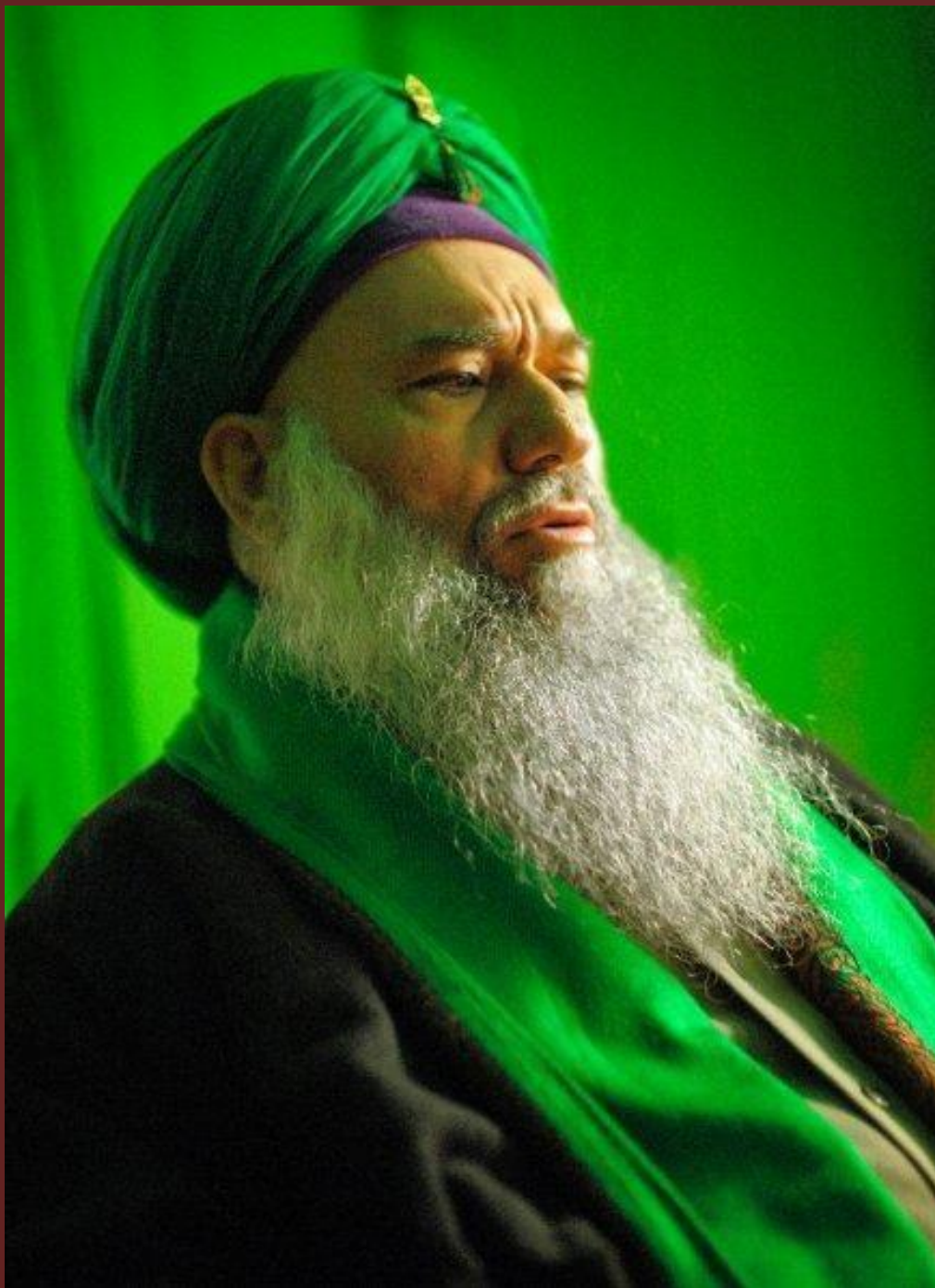


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Sohbet-1

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THE GREAT SELJUKS AND THE EXALTED OTTOMANS

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Medet Ya Seyyidi, Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

(Sheykh Efendi starts by talking about the beginning of the Seljuk Empire. It was in the year 1055 A.D. Baghdad was run by the Shia Buwayhid dynasty and the Abbasi Khalifah al-Qaim was confined in his palace. Togrul Bey with all the Seljuks under his command wanted to present himself at the service of the Khalifah. But he knew that the Shias would not allow them to enter the city. So Togrul Bey said to them that they are on their way to Hajj and they want to meet the Khalifah for blessings because he is the descendent of the Holy Prophet (sws). When permission was granted, Togrul Bey entered the city with some men while placing the rest of the Seljuks in key positions along the way if the need to fight arose. Sheykh Efendi says, when Togrul Bey came into the presence of the Khalifah, he started trembling like a leaf and he knew right away that this is the true successor of the Holy Prophet (sws), and he is the one to be obeyed and served.)

Sheykh Efendi continued: Togrul Bey said (about that event), `A voice was speaking to me, saying to me, `He is the grandson of the Prophet (sws). If you don't help him, the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws) is going to disappear. If

help him, you and all your generations until Judgment Day will be protected'. Then he decided and he said to the Khalifah, 'From now on, I am not a King. I am your soldier. My kingdom is under your authority. You give me order and I will carry it.' And the Khalifah was very smart. He said to him, 'You are the King of your people. You are still a King. I am also making you the head of the Islamic Army. Do whatever it takes.'

So then, he gave ultimatum to the Iranians and the Shias. Anyone standing up, he was crushing them down. He reached all the way. That's why the Seljuks are very important in history. If there were no Seljuks, today's Islam will disappear definitely. You will not hear one word about the Prophet (sws). They would destroy everything. That's what they were doing.

So later, when they were becoming very strong and they were crushing down the Shias, that is the time that the Shias made treaty with the Crusaders. And that is the time that the Crusaders started coming down. It's because the plan was, the West would be coming down from up and the Iranians and the Egyptians from behind to crush down the Sunnat people again. But he was smart enough to put enough people everywhere and just concentrating on the West. They came 500,000 soldiers. Alp Arslan wore all white and he made Khutba to his soldiers. His soldiers were 50,000. He was saying to them, 'Today is the day of wedding. That's why we're all wearing white. With our lives we are going to stop the Crusaders. We are going to open another history book to the world.'

And that's what happened. In eight hours time, fifty thousand soldiers crushed down five hundred thousand crusaders. They cut 300,000. Allahu Akbar! The rest left. And they turned around and they started crushing down heavily the Iranians again and the other ones (Egyptian Fatimid Shiites). It's because they found out who were rising and doing all these things. And after that continuously coming the Byzantines, these and the other ones.

And then the Mongols started coming from the East. So the Seljuks were becoming very, very weak then when the Mongols were coming. And the Seljuk King decided, saying, 'My aim was to conquer Istanbul but it's not going to be for us. Now I see that the Osmanoglu, the Ottomans are rising and I am sending all my power, my kingdom and everything to Sultan Osman and he will do the job'. And he sent him his messengers, he sent him his state treasury and he said, 'This kingdom just disappeared now. You must rise'. And they rose and they continued.

They tried 19 times, the Crusaders. Salah-ad-Din Ayyubi stopped them so many times. But they were coming back. So the Mamluks were entering into the picture. Cerkez (Circassians) were soldiers, paid soldiers in Egypt and they took over the kingdom. And, when the Crusaders declared war again, the Mamluk Sultan said to them, 'I am not Salah-ad-Din. I will not show any mercy. You come, I catch any one of you, I will not send you back. Salah-ad-Din Ayyubi is sending you back and you are coming back. I will cut everyone's neck off.' That's what the Mamluks did. They came and the Mamluks crushed them down. It's because the Crusaders were sending message to the Pope. From Qudus, the soldiers of the Westerners were sending message to the Pope saying, 'We are stepping on the blood of the Muslims and we are walking.' Their boots were filled with the blood of the Muslims whom they slaughtered there at that time. So the Mamluks got very upset, saying, 'This time we will not show mercy'. And they did the same thing to them. And that almost stopped the Crusades again for a long time.

Then the Ottomans were becoming very powerful, hitting from every side, bringing end to empires. By the time it's reaching to Sultan Mehmet Khan, he brought an end to two empires. Two empires. When he was 21 years old he conquered Istanbul. He died when he was 49 years of age. The Vatican declared celebration day non-stop for three days, saying, 'The Big Eagle has died'. It's because they were so scared that he was everywhere always, his soldiers and his spies were everywhere. Anyone who was betraying, before they turned left and right, their neck was going. Not like this now. It's coming again. They think Islam is a game or Islam is to say, 'Yes sir, No sir'. A passive religion.

That's how it happened. They crushed them down and the Ottoman Khalifah is taking over. They took the Khilafat, the Ottomans. The Seljuks were not Khalifahs. They were under the ruling of the Khalifah. But the Ottomans also took the Khilafat with the Prophet's (sws) order. The Prophet (sws) ordered Yavuz Sultan Selim to go to Egypt to take the Khilafat. And he came to Egypt, conquered Egypt. In Egypt at that time the Mamluks they tried to test to see what the Ottomans are going to do. Sultan Selim was sending message saying, 'I am not like the Crusaders and I am not Salah-ad-Din and I am coming. If you don't turn the power to me then I will not leave a single one of you living'. He said, 'I am coming and I mean business.'

They said, 'It's impossible that he's going to pass the desert. Before they knew, he passed the desert. They were all shocked. So they still wanted to test. They sent some armies outside to stop the Ottomans and Sultan Selim said, 'Say to them, if they stand in front of us, I will not show mercy to them. They have to submit themselves.' They submitted themselves and inside Egypt they all collapsed. Then he came to Damascus, taking over Damascus, ruling everywhere. Then the (Abbasi) Khalifah saw a dream that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to him, 'Now pass the Khilafat to Selim'. And they were coming and passing all the secrets, with it all the belongings (of the Holy Prophet sws) that the Khalifah has to have. And since then they were holding it, the Khilafat and the kingdom together.

The power of Islam. Nothing else. Evet.

Someone asked: The Arc of the Covenant, was it with the Ottomans?

Sheykh Efendi: Where is it now? It's passing through the Khalifahs. The Khalifahs know where it is. It's specially protected. You cannot go there to touch it. Even if it is open you cannot touch. If it's visible it becomes invisible. Special creatures are protecting that. There are so many secrets in there too.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet:2

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE SEVENTY-TWO DIVISIONS OF ISLAM

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Auzu billahi min-ash Sheytanir rajim

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Medet Ya Seyyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Whichever Imam that you have followed, you are going to come with them to the Judgment Place. Eh, what about those who are not following Imams? If you are following the Dajjals you are going to come behind them too. You have somebody that you are following. Definitely, people have somebody that they are following. Some like to follow Michael Jackson. Some like to follow Rock `n Roll musicians. Hmm? Some like to follow Turkish arabesques. Arabesques. Imams today look like arabesques. MashaAllah.

Eh, whoever you follow (with him) you are going to come to the Judgment Place. Don't think that everything's going to be unorganized there. Everything is, 'As I like' and you are running back and forth. No, no, no, no. Everything is going to be perfectly in order. Those who didn't learn how to take orders, it's going to be so hard for them. But there's going to be special angels waiting, saying, 'This way. Don't pass out of the lines. Follow these steps.' Everyone is going to go according to their level, according to their Taqwa, following their Imams. It's not going to be that one whose Taqwa is so low and he's going to be in the front.

Today's people are running to be in the front day and night everywhere. But are you having intelligence with you? Why are you running to be in the front? Do you have any power that is given to you? Why are you running in the way of Allah and to be in the front? You cannot even carry your own self. How are you going to carry other people? Huh, if permission is given to you then already it's showing.

So, Ahir Zaman. We are in the Ahir Zaman. As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'My nation is going to deviate into seventy-three different ways. One of them will be staying on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. The rest are in the wrong ways.' Is that what happened today? Yes. Everyone's claiming to be that one too. That group. Wahhabis claiming that they are Salafis and they are those ones to be followed. The Alawis are saying, 'We are that one', the Shias are saying, 'We are that one', Hanafis are saying, 'We are that one', people with Mazhabs are saying, 'We are that one', people without Mazhabs are saying, 'We are that one', people in Tariqats are saying, 'We are that one', and everyone's saying, 'We are those ones'. The Prophet (sws) didn't just leave it open like that. He said, 'They will be following, those ones that are from the Firqa-i Najiya, they are

the ones who are following my Sunnat and the Sunnat of my Sahaba'. Not only the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws) but, 'the Sunnat of my Sahaba'.

So the Sunnat of the Sahaba is doing what? They were following the Prophet (sws). So they have to have somebody to follow. But inside these groups there are other ones coming out now and saying, 'Yes, we have people following'.

'And?'

'Aaa... you have to speak nicely to everyone. You have to speak delicately to everyone. Please sit and please stand up.'

Hmm. Eh, what kind of Sheykh is that one? What kind of authority is that one? They are saying, 'Even if it is the Khalifah it doesn't matter. Khalifah is not going to use the sword. Khalifah is going to say whatever he wants and people are going to say whatever they want.' Squareheads! Aren't you seeing it? The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Follow my Sunnat and the Sunnat of my Sahaba'. So what is the Sunnat of the Sahaba? One simple one we are going to mention that the whole world knows, the Wahhabis and everyone also knows. Umar (radiyallahu anh).

When Hazrat Abu Bakr (radiyallahu anh) became Khalifah, did he become weak? No. When he was Khalifah he said, 'From now on, although I didn't want it, but when this position is given to me now and you are all saying okay, from now on what I say, you must follow. As long as I stay in the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws), what orders I give you, you must follow. What I forbid you from, you must run away. And if you do otherwise, I am the Khalifah.' He said that to who? To all Sahaba there.

And Umar (ra) went one more step saying to them, 'Now I am the Khalifah'. And when he was going to make Sohbet to the Sahaba-e Kiram, he was standing, pulling out his sword and sitting and putting it like that (on the floor in front of him), and letting the Sahaba to see the sword. And he was saying to them, 'If you don't listen to what I say through the tongue, I know how to put you back to the line again.' To who? To the Sahaba-e Kiram, to the Tabiin. He said to them, 'You see the sword? I will not hesitate using this sword on you'. Hmm.

Eh, what happened today? Today ignorants and arrogants are saying, 'No, you are doing wrong. This is not in Islam.' Of course, it fits to some feminist women. They like it because some women now want to put feminism in Islam. Hmm. MashaAllah. Where did you see this? Since when? Check the history. You will find out. You will know what had happened in history. So, the ignorants and the arrogants are trying to raise their heads because now they are seeing that real Islam, the Islam with authority in which people no longer say, 'I do as I like' but they are going to do what Allah is ordering and His Prophet (sws). When they are seeing that they know that they are not going to be able to do it. So they are standing against that under the name of Islam. They are all under the feet of the Awliya Allah. Nobody's going to stop this what is coming. Not them, not their governments because for Islam Allah subhana wa ta'ala now opened the roads saying, 'Now move'.

So we have seventy-two different ways, yes. Seventy-two different ways. One group is saying, 'We are Muslims but we are Kemalist. We are Muslims but we are

Secular. We don't want Shariat to come. We are Muslims. We pray five times a day but we don't want Shariat.' No Shariat means, 'We don't want the laws of Allah. We want our own laws.' That's what they are saying, the Seculars and the Laiks. Hmm? Eh, who else? Some say, 'We are Muslims but we are Communists.' Allah, Allah. Some says, 'We are Muslims but we are Wolf-heads'. Allah, Allah. Some says, 'We are Muslims but we are Nationalists'. Allah, Allah, Allah, Allah. So more, say. Some say, 'We are Muslims but we are Feminists'. 'We are Muslims but we are Democrats'. 'We are Muslims but we want to elect our own Presidents'. Some say, 'We are Muslims but we don't need Khalifah'. Allah, Allah. Some say, 'We are Muslims but there is not need for Khalifah anymore. That was in the old days.'

Some says, 'We are Muslims but there's Democracy in Islam. Don't you see? Abu Bakr was one party, Ansar was another party'. Ansar are the people of Medina. They are saying, 'Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) and the Muhajir were one party, Ansar was another party and the Ahl-il Bayt was another party. Don't you see? This is Democracy. So they debated, they fought and in the end Abu Bakr won.' And those ones say, 'We are Muslims'. Yes. They say, 'We don't need Khalifah. There's no need for Khalifah now because we are all Khalifahs now. We do what we want.' Of course.

And the Zionists are saying to them, 'You have to be Muslims but there are some Ayats in the Quran that we don't like. You should take them out.' Europe says to them, 'Well, we are accepting you as Muslims but how are we going to accept that Ayat in the Quran-e Kerim that's saying, 'BismillahirRahmanirRahim. Inna ad-Dina inda Allah-ul Islam'. How are we going to accept that Ayat that you are saying that in the Presence of your Lord there's only one religion and it's Islam. We are not accepting that. We cannot be friends. So what you have to do is, even though it's there, don't wake up the Muslims. Leave it there. But stop talking about that Ayat.'

For fourteen hundred years Imams are speaking about that Ayat. In Juma Khutba they are saying that Ayat, 'Inna ad-Dina inda Allah-ul Islam'. For fourteen hundred years. Now it's almost one century. In the early times they chopped it and now everywhere every Imam in the Khutba place stopped using that Ayat. Hmm. And they also removed the Ayat that says, 'You have to become martyr in the way of Allah', because it gives so much energy to these believers that then we cannot stop them. So, we have to stop them.

And they are coming around saying, 'We have to moderate Islam and we have to chop here, chop this way, chop that way, and you have to become Modern Muslims. And first you have to be good role models to them'. Saying to Imams and to Sheykhs, 'First what you have to do is, you are going to take the Sheytan's pacifier in your mouths to show that you are modern now because we are also smoking cigarettes. And with the cigarette in your mouth, the beard and the turban are not too good. So then you are going to shave the beard, take out the turban. What is that fourteen hundreds years old look? Get rid of it. You can wear anything else. You can wear the Yahudi hat but don't wear the turban.' Hmm? Yes.

'You can wear baseball hat because your head is a ball-head, empty. So wear that. It's okay. And get rid of those Islamic clothing. What are those baggy clothes? Wearing that, the man is still working something. You have to wear

tight jeans that's cutting off (blood) circulation from your body so that your manhood is going to go away slowly too, because we don't want too many men around. We want the men to look like women.' That's what Sheytan is ordering. Hmm? They are saying, 'As long as they are standing as men, how are we going to control them? So the men have to look like and act like women. And the women have to be equal. They have to act like men. They have to fight like men.'

Hmm. These are the orders given by Sheytan. And they are saying, 'First, the Imams and the Sheykhs have to do this to become role models to their nation. Later, slowly we can fix you any way we want it. So we are going to come out with the idea of Modern Islam and this way we can control you as we like'. Thuuh to you! To Sheytan and to all those who are supporting that.

Don't you see that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to you, 'As long as one believer is standing on the face of this earth, I am still going to make this religion to take over the world again and I am going to complete My Nur, My light.' Don't you know that Ayat? And the Muslims today are thinking, 'Yes, Allah needs us'. No, He doesn't need you, He doesn't need me, He doesn't need anything.

So, who are these Firqa-i Najiya that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying is staying on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim? He is saying, 'Those ones that are going to hold on tightly to my Sunnat and the Sunnat of my Sahaba-e Kiram.' And the Sunnat is the lifestyle of the Prophet (sws). Sunnat means how the Prophet (sws) lived, what did he eat, how did he eat, when did he walk, where did he work, what did he wear, how did he appear, how did he act, that is the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws).

And in these days also they are trying to make the Prophet (sws) somebody who is very passive (who was just) saying, 'Yes, aha, Yes, Yes.' Don't you know so many Hadith-e Sharif about the Holy Prophet (sws) that there were times when he was so much through that majestic anger that the Sahaba-e Kiram couldn't sit in front of him? And when he was talking everything was shaking? What kind of leader he can be that he doesn't have that majestic power that's coming? What kind of President, what kind of King, what kind of Head of Army, what kind of father it will be that the father is not going to be able to scream and to be strong to his children? And the children are always going to say, 'Oh, my father is just like my mummy'. How foolish is this? Yes, the 21st Century people are falling into this sickness, and because they became like that they are thinking that the whole world is like that. But it's not. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is keeping some people on the face of the earth and he is keeping them behind the veils.

And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman when my Sunnat is going to be forgotten...' Sunnat. What did we say? Is the beard the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws)? Yes. Is the turban? Yes. Is the Miswak? Yes. Is the dress that the Prophet (sws) was wearing? Yes.

'Oh, don't look at my outside. Look at my heart'.

I am not seeing your heart. Whatever's in your heart must appear outside. Don't be a hypocrite believing in some way and living some other way. And if you are believing in Islam and if you are following Islam then you must run to do the

orders that the Holy Prophet (sws) is giving. At least if you are not able to do, you should not put yourself in the front to say, 'Well, if Prophet (sws) was living in this time he was going to do this and he was going to do that.' You know what they are saying? 'If they Prophet (sws) was living in this time then he was going to live just like the Kafirs'. Hasha Astaghfirullah.

Yes. And today Imams and Sheykhhs are saying these words. And a Sheykh has the right to say, because now they have the pacifier of Sheytan. I have to say the other thing but it doesn't fit now, it'll be on the video. If they want to hear then they should come to me privately and I will say to them what they are putting in their mouths. Male or female, it doesn't matter. Who's saying that you are going to put cigarettes in your mouth? That is the Sunnat? Don't you know that the Khalifah of Islam has already forbidden that? He has banned that? And if the Khalifah is banning it's just like the Prophet (sws) and Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) banning. At least say, 'It is a bad thing. May Allah forgive me. Maybe I will stop one day.' Don't come out to say, 'It's okay'. Say, 'Well, I cannot wear this Shalwar today. I cannot wear the Shalwar, I cannot have the beard but I cannot say anything to those ones who are keeping'. Say that at least.

