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FAITH IS DIFFERENT FROM ISLAM

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāhi. A'ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm. Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu 'alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-ākhirīn. Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-

Haqqānī. Madad.

Țarīqatunā ș-șuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

The greatness of our Prophet (SAW) cannot be disputed, but because Satan does not like him, he is trying to make him appear to people as if he is [merely] like one of us. Those so-called scholars are the ones who destroy the [true] idea [about him (SAW)], because they have no connection to him. No connection, and therefore no faith.

They call themselves Muslims—maybe so, but "faith" is one concept, [and] "Islam" is another. Islam is on the tongues—when you utter the word [*i.e.*, the Shahadah], you are a Muslim. It must be acknowledged with the heart; they do not do this; it stays on the tongues. A thousand libraries worth of books has been read, but all this is empty. The most important thing is, as we say, faith being in the heart. Without faith, what is read is a harm to themselves, not a benefit. Satan had all the knowledge—knows it all very well; however, because he had no faith, at the end he became accursed. In the sight of Allah, he was not a good creature, he became the worst of all.

Therefore, as a first step one should follow a guide. He needs to be connected to a guide who is one of those loved by the Prophet (SAW), then he needs to ask for knowledge. Knowledge can be beneficial or not. There might be good guides or bad guides. What we see these days is that, because most of the scholars do not have faith, they ruin themselves for a small amount of money for the sake of this world. May Allah protect us from them! May Allah Almighty give faith in the hearts of people, give goodness, insha'Allah.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fāti**ḥ**ah

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