

## THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTACHMENT AND REPENTANCE

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This association, this meeting, and this tariqa are for Allah. These are good gatherings. Allah Exalted and Glorious be He and our Holy Prophet (SAW) tell us to, "Be with good people." Do not let go of rabita. Rabita means a connection. You need to be with good ones since people surely go to someone else when left alone. If you are not on the right path, Shaitan is able to slowly drag you to his path, to the other side. It happens knowingly or unknowingly. People's ego does not like being attached and going on the right way.

People who go to the mosque are again attached, but when people are alone outside, they slowly go to other ways and do not know what is right and what is wrong. They say, "I am doing it all. I know it all. I am comfortable inside." They say, "My heart is clean," but it is not clean at all. People who are not trained – trained by religion and tariqa – think their ego is the biggest guide and harm themselves by themselves.

Because people who follow their ego do bad things in the end and are certainly at loss. People certainly need a murshid (guide) and need to be attached. When attached they think, "I wonder if I am doing right or wrong?" When they are to do something they think, "What would my murshid say? How should I do it?" They are ashamed and this way their end would be good.

If we cannot find the right way in this world, we would regret it in the hereafter. Even if Allah forgives, we would still be sorry. One would be regretful grumbling, "I wish I had found a guide and attached to him as Allah ordered, and lived as Allah wanted." However, the time that has passed does not come back anymore. Allah Azza wa Jalla's favor and mercy are plenty. Even if one attaches later, because of the sins one has committed, He (JJ) changes them into good deeds and rewards. Because the person repented, all one has done turns into good deeds by Allah's mercy.

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"Yubaddal as-sayyi'at hasanat," says our Holy Prophet (SAW). Sins are turned into good deeds and they would be winning that time. Therefore, do not say in this world, "I committed so much sins and did so many things. There is no repentance for me anymore." The door of repentance is open. Allah's kindness is great. He would say, "My servant repented and is sorry for his sins," and turns them into good deeds. That time they would be as if they had done good deeds throughout their life.

May Allah not misguide us, because we see that these days are truly days of dissension (fitna). All of our Holy Prophet's (SAW) words are beautiful, but those who are attached to their religion, who hold their religion, are like holding fire in their palm. It is truly very difficult for people to restrain their ego in these times, in the midst of so much corruption.

Therefore, we are saying: May Allah make us firm-footed and not make us abide by our ego. Let us not give our ego the slightest compromise, since thinking we are doing something small, your foot might just slide Allah forbid, and you would find yourself in hell. May Allah protect us.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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