Eh, you say, 'It's okay. Dress is not a problem.' They say, 'Well, outside appearance is not a problem. It's okay. We can wear it just like the unbelievers.' That's not even the Christian way and that's not the Jewish way. That's not the (way of) Ibrahim religions. That's not how Ibrahim (alayhi salam) was wearing and that's not the real Christian and Jewish (tradition). The ones that are following, they are wearing (properly).

That's the secular way. That's the monkey way. That's the Darwin way. Do you want more? That is the Zionist way. And they say, 'It's okay'. Then I say to you, 'Okay, it's okay for you to change the dress code because it doesn't fit to the 21st Century. What about your women? Why they still have to cover themselves? Say to them, 'It doesn't fit. Open your heads, take out your long dresses and wear shorts'. Bring them to the Masjid with that.' Thuuhh to you!!! Saying the man can do and the woman cannot do. That kind of position you will fall in then when you defend that.

Eh, am I attacking the women who are doing that? No, I am not. As long as they are saying, 'What I am doing is wrong. Allah and His Prophet (sws) has ordered otherwise and I cannot do it. But maybe they help me one day and InshaAllah I will do it.' I say, 'MashaAllah. I pray for you then.' But don't say, 'It doesn't fit to this time. So, I'm not going to do it. It's okay'. Eh, step by step they go now saying, 'Well, I am not bothering anybody. So I am not drinking whiskey. I am drinking Rakih, Turkish drink. So it's okay. I am not bothering anybody. Allah is not saying, 'Don't drink Rakih', He is saying, 'Don't drink wine', and so I am drinking this, I am not bothering anybody, my head gets okay and I go to sleep. So it's not Haram'. Hasha Astaghfirullah. Sheytan has so many ways. And yes, they pray also five times a day too. But nighttime, tak tak tak, (going) down. Hasha Astaghfirullah. You cannot stop yourself from those Sheytanic ways and you are calling yourself a believer? What kind of fool you are then? You are just fooling yourself. Nobody else.

So, yes. Those who have fear from Allah, they run to stop themselves from those wrong activities, yes. First they correct themselves. They finish every wrong

thing on themselves. Later they try to go correcting others. And step by step. First if they can they control the people in their own household. And in this time Holy Prophet (sws) is not even giving permission for that. This is Ahir Zaman. He is saying, 'If you see something wrong, change it with your hand.' Do you have the Shariat law now? 'No.' Then you cannot change it with your hand. When you see something wrong in the street, you cannot go changing it with our hand. You will be guilty according to the laws of that country. So you cannot. Allah is taking that right away from our hands.

And he said, 'Change it through your tongue'. Changing through your tongue is only given to specific people in these days, to say, 'These are the orders that the Prophet (sws) is giving and Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering. Do's and Don'ts. If you like then keep it. If you don't like, it's up to you'. That's changing through your tongue. You cannot go forcing people to change it. No. Even if they are your family members you cannot. You just say to them and if they are under your authority and you know that they are still young and they have to depend on you, then you have to say, 'I am cutting this and I am cutting that from you'. Those rights that are given to you, cut from that then. You are giving cell phones to them? Take that away. Say, 'I am not going to give you cell phone, I am not going to give you computer, I am not going to give you this until you do that.' That's all you can do. Not much because the government is also watching you.

So, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'My Nation is going to reach to a time that they are not going to be able to change it with their hand and they are not going to be able to change it with their tongue. Change it with your heart. Say, 'Ya Rabbi, I am running away from these wrong actions. Although I am watching and I am seeing but I am not accepting. I am not accepting this wrong action. I am asking you to protect me from this wrong action'. That is the only thing you can do and that is the time for that.'

So, those people who are following the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws), they have to run to do the Sunnats of Rasulullah (sws) as much as they can. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'My Sunnats are going to be forgotten in Ahir Zaman. If you keep one of them alive, you will be receiving a hundred martyrs' reward in the Judgment Day'. Yes, the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws), carrying a beard, is forgotten. People forgot. If you are carrying that then yes, you are receiving that. The Sunnat of the turban has completely been forgotten. If you are carrying that then yes, you are receiving another hundred. The Miswak? They change the Miswak with cigarette. They said to me, 'Sheykh, is there any hadith banning the cigarette?' I said, 'You are right. There is no hadith. Only one hadith says that anything that is liquid or otherwise, it's forbidden to you to drink or intake if it gets you dizzy'. They said, 'But the cigarette is not getting me dizzy'. I say, 'It will. Pull it like this (a very long pull), keep it inside and look how dizzy you are going to get. I don't care how many cigarettes you smoked in your lifetime. You are going to get dizzy. Hmm. Don't smoke one day and the next day do it like this and you will see that you are going to fall down. So you get dizzy. Finished. It's forbidden to you.'

But they dare to say, 'Is there any hadith that is banning cigarettes specifically?' I say, 'Is there any hadith that says to use Miswak?' They say, 'I don't know'. 'Definitely you don't know any hadith. Then why are you asking? More than 20 Sahih. Leave the rest. More than 20 Sahih. Eh, why did you get rid

of this? There are so many hadith. Why did you get rid of this?' They say, 'Well, now we use toothbrush.' Toothbrush whose bristles are made out of pig. MashaAllah. You don't even watch that when you go out to buy to see what's there. Yes.

So, we left the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws). They left. I am not accepting to say that I left. I am trying my best in every way. Of course, Sunnat is to have good manners. To have good manners, of course. Good manners is not to say to a dog when the dog starts attacking you and barking, 'Please doggy, I have good manners. Don't attack me.' You have to show the stick at least to say, 'I'll break your neck'. That is good manners. That is intelligence. So when you do this in these days, those squareheads are attacking saying, 'Prophet (sws) never did this'.

Yes, so that's what happened today. And for those, yes, we have so many ways. The real Islam is Firqa-i Najiya, those who are following the way of the Prophet (sws), his Ahl-il Bayt, his Sahaba-e Kiram, Khulafa-e Rashideen and continued coming down until Ulul Hakan Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan. All accepting all Abbasi Khalifahs. All Abbasi Khalifahs, and reaching to Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan. Up till that time people who followed those, they followed it right. After that they left the Khilafat, they left the Sheykhs, they cut the Tariqats, they destroyed everything and people say, 'I do as I like'. They learned Islam from where? The internet. MashaAllah. Because they learned Islam through the internet there are internet Sheykhs now. Murids and Sheykhs are writing e-mails to each other and they are trying to learn something. The one that's trying to teach is more ignorant than the one who's trying to learn. And they are following each other without knowing, without seeing each other, saying, 'Of course I am seeing it. I am seeing it on the internet. Don't you see?'

Yes, so that is the time that we have reached. So there are so many kinds of Islam. What do we say? There are Kemalist Muslims, there are Secular Muslims, there are Laik Muslims, there are Communist Muslims, there are Fascist Muslims, there are Capitalist Muslims, there are Democrat Muslims, there are Republican Muslims, count. They are (following) Laikism, Monkeyism, Feminism, Darwinism. Yes, there are Darwin Muslims. There are Muslims who are believing that they came from monkeys. They are believing in Evolution. They are Muslims and they pray five times a day, yes. There are Muslims that are believing that Sheytan didn't do wrong. So they are allies with Sheytan against Allah. There are Muslims that say that Sheytan did it right because Sheytan loved Allah so much that he didn't want to share the love of Allah with Adam (as). So he had the right to stand up and to declare that he is not making Sejdah to Adam (as). That kind of Muslims.

Clean yourself from all these kinds of nonsense. There is only one kind of Islam. The Islam that the Holy Prophet (sws) brought and he put it saying, 'There are 500 good deeds and 800 bad actions.' And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is definitely guiding those who really wants to be guided in the right way, to the ones that are going to lead them to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). And Allah is speaking to us through so many Ayats and through those who are following the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws). Yes.

No man is going to run in the streets today if they are following the good things that the Holy Prophet (sws) has ordered. They are not going to run

keeping these Sunnat clothes that I'm wearing. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Carrying the Sunnat clothes will be like carrying fire in your hand.' Of course it's more easy for me to shave the beard and wear suit and tie to walk in the streets. Isn't it more easy? Isn't it more easy for today's people when they are seen that they are walking in the streets like that? Of course it's easier. This is harder. And that's what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us. It's going to be very, very hard. But you cannot drop it. We cannot drop it.

So, there are so many kinds of Islam. Clean yourself from those kinds of Islam. There's only one kind of Islam. There aren't so many kinds of Islam. There are so many kinds of Dajjal's and Sheytan's ways that are trying to fool people to different directions. There's only one kind of Islam. The Islam about which the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'What I brought to you and my Sahaba'. And it's coming down until today inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

This much should be enough for you and for me for now. InshaAllah ar-Rahman Allah subhana wa ta'ala will open our way. Definitely we have more difficult ways standing in front of us. Don't get fooled by Sheytans and Sheytanciks and Dajjals and Dajjalciiks. Later you will cry a lot. You cannot say, 'I didn't know'. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is opening ways to everyone and showing signs to everyone.

Look at your sincerity. What are you looking for? When you are looking for a Sheykh too, look at your sincerity, what are you looking for from that Sheykh. What is it that you are trying to get? If you are running to get some kind of extraordinary power, something that's going to make you better than other people, you are wrong! You are wrong! If you are running to become a servant, to know how to become Abdullah, then yes, you are going to follow a Sheykh and that Sheykh is going to tell you, 'This is right and this is wrong! Do this and don't do this!' If that Sheykh is not saying that to you, he is not a Sheykh. He is a man with Dunya.

And alhamdulillah I am saying one more time, anyone who's coming here and they know me and they have fear from me, they should not come here. Anyone who's coming here and they have fear from Allah, and they feel shame and shy from the Prophet (sws), they should come. But if you have fear from me, what am I going to do to you? Nothing. What can I do to you? Nothing. Even if I have power in my hand I am not going to do anything to you. You are the creature of Allah. He is going to judge you. He is going to reward you. He is going to punish you. I am in that same category. If I did something good, he is going to reward me or He is going to punish me. And I am not doing anything for the reward too. It's up to Him. If He wants to give reward or He wants to give punishment, that's up to Him. I cannot say to Him, 'I did this good and I want this'. Who are you to do good? If He doesn't permit you then how are you going to do a good?

So, clean yourself from all kinds of wrong thinking. Definitely Sheytan is going to come whispering so many wrong things. If you want to open door to Sheytan you are welcome. If you want safety from that then say, 'Ya Rabbi, this Sheytan is putting this wrong thing to me. Let me go make two Rakats. Let me go make wudu to make two Rakats to say, 'Ya Rabbi, I am asking safety from this wrong thinking.' Then you will see that help will reach to you.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habibi

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-3

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ALLAH LOVES HAPPY SERVANTS

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Thursday 13 Jumad al-Akhir, 1431

May 27, 2010

Osmanli Naksibendi Hakkani Dergahi, Siddiki Center, New York.

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

No one in this community should be backbiting. `X', put signs in the dergah in English, Turkish and Arabic saying, `No Backbiting'. `No Dedigodu'. (Sheykh Efendi smiles). We are going to say in Turkish too. No Dedigodu. Either people are going to praise each other saying good things to each other or they are not going to say anything. It's not accepted here. Americans understand from signs. If you make signs to them, they read and they're going to understand. `No Dedigodu. No Backbiting'. If you have to speak something, you have to speak something good.

No smiling? I don't want no-smiling people sitting in front of me. They must go to the barn or they are going to smile by force. Look at `Y' (a murid of Sheykh Efendi who is physically handicapped since birth). He is so happy. He is smiling. Never you see him sad. Huh? Look. You're right. Because you have everything complete. That's why you are sad. As Sheykh Mevlana is saying, `You are right. It's because you have been created as man and not donkey. That's why you are sad.' Astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih.

Evet. Any questions anybody has other than that?

Q: When the Holy Prophet (sws) was in a Jalal mood and with a lot of Heybet, did he have any Sahabi who would make him laugh?

Sheykh Efendi: Of course he had. Did the Sultans do something that the Prophet (sws) didn't do? They followed his footsteps. They followed his Sunnat. Of course, if he continues like that then so many things may happen. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, `When they want something I give to them. If they are upset or angry for something, whatever they wish at that time, it will happen.' Look

at you. You are so upset all the time. Your faces are down. But never anything is happening. So, that means you are not good for anything. He is not accepting. If you are getting (upset) and something is happening, okay. Then we have to be careful not to get you upset because if you are upset things are going to change too. Intelligent people. Tariqat is for intelligent people.

What is it that's making you so sad? The guarantee for tomorrow morning, huh? That's why you are so sad? You are forgetting the Hadith of the Prophet (sws), saying to you, 'Pray every prayer as if you are not going to reach to another prayer.' If you finish your prayer now and up till Fajar if you are thinking sincerely, not just when you're hearing me then thinking a little bit but all the other times you are forgetting, no. Sincerely if you are thinking, 'I may not reach to the morning prayer and Allah doesn't like people being sad'. Do you think you're still going to be sad then? You die like that and you go to the Presence like that. And if question is given to you, 'O my servant, I gave you everything complete. Why were you not happy?'

'Ehhh...Ehhh... for green paper I wasn't happy'.

'So that means you didn't carry the human station that I have given to you. Count him from the animals.'

What will you do then? Will you be happy? But you're thinking, 'That's not going to happen'. Who says that it's not going to happen? It happened through the history. When Musa (as) got upset to some people, some of them turned into pigs and some of them turned into monkeys. Yeah. He got upset to them, saying, 'You are the ones that Allah gave everything? He took you out from the slavery and you are like this to your Lord? Curses on you!' They turned into pigs and they turned into monkeys.

Monkey Darwin must be coming from that family and all those people who are thinking up that theory. They turned into monkeys and pigs! Did you think? Sit and think. When you walk outside right now, if that order comes to you and you turn into a snake or a cat or to any animal, what's going to happen? You are going to know and the people whose hearts are open are going to know. The world is going to look for you but they are never going to find you. They are going to say, 'The man just disappeared. We don't know where he is.' But you're just going to circle around under their feet, tear is going to come down but nobody is going to see it except those ones like Musa (alayhi salam) and the other man who put a rope around the neck of the pig and he was pulling and going and that pig was crying. And Musa (as) was looking and saying, 'What are you doing with this one?' He said, 'Ya Musa, I have seen this one turning from a man to a pig. So, I'm going to cut his neck off'. And he was crying but Musa (as) didn't do anything, saying, 'He is one of the cursed ones'. And he was telling them why he was crying.

The way you live that's how you will die. The way you will die that's how you will rise to the Judgment Day, as the Ayat and Hadith is saying. So many are not going to get up for the Judgment Day in human shape. Not taking that seriously? Do you think that your worldly problems that you are making to your own selves, do you think that is problem then? Do you think about this for a split second? If you are thinking then your heart must be shaking. If you are really understanding and believing, then your heart must be shaking. Yes, sir. Yes,

sir. But if you are completely heedless then (you say) it's okay. It's okay. So many people disappeared from the world years ago. Nobody knows where they are. They turned into animals. They are still looking for them but they are not going to find them. They are going to find them in the Judgment. Day. Yeah. Don't play with Allah's (subhana wa ta'ala) orders. Yes, sir.

Do you think these kids are thinking what they are going to eat and what they are going to drink? How they're going to live by tomorrow? Huh? Do you think you were thinking when you were their age? Do you think that you are the one who is making those things to yourself? If you think that then you are in bigger trouble. If you are thinking that, 'I am working and I am earning', you are in a bigger trouble. So many people are working but they are not earning. So many people are not working and they are earning. Yeah. They make plans early in the morning to make millions but they lose the millions in their pockets the next day.

Eh, I think it's true because the first thing that happened to this Jamat, these people is that they are not reading newspapers. They are not understanding really what's happening in the news, in the world. I'm reading here and there. I'm not buying but when I'm passing in front of the store I'm looking at the newspaper and watching something real. And I say, 'Alhamdulillah Ya Rabbi'. The man got up as a millionaire and he was thinking to make another million that day but he lost everything that day. MashaAllah. Yes.

Tell me what is bothering you? Is it other than Dunya? If it's other than Dunya then I know. Definitely. Is that why you are so sad? Meaning, are you so sad that you are not making progress in the way of Allah? Are you so sad that you are not getting up for Tahajjud prayer? Allah, Allah. Heh, you have the right to be sad then.

Right 'Y'? Do you get up early in the morning upset?

'Y': No.

From time to time 'Y' just gets angry to them. Does he have the right to get upset? Of course. He is paying his money, he is doing everything, they are just supposed to bring him here and 'Y' is saying to them, 'Pick me up at 11 o'clock' but they are saying, 'No, 10 o'clock' and he's getting upset. It's okay. He is right. He has that right to be upset with them. Astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih.

So, think on it. You are free. But think again. One more time think. Think that you are not a priority. Think. But you can be priority. In Allah's book you can be priority. Not through complaining and having problems but through submission and thanking, saying, 'You are giving me from this position to this position. I was happy when You gave to me. Should I be sad when You take it away?'

As our Sheykh is saying, 'If Allah subhana wa ta'ala gives you the whole world by this morning, the real believer should not get happy for it. Because the real believer is knowing the burden of that. And if He takes it away from your hand by evening time and you have nothing left, the real believer should not be sad because Allah is enough. Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel'.

He has given to His Prophet (sws) saying, 'You are My Habib. Habibullah'. Knowing all this and? And He made His people to torture him. Did he become sad with Allah? No. He became sad for them, crying for them, saying, 'Turn around. Don't be like this. Turn around. Don't be doing this. Turn around.' He was sad for them. They were running and torturing him and he was saying, 'Ya Rabbi, don't punish them because they don't know any better.'

What's the matter? What's the matter people? Thuuh!

A murid: Someone just drove by right now and screamed, 'I love Jesus!'

Sheykh Efendi: Good. We love Jesus too. Say, 'MashaAllah, we are together!' They love Jesus, huh? Which one? The father, the son or the holy ghost?

Sheytan is making people Maskara. 4 billion. Only a handful of them are thinking real about Jesus. They became a joke to themselves. For the world they don't change their minds. Sheytan is saying, 'Never. Don't go away. You are my best buddies. Through you I am fooling these Muslims too now. You are so civilized. The first world countries. You have money. They don't have it. They are running just like you now. I got them on the hook too. They are so sad day and night.'

At least these Americans they are not sad. They jump up and down and they enjoy their lives. The Muslims are sad. Unbelievable. I don't know what to think.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-4

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE IMPORTANCE OF GENEROSITY

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 23 Jumad al-Awwal, 1431

May 7, 2010

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Q: Are we going to recognize our families on the Judgment Day?

Sheykh Efendi: Yes, we are going to recognize. And Allah is saying, 'That Day, children are going to run away from their parents and parents will run away from their children.' That's why it says, 'Your families, your children, your wealth, everything is only a confusion to you.' So on that Day, everything that you did and everything that you didn't do for you children is going to appear in front of you. They are going to run to take their rights from you and you are going to run to take your rights away from them. Loving so much now, but there's not going to be that much love that Day.' Hmm. Everyone is going to run for themselves.

Q: Sheykh, I have a family member, before he passed away, he was mentioning the names of all the family members that passed away.

Sheykh Efendi: It was being shown to him. Before you die, definitely vision opens to you. You see what's the other side. Either you run to open it correctly when you are living and just correct yourself, or in the last minute of your life it's going to open up. But you are not going to be able to change so many things then. You can see. They will appear to you. Who knows. Different things happen to people depending on how they lived, what they were busy with. Yes.

And, if you are going to see your family members on the Judgment Day, it's not going to mean so much to you. Just like a stranger to you in this world right now, at that time it's going to be like that, your own children to you, if they didn't pass or if they didn't reach to any higher stations than you, it's not going to mean anything to you. This body is going to change. Your spirit will recognize, but it will be for yourself, not for that one. That's why Allah subhana wa ta'ala is teaching through His prophets how you are going to raise your children and what kind of manners you are going to put to them. You are responsible until they reach to maturity age. You are not responsible beyond that maybe. But you are responsible to see what kind of direction you put to them before they reach to the maturity age. Beyond that they are responsible for whatever they do. But up till that you are responsible.

It will be questioned to you, 'Have you shown them the right way?' Although it's not obligation to them but it's obligation to you. It's not obligation to them up till the maturity age. But it's obligation to the parents up till maturity age to see what kind of way, what kind of direction you are putting to your own children. Or is it just like today, the children ruling the parents. That is dangerous. You will be in big problem. They will be in big problem because definitely they will not get what they want in the world out there too. They may demand things from you but they are not going to be able to demand things from out there. So the world is not going to be that good to them too.

So, if they reach to higher stations than you, they pull you up, they may do intercession to you. If you are in trouble, they may take you out from trouble. But it's not going to mean too much to them again. Separation is going to be.

Q: Of course, that goes for the parents as well, right?

Sheykh Efendi: Definitely. Parents and children. That's what it is in the whole world. Either they are parents or children. Isn't it? You have parents. You are a child to them. You have children. You are a parent to them. If your children have children, they are parents to them and they are children to you. That's how

it's going to be.

