

NOT FOR EGO

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu 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-

Haqqānī. Madad.

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

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) states that if a man comes to you with flattery, throw dirt on his face, because he is targeting your ego, and the ego likes this. The Holy Prophet (SAW) did not like things that the ego liked. The ego needs training. If you give your ego what it likes, it becomes wild and worse. So the Holy Prophet (SAW) said not to pay attention to those who are helping the ego, because most of the time there is some [ulterior] purpose in their mind, and that is why they are complementing you. They are flattering you, so be careful, because most of the time flattery and those complements are followed by something you may be sorry for.

"Wa mā yanțiqu 'ani l-hawa" (Qur'ān 53:03). The Holy Prophet (SAW) does not speak from desire out of thin air. Surely he said this for a good reason and from wisdom. Things that the Holy Prophet (SAW) states are for the benefit of people, the benefit of Muslims, so that people may lead a good life. The Holy Prophet (SAW) does not ask for anything else, and neither do the other prophets (AS). "Wa mā as'alukum 'alayhi min ajr" (Qur'ān 26:109, 127, 145, 164, and 180). They do not ask for anything in return. They do it for the sake of Allah, for the training of the people, and this is our intention as well. May Allah accept it. May Allah protect us.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātihah

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