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HIDDEN CHARITY IS SUPERIOR

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Tariqatunas sobha, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

Allah Azza wa Jalla tells us to do good:

وَأَفْعَلِ الْخَيْرِ

“Waf'alil khayr.” “Do good,” He commands. Goodness benefits its owner first. And giving alms is the top of good. Give sadaqa.

In the past, they would try for the left hand not to find out what the right hand gave. Sadaqa would be given in secret. So it would not be for show, it would be given with sincerity for the sake of Allah. “I give but nobody should know about it.” As long as Allah knows that is real faith. There is no need for anyone else to know as long as Allah knows. There are also people who give to make show to everybody.

Regardless, sadaqa given openly or secretly is acceptable in the sight of Allah. Of course when it is given openly it also has some beneficial sides. You would be teaching sadaqa to others this way. Sadaqa needs to be given. Sometimes it pumps the person's ego. We need to be careful of this too. It is better not to show it too much when giving openly.

However, what is better is giving it secretly. Our ancestors would do this well. Everybody knows: there were sadaqa stones. People would place their charity there, those in need would come and pick it up, and nobody would know about it. There are many needy people, they are in need, but it says in the Koran about this matter:

يَحْسَبُهُمُ الْجَاهِلُ أَغْنِيَاءَ مِنَ التَّعَفُّفِ

“Yahsabuhumul jahilu aghniya'a minat ta'affuf.” (Sura Baqara:273) “The one who does not know would think them rich because of their restraint (because they do not beg).” They do not tell anybody because they are embarrassed.



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There were sadaqa stones at the time of our ancestors for people like these. They would come and place it without anybody seeing at night, and the person in need would come and take it without anybody seeing and meet their needs. Would others, meaning those who did not need it, come and take it? It would not happen. People were more careful in the past. They would fear Allah.

Of course such a person would also come out one in a thousand, but mainly the whole folk would be trained by the shaykhs and hodjas, and obey Allah's commandments in order to protect their faith. In the current situation, people might want to give openly or secretly. There is no obstacle, but we are talking about what is superior.

The sadaqa given in secret, so as not to pump one's ego, is superior for oneself too. May Allah grant us all to learn this Islamic manner. May this beautiful manner be in all of us Inshallah. May Allah be content with all of you.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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