The one who's going to help the other one coming out, or is reaching to higher stations... people in this world are fighting about who's going to be in the front, back, this and that. That doesn't mean anything. But on the other side it's going to mean something. On the other side you may become second-class citizens. That's what you are earning in Dunya. Either you'll become first class or second class. Either you become the one who's enjoying or you'll become the one who's giving service to others maybe. Or maybe you've just fallen short to the fire.

So everything you do in this world counts, good or bad. Everything counts according to your intentions. Watch your intentions. You may fool the world. Are you going to fool yourself too? Watch your intention. What's your intention when you are doing things, while you are doing things? If it's other than Allah's sake, you failed. Anything that is a veil between you and Allah, that is Dunya. That is love of this Dunya to you.

Q: If a person reaches to a certain level of Paradise, whatever is beyond that level, will it remain unknown to him forever?

Sheykh Efendi: No. If he went to the first Paradise, for instance, they are going to say to him, 'Look at this highest place. This is where you were supposed to be reaching. You didn't reach there because you didn't do these, these and these things in Dunya, and now you are here. This is where you are going to be forever.' Then that Paradise becomes hell to that one when he's looking at what he had and what he's missing.

The Nation of Muhammad (sws) are all crying under the ground. Nobody's happy except the Awliya Allah. The rest are saying, 'How foolish I was! Instead of talking nonsense I should've said, Allah, Allah, Allah, Allah, La ilaha illallah. Then I would've gotten a little more high station.' That's how you are earning all those, with your Zikir. People today don't make Zikir and they don't make their own Wirds. Unless you have some strong support that's carrying you, you'll be in trouble. You will be crying a lot then.

'Why do I say this? Where does this word reach? Who did it hurt and who did it help?' You have to look at it. Not just to say, 'Oh, it just happened. What can I do?' Today's 21st Century people saying, 'What can I do? It just happened.' You could've done so many things for that not to happen. After it happened, you can do more things to clear it up too. Of course. But if you are just saying, 'Well...'. So many are saying, 'I don't care'. Ooof! Now you are in trouble. It doesn't matter who you are and what you are. You have to watch what comes out from your mouth. Later saying, 'I am sorry. I am apologizing to you.' For that it's guaranteed that you are going to apologize. But with that apologizing so many things are taken away from you because the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Don't do anything for which later you are going to need to go and apologize.' It's because the Mu'min, the believer is a wise person that knows where the word is going to reach. If he's not knowing then his level of being Mu'min is all the way down.

Q: What about those ones who attack the Awliya Allah, the Friends of Allah and are hurting them, breaking their hearts?

Sheykh Efendi: Those who are attacking the Awliya Allah, Allah is saying, 'I am declaring war on them.' He is saying, 'They are not answering you maybe, but I am declaring war on you.' Allah is declaring war on those who are attacking. They have to pass through so many places before it's coming to clearance. As I said, for Allah subhana wa ta'ala nothing is too big and nothing is too small. As He can create the mosquito wing, He can create billions of worlds like this with billions of people in it instantly. It's not small or big to Allah. It's small or big to you. But to Allah it's not. So now, according to your level, you have to act and you have to watch. If you think that it's something big to you, you have to watch what comes out from your mouth.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Man is going to suffer in the hereafter world from two parts of his body.' These two parts are bringing disaster to mankind. He said, 'Two parts. One is his tongue and the other one is his private part.' Your private part, for what do you use it, when do you use it and why do you use it. Your tongue, when do you use it and why do you use it. What the Prophet (sws) is saying? 'Either speak something that will give benefit to you and others or keep silent.' Silence is a protection to you. What comes out from your tongue, you are responsible. For what is inside, you are not responsible. What came out from your tongue may have brought some good things to people and people are enjoying it. You are going to get reward for it. What came out from your mouth caused confusion. You are going to pay a price for that. You cannot say, 'Well, I just did it. What can I do? I'm sorry.'

Of course you're sorry. You're going to be sorry. If you're not sorry now, you are going to be sorry then. It's because the tongue is not given to you to say whatever you like to say whenever you like to say. 21st Century people are destroying everything they are building. That's why the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'They will get up in the morning time as believers. They will go to their beds in the nighttime as unbelievers. They go to their beds as believers and they get up as unbelievers.'

So what does it say? Faith and fakeness, lying, cannot be in the same heart. If you are lying... lying comes in so many categories now. If you start talking about lying then ohh... pretending something that you don't have is lying, cheating others. It cannot stay in the same heart, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying. Impossible. If the lying is there then the faith comes out. If the faith is there then lying cannot enter there. You cannot lie. Lie is not saying to the child, 'Hey, come here. I am going to give you something. Stay quiet.' That's not lying. That's something else there. That's training there. Training is something else and lying is something else. 21st Century people are specialists on that too. They are lying to themselves. They are lying to the world and they are lying to themselves.

So, that's one of the worst things that man can do to himself. And yes, in the grave, as a matter of fact, before the grave, before he's reaching to the grave, so many things are going to open up to the man. As soon as the spirit comes out and until you're put into the grave, the spirit stays up, you are connected with that, you are seeing everything, your body is there, you are knowing everything but you cannot respond. Until you enter to the grave and depending on what's going to happen to the spirit, either it will go to jail, or it will go to a special place, or it will go to Paradise in the Baqa world, in the VIP salon

that they keep them over there. No joke. It's real. Special places depending on what kind of person you were in this world.

All those that went out so clean from this world, still they have so many barricades in front of them. Don't think they have passed and they are in their paradises.

Q: Even though they went clean?

Sheykh Efendi: Even though they went clean because they don't have the special passes to pass through every door. So they have to wait. That waiting period in reality, if they are still connected to this Dunya, that's another suffering there.

Q: Would they be people who are really good in this world, they may not be Muslims, they may not even be Christians, but they do really good to others in the world?

Sheykh Efendi: Yes, that's another thing that you are going to run to be. It is a duty for man to be generous. The generous people Allah loves, all prophets love and all Awliya love. Generosity makes man not to go out from this world without faith. Some way somehow it's going to reach to man. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is favoring that one because he's generous. And generosity, even if he's an unbeliever, it's going to reach to them, some help is going to reach to them to say the Shahadat in the last minute and go out from this world. Impossible for him to go out from this world without faith.

Huh, as soon as he says the Shahadat, the things that he did, the generosity that he did, it's going to come in front of him. They'll say, 'You did this, this, this and this and Allah is rewarding you with this for these good things that you did.' So before you know, he's going to find so many things that were disaster to him but they are going to show to him, 'Faith has reached to you because of this generosity. Generosity was granted to you from Allah subhana wa ta'ala because of these generations that are coming.' Don't be too spoiled to think again that you are something. 'And because you did this generosity to this person and this one was beloved to Allah, his prayer reached to you and that prayer saved you.' That prayer is the one that saves the man.

If you are a stingy one, you may pray a lot, you may do so many worshipping, but there's a big danger waiting for you. You may go out from this world without faith if you are a stingy person. It's because you are being stingy in the Mulk of Allah subhana wa ta'ala which is not yours. Nothing is yours and you are pulling to yourself. And Allah doesn't like that. He doesn't want that from His servants. Generous ones are reaching. The stingy ones, even if they do something, because of their stinginess, even though they did it but their heart is hurting, even if they did something great, instead of getting lots of reward they may get a lot of punishment for it.

There was a man and I know him. He's still living. He was in Turkey. He was a Muslim, he was praying and he was doing everything. But he was very, very wealthy. He could buy half of Istanbul maybe. And sometimes later he got sick, he got cancer, he went to Europe, he went to America, he went everywhere but they didn't find the cure, and in America they said to his children, 'Take him.

Bring him back home and wait for him to die. There's nothing that medicine can do anymore. Or you may find a wise man to pray for him. Maybe it changes.' In Turkey they didn't run for a wise man, a saint, an Imam, they said, 'Medicine.' But when they came to America, American doctors said to them, 'Well, medicine has finished with this man. We cannot do anything. We cannot do beyond this.'

That's one thing in America that is good. They know where the limit is. But in the third world they don't know that yet, Doctor says, 'Okay, we have hope. London, Europe or America.' But America says, 'We have no more hope. It's finished. There's nothing that medicine can do.' But they didn't lose hope again because there was faith there. They said, 'Because we have seen so many miracles, maybe there's an wise man who can read for this one and it changes.' So they were Wahhabi type. They were not believing in Awliya. So they came back to Turkey and his son who's also serving Sheykh Mevlana now, I have lots of stories on them, and he was talking to his friend saying, 'I wasn't believing in all this. The American doctors are telling us, 'Go and find an Imam to read for him'. So that guy said to him, 'You know, I know one whose Dua is accepted.' He said, 'Who?' He said, 'Sheykh Nazim. He's coming to Istanbul three days later. He is my Sheykh. Come and ask him and he will come.'

And that's exactly what happened. He came to the airport, then he went to the place where Sheykh Mevlana was going and he went and he told Sheykh Mevlana that his father is sick and he may come and pray for him. So Sheykh Mevlana says, 'I'm coming.' And he went over there, he's looking at him and he said, 'Don't worry. You are going to get up, you are going to run after this Dunya so much more since you are in love with this Dunya. Eh, you are going to do some good things after this maybe. But you're going to get up. Don't worry.' He blew on him. Nobody believed it. They were thinking, 'This old man came and took us for a ride.' Some days later he started getting better and better and better everyday. They weren't believing that he's getting better. And he got up from the bed. The man that was skin and bone, he got up. He started walking, he started running, he started doing more things, more business. Then he turned around and he built one mosque for Sheykh Mevlana.

But wait. He built it with two minarets. Big mosque. Underneath there's a big compound with stores and everything. Inside there are barracks, so many people can stay, kitchens and everything. It's a big thing. Kulliye. But he built it and he said, 'Well, Sheykh Nazim isn't coming here. Let me rent this here, let me rent this part.' So he started renting it, collecting money from it. Anyway, he is doing all this, Sheykh Mevlana is coming from time to time and going to that Masjid but no spirit there.

So one time, we were in the Pir Ussaki, he's a big saint and we were there, they were making renovation to that place, it's been there for 600 years and some things were collapsing. So they have to do the foundations good and everything. It needed a lot of money. It had three floors made out of wood but there's a lot of work that needs to be done. So, Sheykh Mevlana said, 'This is also our Sheykh. Anybody who's helping here financially, they are going to get a lot of reward in the Judgment. Pir Hasan Hushamuddin Ussaki, he's a big Awliya and his help is going to reach to them.'

And the man who was responsible there, he's sitting next to Sheykh Mevlana. This person that I'm talking about, he's a millionaire of dollars. Not one million,

who knows how many millions. At that time he took out one Turkish million and circling around in front of Sheykh Mevlana he came around and put it inside the box showing that the man is helping. I think with one million at that time you could buy three breads in Turkey. And in Turkish way it's very, very bad manner to show what you are giving anyway. In Islamic way, not Turkish way. But the Americans are bringing their bad manners into Islam and they want to show what they are giving also. Get rid of it. It's very bad.

So, the caretaker Nihat Efendi was saying to Sheykh Mevlana, 'Sheykh Nazim, how many carpenters do you need to fix this one?' That's because it's a big piece of wood. So you need to work on it, chop it. He said, 'Ten is enough?' Sheykh Mevlana said, 'No.' He said, 'Fifty?' He said to him, 'No.' He said, 'Nihat Efendi, this one belongs to the fire.' He had but he was very stingy. He got up from the deathbed. He had cancer. He was dying. And now coming and showing to Sheykh Mevlana, 'I am giving one million.'

So, don't be stingy. If you are being stingy you are hanging your own self. Nobody else. Allah is more generous than you and anybody else. And what He gives, He gives. You don't give. He gives through your hand. Don't claim something saying, 'I give'. Say, 'Allah gave through my hand.' Then you will see the reward then. If you are a believer and you are keeping your obligations in Islam, you are keeping your Wird, you are keeping everything and you are a generous one, definitely you go out from this world being an Awliya. You have to reach to the level of Awliya. You cannot go out from this world before reaching. No way. They don't let you go out unless you reach to the level of Awliya. Yes sir.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq
Bihurmatil Habib
Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-5

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WITH ONE TAKBIR 21ST CENTURY'S ARROGANCE WILL FALL

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibirisi

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheythanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Medet Ya Seyyidi, Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Q: How can I stop being cruel to myself as well as to others?

Sheykh Efendi: Very easy. Don't do anything that you wouldn't like somebody else doing to you. How's that? Simple. Something that you don't like somebody doing to you, just don't do it to somebody else. You will not be cruel to yourself and you will not be cruel to others.

Q: What about generosity? How can a person become more generous when they realize that they are stingy?

Sheykh Efendi: Once you realize and you accept and you come to that awakening station that nothing is yours, then you will be able to share it with others. We are just temporary here and everything that is in your hands is temporary, given to you. Everything is given for your service doesn't mean that everything is yours. Allah is giving. He is not taking. He is giving. If you are a servant then you must learn first to give. If you didn't learn that then first learn how to take. You're not going to get tired of taking? Only you are going to take? You're never going to want to give?

People today don't have peace in the world. They are suffering. The biggest reason is they are not sharing. Peace and the whole blessings come to a man while he is giving, sharing with others. And Allah is pleased with you. When Allah is pleased with you, what else do you want? But first you have to understand what is Allah. People they are just mentioning the name 24 hours but they are not trying to understand what is Allah and what is it to be a servant.

Once you know, you come to realization that you are a servant, all blessings come with that and you run to do the servanthood the best way.

He is just giving to His servants. He is serving. Isn't it? He is serving. First you have to become a servant. Slowly you can go up, up, up, higher and higher. Then age-wise as you are getting older you will teach the young ones how to be serving. Eh, look at the younger ones, look. They are sitting like dummies. They are not good for anything. Thuuh! They want to be served non-stop. Thuuh! Idiots. Coming here once a week and later whole week running around in the holes. Hmm? Getting into trouble 24 hours a day. But what do you expect? Right `X'? You're not bringing them here. I told them to come here a thousand times. No. They're going to run around in the streets to get into trouble.

So, there's timing for everything. If you are not catching up with that timing and you miss that time, then later down in the road you may not learn. And if you don't learn certain things then you are not going to get the benefit of the life that is coming with that. So you are going to be headless and heedless, running around non-stop, looking everywhere trying to find that what you are looking for.

In reality that's what man is looking for. Peace. Peace within himself, what comes inside. And from inside through that one it's appearing outside. So when you are finding the peace and you are living with that peace, you don't have to do anything. It's just like a magnet. Other people who are looking for peace, they realize it right away that you have peace. They are running to you. They are running to be around you. And it's coming with that blessing that Allah

subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Be with Saliheen. Be with those ones that have found peace and peace will pass to you because you are being with them'.

So we have to learn definitely how to be a generous one. And a generous unbeliever has more hope to enter to Paradise than the stingy believer because stinginess Allah doesn't like, His Prophet (sws) doesn't like. The more stingy you become, the more selfish you become. The more selfish you become the more arrogant and stubborn you become. The more arrogant and stubborn you become, the more tyrant you become. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying that He doesn't love the tyrants. And the one that Allah doesn't love, that one is Kafir, that one is an unbeliever and that one is in trouble. So, even if the person is an unbeliever, he isn't believing in anything but if he is a generous one, its blessing will reach to that one one day.

Once upon a time, I can say, maybe three or four decades ago in America people were more generous. Americans also now learned to become more stingy ones. When they were generous ones Allah subhana wa ta'ala was sending His blessings and Rahmat to them non-stop. Isn't it? I lived those days here in this country. So many of you haven't been born yet at that time and I have spoken to those that lived even in times that America was in trouble. But one thing they were good with was that they were looking after others. We cannot say that now. Impossible. Now you cannot say the same. You have to be straight. From where they learned this? From those ones who are stingy. From Sheytan. Sheytan is a stingy one. Yes.

And now, as we say, still the benefits of Dunya are in the hand of people and the best things that Dunya is offering is in the hand of the Americans. Isn't it? It's very easy for Americans to reach anything that they want worldly. At least it's easier than people in Europe or people in the Middle East or people in the third world countries. But the most unhappy ones again now are Americans. If they were happy and peaceful then they won't be running around heedlessly, running and going. They go all the way to Tibet. What are you going there for? What is it that you are going to find there, hmm? That comes from here, inside (Sheykh Efendi point to his heart).

You cut the connection between you and your Lord. If the electricity is not coming here (Sheykh Efendi points at the lights on the Dergah ceiling), you can have nice chandelier but it's not going to give anything. Electricity has to come in to give light, Nur to this room. Once you disconnect yourself from those heavenly stations you are not going to get the benefits of the things you have around. And because you are not getting the benefit, you are not knowing the value.

That's one thing that, especially as we say again, we are living in this country, people are not understanding that value that they have in their hand. Usually people understand when they lose it. When they have it they don't understand. That's another secret that you have to know what kind of value is given to your hand and to appreciate and to be a thankful one for that, because who says that you can have and the one on the other side of the world cannot have? What is the difference between you and that one? Same Creator has created you and that one. He is giving it to you and it's not in that one's hand. And what you are doing about it? You cannot reach there maybe, yes. But at least you can be a thankful servant. And Allah is ordering, through that generosity to

reach to others. It doesn't matter what you have. If they are in need of something and you know that you can do, you must run to do. So, stinginess is the worst thing that man can do. To who? To himself.

Sheykh Efendi is saying to a teenage murid: Are you thinking about your friend (who passed away)? Did you think about him? I don't think so. I don't think you're thinking about him because you're still running around very loose. What happened to him, the same thing may happen to you. Did you ever think that? So why are you still running loose? Hmm, okay.

So don't leave it for the last minute. At the last minute it may give a lot of trouble to the man. He may not catch up. Life is granted. It may be taken away any second. Don't just run to fulfill your egoistic desires only. That is temporary. Look at the eternal life. The simple pleasures that are given to a man worldly, whatever the pleasure is to you, it's very simple and very little, and very temporary. Don't change your eternal life for it.

Allah is watching His servant. So many times the servants are screaming and crying because they are in trouble and they are in need of things and it's not happening. And some test is coming to them and Allah is testing their patience. It's easy to open everything to you. But He's testing you to see what you will do. And so many times even though they are not passing the test, the generosity of Allah subhana wa ta'ala is opening more on them and they are reaching to the things that they were longing and running. Then we look at them, as soon as they reach to those things they become more wild, they run more away from Allah and His service. Do you think Allah is pleased with you then?

You have to think. He is saying to us, 'If Allah subhana wa ta'ala would give value to this world as much value as He has given to a mosquito wing, He would not have given a drop of water to the unbelievers to drink.' But He is saying that this world and everything in it has no value in the Divine Presence and every kind of pleasure that you think is pleasure has no value also because that is only, as I said, temporary. Anything that is temporary has no pleasure. Look at the eternal life and try to catch that while you are living in this Dunya. And if you are not able to catch that in this Dunay then there is a big question mark if you are going to be able to reach to that or not.

So many are saying, 'Paradise is so big. What's going to happen? Is everyone going to hell?' No. Everyone is going to what they are building to themselves. But if the whole world lost the direction, it's not changing anything from Allah Himself. He says, 'We will take you and We will create new ones. You have no value.' He is saying, 'You can give as much value to yourself as you want. You can look at the mirror to say, 'Oh! How beautiful I am.' It's very easy. That beauty can be taken away instantly. Anything may happen. 'How strong I am!' Very easy. That power can be taken away instantly. 'How powerful I am!' Very easy.

Man is not watching to see and to realizing, to understand through the history that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving to us through all holy books. Some may not like what the Quran is saying. It's okay. Take what Taurat is saying. Look what's being mentioned in Taurat, in the story of Namrud and Ibrahim (as). Look at the story that happened between Firaun and Musa (as). What Namrud declared? He said, 'I am the lord of the earth. Everywhere belongs to me.' And Allah put one servant in front of him saying to him, 'Leave that arrogance. Make

prostration to your Lord who has given you all this power.' Saying to him, 'Lord? I am the lord. I am the creator. What your Lord does?'

'He gives life and He takes life.'

That one was saying, 'It's easy. I do the same.' He put two prisoners in front of him saying, 'One I am setting free. I am giving life to him. The other one, take his life. Kill him.' Hmm. Then Ibrahim (as) was saying to him, 'In that case...' Prophets don't argue. He said, 'In that case, my Lord is raising the sun from the East. You stop it. You raise it from the West.' Namrud started shaking. And knowing that he cannot do that he said to him, 'Not even the one you are claiming to be your Lord can do that.' He said, 'He can.' For that Allah is promising from that day, 'Before Judgment Day, We are going to raise the sun from the West one time. Make sure that you are asking forgiveness up till that day. When the sun is rising from the West and it's reaching to noontime and at noontime it's going back to the West again, the door of forgiveness is closed. No one's asking forgiveness after that is going to be accepted.'

And we're in very close days to that now. Mankind is heedless, sleeping, running here and running there, running to discover the world. He is running to discover the mosquito, running to discover all in the Discovery Channel, huh? They are running to discover everything but I have never seen a show in the Discovery Channel which is discovering the man himself. Did you ever see a show like that? "Man is Trying to Discover Himself: Who Is He".

Do you have a school? Everyone's saying, 'Study'. And? 'Have a diploma'. And? And, and, and? Have you discovered who you are? Are you understanding who you are? How little you are? Are you understanding? And to that little creature how much power and authority the Lord of Heavens is giving, saying, 'I have made you to become My Halife, My Ambassador, My Representative on the face of the earth.' And the doors of the skies will be closed to you up till you become a servant to Me and when I am accepting you as a good servant, I will be opening the doors of the skies too. You reach anywhere.

