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TURNING AWAY FROM ERROR

As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāh.

A‘ūdhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-Shayṭāni r-rajīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna 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-

Ḥaqqānī. Madad.

Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam’iyyah.

A man makes mistakes. Allah created people to make mistakes, and to forgive them in return. Allah created people: “If you do not make mistakes, I will create people who will make mistakes, so I can forgive them.” Being forgiven is, therefore, a great blessing (*nī‘mah*). Allah ‘azza wa jalla bestowed this great blessing upon mankind, but people do not know the value of it. When a man regrets his mistake, and turns away from it, his sin is converted to a goodness. Allah forgives you as much as you regret, and all your sins turns into good.

This is from Allah’s mercy (*luṭf*) and generosity, so saying to oneself about past mistakes, “I wish I had not done this,” and asking for forgiveness, is a great action. One also needs to feel regret about things that one could have done but did not.

It is stupidity to say, “We did not sin. We did not tour around or go to this or that place...” Because he did do these acts, he is not a sinner, but then he uselessly saddens himself [regretting that he did not experience these things!] Instead he should be grateful that he did not indulge in these sins, and that Allah hindered him.

Such regrets as saying, “Oh! I was such, young, etc., but had no chance to do this or that...” are from Shaytan and have no use except to cause oneself sorrow. It is necessary rather to be thankful that Allah has protected you! There is a saying in Turkey regarding trying to sin: “If I try to go out and burgle, the sun rises!” This means that Allah prevented it. This is a good thing! May Allah [indeed] protect us from sins!

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq,

al-Fāṭḥah

Ṣuḥbah of Shaykh Muḥammad Mehmet ‘Adil



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