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SIGN OF ISLAM

*Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,
Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem,
Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Anwalin wal Akhirin,
Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya As'habi RasuLillah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina,
Sheykh Abdullah Daghestani, Sheykh Nazim al-Haqqani. Dastur.
Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ states:

مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَغْنِيهِ

“Part of the perfection of one’s Islam is his leaving that which does not concern him.” This Hadith is a famous Hadith. It’s a strong Hadith that was narrated by many Sahaba (companions). The sign of a person’s Islam being good and beautiful is not to look at or interfere in things that doesn’t concern him. To look after things that one needs and one is concerned with, that is the duty. Our duty is enough for us after all, you need not to interfere in things that do not concern you, says our Holy Prophet ﷺ. This applies to works of religion and to works of this world.

In religious matters, Allah ﷻ has given everyone things to do. Those who would like to increase their knowledge, there are things that they can be concerned with and spend their time in. For people who want to go even higher, there are things that they’ll be concerned with and things that aren’t relevant to them. The regular Muslim takes care of their Wuḍū’ (ablution), prayers and their Ghusl (full ablution); every Muslim should know these. If they want to learn more, then they do so from a Hoca, Imam or Aalim (scholar); a person cannot do it by themselves. In order to be able to do it by oneself, you do that later by looking at books and knowing what to take out from which sources, but that’s done after one gets Ijazah (certification) from an authorized one. If not, then instead of getting benefit they would be doing harm; they would be harming both themselves and those around them because our Holy Prophet ﷺ says: “Those who give Fatwa ignorantly should take their seat in hellfire.” But people of today give Fatwas easily as if they’re talking politics; whereas if it was [about] politics it could be. Now there’s democracy, even a person off the street who doesn’t know anything can become a politician, enter the parliament and speak politics, but religion is not so. Even in politics, a person of knowledge should be doing it [politics] so it would be useful; it shouldn’t be done with lies and trickery otherwise it is of no use and there’s no end to it. However,

with works and matters of religion it's even more important because in the other matter [politics] a



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person can repent, but in these matters of religion, if you make a Fatwa and it's a wrong one with a wrong view, people could leave religion and even Iman (faith), so we should know our own boundaries and limits.

Learning of true religion by oneself, as we said, should be done with an Ijazah (certification) from a competent person, only then you can tell others how to do this and that. But if not, then it's dangerous. Doing it just so you have a station, so others can be happy with you and look up to you, and just to become popular you come up with views against Allah's ﷻ commands, it's not going to benefit you at all; it's nothing but harm for you. That's why our Holy Prophet ﷺ says that a person should focus on things that he knows of and needs. Everyone has a duty. Everyone should pay attention to their duties; they should learn that. Whatever that is, from the smallest thing to the largest thing, when a person does work, they should do it properly and with due diligence. That is what they should be concerned with and they will receive its rewards from Allah ﷻ both in this world and in the hereafter. This is a beautiful advice. All of the Hadiths of the Prophet ﷺ are advice, 'الدِّينُ النَّصِيحَةُ', 'Religion is advice'. Those who follow it and accept it will reach felicity in this world and the next. May Allah ﷻ help us all to go on this path.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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