



Sofbats by
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FAITHFUL LOYALTY

As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatu Llāh.

Aū‘dhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-Shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.

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-F‘āiz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-*

Ḥaqqānī. Madad.

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

Faithful loyalty is a part of tariqah adab. When you have connected yourself to a shaykh, then follow him for the sake of Allah, so that he may take you to the right path. So you should not follow your ego. Either follow your shaykh or your ego. When he says something or does something, it is for Allah’s sake and not for any [other] benefit. The purpose is for the sake of Allah and for Allah’s contentment.

Allah sent the prophets (AS) to make people reach true paths and guidance by companionship. So when you are connected and follow a true master—and it is a such a great thing if you have found a true master, there is such a good opportunity—you should follow him. It would be another story otherwise, but if you have found him you should follow the shaykh and not your ego. Because when the shaykh does something that your ego does not like, then not obeying him and saying you are such and such is not appropriate. If you do not like it, then just leave. The guide does not hold you there. When your ego likes it, you are fine with it and stay; when your ego does not like it, you run away. This is a sign that a person is following his ego. May Allah protect us from that. May He not let us follow our ego.

We have seen people on this path many years. Thanks be to Allah that we are on this path for many years. And we have seen people come and go during the time of our father, Mawlana Shaykh, since we were very young. There were people following him for years and then after a while they disappeared. That means they had no destiny, and had nothing left there other than that they were following their ego rather than the guide. May Allah protect us from that. And then later they say this or that. The least you can do is not to be slave to your ego. If you do not like it, just leave. That is not a problem, but finding excuses and trying to satisfy your ego is not right.

This path is to train your ego. It is the way of the tariqah to train the ego. “*Ara’ayta mani itakbadha ilāhabu hawāhu afa’anta takūn alayhi wakīlā(n)?*” (Qur’ān 25:43). The one who has taken his ego and his desires as God substitutes, he has accepted the ego as the only truth and does not accept any other. May Allah protect us from that.

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May Allah protect us from the evils of our ego. There are things that are tests. Thanks be to Allah that we are not people of test. In a very small matter, when the matter does not agree with his ego, he goes and causes a scandal. May Allah protect us from such. May Allah guide them. May Allah not have us obey our ego.

*Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq,
al-Fātiḥah*

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