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ABSOLUTELY MANNERS, ABSOLUTELY MANNERS

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Our Holy Prophet (SAW) states:

أَدَّبَنِي رَبِّي فَأَحْسَنَ تَأْدِيبِي

“Addabani Rabbi fa-ahsana ta’dibi.” This is one of the most beautiful sayings of our Holy Prophet (SAW). Of course, all of our Master’s (SAW) words are beautiful but regarding good manners (adab) he says, “Allah made me mannered. He taught me manners. You can find the best manners in me.”

Manners come before knowledge. People need to learn manners first and then knowledge. They used to call it “discipline and education” (tarbiya-talim). Discipline and manners first, then education, meaning teaching knowledge. They took it away now and did not leave anything called adab. No manners and respect are left, neither amongst each other nor towards educators. This is the case in all schools. However, madrasas need to have adab. There is no use of knowledge out of a person with no manners. Therefore, he needs to learn manners throughout life then he can learn knowledge.

Of course, people who comply by their ego and love their ego think they are above everybody else. They say, “No need to show them respect.” They immediately see themselves as superior and say, “Everybody needs to follow me and learn what I am saying.” No, it is never like that. Our Shaykh Mawlana (QS) was dwelling on adab most during his last days. He would say this so many times: “Knowledge is backmost; absolutely manners, absolutely manners”. Adab is first and foremost. Knowledge would be pleasant once manners are present. Shaitan’s knowledge is more than all of us, he has more knowledge than all people, but once he did not have adab he became a shaitan (devil).

We need to pay attention to this. People of tariqa need to pay more attention to it. “I am superior if I know a couple of words!” No. Mind your manners, be well-behaved, then this knowledge would be beneficial. As we said, even if you know all the knowledge in the world, if you do not have manners you would also come out as a devil and make people worse than Shaitan. Therefore, do not get close to a person without manners. Do not try to learn something from that person.



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You can only learn adab from bad manners because their situation is bad. People like manners because of this. When they see the ill-mannered, they see what a beautiful thing manners are and become mannered. So a person who looks with a learning eye can even take lesson from that. May Allah grant us all to be from His mannered servants Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Fatiha.

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