



**Sofbats by**  
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**THE OUTWARDLY APPARENT**

*As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatu Llāhi.*

*A‘ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm.*

*Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-āakhirīn.*

*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-*

*Ḥaqqānī. Madad.*

*Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam‘iyyah.*

Allah ‘azza wa jalla created mankind noble. Given these attributes, it is necessary to show respect to people so that they might come to the path of Allah. When one comes to the path, [then] becomes possible for him to be perfected. Everyone has a path, a way that he approaches things, a way he speaks. Everyone has his own style, [and] accordingly they can be approached.

After seeing a turban and the jubba, some people, not just not speaking, may even run away from you. Or it might be that there are others who are dressed like themselves, [and] when these people approach them, they begin to speak to them gradually. By understanding through such means, they come to the path, [and] it then becomes beneficial both to themselves and to the one who brought the message. Therefore occasionally when some situations happen, people without knowledge ask, “How does this happen?” They disagree. The purpose in the matter is not what [particular article of clothing] is [put] over us, but that such might be a means to reach everyone. His clothing may not match the sunnah, he might dress ordinarily, but he might be more beneficial than the one who dresses in sunnah clothing, if others run away from him.

We need to approach things with knowledge. One should not judge others by their appearance and say, “This one is useless.” Looking at the appearance only, and being deceived by it, comes from not having knowledge. One must take everyone as better than oneself. You must thank Allah that others are capable of doing what you are not capable of, because envy is not accepted. On the contrary, the more service there is for Allah and the more service for the Prophet (SAW), the better it is for us all. It is necessary to love him, [and then] Allah rewards that person too, [but] if you envy, you become like Shaytan. “I am better than he is.” “I dress better.” “I perform more prayers...”—Allah knows who



performs more or not. Secrets are known by Allah 'azza wa jalla, so consider others as better than yourself.



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One must say, "If Allah had not granted me His help, I would have not dressed as He had wished. This is the favor of Allah, not my will. If it had not been His will, I could not do it on my own." So do not attempt to criticize people. The Prophet (SAW) said, "If you criticize someone and shame him, the same thing happens to you." May Allah protect us! May Allah guide us all. May the people of Muhammad be on the right path! May Allah protect them, insha'Allah.

*Wa min Allāhi t-tanfiq,  
al-Fātiḥah*

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