Not reaching with rockets. Ha ha! With these rockets that you are making it's just like a grasshopper jumping like this. The ignorant is thinking that he reached somewhere saying, 'We have sent a telescope. It went a hundred da da da da million years away and it's sending pictures and it's giving back to us.' It can go one billion years away. Where are you? Are you ever going to reach there? Not even in your imagination one day. It's not reaching now anyway to what kind of creation is out there. When you are looking at all this creation and understanding you, your own self, how little you are in all this, and when you are understanding how much power is given to you, is granted to you through that spirit that Allah subhana wa ta'ala put, there's no place that you can't reach then. But through the technology that you are making, very limited, just like a grasshopper jumping like that.

So Namrud was declaring, 'I am the Lord'. And Ibrahim (as) was saying to him, 'You lost your mind. You cannot be Lord like this. Turn around, make prostration and ask forgiveness and Allah is putting a weakest servant like me right in front of you to speak to you. You are not understanding that? And I am speaking to you. Within your authority I have broken your authority and I am standing in front of you and speaking to you.' And that one was saying, 'I am very angry to

your Lord. So say to Him that I am declaring war on him.' Ibrahim (as) said, 'Oh, now you are in trouble. You are declaring war? He is not taking you for anything.' But order was coming to Ibrahim (as) saying, 'Say to him Ya Ibrahim, We accept. We accept the challenge. And I am sending My army to him.' And he prepared all his armies. Like now everywhere the governments are preparing armies, SWAT teams, Air Force, da da da da, all kinds, count, and they say, 'We are the best ones.'

And he put all his best ones saying, 'Now the Lord of the Skies is coming to a war with me. Prepare.' It's not a joke. He's preparing all his armies and waiting saying to Ibrahim (as), 'Is He afraid? Is He not sending His army?' He said, 'It's coming. Don't you see? Look at the sky.' And they saw one black dot moving in the sky and it's moving coming closer, closer, closer, closer, closer and they were saying, 'What is this?' He said, 'This is a mosquito army. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending to you a mosquito army. Go ahead and finish them.' All those mosquitoes came and all those soldiers who had been covered from top to bottom, they entered into their bodies and instantly, one, two, three, eating their bodies and they were falling down as skeletons.

Namrud locked himself in a high place, glass everywhere, looking, shivering from inside and thinking, 'I did something good. I hid myself.' And he found one mosquito entering through the keyhole and circling in the room. He said, 'Ohh! What am I going to do?' And one mosquito, Allah is mentioning that he was broken legged and broken winged. He was not complete like the other ones. He said, 'Because Namrud declared lordship, We are sending the weakest one from that army, from those ones.' And he is going around trying to kill that one, running here and running there. He found the way and entered through the nose.

This is real. Entering to his brain and started eating. That mosquito started eating. As soon as it's touching the brain, 'Ugghh!' he was screaming. You think that you have tooth pain? Tooth pain is nothing then. How much pain just a little tooth pain gives to you because it's touching to the nerves and it's reaching to the brain. Imagine that the mosquito is touching your brain and start eating, the pain there. Screaming. Nothing is happening. Finally, he started hitting on this head and, 'Ahh', he realized that when he hits on his head the pain stops. Pain stops because the mosquito stops moving. And as soon as he stops, the mosquito starts moving again and the pain starts again. And now hitting like this and it's not helping. He made a wooden hammer. He had a giant guy, one of his bodyguards, and he said to him, 'Every time when I start screaming, hit on my head strongly.' And that's what was happening. He hits on his head and the mosquito stops moving. The pain goes away for a little bit. As soon as the mosquito comes back to itself, it starts eating again. Namrud screams saying, 'Harder! Harder! Harder!' Finally even that one who has been paid to do that job was fed up with him.

Open. Open the book of Taurat. It's there. Open the Bible. It's there. Open the Quran. It's there. You think all these books are just making imagination? One coming centuries ago, the other one coming so many centuries later and the other so many centuries later, mentioning the same things. Finally that one was fed up with him and he was hitting was so strong that it opened his skull and that little mosquito that was inside became like a bird by eating the brain. It flew away.

Why do you think Allah is giving us that story in all these Holy Books? He is teaching us a lesson saying, 'You are nothing but a servant. No matter which station you reach. You are going to be a servant. And if you are declaring something other than that, I am not accepting. If you are becoming a good servant to Me, I am putting titles to you. I may make you to become a Sultan. But it's coming from the heavenly station. No one can take it away when it's coming from there. The world may run to take it. They cannot. It's given from the heavenly stations.'

So Allah is giving us explanations and teachings that the more arrogant mankind became, with more little creatures He has punished them. And He is mentioning Firaun, how arrogant that one became and for that one, one cane was enough. He gave to Musa (as) saying, 'Through this cane you bring the Firaun's kingdom down.' And with one cane he did so many miracles and he brought down Firaun's authority and his declaring lordship became zero. He was drowned in those waters. Which one is not declaring war to Allah today on the face of the earth from the 21st Century people? Hmm? Any order that He is ordering to us and man is running away from it knowingly, being aware of it with knowledge, he is declaring war, saying, 'I don't like this. I like what my ego wants. Not what You want. It doesn't fit to my ego.'

And to today's man, the 21st Century man, it's not coming with a mosquito or with a cane. They hate to hear one word, especially the West. That's 'Takbir! Allahu Akbar!' They are shaking from that. Sufi Sheykhs today are also saying, 'Don't say that brother.' Hmm. Why is that trembling coming to the heart? 'Allahu Akbar!' With that one Allah subhana wa ta'ala is bringing end to this 21st Century's arrogance and stubbornness. One Takbir taken by Mahdi (alayhi salam) and everything is coming down. And I believe strongly through the knowledge that has been opened to me, that almost everyone here will reach to that day. But make sure that you will be on the right side, not on the wrong side. Before that Takbir is taken, what this mankind has built, this nuclear waste, it's finishing, wasting billions of people. Go ahead and stop it. Tell your governments to stop it. Impossible. They cannot stop it. They are going to use it. Have no fear. No fear to those ones that are surrounded with that Nur, with that light that is coming from the heavenly stations because the waste of that nuclear fire cannot penetrate through that Nur. It stops there. No matter where you are, you are under that protection then. Run to be under that shelter. Then you will be safe. Otherwise, not you, not your buildings, and not your bunkers are going to save you.

They are building bunkers to go and hide from that but the earth is just going to disappear. It's going to pull cities in it instantly. It's going to disappear. It's happening right now but they are not showing to you. CNN is not showing to you. It's happening in different parts of the world and it's happening in the areas where there are no villages or towns. It's happening right now. Big holes opening and earth just disappearing. Sometimes later it's turning up just like nothing happened. The cities that you are sitting in are just going to fall turning upside down. That's it. Where are you running O mankind, 21st Century's stubborn man? They are being stubborn on what their ego wants only. So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not happy with this 21st Century people who are arrogant, stubborn and stingy.

As we said, if they are Muslims, they must make Sejdah to find safety from that

which is coming. Impossible to those who are not making Sejdah that they are Muslims and they are believing in Allah and His Last Prophet (sws) to find safety from that. Impossible. To Non-Muslims safety is generosity. If they are generous now then Isa (as) is coming down to show them what is the right way and where to turn. It passed from the hands of man now. It is in the hand of Awliya Allah but no permission to open. They are not opening that to them except that Isa (as) is going to open, showing to those ones that, 'It is through the generosity that you did. Now follow the orders that I bring to you and I bring to you the orders of the Last Prophet (sws).' And then they will run inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib.... Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-6

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WELCOME TO THE MENTAL HOUSE

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

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Medet Ya Seyyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Sheykh Efendi: How can you protect yourself from an enemy if you don't know the enemy? 'X', do you think you can protect yourself from your enemy who's trying to attack you, to destroy you and to finish you? And he's using everything.

There's no law. He's doing everything. Whatever comes to destroy that man. If the man doesn't know who's the enemy, do you think that he's going to be able to save himself from that enemy? Say.

A murid: No, Sheykh Efendi.

Sheykh Efendi. So who's your enemy? Mankind is making non-stop confusion. Because of what? Because of that enemy. Because you don't see clearly, because you don't know who's your enemy. Hmm? So who's your enemy?

A murid: My ego. Myself. The one that likes to be right. The one that likes to show off. The one that likes to be in the front, do it's own thing.

Sheykh Efendi: Sometimes it doesn't like to show off. Some are pretending that they are so humble, so innocent, so angel. That's what some are pretending. So,

they're not making show there. They're making show but it's a hidden show. So the person doesn't know. So, who's your enemy?

A murid: Sheytan.

Sheykh Efendi: Sheytan? Are there any bigger sheytans than the humans today? Sheytan is resting, saying, 'I couldn't do it better than them.' He is going to their university to get a PhD now, saying, 'They're getting PhD. They're better than me now. I must get one too.' It's easy for everyone to say 'Sheytan'. Look at your own sheytan. Your own self.

Your enemy is your ego. Your worst ego is your enemy. And you don't know your ego until you submit yourself to a master to teach yourself your ego. Submission comes with obedience. There's no submission with disobedience. Disobedient ones, no hope to those ones for safety. No hope. Disobedient. And Allah is saying, 'When we create them again in the Judgment Day, they will say, 'Oh our Lord, now we understand the reality. Send us back. We keep Your orders and we come back.' And He is saying to them, 'No need. We tried you one time. Not one but if we send you one thousand times more, you are still going to become like this. So, no need. Now it's for you to be non-existent. You wasted.'

Wasting the life. Not Jahannam. So many are not understanding the differences there too. Hmm. Wasting your life with nonsense, with garbages, with foolishness, yes. Responsible. Man is responsible. It doesn't matter if they want to educate themselves or if they want to stay completely ignorant. Man is responsible. If the man knows where his mouth is, if the man knows where to find food when he gets hungry, if that man knows how to get out of his house and come back home, if that man knows how to complain about the things that are bothering him in Dunya, responsible. It doesn't matter. It is for that man to run to educate himself, to find education centers, to submit himself to that education center and to be obedient to that teacher in that education center to make progress.

What do you think will happen to the student to whom they gave a grant? Everybody here have grants. What do you think you did? Tell me one of you, what do you think you did so good to be finding the Sultanul Awliya? Huh? What do you think you did? You are giving so many credits to yourselves, males and females. What good you did, tell me? And you are in his classroom and continuously being disobedient. You think obedience is sitting in front of the Sheykh and staying completely quiet all the time? Never yes, never no, and as soon as that association finishes (you talk uncontrollably). Is that obedience? Is that what it is you think? Huh, as a matter of fact, I'll tell you, with that kind of a teacher you can say things in front of me that are not good. I may erase it. But I am not going to run to do it when you say it behind me.

Don't be hypocrites! Hypocrites are not entering to Paradise. Don't forget that.

A murid: When I'm here (at the dergah) I feel like I'm with my family. But when I go home I don't feel attached to my loved ones and it feels like my loved ones make sure I feel that way.

Sheykh Efendi: Right. That's exactly the way everyone here's supposed to be feeling. If they would be feeling that way then they would be here. But they

don't. As I said, the 21st Century's sickness is so big with people that I'm just trying to keep them saying the Shahadat, to keep the Shahadat at least. Some are thinking that they reached to so many places. But the reality is not. Just to keep that Shahadat alive that you go out from this world with that Shahadat. If not, you are in big trouble. That's what the centers are for, to remind people at least that part and to remind them death.

What is it that you are running out there for? Nothing. Nothing. Nothing. You know if there was something you would have caught it, you would have gotten it by now. What is it that you are still going to run for? The life is gone. If you pass beyond 40 then life is gone. You can say, 'I feel young.' You can say whatever you want to yourself. 80 is saying, 'I feel like 18'. Okay. That's okay. You can feel like 18. If you say you feel like 18 then you didn't get anything from this life anyway. Instead of saying, 'In 80 years I feel like I've been living in this world for 800 years', you say, 'I feel like I'm 18'. You're stuck there. You're stuck with your own ego. What did you do at that time that you couldn't come out from it? Only Kufur. And? The forbidden stuff that Allah has forbid you from. And you're still stuck? If somebody will come to remind you with that you should close your eyes and turn away not to remember. Even if you remember you must run away from that. And you're reminding yourself with that all the time?

I cannot believe this part. That shows that the identity is lost and the person didn't find the identity. Meaning, you don't know who you are. The identity. It's easy to say, 'I am this person, I was born in this part, on this day, in this place'. That's not your identity. You have to find your identity, your own self. What is it saying? The one who knows himself, he knows his Lord. Your understanding of Allah is according to your own imagination then. If you didn't find Allah then your understanding is going to be according to your own imagination, according to what fits to your ego because you are not trying to rise up. You are trying to bring Allah to your own level of understanding. Never is going to happen. Never has happened and never will happen. Those who reached, they come down to bring the other ones up. And you are insisting to be stuck down. That's the reality. So many things you do in your life then, maybe it's going to give you some benefits, those good things that you are doing, but the bottom point is, you didn't find yourself.

What can man do in this world? Nothing really. He's saying, 'I'm doing good'. What you are doing good? What the man do good? If the whole world is in your hand and you just give it away, you still didn't do any good. You're claiming something that's never been yours anyway. It's been here, the world's been here before you and your grandfathers have been created and all the wealth that's circling around in the world is here. It didn't go anywhere. It didn't go up or down. What's going down they go and they bring it back up again. So all the wealth in this world is here. It's been here. You weren't here. Then you have been sent here from one drop of dirty water, Allah is saying to us.

'Don't insult me like that!' Some are saying, 'Don't insult me like that!'

You don't want to know your reality. And you came out from the dirtiest place. Man is not understanding the reality. And walking on top of the earth like you have created the earth. Looking at the mirror. Just one shiny thing, mirror or whatever, a shiny thing is making you to be so proud. If there were no mirror

there you wouldn't be so proud. Isn't it? If you didn't see your outside form then you weren't going to be so proud. So you get fooled, not by Sheytan. Sheytan doesn't need to run to fool you now. There are so many other tricks and traps in front of you before Sheytan is coming to spend time and energy with you.

Abdul Khaliq Ghujdawani Hazratleri is saying, 'I was a doorkeeper and for 40 years I didn't open the door for a wrong call.' 40 years. 'I walked on the earth and I didn't step on the dirty things for 40 years'. We are following that Tariqat. (Our) top and bottom is dirty, stepping everywhere. What doorkeeper he was? Saying, 'I didn't open one drop or window or anything from my heart to the wrong way. I am the doorkeeper. They will be questioning me on the Judgment Day, 'Why did you put this wrong thing in your heart?' Don't go around pointing fingers at others, 'This one did this, this one did that'. Point finger to your own self. 'For this one to do this, what did I do?' That's what you have to look. That's what you have to be busy with.

And yesterday I forgot to say one thing when you asked me about being sorry. It is not Islam to go and say 'I'm sorry'. Islam is going and asking forgiveness, asking for the person to make his right or her right Halal to you. There are two sins that everyone knows, the biggest sins that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Don't come to My Presence with these two. I will not forgive you.' Are we taking that seriously? What are those two sins that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying. I spoke over and over again about those two. How many knows? Raise your hand. Two sins. One, what is it 'Y'?

A murid: BismillahirRahmanirRahim. Not to make Shirk.

Sheykh Efendi: Not to make Shirk. 'Don't come to My Presence with Shirk'. And the second? Who knows the second? Say, about which Allah is saying, 'Don't come to My Presence with that'?

A murid: Someone else's rights.

Sheykh Efendi: Someone else's right. 'Don't come to My Presence with that'. Understanding 'X'? It's not just to say, 'I'm sorry'. And? 'Okay'. The case is not closed. 'I am coming and I am apologizing for the wrong things that I did to you. Please forgive me. Forgive my rights for the wrong things that I did to you'.

Huh, so brave. These are not changing. These two are not changing. It doesn't matter who's doing it. People are doing it today from the small ones to the big ones. They became heartless. It's because they are separating themselves. People are separating themselves from that reality saying, 'Why am I different? I'm different!' That is Shirk. That is a hidden Shirk. The same one who created you is the same one who created that one. What is different? Same ego He put in that one, the same ego that you have. What are the differences? The only difference is you are working so hard and you are cleaning your ego and you are becoming a better servant. When you are becoming a better servant you don't say, 'I'm different. I'm priority. I'm this.' No. You go more down. Anything happening around, the first thing you look is, 'What I did wrong in it? What wrong I did that it is to happen to me?' You didn't do anything, An incident happened to you, you don't go to that one who did the incident. You say, 'What I did for

Allah subhana wa ta'ala to punish me with this. I know I didn't do anything wrong to this one. But what did I do? And I'm getting punishment here with this.' Hmm. When you search your pages you're going to find. It's there. But you sealed your pages. No, don't seal it. Make sure that the whole world forgets the things you did but you don't forget.

Forget two things. Those who did wrong to you and those right things that you did to others. Those good things that you did to others, forget. Those bad things that people did to you, forget. Don't forget two things. Don't forget Allah, that there is a Judgment Day. You are going to come to His Presence. And don't forget that there is death. Keep it in your heart alive 24 hours. In every breath keep it. Don't say to me, 'This Sheikh is scaring people'. You want to be scared? Go to the cemetery and wait there. Or run away from the cemetery. Go where the enjoyment is. Go to Atlantic City. Or Disneyland. Get Dizzy. But I heard that the angel of death has permission to go anywhere. He doesn't need a ticket to enter in. Unexpected times too. You cannot say, 'This is my private time'. People they do private things. They have their own complete private times.

There was a man, a murid of Sheikh Mevlana once upon a time. He wanted to get married and Sheikh Mevlana said to him, 'No, don't get married. Don't. Don't. No need. Concentrate on this way.' He said, 'No Mevlana. I cannot live without it.' He said, 'Don't get married.' He got married. It didn't pass 40 days they found him. While he was trying to sleep with his wife he just died on top of her. Azrail didn't say, 'This is the murid of Sheikh Nazim and he is doing his own private thing. Maybe I should knock on the door to say 'Get dressed'.'

Are you understanding how serious it is or you're just laughing about it? Are you understanding that you are in it? That you are one of them? Are you understanding that part? Knowing 'It can be me. It happened to someone. Who says that it's not going to happen to me?' Are you knowing that part? If you know that part then you get more scared, more fearful, more delicate, more easygoing with everything around then. You don't go to say then to that one who's controlling the steering, who's driving and who's rough and tough saying, 'You're too rough Sheikh'. Who are you to say that to your Sheikh? Is he rough and tough to himself? Yes, to himself very, very rough and hard. He even forgets to eat for days. If somebody doesn't put in front of him, he forgets to eat. Allah, Allah. But he doesn't forget the problem of his people. Even if he speaks to them or not, even if he answers them or not, he tries to fix their problems. Allah, Allah.

Very bad. Very bad times. Wake up from that! Or the end is disaster. This classroom is a good classroom. It just takes some discipline. Nothing else. And obedience. By yourself. Not by force. There are ways to do those things too. But we say, 'Do it by yourself, if you think that you are from the human kind, if you think that you have been created to this world to understand, to know Allah, to love Allah and to worship Allah.' It's because Allah is asking you for worship through obedience and through love. Not through anger, not through ways saying, 'Ohh! I didn't want to do this but I have no choice'. Yes. So many are doing that. If there's no love then nothing's going to move. Through love you can move mountains. The love is missing. Look at yourself. Allah is not disconnecting. Allah is not cutting. You are cutting yourself from that love because you are turning your direction to other things. You started loving other

things. That's what happened to you. That is the problem.

And when you are feeling, 'Yes, when I'm not around this community, this Sheykh, I feel lonely. I feel that I'm away. I feel that I'm disconnected from my family', that is the time that inside you are really building something. Something is being built there. When your own family seems strangers. When they are disobedient to Allah, then they become strangers to you. You're sitting with them or you're talking, it doesn't matter so much. They're there or not, it doesn't matter so much.

This is the reality. This is how it is. This is how it has been. This is how people reached to Allah. All those that reached to Allah reached through those steps. Don't you read? Don't you know the history of the Awliya Allah? Maybe you don't because you don't read anymore too because you're knowing so much. Yes, because you don't read and you don't come to ask questions, not worldly, not spiritually and not heavenly. It means no inspiration is coming to you at all. It's coming but you're completely blocked. You're not seeing anything. You're blind and deaf and if you're blind in Dunya then you're going to be blind in Akhirat. Nothing is coming to you. Otherwise, you're going to come to ask the question. I'm waiting because there are steps that you are going up and you reach the third step. That one who went up and down knows that there's a difficulty on the third step. The person who's going to reach up here is going to come and ask, 'How I'm going to pass this third step because it's not like the second and the first.' No. They just come to say illusions and delusions so many times, seeing things. Leave those things. Are you a Buddhist? Or you're looking for imagination? So you're not making progress. Because? Because of Dunya. Nothing else. The admiring and the love of this Dunya in your heart. Nothing else. Then you understand what is love too. You don't know what love is.

So, wake up to yourselves. Don't fool yourselves. It doesn't matter where you are, how you are or who you are. You are another creature that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created. Either you pass or you fail. So many who are going to school are claiming during school time, talking so much, 'I did this good and I did that good'. They are fooling themselves so much that they go to a test, they know that they didn't do good but they come out and say, 'I did good'. And? When they're going to read them the results, they get upset to the teacher. They say, 'This teacher is so bad. I did so good but he didn't give me. I failed.' The world knows that one teacher cannot do anything wrong like that, one person over and over. The world knows that because so many other ones have to check. But so many others around them start believing that too because they are in the same category. And they are becoming a gang altogether against the teacher or against the system. Then they are rising in the streets and walking, pulling a flag, 'We want our rights!' The first thing that's openly showing you're wrong is you want your rights in the streets. Or screaming saying, 'I want my rights!' Who has your rights? Who's controlling your life? Me or your Lord? You're screaming to who? To your Lord saying, 'I want my rights?' MashaAllah, SubhanAllah.

