committing sins. When bad people like that come out, they help them to find followers and forward good people to them. Therefore, the task is easier for them. Even five to ten people are enough for their ego to swell. But they do not know they will be disgraced forever, they will be ashamed on the Day of Judgment, and will be sorry for what they did.

Allah Azza wa Jalla says:

وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ

“Wala taziru waziraton wizra ukhraa.” “No bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another.”(Sura Zumar:7) Nobody can take upon and bear the burden of another. The person saying, “You go ahead do it and I will bear the burden,” will be crushed under that burden in both this world and in the hereafter. So if it opposes what Allah says it will be torment for them and for himself. If not, even if it is not opposing, he would be holding people back from doing good. Instead of the good deeds and rewards of this whole community going to a person, this person goes ahead and obstructs it, and only three to five people get to benefit that person. That is why when all these people are following a person, they need to find out the reality of the person.

May Allah have mercy on him, our Haji Mestan Effendi was with us for 35 years. Because he followed Shaykh Mawlana we saw hundreds of people at his funeral today. And why is this? May Allah have mercy on him, we knew him for 35 years. When he first arrived in Cyprus, he sat there and tried learning the Koran. He was trying to learn the Aleph-Ba. He would read over and over but somehow he could not memorize it.



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So such a person, a person who did not know how to read the Koran, was raised to such high stations by Allah (JJ) for being on the right path and for following a true guide (murshid). He was also a person whose duas were answered. He would do good deeds wherever he went as well. He would meet with people in the highest political stations and was a person who helped the poor and needy.

Moreover, he trained good people and brought hundreds of people under those conditions. That is to say, he was not a scholar. He knew the Turkish but could never read the Arabic. He reached these stations with Shaykh Mawlana's himmat (spiritual support). Otherwise, on the one hand there are people who call themselves scholars, awliya, shaykhs, or murshids and they are taking people to evil, evil ways, and are at a loss. On the other hand, there are people following a true murshid. It shows what high stations they reach both in this world and in the hereafter. May Allah have mercy on him and may his station be paradise Inshallah. When a person dies those on the other side look to see who is coming. We are sending him away here in sorrow and they are expecting him on the other side in joy.

Death is Allah's order and an order of Allah cannot be bad. What is bad is the way of death. Death is good for people who are with Allah because they will meet with their murshid, ikhwan (brothers and sisters), mother, and father across. However, it is bad on the other side for those who are not on this path. It is different coming out with joy, and bad for people coming out with difficulty. This is a good example. May Allah give everybody this thinking so they do not leave the right path, they go on the way of the shaykhs, and in doing so reach happiness.

In other words, it is where everybody is going and there is no other choice. May Allah make their station illuminated Inshallah. It says, "You went before us, you went in a hurry, and we are in the back row coming behind you." May Allah Inshallah grant us not to deviate from the right way. We are also saying: may Allah give common sense and intelligence to those who are following these bad people.

We need to think. Objecting to Allah's commands means opposing Allah. Those who say these things pretend to be very clever people and are overcritical of everybody. They reject Allah's orders and then they regret it. They regret it both here and in the hereafter. May Allah avoid anyone from falling into this situation. May Allah grant common sense and intelligence Inshallah.



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