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THE IMPORTANCE OF FOUNDATIONS/TRUSTS

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Thank Allah we went and came back safe and sound. Egypt is a holy place. The first mosques of Africa were built there. There are thousands of maqams, maqams of sahaba (companions). In addition, there are maqams of the Ahl-e Bayt (Family of the Prophet). The holy head of our master Hussain (RA) is there. His sister, children, cousins, and grandchildren are all there. They are holy places to visit, and of course the people there respect them. For their baraka (blessing), Allah (JJ) gave that big country baraka and a hundred million people live there.

When they respected them and showed due respect, Allah gave blessings and beauty. There was no poverty. Egypt was the world's wealthiest country, but when they threw away a king, they took over the people's money. They tyrannized and did not do good afterwards. More importantly, the waqf (religious foundation), the Department of Awqaf had hundreds of thousands or hundreds of millions of acres of land. They took it all too, they usurped it. When this was the case Allah did not make it turn good. Allah Azza wa Jalla gave everything, but when there was such disrespect...

Mashallah, the locals are pleasant. Their respect is very pleasant. The ones who came later, those who came after the king, in order to collect money took over the possessions of these waqfs and distributed it to the people. When they were distributed to the people, since these foundations have conditions and the owner of the waqf writes that those who do not abide by the conditions are cursed. The owner assigned it as a trust so it would be of use to Muslims until the Day of Judgment. Trusts were established to look after mosques, the tombs there, and so they would be maintained and repaired without being in need of anyone, without being in need of the government. They seized those trusts.

This is the case everywhere, but it was more there so that nothing was left. Tombs and mosques are very neglected. When in fact if they were repaired, lots of people would come and visit them. It will benefit them both materially and spiritually. However, Shaitan is an enemy of the people. He picks on wherever a benefit or reward might come to people, he wants to make away with it, and by removing it he wants curses to rain on people.



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The waqf is important. People need to be careful of the possessions of the waqf. It would make you regret it if you even took a penny. Therefore - we have examples in front of us - we need to be careful of waqfs. They are things people have assigned as a trust until Judgment Day. People in charge need to be more careful since it is their responsibility. Regular people cannot do anything, but people in power, who can make a judgment, who are in the administration are different. Therefore, we need to be careful of it. Certainly, Allah Exalted and Glorious be He gives baraka to those who respect the waqf. He also makes regretful those who think they can hide it, take it and gain something, and spend it and get away with it. May Allah protect us. May Allah not make us take and infringe on anyone's rights Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Fatiha.

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