

SEA OF MERCY

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May Allah make these gatherings continuous Inshallah. Mashallah. These associations are lasting. This is not a kismet for everyone. Allah Azza wa Jalla created people, showed the right way, and showed the good way, but people do not come to these ways much. Their ego does not want it. Shaitan does not want it. A hundred obstacles come up when people attempt a good deed. It is so with every work. It is hard to do. It is hard to do good things. They say "It is hard to build but easy to demolish". This is of that kind.

Shaykh Effendi and the shaikhs take us like a rough rock, and gradually hew and sculpt to bring out a beautiful engraving. They bring out a beautiful gem of ours and teach us. They teach beauty and show people beautiful things. So that people on this way are known as good people, shaykhs want to train their own murids and students with the utmost manners (adab) most of the time. People who are ready to take that training help their shaykh and make their shaykh happy.

Some shaykhs accept everybody, however they may be. Every shaykh's teaching manners and training is different. Some shaykhs do not accept everybody. Some shaykhs like Shaykh Mawlana accept everybody. Coming to this way and in the midst of so much bad manners saying one "Allah", these shaykhs say thanks for this too. However, they have a different love for brothers and sisters (ikhwan) who show good manners and truely defeat their ego.

There were many people saying they entered this path, our shaykh is not saying anything to us, and got by like this. Shaykh Mawlana tolerated all but Shaykh Mawlana is in the hereafter now. Some people are regretful now, and some think they are right and continue the same way. There is nothing to be said to them either.



Those who obey their shaykh in the world, clean their ego, do not go on the bad way; without hypocrisy but with straight and true sincerity; with the love of Allah, with the love of the Prophet, and with the love of Awliya; obey them and do as they say will be closer to them in the hereafter. Everyone's station is according to the services they did and according to the good they did. However much they followed their shaykh and however much they obeyed his orders, that much more they will be closer.

Even if they obey Shaykh Mawlana's one statement from a thousand, they will again see its benefit and move towards their shaykh in the hereafter. But his level would be much further away. Yet, the level of people who are with their shaykh, obey his orders and statements, and do not make their shaykh admonish them will be very different.

Hadrat Rabiatul Adawiyya was a woman, from the awliya women. She would pray a thousand rakats a night. When asked, "Why do you do this?" she answered, "I do not do this for rewards. I do it just so other nations see and say that even a weak woman from the nation of our Holy Prophet prays a thousand rakats a night. I only do it for this." Look at the manners. So much manners. A thousand rakats means that holy one did not sleep at night. And this just to show what a good nation our Prophet's nation is compared to other nations. She says it in a way that she is a weak woman and others can do more than her. There, this shows the power of her faith and her love of our Holy Prophet.

Who knows what people are doing that sometimes our shaykh was admonished and critisized for what they were doing. Because he was tolerant of people for the sake of Allah, whatever words were said against him, that much Allah (JJ) raised his station. However much ill thinking was made of him, that much Allah rasied his station. Becasue our Holy Prophet was also saying, "When a bad word is said, that bad word rises. If the person deserves that word, it goes to him. If not, it goes back to the man who said it." Shaykh Mawlana was the inheritor of the Prophet. None of his actions was, save him (hasha), outside of the way, outside of sharia, or outside of tariqa. That is why the said words went back to the people who said them and his station rose.

Shaykh Mawlana would not say a bad word to anybody. He would not say a word that would hurt anybody. Never did cursing (lanat) come out of his mouth. It was a word



he did not like. Even for Shaitan, he would say, "May he find what he deserves." That word could have been said, but Shaykh Mawlana did not want it to come out of his mouth. Thank Allah, he left good things for us, for the ikhwan, for everybody, for people who knew him or did not know him. Many people, even some people who were thinking ill of him were regretful. Allah forgives as long as they are regretful. Allah is forgiving. Our shaykh likes tolerance too. He would also forgive.

These things we call tasawwuf and we call tariqa are to fulfill Allah's orders and to show mercy to people and be merciful. Not only to people, but we need to be merciful to all creatures. Of course, mercy begins with people because it wants to save people from going to hell. As we said, he tolerates everything to save them. This is the case of a person who is completely cleansed of slefishness. It is a cleansed soul.

There is no selfishness in tariqa. There are many people who say to the opposing man, "Let them die! Let them go to the ends of hell!" There is no such thing with shaykhs (mashayikh). They say, "These are people Allah created, this is a servant created by Allah, and let us save them from hell." He is not going to gain anything materialistic by saving them from hell. They only do it for the sake of Allah and for the blessings of Allah. This is being merciful to people. Even if lots of animals die, they will become dirt and go away, but what is important is the life of humans after this one. That is why the shaykhs try to save them.

As we said, the shaykhs are like this. They are the true shaykhs. The others are also true of course, but they can only deal with those who come around them. It is according to their strength. Some of them accept everybody, and some of them accept a few people and attend to them. Their stations will do, but our shaykhs and the greatest awliya like Hadrat Rumi want to bring everybody to Allah's sea of mercy. The sea of mercy is large, and it is enough for everybody. What does it mean to suffice? If all people enter one point of that sea of mercy, even that is too much for people. Allah's sovereignty and Allah's greatness is too much for all people. Even dust is considered bigger.

May Allah give this faith (iman), this service (hizmat), and this love (ashq) to our hearts as well Inshallah. Because this love and this affection (muhabbat) is important.



These affairs do not work when there is no faith. Inshallah it works. Shaykh Mawlana left you all like a seed. He watched for years to be helpful to people around and to be helpful to people in agony. He went to those close by, to those around, and to everywhere in the world. Because their watch makes the unbeliever (kafir) a saint (wali). Subsequently, so many unbelievers became Muslim and awliya. Shaykh Mawlana went everywhere without stopping as long as his energy kept up with him. He went everywhere he was invited. That is his wisdom. We really see that every murid of his, people where he went, are gathering people. He gave them a secret.

Their watch, when they look, has a power that cannot be seen in machines and instruments. That is also the secret of being a wali and the secret of those who have reached sainthood. He immediately makes the heart work there, and he is the key of the heart. With that key, he slowly opens. Even if he does not do anything, people are attracted to that state of his and he benefits people. May Allah sanctify his secret (Qaddasallahu Sirrah), may his station be high, and may his support (himmat) be available Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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