Yes, wake up to yourselves for your own good. Don't fool yourselves. It's because times have changed. It's very bad. Aren't you listening? If you're thinking that I'm saying otherwise than Sheykh Mevlana, aren't you listening to what he's saying? He's saying, 'All are running towards hell. Exception are a couple of people around. The rest are headless, Ghaflat, foolish and sleeping people.' Isn't that what he's saying all the time? 'Welcome to you, O mental

house people!' Are you understanding what he means? Yeah? Mental House people, meaning, you are still an animal, meaning, you lost your mind. You have no mind. And? This is a mental house. It's a possibility that we may work on you and you may come out from that sickness when you understand what you are. Welcome to the Mental House.

Taking drugs? Those drugs aren't going to help you if you're taking them. It's just going to make you more mental case. They're going to make you forget about yourself more, to become dummy and zombie more, never to think until the last breath then because even if you want to think, everyone around you now are going to say, 'Oh, he's thinking. He's depressed. Give him more medicine.' And a little bit later the man is going down thinking. Not like that one over there sitting in front of me and daydreaming. He's not listening. He knows why that's happening. I know at least if he doesn't know. I can tell him why that's happening to him. Hmm. I'm an expert. When I look at people I know. The eyes speak. We can remove the video and look in it just like a television that anywhere you look with those eyes 24 hours can be seen there by rewinding it. Huh? I see that now you put your eyes down right away. So many should do that.

That's why we say that you cannot look into my eyes to speak what you are speaking. If Allah is your witness and the Prophet (sww) is your witness, you cannot look into my eyes and speak what you are speaking because you are not going to see the things that you say, if you have a vision. And? If you are claiming still, then you are stealing. You are lying and cheating with that.

So, wake up to yourselves. This world didn't just happen just like this and you didn't just happen just like that too. If Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created you and He gave care to you and if you think that you have a value... if you think that you don't have a value, you have a value. But your value only comes through obedience to your Lord. And through asking from Allah subhana wa ta'ala. And asking has to teach you how to run and how to learn and how to progress. You cannot be in the same heedless and headless station, in the same circle going around day and night 24 hour a day. You must wake up. You must remove that glaze that is glazing your eyes that's making you to see yourself that you have reached to the top. Look down under your feet. Never look up. You'll be alright then.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

All this is happening because of your egos. The ego is your worst enemy. The ego will not rest until the last breath. It will not rest until the last breath. And the ego has so many tricks that if you fix it from one side then it's going to come to you from the good side. If you are going to become disobedient to your master, it's going to cut your neck off right there. So, you cannot take care of your ego by yourself. Impossible.

Salam aleykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatauhu

Sohbet-7

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE RULING OF ALLAH AND THE RULING OF TAGHUTS

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering saying to us, 'Obey Allah, obey His Prophet (sws) and obey those ones who are authority'. Who are authority on what? Those who are on the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws) and they are telling you things in the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws). They are calling you from this Dunya to Akhirat. They are reminding you Allah and His Prophet's (sws) orders. Now it's obligation to obey those ones. But the Nation has lost their minds today.

'Eh, we have democracy'.

'Is it fitting to Islam'?

I'll tell you where it fits. There are two kinds of ruling. Either the ruling of Allah or the ruling of the Taghuts, the Quran-e Kerim is saying. 'I am sending you My orders. Everything is in that book. You may not understand that. I sent you the Prophet (sws) and the Prophet (sws) is showing you the ways, teaching you the ways. You have to follow those ways. Since the time of the Holy Prophet (sws), for over fourteen hundred years, until this last century, the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th Century, the Muslims have never fallen (Islam is always very high) this low. All that happened because they wanted to change. They said, 'We don't want this kind of ruling, Shariat. What do we need Shariat for? We are civilized people. We are going to make our own laws.' Hmm. [In reality] they are saying, 'He is ruling the skies, not the earth. That God is ruling up there in the Paradise. Not here. He left us to do as we like'. No! That's exactly what Namrud said, that's exactly what Firaun said and that's exactly what the Awliya are saying that almost every one of the 21st Century people became Namruds and Firauns.

Later, 'Eh, we are in trouble'. Your trouble is never going to finish. No end. Every passing day there's going to be another trouble standing right in front of you. But the miracle of the Holy Prophet (sws), if you are holding to that, it should be enough to take you out from every trouble. What is he saying? 'Oh my Nation, Jaddukum Imanukum. Renew your faith. Your faith is getting old. Every time you are remembering, renew your faith.' Renewing the faith is not just

saying that Shahadat through the tongue, 'Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu'. You must say through the tongue, you must believe freely through the heart and you must live according to that Shahadat. What is the guidance of that Shahadat? The Holy Prophet (sws) is showing to us, his lifestyle, his Sahaba-e Kiram, their lifestyle is enough for us to find the way again.

But when we changed it, when they shifted from the ruling system of Islam and they turned to democracy-hypocrisy, then the Nation became heedless and headless. Everyone is running and saying, 'I do as I like. Nobody's going to tell me anything'. If you do as you like then don't die. Why are you lying to yourself? If you do as you like then don't get old. If you do as you like then what do you have fear from? Say, 'I am the ruler' just like Namrud and Firaun. Who's not saying it? Everyone's saying it. But as soon as something is happening, everyone is shivering. Wake up to yourself. This is the month of Safar. Muslims, wake up to yourselves. It doesn't matter where you live, which nation you live. You are Muslims, you are believers. Everywhere, every land belongs to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. And the believers are responsible to live according to their faith anywhere they are going. You cannot say, 'Eh, there's nothing here. There's no ruling of Islam. So, I do as I like as the other ones'. Where is your faith? Faith is gone.

The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'The way you believe, that's how you will live. The way you live, that's how you will die. The way you die, that's how you will be buried. The way you will be buried, that's how you will get up to the Judgment Day'. Watch yourself, look at yourself, say to yourself, 'Am I happy with this situation that I'm living in right now? Is it enough for me to get up for the Judgment Day like this?' Ask yourself. Don't lie to yourself. Don't cheat yourself. You may cheat the whole world, today's people are lying to the whole world, left and right, at least don't lie to yourself. Look at yourself, look at your actions, and say, do you like it? If you like it and you say that it's according to the line with Islam then continue because that's how you are going to die. If you don't like it then correct yourself. Don't delay it for tomorrow because maybe Azrail is waiting for tonight. Maybe your name is in that book.

But the Muslim nation forgot about that too. They don't want to remember and they don't want to be reminded by death. And Allah is reminding us, His Prophet (sws) is reminding us, saying to us, 'Keep that alive, keep yourself alive with that remembrance. Otherwise, you will forget about Akhirat, you will fall into the wrong ways of Dunya and you will be in trouble. You cannot come out from that mess later.

So, the way we believe, that is the way we must live. That is the way we must force ourselves. That is the way we must prepare ourselves to say, 'Azrail may come to me today. What did I do today? How did I live today?' Leave yesterday. Yesterday you lived good but that was yesterday. What are you doing today? So many people live with the Shahadat. Their lives are in the way of Islam. But in the last days of their lives Shейtan is coming. And if you lose it then you lost it. So you have to keep that alive all the time. One worry you have to have and that is the worry. You have to check everytime, 'What is the level of my faith? How's my Iman, let me check it.' You have a tester for everything. Where is the tester to check your faith? Check it up to see which level it is. Is it passing

or is it failing? If it's failing, don't sleep, don't even eat, run to fix it to bring it to the level that passes because Azrail is blowing on your neck twenty-four hours a day. It may appear in front of you. Think on it, think.

`Eh, we are okay, we are healthy,'

Are you in your right mind? Look what's happening in the world. So many went to sleep in Haiti. Eh, they went to sleep planning so many things that they are going to do the next day. They don't sleep nighttime too much too. They run to do so much wrong things there too, and everywhere people today. But when the order is coming, no one can remove it. Instantly, over a hundred thousand just disappeared from this world. Goodbye. Who says that tomorrow it's not going to be here? Who says that tomorrow it's not going to be in the land that you are in? Your technologies or your smart tube babies? Today they are making tube babies. Those ones are saying? Eh, they don't have enough mind to themselves, from top to bottom. If they do then they will run after the Shahadat. Those who have correct faith, correct intelligence, they must run after something that is going to give benefit to them.

`Eh, I am discovering this, this'.

What are you running up there for? What are you going to discover? Did you discover yourself? And you are sitting 24 hours in front of that Sheytan box and getting fooled by it? Wake up to yourselves. The believers are those ones that when their Lord is remembered next to them, their hearts start shivering. They put themselves back to the line again. And when their Prophet (sws) is mentioned love is coming to their hearts and that love makes them to move around to do things for the sake of their Lord. Not like today, the Muslims became Miskin people! They are so lazy, the young generations, sitting and they don't want to move. They don't want to do anything. When are you going to move? In the grave?

They will tie your feet good. You cannot move there then. Now is the time for you to run around. Nighttime they are sitting all night long doing nothing, of course. Nighttime not any good too, today's people, but sitting all night long either in front of the television, or new sickness of this century, new confusion of this century, the computers. In front of those computers all night long, and before morning is happening everyone is asleep like they put dirt on top of them.

Is this the reason of your creation? No. Is this the way that the Holy Prophet (sws) is showing to us? Is this the way that we have to get up like zombies to go to work everyday back and forth? No. You have been created to live for Allah and to die for Allah. And everything is finishing except one thing. When the last call is calling to you saying, `Did he pass the test? Did he get his card?' There are two ways going out from this world. The graveyard is there. The box is out there. Are you looking, are you watching, thinking, `Yes, I am going to be there one day'? If you take that seriously then you have to shake up to say, `What am I doing? Definitely I didn't pass the test. Definitely my lifestyle is not what the Holy Prophet (sws) is showing'. Then you will shake yourself up to put yourself back to the line. Then you will forget about the problems of this world.

Today's people, twenty-four hours a day problems. No peace. Of course. You left Allah, you left His Prophet (sws). Don't worry. With the simple things, with

these worldly things Allah is keeping you busy saying, 'You want to be busy with yourself? Be busy.' And you are never remembering Him. And then, 'I have this problem'. Good, make two rakat prayer and ask from Allah.

'Sheykh I am too busy'.

Good. Doing what? Are you praying your Salats? No, I cannot. I work. You cannot huh? That's why you have been created? Only to work? That comes second. The children of Adam (as) have been created to know Allah and to worship Allah. That is priority. That is order. Nothing else to you. If you do that correctly these days, Dunya is going to run after you. The world is going to run after you. This is the order that Allah is giving to this Dunya, saying, 'Those that are going to leave you, you must run after them. Those who are running after you, you must run away from them. Fool them, say to them, 'I am yours. Come to this corner. You are going to win this, you are going to win this' and before they turn left and right, life is finished, Azrail is there, you wasted the Dunya and you wasted the Akhirat. And say then, do you have intelligence?

Eh, everyone's running around saying, 'I am this intelligent. I am so smart'. Yes, let's put it on the tester. What's the level of your faith? That shows how smart you are. Are you saying, 'La ilaha illallah muhammadur rasulullah'? MashaAllah. They think that they are so smart and this Muslim Nation, the Muslims are running after them. Allah subhana wa ta'ala granted you the Shahadat. He has granted you to be from the Nation of Muhammad (sws). When Allah subhana wa ta'ala created the prophets and He asked them, 'Is there anything you want from Me?' They said, 'Yes, Ya Rabbi'. Every prophet, 124,000 prophets said, 'Ya Rabbi, we don't want to be prophets. Take this away from us and make us to become one of the Nation of Muhammad (sws), those people that are going to come after him or in his time'. And Allah is saying, 'No. My happiness to you is in this what I gave to you. My happiness to them is in what I gave to them'. And Allah accepted only one prophet to be from that nation. Isa (alayhi salam). These empty heads are saying [about him], 'Allah, God, Lord, Son, Mother'. He is coming back to be from the Nation of Muhammad (sws). You are one of them. How are you treating that? Heedlessly 24 hours a day running after what the unbelievers are preparing for you and leaving Allah and His Prophet (sws). Do you think that Azrail is not going to reach to you? So fast, before you turn left and right.

As we said, don't think that you are too young or you are healthy or you are a famous one. Azrail right now is in business. He is working right now while you are here. At least 150,000 is going to pass from this world today. At least. If it's another disaster like what's happening in Haiti, that's another extra. Don't think that 150,000 died there and it's finished. 150,000 at least are coming out from this world everyday. The day isn't finished yet tonight. Who says that you are not in it? Who says that your name is not in it? When the sun is setting down, do you think that Azrail is taking a break? Who says that your name is not in it from night until morning.

Wake up to yourself if you want safety for yourself, if you want safety in Dunya and Akhirat. Dunya and Akhirat, not only in Akhirat. From now on it's the month of Safar and it's coming with heavy bombardment to the disobedient children of Adam (as). So many are going to go out from this world but they are going without faith. Make sure that you hold on tightly to that. Make sure that you

don't give up. How are you going to hold on tightly? What the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying? The way you believe that's how you will live, the way you live that's how you will die, the way you die that's how you will rise'. If you are keeping the Shahadat alive in yourself right now, if the angel of death is going to reach to you someday somehow, you are not first going to say, 'Doctor' or 'ambulance'. You will say, 'Maybe Azrail is here. Let me renew my faith'. I am not seeing that. I am seeing 80,90 years old, from time to time Azrail is coming to them and touching them to wake them up, they are calling me saying, 'Sheykh, I have to go to doctor'. Why are you going to doctor? What is your expectation from this world? You reached to 90. Why don't you sit over there saying, 'La ilaha illallah, astahgirullah, subhanallah, alhamdulillah, la ilaha illallah, Allah'? Why are you not busy with that and you are so busy with the nonsense?

Yes, this is what they are teaching in this country, this is what they are teaching in this world right now. Don't make your children to be foolish ones growing up like that. You will be responsible later. The lifestyle that you are living, whatever they are seeing, that's how they are going to grow up, that's how they are going to be brought up. Huh, if you are living in this country it's more trouble anyway because you cannot rule on them. The government is saying everywhere now, 'You cannot touch them.' They love them so much that they are saying, 'Don't slap them because we are preparing them to become thieves, to become this and to become that, later to grab them and put them in jail'. Wake up to yourself.

Obey Allah, obey His Prophet (sws) and obey your rightly guided leaders, those that are saying to you the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. They are showing you the ways of the Holy Prophet (sws). If you keep obedience to those then you are keeping the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala in the Quran-e Kerim. If not, then you are a disobedient one. You are a disobedient one to the Quran-e Kerim. And then not 5 times a day, you may pray 55 times a day, you may recite the Quran all day all night long, they will ask you, have you been with the Saliheen? That's what Allah is saying to us, 'Be with the Siddiks, the Saliheen, with the righteous people. Be with them'. Have you been with them? Being with them is sitting and listening, asking, learning, moving. He is not saying to you, 'Be one of them'. He is saying to us, 'Be with them'. Being with them, slowly one day maybe something will pass to you and you will become one of them. If it's not, in the Judgment Day you go saying, 'I was with this Salih, I was with this righteous one, I was with this Awliya, I was with this Sheykh'.

But how are you going to do that? Today's Firauns, the Wahhabis teaching new style saying, 'Nobody brother, nobody. Your ego. Nobody else'. Your ego? You are learning by yourself huh? You are taking from the Quran-e Kerim by yourself huh? Don't you see that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Jibreel came to me'? He is pointing towards us saying, 'You are going to have somebody'. Don't you see the Sahaba-e Kiram that so many of them were big ones, high ones, high titled ones during that time too. Don't you see as soon as they turned to the Prophet (sws) they said, 'Prophet (sws) said and I heard'.

From where do you know? Especially the 21st Century people. 'I read the book'. Which books? The ones that the Yahudis are printing out and so many things are taken out and so many things they put in new? New styles? Hmm. So wake up to yourselves. Don't think that with any excuse you or me or anybody will be escaping. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering us, saying, 'Believers cannot be

heedless. Believers cannot be in Ghaflat'. Don't think that you are going to say, 'Well, I was heedless. I was in Ghaflat. So I am going to be saved'. No. You will be punished because you were in Ghaflat because the believer, what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying? 'Be careful from the vision of a believer. He will look with the Nur of Allah. You cannot fool him. The believer cannot get fooled. And the believer will not fool anyone. He will not get fooled by anyone and he will not fool anyone. That is a believer'. That is the real Shahadat, saying, 'Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu'. You must renew your faith.

This is the month of Safar. During this month at least, at least 3 times a day Shahadat and at least 500 times a day astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. If you cannot make it then 300 times a day, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. Today's people are very busy. They may say to me, '300 times is too much'. Say 100 times at least, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah means, sit somewhere for 5 minutes and understand the things you did in Ghaflat and ask forgiveness. Regret from Allah subhana wa ta'ala to say, 'You were watching me and I was doing this heedless thing Ya Rabbi. I am asking forgiveness from You'. That's what it means. And I am watching so many playing with the Tasbeeh [pulling it so quickly], I say, 'What you did?' They say, '100 times astaghfirullah'. MashaAllah, mashaAllah. You are just fooling yourself. Nobody else. Wake up to yourself.

We entered through one door of this world and we are going to exit from another door. There are two doors exiting. One entrance and two exits. If you exit from the right side then you are the winner. If you are exiting from the left side then you are in big trouble. That means you were in trouble in Dunya and you are in trouble in Akhirat. Amin.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-8

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

FIND ANOTHER WORLD IF YOU ARE NOT RELIGIOUS

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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January 22, 2010

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Medet Ya Seyyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. From the beginning of this world, until now, until the end, people living on the earth have been called to believe in Allah, to have faith and to prepare themselves to Akhirat, hereafter life, life that is eternal. And new way, new people the 21st century's squarehead people are saying, 'Eh, these are religious people. We are not religious ones'. What is religion? Religion is teaching you how to live on this earth, how to be an obedient servant, how to prepare yourself for Akhirat. Huh, are you a religious person or not? If not, it is haram to you to live on this earth. It is haram to them to eat and drink. You are not accepting the one who has created you and everything in it and you are staying in His place, in his land? Go find some other Lord. But the problem is it's not only the unbelievers today, the believers are the same way too. Calling themselves believers and where are you? Are you praying?

'No, I am busy'.

Your business must bankrupt. Where are you? Are you doing something for Allah's sake?

'No, I enjoy myself'.

You must enter to fire. Prepare yourself to enter to fire. The reason for you to be created and to be sent to this world is not to run after your ego and to have your religion according to your ego too. That's what happened to the 21st Century people. They make religion to themselves, the religious ones too, the ones that say, 'We are religious people. We are believers'. How you believe? 'As I like. As my ego says. I do as I like. Nobody says [anything to me]'.

Hmm. Allah subhana wa ta'ala just gave you Irada-e Juziya, little authority to put yourself, with that authority that is given to you to be able to separate what is right and what is wrong and to put yourself to the right way. But the full authority of you, your life, your family, the earth and the skies, under the earth and above the earth is in the hand of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. No one can do other than what he wants. But if you are preparing to say, 'I have Irada and I do as I like', that means you are saying, 'I have fallen to the level of the animals, lower than the animals', because the animals are not given intelligence and they are not given the responsibility to be a servant. They have been put out there to be under the service of man. And today's 21st Century man became so wild, even the wild animals are running away from them.

You must put yourself back to line, sit and question yourself to say, 'With this faith that I am claiming, am I going to pass the test? If Azrail is coming to me now, am I just going to pass the test, or am I going to fail? So who am I fooling?' You yourself. Nobody else. 24 hours a day. 24 hours a day fooling yourself. And if you get used to fooling yourself and if you don't wake up, if

you don't shake yourself up to wake up, years are passing and then you start bragging about it, 'I am a Muslim. I am a Muslim for these many years. I did this and I did that'. Huh, now you are in the hand of Sheytan completely. He is playing so good game on you that when Azrail is going to come you may wake up but it's too late.

Wake up now. In every Juma Khutba the Imam is reminding himself and reminding the Jama'at, 'Have fear from Allah and keep obedience to Allah'. Keeping obedience to Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not to say, 'I do as I like'. Obedience is to say, 'I do as You like. This is too hard for me. It's very difficult for me. But it's not difficult for You, Ya Rabbi. Help me to do it. Even if I am doing wrong, I know I am doing wrong, please I am asking forgiveness'.

Today's people became worse than the Firauns. Those who are running in the way of Allah became Firaun. They are not accepting anything anymore. Nobody's accepting anything anymore and everyone is right in their own way. Their eyes are closed. Where are you? Are you living in this world? Or are you living in illusions and delusions world? Wake up to yourselves. Last call, last days. Last days to you, last days to me and last days to the earth. Last days to everything that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created. Ahir of Ahir Zaman. Mankind has never fallen this low before, in general, east, west, north and south. It's only a handful of people that they pulled themselves from that general public saying, 'Ya Rabbi, we don't like what they are doing, we don't like how they are approaching to matters, we don't like these ones actions. We cannot do anything. So we are pulling back Ya Rabbi. Everything is in Your hand'. Disaster is happening in the world. You must take lesson. It happened there and it's not going to happen here, who says to you that? One day before those people were saying, 'It's never going to happen here'. One hour before, one minute before, people had so many plans to do. But their plans are not in the way of Allah. So everything turned upside down.

So Nature is upset with today's people. It's angry because Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given the authority of the world to the hand of man. He is giving a little intelligence and what the man is doing? Disaster. Rising their heads against the Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Those ones that are not making Sejdah, eh, they are rising. What about you making Sejdah? While you are making Sejdah you are rising your head against Allah subhana wa ta'ala? Being disobedient to His orders? Running away from His orders? Where are you running? From Jannat to Jahannam? That's exactly what it is. Males and Females! This Dunya made everyone to become slaves. Nothing else. Wake up to yourselves because if you have the whole world in your hand right now, you cannot use it. It's finished. The authority of the world is taken away too. The Awliya locked everything. Nobody can move anymore. Wake up to yourself before Azrail is coming. If Azrail is coming and at last you wake up, it will be too late. You are living above the earth today and you have a duty. Your duty is to make Sejdah continuously to say, 'Ya Rabbi, I am Your servant. I am not a good one'. Today's people must say this. Not to brag, 'I am doing this and I am doing that'. You must say, 'I am not a good one. Please help me to be a good one'.

If we do that, inshaAllah, with sincerity, you must say that with sincerity and not with your ego. On the one side saying this and on the other side looking down to the world and looking down to others like Firaun. Ask Firaun what happened to him. What is happening to him right now, ask. You don't have one

percent of what he had in his hand. He had the whole world's authority in his hand. What happened to him? To Namrud one mosquito was enough, one mosquito. To Firaun one cane was enough. For today's ignorant and arrogant 21st Century people one Takbir is enough. When that one is taking the Takbir, if you are not aligning yourself with the right side and if you fall into the wrong side, you are going to start crying, you are going to cry until Judgment Day and you are going to cry beyond that.

The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Give good news to people'. We are living the days that mankind lost their mind and Allah is giving order to His Prophet (sws) saying, 'Warn them. Give the good news to those who are obedient and give warning to those who are disobedient and leave them to Me. Give them the warning, say to them, make sure that they understand the fire. Then leave them to Me. You cannot change them.' So, did you understand the fire? If you didn't, don't let people to call you whatever, smart or crazy. It's okay. Put your hand in there and say, 'I am Lord.' Say, 'I do as I like'. People will understand then. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Do wrong things, be disobedient to Allah subhana wa ta'ala as much as you can bear the fire'. You are running away now because the feet are running and the hands are moving. Your eyes are open. And if you cannot run, then you know how to scream, 'Help, help, help', and the help may reach to you. That is a mercy. When Azrail is reaching, there is no more help.

The way you live, that's how you will die, the way you die, that's how you will be buried and the way you are buried, that's how you will rise to the Judgment Day. If you didn't reach to the level of humanity and you still have the characteristics of animal on your ego, (it means, the way you live that's how you are going to die), if you die with the characteristics of your ego, whichever the characteristic is at that time when Azrail is coming to you, as soon as they put you in the grave, you are going to turn into that. If you are a hyena, you are going to turn into that. If you are a snake then you are going to turn into a snake. Meaning, if your actions, if your intentions, if your aim, if your thinking is to go to hurt, to go to do damage, to go to do arrogant and stubborn things, which animals they have, you are in that characteristic. If you die during that time like that, as soon as you enter to the grave, you will become like that shape. You will get up to the Judgment Day knowing that you were a human but you are no longer a human in that animal characteristic. They are not going to put you to the side of the animals too. Completely separate because the animals are not going to accept saying, 'These are not from us'. The humans are not going to accept.

You have heavy days waiting, to you and to me. Heavy days are everyday waiting for you and for me. Are you still going to run to enjoy the world like heedless and headless people to say, 'I am enjoying my life'? Have you been created to enjoy your life or have you been created to be a servant to Allah? Have you been created to be a slave to this world? To be obedient to Shaytan? To run after your ego? Or have you been created for Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Choose one thing to yourself and live according to that. Whatever you think that you like, that fits to yourself, put that to yourself.

This much should be enough.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-9

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

MUSLIMS CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR LOST THEIR MINDS

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Inna ad-dina indallah-ul Islam. Only one religion in the presence of our Lord, is and always, Islam. No other. Muslims today are being very tolerant. They say, 'We have to be tolerant to be with Christians, to be with Jews, to be with this and to be with that.' Yes. And what are those? Fake religions. Sheytan helped them saying, 'You must follow this way. Then I can have you in my hand until I bring you to Jahannam. There's no other way.'

What was the order given to Adam (alayhi salam)? What is the principle of the orders? Amantu billahi wa malaikatihi wa kutubihi wa rusulihi wal yawmil akhiri bil qadiri khayrihi wa sharrihi min allahu ta'ala. We are saying that there are six. We have faith and we are saying as Muslims 'ash hadu an-la ilaha illaallah wa ash hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu'. What the people were saying in the time of Adam (as)? 'ash hadu an-la ilaha illa allah wa ash hadu anna Adam rasulullah'. 'Amantu billahi wa malaikatihi...' that's what they were saying. 'I am believing in Allah and to His angels, and to His books and to His prophets' and all things are coming. Same things are coming down all the way from Nuh (as) to Musa (as). Did Musa (as) say to his people, 'I am opening a new way to you'? Yahudi way or Musawi way? That's what they are calling themselves, Musawi. Eh, what about the Christians? Isa (as) said to them, 'I am your Lord. Leave everything and come to me'? Isawi way? Hazrat Isa (as). Hmm.

Eh, what about the Muslims? Leave those ones out now. Come to the Muslims now. What happened to the Muslims? The Muslims are saying the Shahadat, they are

believing all that but they are living worse than the other ones. Maybe 90% of the Muslims including every one of our families in it, they were celebrating new year last night. Isn't it? Say otherwise. Say, 'I am exception'. They don't know, they don't remember, they don't want to be together in the celebrations of the new years of the Islamic calendar but when it comes to that fake one, cheated one, lied one, everyone is together and the Muslims are at the front row. The Muslims, yes. Muslim countries! They are banning the name of Allah and the name of His Prophet (sws), but they are running in the streets all night long like lunatics as if they lost their minds. Yes. If you don't know then watch in the television, saying, 'World television now. We are giving you new year from Indonesia to Malaysia'. What is new year doing in Indonesia? They say '220 million Muslims'. What kind of celebrations are these? And the President has to be there. They are saying, he is Naksibendi. He has taken initiation? MashaAllah. From somebody. Huh! And you are celebrating? You are giving permission? What happened to Malaysia? Same thing. What happened to Iran? Same. Iraq? Worse than anybody else now. Syria? Top level. Egypt? Forget it. The Christians admire them for the way that they are celebrating that new year. And Turks? Don't even talk about it.

So, what happened to Muslim nations? Yes. What happened to Muslim people? They lost their minds. They lost their faith. That's not a faith that you'll be saved with. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'Inna ad-dina indallah-ul Islam. Don't come to My presence with another religion. Make sure that you come to the Judgment Day with Islam. Or you will be in big trouble'. And Islam, Islam is following the orders of Allah and His Prophet (sws). Otherwise, it's only fake ones. And if it's not coming from the Taqlid (imitation) to the reality, man is never going to understand, never going to taste Islam in himself and always is going to say, as so many, not Muslims today but top level Muslims leaders, they are even able to say today, 'They are my best friends' or 'They are my friends'. So many of them say, 'So many of them are better than so many Muslims'. They are even daring to say that. Something is wrong somewhere. This is not what the Holy Prophet (sws) taught us.

The ayat came when the Nasrani Christians came to the Prophet (sws), to his masjid, they settled there and they started worshipping in unusual ways. The Sahaba-e Kiram wanted to stop them and the Prophet (sws) said, 'Leave them because they are only guests. We are not accepting but leave them. Let's see what they came for.' And they came and they started arguing that their religion is right, their religion is this and that, and the Prophet (sws) said to them, 'Now the ayat came and Allah is saying that now you altogether come and me and all those who believe in me will come. Then we will curse those ones who are away from the religion of Allah to see how the punishment instantly is going to reach to them.' And right away they said, 'No. No, ya Muhammad. We don't want that. Don't do that to us. We will make treaty with you and we go our way and you go your way.' You think that the Prophet (sws) was going to say curse to himself if he didn't have order from Allah subhana wa ta'ala? He is saying, 'Say to them if they are sincere with what they are saying. Let their intelligent ones, scholars and everyone come together, and you and your family come together and put curses on each other to see how fast the curse is going to reach to them'.

Eh, what happened to Muslims today? Muslims today, Muslims leaders say, 'O Papa Hazratleri, I am kissing your hand and your feet'. Bowing down? You are

representing Islam and going down half way in front of the unbelievers? Unbelievers. They are not believing in the way of Allah and His Prophet (saws). We call them unbelievers that way, yes. And Orthodox priests or the Rabbis and the Rabies. They love them, they hug them saying, 'I love this man and I love that man'. MashaAllah. Something is wrong somewhere. Wake up to yourselves O Muslims. We are living the last days before the big wind is coming. The wind of fire is coming that is going to sweep everyone out whose faith is shaky. Anyone whose faith is shaky, impossible to be saved from that wind. It's coming. The wind of fire is taking and finishing, making them to become skeletons. They are not believing on this too, yes. The people of Nuh (as) didn't believe, the people of Lut (as) didn't believe, Ibrahim alayhi salam's people didn't believe. They didn't believe but they found. Abu Jahil didn't believe. They found. What is promised is going to come. Look at yourself how you are going to reach to those days. No more running for this Dunya like crazy. You have to make sure that you are building your faith everyday more better, not worse because the more you are with them, especially those people whose faith is shaky, some people are permitted, given order by Awliya Allah saying, 'Go inside of them', they are doing some work with them. Some, their faith is very weak, they are going hanging around with them and before you know, instead of becoming a role model to them slowly they become one of them. Then you lose. You go to the Divine Presence without Islam. Allah is saying to us, 'Come to My presence with Islam'.

And another sickness for Muslims today, so many says, 'Ah, it's too hard. It's too hard to carry the orders of Islam. We cannot do it in this time. It's not for this time.' Huh, now you are lying and cheating about Allah. Allah is saying to you, 'This is the best for you' and you are saying that it's not. Why it's not? Because your animal ego wants to live like an animal. It doesn't want to live like a human because what is Islam? What is being a Muslim? To know Allah and to worship Allah. To be good to yourself and to be good for all other people and to every creature that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created. To be good, that's all. It's not more than that. Don't think that there are 800 forbidden actions in Islam and 500 deeds that are good and they are all going to come your way. No. Maybe one is coming your way. Keep that one, run away from the forbidden action and you will be alright then. The little that you do, you must do continuously. Little Zikir, today's Murids don't even do Zikir because they are with the Zikir of Dunya. They are busy with Dunya. So they don't have time to remember Allah. That's the bottom point, saying, 'I am so busy that I don't have time. I don't have time for Zikir and I don't have time for the orders of Allah. I believe, I accept but I don't have time'. You will have a lot of time in the grave. Don't worry. For those who don't have time, they are going to have a lot of time in the grave. But not this easy. Very hard way. And no escaping then. You cannot escape anywhere. It is real. The way that you are hearing me now, the way that you are seeing, the way that you are feeling, you are going to feel everything there.

Just like you are feeling now, closing your eyes and you're feeling, in the dream you are sleeping and you are seeing unusual dreams. So much pain sometimes because today's people don't see dreams. If they see dreams they see disasters anyway. They don't see good dreams anymore. Only a handful of people see good dreams. And what happened? 'I was running away from here. This guy was cutting me with a saw, this one was shooting me, doing this and that', going through the pain. Nothing is happening. I was looking at you. You were sleeping there. Do

you think that it's not going to happen even like a dream there? Think again. It's going to be just like real. But you are not going to be able to speak anymore because they are going to cut the tongue. Because today everyone's speaking but speaking nonsense. They are speaking things that they should not speak. They are interfering into matters that they should not interfere. Never mind about people today not doing right things, they are running to destroy themselves with their own tongues. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Promise me two things, I will be waiting for you at the front door of Paradise. The first is your tongue and the second is your private part'. 21st Century people definitely don't know how to use these both. They are using it wrong. Come back to yourselves. Azrail is ready to hit and you are ready to go out from this world.

'Oh Sheykh, I'm still young and very strong.'

He doesn't care young or strong. He doesn't care. When the time is up it's going to come to you and you don't know when that time is up. Maybe 19, maybe 90. The more that you go, the more time you spend that is not in the way of Allah, the more trouble you are getting into. The more questioning is going to come to you. Don't think that you are going to run around as wild in this world, you are going to do whatever you want and you are not going to be questioned. You will be questioned from every action that you did in the world and according to the intentions of the actions you are going to be questioned. Either you are going to be rewarded or you are going to find what is that you are not believing.

These words are for people who believe, who believe in the Shahadat, who believe in what we say 'Amantu billahi wa malaikatihī wa kutubihī wa rusulihī'. the principles of Islam, the principles of faith, those who believe in Allah, His angels, His prophets and His books and all things that are coming with the knowledge of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and we are believing that one day we are going to come to the Judgment Day, the Judgment Place and we are going to be questioned about everything that we did. Not only the good actions that you did but what is the intention behind that action. So many people are running, I am watching, so many years they go to a masjid. I know so many people were coming with me, they even fooled me. They were working with me and every Juma they were coming. I said, 'MashaAllah, they never made Sejdah. Now they are making Sejdah. Now they are making Sejdah everyday inside the prayer time and work time and I was saying, 'If you are going to pray, I am still going to pay you!'. They were running inside and praying, taking their time, nice Tasbeeh and I am admiring them, looking, for years every week and every month I am giving bonus extra and they are doing it more. The day that they finish working with me, they stopped praying and they stopped everything. Allahu Akbar! Subhan Allah!

So yes, so many of the mankind are just like that. Wake up to yourselves. Build your faith everyday. Shake your faith to see, 'Where am I standing? Little wind that is coming is going to blow me down or not?' Check yourself. Find out why you do things because as I say, in the Judgment Day you may fool the whole world but you are not going to fool Allah. In the Judgment Day you will be questioned according to your intention. What was your intention doing the good deeds? Or the actions are appearing bad. The man is doing something wrong. He will be questioned according to his intention too. Why he did that bad action? Maybe the whole world is seeing that one as wrong but maybe in the presence of Allah it's not wrong. You are not the Judge. Allah is. Eh, if you don't understand that

then read the Quran-e Kerim and understand the story of Khizr (alayhi salam) and Musa (alayhi salam). Even Musa (as) didn't understand the actions of Khizr (as). He said to him, 'What a bad action you did!' And he looked and he said, 'Why are you judging me? Are you the Judge? You don't know what I did and why I did it.' He said, 'I am the Prophet. This shouldn't be like that.' And he said to him, 'You forgot that Allah sent you to me? And you are interfering to my job? You are judging my job? You will see it later.'

Mankind today lost their direction. They are interfering into everything, things that concern them and things that don't concern them. Later they put them into trouble and you try to bring them out from the trouble from this side and they go out from the other side. Wake up to yourselves before Azrail is coming. No help will reach you then.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-10

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

CHANGE WRONG THINGS BY STARTING WITH YOUR OWN SELF

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are leaving one more month behind from another year. The month of Muharram is almost finishing. We are entering to another month, the month of Safar that so many incidents are coming down during this month. Believers, believers must be careful. Believers. Who are the believers? Those who believe in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and those who believe in the Judgment Day. Those believers should be careful. 'We are okay today'. What about tomorrow? Are you okay tomorrow? No, you don't know that. Then you have to know where you are stepping, where you're putting your feet. But the 21st Century people became heedless and headless living 24 hours with problems and worrying, 24 hours worrying. Seventeen years old to seventy, eighty, ninety, those who are ready to enter to grave. But their worrying is not the worrying of Akhirat. It's the worrying of Dunya. What are they worrying? 'What am I going to eat tomorrow?

What am I going to drink tomorrow? Am I going to have enough money tomorrow? Do I have a car tomorrow? I don't like this car. Am I going to change it for tomorrow?' Your worry never ends and you finish your life and you prepare yourself to hellfire. Then it doesn't matter what you call yourself. Call yourself a believer. Are you able to take that Shahadat with you at last going out? As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The way you believe, that's how you will live. The way you live, that's how you will die. The way you die, that's how you will rise to the Judgment Day'.

The way you believe, that's how you will live. From where this sickness came to the Muslims to worry for tomorrow, worrying for today, worrying for Dunya? Since when? Over 100 years. And the Muslims now, as we say, from 7 years old to 70, 80, 90 worrying non-stop but worrying only for Dunya. Not worrying to say, 'If Azrail is coming to me today, am I going out from this world as a believer? Did I get up this morning and I kept my promise to my Lord? If Azrail is going to come to me today all day long, am I going to go up there to say, 'I kept my promise this morning Ya Rabbi?'' Ask that to yourself. Ask that question to yourself. You'll find the answer by yourself. Nobody has to say anything to you. Did you cheat early in the morning? Of course, those who are praying are also cheating. Turning this way, that way, getting up by force. They must be in a very squeezed position worldly and they are believing that they want something from Allah. But even then they are doing it cheating. So wake up to yourself because Azrail is ready to strike. Keep that alive in yourself. Don't say that 'I am a young one' or 'I am a strong one' or 'I am a healthy one' or 'I am a powerful one' or 'I have so many positions'. Look, read the newspaper today. Watch how many strong ones are going out from this world, how many healthy ones are going out from this world. Look and watch. Maybe tomorrow is your turn.

And worry, yes, you must worry, we must worry for Akhirat. We have been sent to this world to earn our Akhirat. Did you earn your Akhirat today? At least did you make promise today to live for Akhirat? Everything that you do in this world, did you promise today that you are doing it for the sake of Allah, preparing yourself for Akhirat? If you are doing that then you have no worry. You have only one worry. Akhirat. That never ends. That is the one that keeps pushing you continuously forward. That is the time that people will know too, 'This one ran for Allah'. If you are running for Dunya then your energy is going to finish and when the energy is finishing then your hope is going to finish and Sheytan is coming to you saying, 'Don't worry. Your Lord is so Merciful. You don't have to do it. He's going to forgive you'. This is what he is saying. Who's saying this? Allah is saying this to us, 'This is how that Sheytan is coming to you to fool you. Yes, your Lord is Merciful with you when you have the breath of life and carrying it. That's a mercy to wake up, to shake yourself up to say, 'What is it that I'm doing? When am I going to wake up?' Ask that question to yourself. If you didn't yet then start right now. Push yourself now. Don't leave it for tomorrow because tomorrow may be too late.

So a very dangerous month is waiting. So many people's names are written in that book for that month who are going to go out. So many nations are going to turn upside down. So many businesses are going to turn upside down. So many healthy people are going to enter to sicknesses. So many people who think that they are top level are going to come all the way down. Look back, take lesson from history. Muslims are screaming in the streets today saying, 'Why Allah is not helping us? The Americans came to Iraq, they went to Afghanistan. The Israelis

are finishing us'. Yeah. Ask the question to yourselves. The answer is with you, not with the Americans. They are in Iraq today. Tomorrow they may be in Turkey and there is a road leading to that. These nations, these people, that's what they are preparing. And they say, 'We are such good ones. And their soldiers came and are raping our mothers and our sisters'. Ah, you weren't that good maybe. Sit and think. Allah subhana wa ta'ala doesn't send anything to a man who didn't deserve. Sit and think. Watch what happened, how the history is moving. Watch step by step and you will understand. And don't look at the other nations. Your own nations, look at how they are, and the hope for tomorrow for them is not that great. It's terrible.

All that happened to us, to the Muslims, why? Since we left Allah. Over a hundred years ago we have risen against the ruler that Allah sent to us, the Khalifah, we have risen against him. All nations, Muslim nations rose against him saying, 'We don't want this kind of ruling. We don't want these kinds of laws. What are these laws? Remove it. We put our own laws'. Heh, now you are okay. In all Muslim nations, things that never happened in their dreams, now it's happening there worse than the western countries. Watch. I don't have to tell you. You know how it is. You know better than me. So, what's in it for us? We are part of it. We have to sit and pray, 'Yes Ya Rabbi, we are in it. We are part of it. We are asking for forgiveness.' Ask forgiveness from Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Say, 'Yes, if You give me the power, I will stand up and I will change all these wrong things. And I am starting to change the wrong things with myself. And I am promising to You that I am going to live according to Your laws, not according to my ego'. Then you will be alright. Even if you change nothing, even if the whole world turns upside down, you will be okay.

So wake up to yourselves. Today is the good day. Tomorrow worse is coming, the following day worse is coming, the following day worse is coming. But the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying otherwise. Allah is saying otherwise to the believers, saying, 'The Ahir is going to be better'. But it's not happening better to those people who are claiming that they are believers. Every day that is passing it's becoming worse. Yes. It's because something is wrong with the belief. Something is wrong with their faith. Their faith and their action are completely something different. So we must wake up. You must wake up.

Amri bil maruf wa nahyi anil munkar. That's finished too, completely, that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'When that finishes, everything is finished. In the nations, Amri bil maruf must first come from the top leaders. The leaders must give orders to the people to direct them to the right roads and to stop them from the wrongdoings. But it became otherwise. Imams, sheikhs, priests, rabbis, everyone is falling into the same category now. They are afraid to speak the truth because some authorities may call them and question them. That's what happened. But you must not be afraid to speak the truth at least to your own selves. At least say to your own selves, 'This is what's happening. This is what I'm doing. This is what I'm saying. I am saying the Shahadat but I am living otherwise. I am saying the Shahadat but I am breaking every law, everything that the Holy Prophet (sws) said. I am living something else. I am a different creature'.

Wake up to yourselves. If Azrail comes to you in that situation, it's not going to be enough to say, 'I am a Muslim 20, 30, 40, 60, 100 years'. The Ahir word, the last word is important. And if you are not living according to that then you

are not going to be able to hold on tightly to that Shahadat. That is the time that again you are going to run around looking, 'Where is doctor? Where is help?' But Azrail is there and you are not seeing. You are still running to look for doctors. Is that what you are doing right now? Yes, that's what you are doing right now. Any little incident that comes to you, the first thing that you remember is doctor and hospital and emergency. This is what you are remembering. You are not remembering Allah and His Prophet (sws). You are not remembering to say, 'Is this Azrail coming to check me up? Maybe. Let me see. Let me not get excited and slowly let me see. Let me make two rakats. Let me go to Sejdah'. Ah, from where did you learn this? From where did you learn to call 911? Is Islam saying to you that 24 hours any incident happens call 911? Turning the whole world upside down with your confusion and Fitna and later, '911, I am afraid somebody is coming'. Eh, you are not afraid from Allah, definitely. You are not a believer then. You are claiming the Shahadat but you are not believing what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying.

So what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us? 'The believer, your today has to be better than yesterday. Tomorrow must be better than today if you are a believer. If you are a believer then your today has to be better than yesterday and your tomorrow must be better than today'. Is there any doubt with the words of the Holy Prophet (sws)? If you have doubt then you lost your faith. Check it up. Look at it. Is that what's happening to you today? Today is better than yesterday? And you are hoping for tomorrow that it's going to be better? Not worldly again. Not Dunya. Akhirat, akhirat. Islam is concentrating on everything in Akhirat, not in Dunya. Leave that concentration of Dunya, concentrate on Akhirat, you will be the winner. Everything comes along then to you.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-11

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

IF THEY LOVE ALLAH THEY MUST FOLLOW YOU

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih. Inna ad-dina indallah-ul Islam. 'Only one religion in the presence of your Lord', Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'And that is Islam'. Make sure that you go out from this world with that Shahadat. If you're not going out with the Shahadat then all the trouble begins from there.

Today's people lost their direction. Muslims especially, because Muslims became headless and heedless. There is no head. So everyone is running according to their own ideas about Islam. 124,000 prophets have been sent to the children of Adam (as) to teach them Islam, to tell them to say, 'La ilaha illallah'. You must say, 'La ilaha illallah'. And right after the Holy Prophet (sws) is coming you must say, 'Muhammadur Rasulullah.' Not only saying, 'I believe in Allah.' Eh, what kind of Allah are you believing in then? Just like before Islam people were making all kinds of gods to themselves and they were worshipping.

The Prophet (sws) has been sent to teach us how we are going to do things in this world. Not only how we are going to worship but the most important, how we are going to live, what our lifestyle is going to be. Who's his teacher? Allah is teaching him. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is teaching His Prophet (sws) and He is sending His Prophet (sws) to us saying, 'Say to them, they must follow you. If they love Me, they must obey and follow you for Allah to love them.'

Eh, today now we are seeing so many Muslim leaders in the world, running and saying, 'We are going to make peace.' Peace with what? 'With the Christians and with the Yahudis.' Eh, Islam never had a war with them. They are the ones who have war with Islam, not Islam having war with them. Islam is accepting their prophets. They are the ones who are not accepting the Prophet (sws). So, the scholars today also lost their minds. They don't know what to do. So many are running after only their own ego's understanding. In the Prophet's (sws) time there were Christians too. There were Jews. Eh, what he did with them? I'll tell you what he did with them. When he conquered Mecca back, he said, 'Put them out to beyond Mecca, the Bani Israil, the children of Israil, the Yahudis. And the Christians, put them out from the borderlines of... say, today's Saudi Arabia. Put them out from the borderlines where Islam is ruling.' And most of them were pushed to where today's Lebanon is, that area. So, today we are seeing some people doing otherwise. Don't get fooled. Don't get fooled by them.

Inna ad-dina indallah-ul Islam. There's only one religion in the presence of your Lord. There is no other religion accepted. Never and ever before and after. Was Adam (alayhi salam) Islam? Yes, he was Islam. He was saying, 'La ilaha illallah, Adam is Nabiullah and Rasulullah.' Musa (as) was Islam? Yes, he was saying, 'La ilaha illallah, Musa is Rasulullah.' That's what he was saying. Isa (as) was Islam? Yes, saying, 'La ilaha illallah, Isa is Rasulullah.' And what Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam) saying? Other than what they say? No. One more, saying, 'La ilaha illallah, Muhammadur Rasulullah. And no more prophet is coming. I am the Seal of the prophets.' And no more prophet came. For fourteen hundred years, look. No prophet came. When you check the history you are always finding almost in every hundred years one prophet Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent. One prophet surely came. Between Isa (as) and Muhammad (sws) some time passed. Between Muhammad (sws) until now no other prophet came and no other prophet is coming.

If you are a believer and if you hear that a prophet came here, he's showing so much miracles, don't run there. That shows that your faith is shaky. The Seal of the prophets is here and passed. It's finished. You don't have to run around here and there because he came and he completed the job. He finished the job and he went from this world. Whatever he left to us, if we are holding it, it's enough for us to find safety too. If we are not holding it and we say, 'Well, the time has changed', then you are going to lose the direction, you are going to lose the way which so many people are doing and about which the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying in so many Hadith-e Sherif.

So we must look to fix ourselves because the angel of death is waiting. Everyone who is given life, that life must be taken away. We came from Allah and we are going back to Allah. Impossible to escape. So we must prepare ourselves for that last day, the last breath. Don't prepare yourself for the last day on the last day. You must prepare yourself now when you are having energy on your body and when you are strong. Don't run after this world so much. This world is only temporary. Run after Akhirat. When you are running after Akhirat, the world is coming with it for free.

It's just like when one morning the Holy Prophet (sws) was taking his Sahaba out and he was saying to them, 'Turn your backs towards the sun.' And they did. He said to them, 'Do you see your shadows in front of you?' They said, 'Yes, Ya Rasulullah.' He said, 'Now start running to catch your shadows. Until I tell you to stop, don't stop.' That's why the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying about the Sahaba-e Kiram, 'If they see you they will call you crazy. If you were to see them you would not call them believers.' He was talking about us. And the Sahaba-e Kiram never questioned to say, 'How are we going to catch our shadow?' Today's people, everyone is running their mouths speaking nonsense. The Sahaba-e Kiram were knowing that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying some words and there's a Hikmat behind. You must just follow to see what's behind this. They also knew that they were not going to catch their shadows.

They started running after their shadows. And sometime later he said to them, 'Stop'. They stopped. He said to them, 'Now turn your faces to me.' When they turned their faces to him their shadows stayed behind. He said, 'Now, run towards me.' When they came to him, he said to them, 'Just like this you are coming to me and I am taking you to Allah. If you are running after the world, it's just like you are running after the shadow and that shadow is always running away from you. And if you are running towards Allah, the shadow is going to run after you. The world is going to run after you.'

That's the faith. You must hold on tightly and you must be able to balance your life in this world not to lose your prayers because of this Dunya. If you are losing your prayers because of the Dunya then you are not getting too much benefit. These words are for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-12

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WE HAVE NOT BEEN CREATED TO WORSHIP THIS WORLD

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Alhamduillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are approaching the days Alhamdulillah. This is the month, another holy month, of Hajj, the 5th pillar of Islam. Every believer, if they fit to the category, should to go Hajj. It is Allah's right on them, on us. He is asking us, 'One time in your life at least you must come and visit My house.' It's not that Allah is sitting in that house. He's asking us to symbolically move from one part to another, to go for that sake.

So, we are approaching those days. But we don't know again. Today's world completely changed. People in it became complete disobedient to their Creator, east to west, north, south, Muslims and non-Muslims are running top-speed to fulfill their ego. Nothing else. The ones who are worshipping, the ones who are running to Masjids and the ones who are outside, everyone is running according to their ego. And as long as you run after your ego, you are not the servant of Allah. Allah is not accepting your servanthood, saying, 'My servant has to be worshipping Me, must be concentrating on Me.'

Concentrating on Allah is concentrating on His orders. Do's and Don'ts. 'Do this and don't do that.' And that's not that hard. To run away from Allah is very hard. But mankind is listening to their Sheytan, to their ego and running top-speed out of the way. But the end is disaster. No one is going to get away with that. No man, no children of Adam (as) is going to get away with being disobedient to their Lord and later having luxury in Dunya and Akhirat. Impossible. But Sheytan has fooled the children of Adam (as) and the ones who are running on the way of Allah too, they are doing so many things that I am looking and thinking, 'Is this a believer? Is this how the believer is supposed to be?' No, it's not.

Don't forget, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun. We came from Allah and we are returning back to Him. No one is going to escape from that. No man that is carrying a soul in their body is going to escape from that. Hazrat Isa (as) has been taken to the paradises with that soul. One of the biggest reasons he's coming back to the earth is to give that. It is the order from Allah subhana wa ta'ala. The most beloved one, the Holy Prophet (sws) passed from this world. And

we came and we are going to go. And in that twenty-four hours every day through that calendar, not your calendar but the calendar that's in the Divine Presence, are you checking if your name is written in it? Are you thinking, are we thinking that maybe our name is on it today? If you are not thinking on that too then your faith is very shaky. Don't say that you have strong faith. No. If you are running away from Allah then your faith is very shaky.

At least 150,000 people Azrail is going to visit today. Maybe you are one of them. You must think this very seriously. If you don't then definitely then you are going to run after the tricks and the traps of your ego and Sheytan. If you are taking that very seriously then you may be running to do things that you didn't do before. What is it that we have to do in this world? You think we have been sent to this world to build computers? To build houses and the roads and the cars that the 21st Century's ignorant man is being proud of? Do you think that you have been sent to this world to run every day, every year, more than half of your life to the universities to get this diploma, that diploma? Do you think that is the reason of your creation? No. The reason of your creation is to know Allah and to worship Allah. First you have to know Allah to be able to worship Allah. If you are not knowing Allah then you are not worshipping Allah. You are building some kinds of idols to yourselves and usually that is the man's ego. It doesn't matter what kind of performance you do then. The Jewish way, the Christian way, the Muslim way, going up and down, the Buddhist way, it's the same. Now your action is going up and down but your reality is not there.

So if we are keeping this alive that, yes, we entered through one door and we are going out from the other side. Yes, we have been created and sent to this world but we have not been created to worship this world. We have been created and sent to worship Allah, to prepare ourselves to the hereafter world. This world is temporary. You are here today, you may not be here tomorrow. So many came and so many passed. So many has plans for tomorrow but they will not reach for tomorrow. Everyone has some plans for tomorrow. You may not reach for tomorrow. You have to keep that alive and strong in yourself, in your heart that, 'Yes, anytime the call may come to me.'

Don't make any mistake, as we are saying over and over and over, to say, 'I am young or I am healthy.' No, don't make that mistake. The life is showing to us. Everything surrounding us is showing to us. You are young. You may have a little bit of chance to run toward this Dunya a little bit. What about the elderly ones? Reaching 70, 80, 90 years old and still worrying twenty-four hours for this Dunya. When are you going to worry about Akhirat? If you are worrying for this Dunya non-stop then you have no worry for Akhirat. You are concentrating on this Dunya. Then you are faith is shaky too.

So we must wake up before Azrail is coming. As soon as Azrail comes, everything you did is finished. You left your book and you go. If you left some pages open, which so many people today are not leaving anything open. They are shutting all the pages of good deeds and they are only leaving bad book open because they are leaving their wealth, their belongings to the wrong people and they are running around doing tyranny, running to destroy the religion of Allah and they will be punished in their graves. So, put that to yourself, to your heart.

If you want safety, safety doesn't come thinking, 'I am safe.' Who are you to think? Who are you to think that you are safe? Are you the judge? No. Have you

passed the test? No. You are still in the classroom. You didn't go to pass the test yet. Test, as soon as Azrail is coming, you will see then how he is appearing to you. And if you reach to that station that you have a little bit of hope, the station of 'Die before you die', the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The believer will see where he's going before he's passing away from this world.' Think on that, watch what you are doing, look what you are doing. You entered through one door to this world and you are going out from the other side.

In these days Azrail is coming in so many different ways too. Unexpected place and unexpected time. Our Sheykh is ordering to us, 'My murids should not be out, if it's not necessary, if it's not emergency, after Maghrib time. They should not be out of their houses. They should be staying in their houses after Maghrib time up till morning. They should not be running around in the streets.' This is order coming to us from our Sheykh. If you take it seriously, he knows what he's saying. We don't know what he's saying. We should sit down, think and try to understand what he's saying, what he means by those words. If we take his orders, his words seriously then inshaAllah we will find safety. If not, you are going to enter into your own grave by yourself.

We are building the cemetery. Go and check it. Look how big the room is going to be there for you too. To you, to me and to everyone. No escaping. Whatever you have in this world, you are going to take it out and you are going to leave it here. The things that you are worrying so much, it's not going to worry you anymore. It's going to worry you to see, 'What I have sent there. What is waiting for me there.' That's what the intelligent man must be busy with. That's what the man with faith must spend his time thinking with. You must take lessons from the incidents that are happening around us. If you are not taking lessons, if you are not putting yourselves into those people's places that, 'This incident happened. It could have been me', if you are not thinking that way then still your faith is very shaky and it's very dangerous because next it may happen to you and to me.

So in this world we enter through one door and there are another two doors out. One door in, two doors out. You are the one who's going to choose the door. Whichever door you go out, that's where you're staying. Later, 'I'm going to change.' It may be very, very, very too late. If you are falling into the trouble on the other side, by the time you come out of the trouble, oh ho, you suffer a lot.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Anyone who believes in Allah and His Prophet (sws), if they die with that faith, they will enter to Paradise.' And Zaid (radiyallahu anh) was asking, 'Ya Rasulallah, ... because he lived a very, very, very clean life, that Sahabi. He has never known anything wrong, he never did anything wrong. And he said, 'Ya Rasulallah, if they are doing crimes, they are still going to enter to Paradise?' He said, 'If they are doing crimes and if they go out from this world with that Shahadat, they are still going to enter to Paradise.' He was more surprised and said, 'Ya Rasulallah, if they are doing adultery, they are still going to go to Paradise?' He said, 'If they are doing adultery and they are asking forgiveness from Allah and they go out from this world with the Shahadat, they are still entering into Paradise.' He was a little bit more surprised like he was trying to think how can it be and asking more and more and the Holy Prophet (sws) was saying, 'Even if Zaid doesn't like it, they

are going to enter to Paradise. But their Paradise will be different than Zaid's Paradise.' And if we are entering to that fire one time, it is a trouble. It is a big trouble. By the time you come out of that trouble, it may take centuries. Not one day, not one year, thousands and thousands of years in that fire, in that punishment.

So we must put ourselves together. The breath of life is given to us. It is with us. We must run to do things that Allah subhana wa ta'ala and His Prophet (sws) has ordered to us. We must run away from the things that Allah and His Prophet (sws) forbid us from. We must leave the desires of the ego and put aside the tricks and the traps that are not Halal. We must leave our proudness aside. We must face what is in front of us. You must take lessons from what is happening surrounding us. We must understand, 'Yes, this incident happened, this incident happened to give me a wake up call. I must wake up. I must check up myself. I must do what I'm doing and why I'm doing. I must correct myself. If I'm in the wrong road then I must turn back to the right road. I must run to do things for the sake of Allah.'

If you are doing that you will become the winner. If you are not doing that then you can claim whatever you want to yourself. People may put you on top of the world, it doesn't matter. Intelligent man is not going to tell you that. The man who's close to Allah is not going to tell you that. The man who's working for the sake of Allah, for the sake of His Prophet (sws) is not going to praise you in this Dunya. He's not going to tell you that you're so good. No. He's going to push you always to do better because as soon as you go to the other side, that's what you are going to find, whatever you built to yourself.

Nobody is going to take something from anybody. Except those people who are running to make confusion, who are running to make Fitna, who are running to make wrong things to others. If they have good deeds, it will be taken from their book and whomever they are doing that Fitna and confusion to, if that one has bad deeds, those bad deeds will be taken and put in their books and their good deeds will be taken and put into that one's book. And in the Judgment Day you may claim to say then, 'I did this, this and this good actions. I don't have it in front of me.' Then they will tell you, 'Yes, you did all these actions, you have received this much reward, but you made this confusion, you made this Fitna, you made this attack to the right people and it's taken away from you. You changed your good deeds with their bad deeds.'

So think on it. This is 100% serious if you are believing in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and the Judgment Day. This is what the Holy Prophet (sws) is warning us with. This is what he's ordering to us. Be busy with yourselves. Especially today's people, especially the people of today, the 21st Century people. None of them has the right to claim anything. 24 hours a day doing wrong things. 24 hours a day not only doing but thinking wrong things, opening door to Sheytan all the way wide, closing all the doors to Rahman. How are you expecting? Do you think that you are just going to go by force to the Masjid once a day, two times a day to go up and down by force, do you think then you are going to win something? As soon as you win something there, before you go out you destroy everything again.

So wake up to yourselves. These are for you and for me. Azrail is coming to you and to me. No one is escaping from that. The ones who passed are wishing and

hoping that they will be here. The good ones and the bad ones. The bad ones are hoping, they are saying, 'I wish that I was above the ground.' They say, 'What were you going to do? You lived all that life, what did you do? Where were you going to do?' They say, 'I wish that one more life is given to me. One more breath of life is given to me that I will say this Shahadat and I will go out from this world with this Shahadat.' The one who is disobedient, who has faith but is disobedient to Allah and His Prophet (sws) is wishing that he was in this world, cursing himself and saying, 'I was disobedient at daytime. How foolish I was that I was disobedient at nighttime too. At least I would've had half and half days. This way these snakes that are in the grave...' You are running away from the snakes now, yes. You are running away from those animals that are under the ground, yes. You cannot run there. They will catch you good. So then you will say, 'These snakes will be a little bit less in my grave.'

The believers are also sorry and they are sad. When they are laying down in their place and they are watching their paradises and they are seeing higher paradises, they are asking saying, 'Who does this belong to? How come I didn't reach there?' And the angels will say to him, 'You were busy with so many Malayani. You spend your time, your breath of life with nonsense. You just got this paradise. If you were more busy with Allah, made more Zikir, gave more Salawat to the Holy Prophet (sws), you will be reaching to these higher stations. So he will be sorry too, except the Saliheen, the righteous people and the Awliya Allah.

But today it also looks like people who have not reached anywhere are attacking non-stop to the friends of Allah, to the righteous people, the Awliya Allah. It's not only that they are destroying a little bit that they built to themselves, they are taking their community's burdens on their neck.

So we entered through one door and we will be going out through the other. We came from Allah and we are going back to Allah. We came from Allah clean to this world. We must go back clean. If we are not going back to Allah, that's what the grave is going to do, clean us. That's how we are going to be clean in the Judgment Day. If it's not enough, we will be cleaned in the hellfire. Don't leave it for tomorrow. Keep it today because the Holy Prophet (sws) said, 'The one who leaves today's job for tomorrow, he will be perished. He will lose.' We must take the orders of the Holy Prophet (sws) in the same level as the Quran-e Kerim that Allah is ordering us with. If you are shaky on that then you are shaky with the Ayats of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and then your faith is very low. These words are for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-13

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BEWARE OF SIDING WITH DAJJAL

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 4 Zul-Qadah, 1430

October 23, 2009

Osmanli Naksibendi Hakkani Dergahi, Siddiki Center, New York.

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Be careful from the vision of a believer because he looks with the Nur of Allah.' You cannot fool that one. You may think so sometimes because the believers are patient. They wait, they watch, they try to understand. Eh, another hadith is saying to us, 'The believer doesn't fool anyone. If you are getting fooled then you are not a believer and if you are fooling somebody then you are not a believer.' The believer does not fool anyone but the believer will not get fooled by anyone too. If he gets fooled then he is still not in the station of faith. Alhamdulillah, Ahir Zaman, Ahir of Ahir Zaman that there is not too much time left for Mahdi (alayhi salam) to take the last Takbir. Three Takbirs he must be taking. Already two are taken. One of them is going to be open physically when he is opening the flag of the Prophet (sws). There is nothing for that too now. The whole world and everything in it is preparing for that, alhamdulillah rabbi alameen.

We cannot wait for those days. The believers, yes, the believers cannot not only wait for those days but the believers cannot wait for the Judgment Day, because a believer has nothing to hide. A believer has nothing to fear from except Allah subhana wa ta'ala. That's why the believer must walk on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, must try to do what Allah and His Prophet (sws) ordering. If you are doing that then you have no fear. The whole world may come together to attack you. Allah gave you two ears. It's passing from one side and going out from the other side. If the whole world is like today, eh, today the majority of the people lost their faith. Only a handful of people are behind the curtains waiting. The rest have shaky faith. Whichever direction the wind blows, they go to that side. That is not faith. That is not the faith that's going make the believers pass the Sirat because you are shaky. When you are shaky then definitely you will be falling down.

So the Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering us what we have to do in these days and how we have to live in these days, saying, 'Don't interfere. Pull yourself away. Watch yourself. Don't go searching so much to think that you're going to make your religion better. A couple of hadith and a couple of ayats that you know, try to live according to that because confusion is going to be from inside of Islam. Confusion is going to be from the people who are claiming that they are representing Islam. But the confusion is going to start with them, it's going to circle around the world and it's going to go back to them.' When you are lying, when you are saying a lie about someone, that word reaches to that one. If that person is not what you are saying, there's a shield that comes in front of that one, Allah's protection, and that word starts going to the skies. And there's a

shield covering that area, cannot go up, starts going down. Another shield, starts going east and west, north and south. So that word cannot go anywhere, it turns back to the person who said it and that person stays with that burden until Judgment Day.

So, man is going to suffer, as the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, from two parts of his body. One is his tongue and the other one is his private parts. Today's people don't know how to use these two. Everyone speaks something and everyone puts something on top of what they hear. Lying, cheating and slandering are in top-speed everywhere in the world. But whatever the evil sources are planning is not going to work. If you are the only person left in this world, if the whole world is attacking you... it may happen. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is testing His servants sometimes. It may happen. How are you going to do? Should you turn to the wrong side because they are attacking? You have to know your faith. And the faith, the Shahadat must be enough for you to find the road. The Shahadat means what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Be careful from the vision of a believer.' When the Shahadat really enters into your heart, you will see. Nothing can fool you then. You will see, you will understand and you walk on the Sirat, alhamdulillah rabbil alameen.

We finished the month of Ramazan. We finished this month and now we are entering to another month. This month is the month of Hajj and the believers everywhere in the world are preparing to go to Hajj. Those who cannot go should make intention that inshaAllah ar-Rahman, Allah subhana wa ta'ala will be putting their names with those who are going. But today also people are going to Hajj, doing all these things but so many are failing. So many are going to Hajj with their dirty characteristics and they don't want to change their dirty characteristics. Simple, very simple. Today's people are going to Hajj and there are certain things that are Halal that becomes Haram to a man. The man cannot do those things. It is a Sunnat and it is an order from the Holy Prophet (sws) to put nice smell on you, especially on Juma day. When you go to Hajj, it is forbidden to use good smell, cologne, whatever these oils are that you are using. But people go with their cigarettes in their mouths and I wouldn't be surprised if soon they will be sitting in front of the Kaba and smoking cigarettes.

When that is done by ordinary believers they say, 'Sheytan is fooling them.' But today so many so-called Sheykhs, so many Imams, so many foolish ones who think that they are the representatives of the world, that they are the representatives of the Prophet (sws), they are representatives of Tariqats, they have cigarettes in their mouths. Puff, poof. That's enough sign showing to you that you are with Sheytan. As Sheykh Mevlana is saying, this is a Khutba place, so let me say that, it is a pacifier from Sheytan. You have the pacifier in your mouth and you are saying, 'I am representing Allah and His Prophet (sws)'? Thuuh! You cannot stop your ego from one wrong action and you are thinking that you are representing Islam. Eh, that's what happened today.

So, as I said, now people are going to prepare to go to Hajj, so many are preparing to go to Hajj with their sheykhs. They say, they know, 'We should not use cologne.' They know that part. It's because the Prophet (sws) forbid. Eh, the Prophet (sws) is forbidding you to go in front of the Kaba with a good smell. Then how are you going with that dirty and disgusting smell? That is the mentality of today's people. Whatever they are doing, they are turning it to

themselves, saying, 'This is right. It has to fit to me.' That's the religion that everyone's building to themselves. As soon as they are finding someone saying, 'This is wrong. You should not do this', ohhh, they turn to become, not wolves, hyenas.

Alhamdulillahilahi rabbil alameen. Everything has their time and the end. The beginning and the end. So, whatever you do in this world, however you live, it is your life. One day you are going to come to the Judgment Day and you are going to be questioned. If you think that you are fooling somebody in the world, you are only fooling yourself. One day you may come in front of the Judgment Day and everything will be put in front of you with whole people watching. People are afraid today from people.

'The wrong thing I do, it should not come out in front of the public because I will be bad.'

That's true. Aren't you ashamed that it's going to come in front of Allah and everyone is going to watch? That shows that these people don't have fear from Allah. They don't have strong faith to Allah. Whatever side is there, Dajjal or Mahdi, it doesn't matter, they move to whoever promises something. One day they are on the side of Mahdi's workers and one day they are on the side of Dajjal's workers. Don't be from those ones. If you are from those ones then wake up and turn around because the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'When the last days will be approaching, that's exactly what's going to happen. People are going to move from one side to another, one side to another.' Make sure you stand on the side of Haqq when the Takbir is taken. You will not be with Dajjal and the ones that are around him.

Dajjal is going to come in so many different forms. To Christians different, to Muslims, to Jews completely different. Be careful, we are in those days. The Prophet (sws) was talking to the Sahaba-Kiram about the confusion of Dajjal so much that the Sahaba-e Kiram were saying, 'We thought that Dajjal was behind the date trees. As soon as the Prophet (sws) is leaving, he's going to come out.' It passed fourteen hundred years. It is now the time. All the deputies of Dajjal have appeared. You need eyes to see. So many are running after those ones. Watch yourself, watch your step. You are responsible from your life. Either you enter to Paradise or you build yourself to hell. Whichever side you fall into, that shows your faith and with that faith you cannot pass the Sirat.

These words are for you, for me and the whole mankind.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil fatiha.

Sohbet-14

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

NO FEAR FOR THE DEFENDERS OF TRUTH

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Thursday 10 Zil-Qadah, 1430

October 29, 2009

Osmanli Naksibendi Hakkani Dergahi, Siddiki Center, New York.

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Tariqatuna Sohbet wa Khayru fil Jamiat. Our way continues through association. (First we enter into the way). Later step by step everyone is reaching to what is for them that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given, has prepared. But the 21st Century people, although they are in trouble twenty-four hours, they are still running to make more trouble to themselves, not only in Dunya but in their graves and in Akhirat. Anyone who's running for Islam, Islam means submission. Peace. And the peace can only come through submission. And submission is to the One who has created you. But not according to your ego. It's according to what He has prepared, that He has sent 124,000 prophets to show people roads from Dunya to Akhirat and to show people that they have become dirty and they became disobedient to Allah.

Sheytan became disobedient and all the beauty that was given to him, all the knowledge that was given to him, all the power that was given to him, as soon as he became disobedient, it means he changed all that with disobedience. Allah didn't take it away but that arrogant and stubborn one through that action threw away everything that Allah subhana wa ta'ala had granted to him. He took it and he threw it away. And when the warning reached to him, it's not only that he was ignorant and arrogant, he then turned to become stubborn with the wrong thing that he did. And he did so until Allah subhana wa ta'ala was ordering the angels, the guards of the paradises, saying, 'Kick this one out from Paradise!' And he has been kicked out from Paradise.

He didn't sit comfortably. He cannot sit comfortably until the Judgment Day. That worrying and the fear is driving him crazy. And he didn't sit comfortably and he came to the gates of Paradise, he managed to enter inside through the mouth of the snake... so many snakes are in the world today, he managed to enter inside and he fooled Hazrat Hawa. And Hazrat Hawa became a disobedient one, a direct disobedient one to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. And Hazrat Hawa managed to fool Adam (alayhi salam) and as soon as Adam (as) did the forbidden action, order came to him saying, 'Now you became dirty too. Anyone who's disobedient to My order, they are dirty ones and dirty ones cannot stay in Paradise. Then order was given sending them to this Dunya, saying, 'Clean yourselves and come back to Paradise. If you are not cleaning yourselves then you cannot be going back to Paradise. Clean yourselves from those animal characteristics', because only the animal characteristics became disobedient to Allah subhan wa ta'ala.

And since that time Sheytan managed to enter between the children of Adam (as) and put confusion and Fitna, and always one group is running to keep the orders

of Allah and another one always running to make confusion and disobedience to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. And that has continued up to the last prophet Muhammad (salatu wa salam). And did it stop? No. It continued. When Islam became a state and a government that's ruling strongly, Sheytan couldn't run around too much to put more of his confusion inside the believers. Since 1908, since Ulul Hakan Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan came down from power, Sheytan is running top-speed inside of Muslims and he managed to fool them left and right, to put confusion to them while they are in the same Masjids and they are following the same Sheykhs or they are running to do something for Allah's sake.

What's making that? Their ego. Everyone wants their ego to be praised. Eh, your ego is a disobedient creature to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Anyone who's going to praise your ego, that one is also a sheytan. Especially now, in the Ahir of Ahir Zaman, in the confusion of sheytans and dajjals. There is nothing left for the big Dajjal to come out. And I am seeing so many running after the dajjals. Eh, run. You are free to go anywhere. Run anywhere. But you are only running away from Haqq to Batil. Nothing else. And dajjals are waiting to put the chains around the necks and later you may be sorry but sometimes the last sorry is not enough. And Sheytan will drag those ones with him into Jahannam.

We are defenders of the Truth. The Hakkanis. Defenders of the Truth. Not only through the name. Not only through this small area. Anywhere we are walking on top of this earth, we are defending the Truth. Anyone who is saying other than that, they must be the agents of Sheytan. In my position I am a weak servant. But as our Sheykh is saying, with Allah subhana wa ta'ala I can be the most strong one. But no need for me to be the strong one because Sheykh Mevlana is on top of everything, Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen.

All those who are going to run and become helpers to Sheytan and dajjals, welcome. Run right now if you want. If there's not one person left around, don't think that this attitude is going to change. It's not. It's not going to change because we are defending the Truth and against sheytans and dajjals it's going to become more strong, more powerful. Never is it going to become weaker. We may not be able to carry this until the end. Whatever Allah subhana wa ta'ala has granted to us in this life, inshaAllah ar-Rahman we are going to spend it until the last breath and no man on the face of earth, no sheytans, no dajjals and no governments are going to be able to put any fear in us because we are holding tightly to Allah, to His Prophet (sws) and to His Awliya.

Anyone who is claiming that they know the Awliya, if they don't know Sheykh Mevlana Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani, they must be knowing sheytans. If anyone is claiming that they are Awliya, they have to know that one. If they are not knowing that one then they must be the agents of Sheytan. This much should be enough for you, for me and for all those who are going to listen worldwide. And I want this to enter everywhere. Translate in Turkish, put it in English to enter to every one of them, for them to hear this and who's challenging, I am here. I am not challenging anyone. I am a weak servant. But not wolves, not hyenas, not cats but the rats are trying to challenge me. They are only rats and the rats, the duty of the rats is only to go inside the sewers and to bring out dirtiness. They are surviving with the dirtiness. Nothing else.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

InshaAllah ar-Rahman, we are asking help and support from our Sheykh and I don't know about you but I put my neck under his feet. And every blood that is in my body is sacrificed to him. I will never ask if he's doing right or wrong because I know that he's doing right. And even if it is something that looks that it's not right, definitely I trust and I follow his footsteps. And everything that I'm doing in this country for 35 years, all those who know me know that I am following his footsteps, even though so many of them don't like me because of that. And I have no fear and I have no worry. Even if he says to me the worst words in this world, inshaAllah I am over 50 years old and I didn't change my heart to him one time, I am not intending to change it until the last breath.

We are serving Sheykh Mevlana Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani for five generations. My grandfather, my father, me, my son and my grandson. We are serving him. We are going to serve him. Anyone who is saying other than that, either they are attacking me or they are liars or they are in big Ghaflat.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-15

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ONE RELIGION IN THE PRESENCE OF ALLAH

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 11 Zil-Qadah, 1430

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Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Inna ad-dina indallah-ul Islam. One religion in the presence of your Lord. Islam. Saying to us, 'Don't come to my presence with something else. You will be failing. The only religion that I'm accepting is Islam. The only book that I'm accepting is the Quran. The only prophet and the last prophet that I'm accepting is Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam).'

Eh, the 21st Century people are reading a lot, they have so much computers, they built these computers mashaAllah, they built so much technology, but they are buried in it. They sink in it. They are knowing nothing because they are not knowing what is good for them and what is bad for them. They are running

top-speed after illusions and delusions and so many wrong thinkings. And Allah is sending to us saying, 'Islam'. Islam is open. You cannot hide anything to the corners. Everything is open. He has sent 124,000 prophets and all these prophets were calling their people to Islam, to Allah, saying, 'La ilaha illallah.' That is Islam. Saying, 'Submit yourself to your Lord. One and Only. No other one. He has no partner.'

During those times prophets came in their nations. Some believed and some didn't. So many prophets came and not even one person believed on them. It didn't change the reality. That one who came and who gave them the message is in safety now and those ones who became disobedient are in trouble. They are in trouble in their graves. After Judgment Day more trouble is coming to mankind. This is what man is building to himself because the ego is standing.

The ego is always saying, 'Me, me and only me. Whatever you say, I don't care.' That's what the ego says. Males and females, the same, saying, 'What I say, that's what has to happen. I am a Muslim but what my ego likes, that's what I'm going to do.' No you are not a Muslim then. You lost Islam. Islam is to submit yourself to your Lord, to submit yourself to His orders, to submit yourself to His Prophet (sww), to submit yourself to the rightly guided ones. If you are not submitting yourself to them then you are following the desires of your ego. So you are a servant of your ego. You can do any kind of forms then. You can be a Buddhist, sitting like Buddha, you can be Christians going to church, or Jews going to synagogue once a week, or Muslims going to Juma, or from time to time going into masjids, but you are following your ego. Finished. You are not following the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala because you don't know which ones are those. You do things according to your ego then.

Eh, 21st Century people, from the normal people to murids to the Sheykh's now, cigarettes in their mouths. They are smoking cigarettes. What is that? If a man can't control himself with a cigarette, if he cannot stop his ego from that cigarette, how is he going to control himself with other orders that Allah is giving to do and don't? Impossible. The simplest thing and the worst thing, to you, to your community and to your nation, financially and in every way. You cannot stop yourself from that wrong action. How are you going to stop yourself, your ego from so many other tricks and traps that Sheytan is coming to play with you?

Yes, today the name of Islam is there, today the appearances of the Quran is there, the appearances of Masjids are there, but Mu'mins, where are they? We are looking. Where are they? They are hiding. They are pulling themselves to the corners. And the hypocrites, the fools and the ignorant, the tools for Sheytan are appearing here and there. This is the way that it has to happen. That's what the Holy Prophet (sww) said, 'The ones that are giving light are going to pull themselves to the corners. So you are not going to see light. Those who are looking for light, they are going to run after, they are going to find them. But those who are not liking the light of Islam, they are not going to care. They are just like the bats. As soon as they see the light, it's bothering them.'

Sheytan already changed so many signs in Islam since the 1920's. 'One Way' is the other way. Everyone is saying, 'I am finding my way.' How are you finding your way? From where are you taking that? Sign is showing that way but already somebody has played around with it. One time I was driving in Cyprus. I see one

sign showing one road, saying, 'Gecitkoy'. So if you follow that in the map, you see that there is a Gecitkoy and you have to follow that road to go to that village. But somebody came down from their car someday somehow and they took G, E and C out and now the sign says, 'Itkoy'. You are looking at the map, there is no such thing as Itkoy. There's Gecitkoy. So I say maybe it's a wrong direction, I have to turn to this side. But when you look at it closely you see that somebody took those couple of letters out. Huh, it's a completely different meaning too. Gecitkoy means giving way to you to pass. Itkoy means the dog's village. That's what it means.

All the signs everywhere Sheytan played around with. And as the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman only the name of Islam is going to stay. The appearances of Islam are going to disappear.' That's what happened. And appearing so many fools in that Itkoy way, that sign, claiming that they know Islam, claiming that they are the best ones. Some are claiming that they are Mahdi, some are claiming that they are prophets, some are claiming that they are Khizr and some are preparing to declare that they are Mahdi.

Eh, Allah gave you intelligence to put it together and to think and to watch. Yes, do you have to watch your Sheykh? Of course. You have to watch every activity that he's doing. Look. Does it fit into the borderlines of Islam? Yes. Not according to your ego. According to Islam. According to the time and according to that place. Where the wolves are, you don't walk around without the stick in your hand. When the wolves are around you have to have the gun ready too. It doesn't matter if you are a Murid or if you are a Sheykh. The wolf is not listening. When the wolf is ready to attack you have to be able to pull and shoot. But so many fools today are not knowing anything. They are not knowing the simple steps of Islam and they are thinking that they know everything and saying, 'Oh, Sheykh cannot do this. Sheykh cannot say this.' Sheykh can use everything that is necessary to save his Murid from hell. He is not looking for worldly activities. He's not looking how they are going to think. Sheykh is that one who has been given permission from the Holy Prophet (sws) depending on the area that he is working in.

As I said, those fools that they cannot stop themselves from cigarettes, they are jumping today and finding other fools like them and thinking that they are going to harm Islam or thinking that they are going to turn Islam as their ego wants it. You cannot. They have been trying for fourteen hundred years. You cannot. Impossible. Impossible. Islam, Inna ad-dina indallah-ul Islam, the only religion that Allah is accepting. And it looks like now that it's covered but it's rising up now. When that cover is taken off, it's the only one that's taking over the whole world again. It is so easy for Allah subhana a ta'ala. It is so hard for those ignorant ones even to think on it.

It was so easy for Sultan Mehmet Khan when he aimed to Istanbul, because he had plans and he had aims and he put his life in front saying, 'Either Istanbul will take me or I will take Istanbul. There is no other way.' They said to him, 'Are you crazy? Have you lost your mind? Do you know how protected this city is?' He says, 'I know. I know how it is. But I see a vision. And where my sword is reaching, where my power is reaching, not even your imagination can reach because you are not knowing Islam. I know and I am reaching there. Watch me.' He reached. Watch us. We are reaching back to Istanbul. Watch. We are reaching back to Rome. Watch. All those fools who think that they are standing in front of

Islam, in front of those ones, they are only giving energy and power to those who are working in the way of Allah. There's an Ayat-e Kerima saying, 'When they say to them, 'All your enemies have come together, they are preparing against you', that's making their faith to grow stronger and they say, 'Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel. Allah is enough for me.' Yes.

So, any safety that anybody is looking for in Dunya and in Akhirat, Islam. Real Islam. Islam the way that the Holy Prophet (sws) brought. Not so many fake things that they put later here and there. Not so many things that they have changed the road with. You can change all the roads, you can change all the signs, but the man who has a vision doesn't need the signs anymore. He doesn't need the GPS anymore. He follows the road. He knows the road because there's a light going in front of him.

So, if you don't know then you must follow that guide. You must follow his orders. You must not follow your ego and your head to say, 'I know so much and I read so much.' Yes, the more you read the more ignorant you are going to become! The more arrogant you are going to become in these days! The more fool you are going to become in these days! Because that's what they are preparing for you.

Not even understanding that part that there are so many enemies of Islam running to finish it. Who are the enemies of Islam? The Fascists are the enemies of Islam, the Communists are the enemies of Islam, the Seculars are the enemies of Islam, the Laiks are the enemies of Islam, the Feminists are the enemies of Islam. All these are enemies of Islam. I have more to say but it doesn't fit to this Khutba place. Other times I say.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-16

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BE TRULY HAKKANI AND LEAVE SHEYTANI WORKS

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 6 Shawwal, 1430

September 25, 2009

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are living the last parts on the face of this earth. We are the last nations on this face of earth. If we are understanding the meaning, it must be very scary. Nobody can say the date of the beginning of this world and these worlds that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created. As He created once from nothing, everything is going to come to an end one time. And that's what we are in now. We are in the last period of time when the end is not only coming to the children of Adam (as) on the face of the earth, but everything else that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has put in existence is coming to an end. And He will create everything again and He will put everything to Judgment, accounting. Every creature that He created will come for accounting. Not only the humans, the animals also. And it's saying that the ram that has horns, the one that hit the other one who does not have horns, it will be questioned and rights will be taken away from it because it took the rights away of the other one. Then He will reward the other one and then He will put them to non-existence again. But everything will be coming for questioning.

The most important questioning is to the children of Adam (as) because through that questioning either they are entering to Paradise or they are entering to Hell. No other place. Look, look what you are preparing to yourself. Prepare yourself. Look at your actions, look at your life, look at your intentions, and you will understand. You will understand which side you are preparing yourself to. If you are doing the things that Allah and His Prophet (sws) are ordering and you are running away from the forbidden orders that Allah and His Prophet (sws) has forbid, you shouldn't be having any problems. But if not then you must be shivering. If you have some faith, the heart must be shivering because it is not a game, the eternal life. This life is temporary. But eternal life is waiting. Waiting to question everyone, yes. As Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The children of Adam (as) have been created from earth and they are going back to the earth.'

This Jama'at doesn't know so many things. Within the Khutba let me remind you, the Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering, 'When the Khutba is given stop every activity, stop shaking, stop looking around, lock your heart to the Khutba, you may start understanding something. It is not a time to make Zikir, it is not a time to make Rabuta. It is the time to put the words to your ears and through your ears to the heart. It is for you and it is for me. If we are not taking care of that then that is the biggest disobedience to the Prophet (sws) there. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'When the Khutba is given, no matter what happens, you wouldn't give answer to anybody. You will just look, wait and hear. Even if the one giving Khutba is saying wrong, you have no right interfere.' He says, 'Aren't you afraid that your head may turn into a donkey's head?' That's what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to anyone who is breaking the laws of the Khutba. It's because the Khutba was started to be given right after the Holy Prophet (sws) immigrated from Mecca and was coming to Medina. It has to be given in the free land. People have to be free for it to be given. And the community must be free, yes. You have to look to the one who is giving Khutba. Don't be sleeping heedlessly because at that time you are not in the state that's saying, 'I am listening through the heart.' Sheytan is coming and pulling in so many other ways. Khutba finished and 'What did he say?' 'Who cares? We are preparing ourselves for Jahannam.'

Khutba is for the Jama'at. Once a week to remind people what kind of situation

they are in and to make them to wake up to ask forgiveness again. Yes, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The children of Adam (as) have been created from the earth and they are turning back to the earth.' How ignorance is this? How ignorance is this that the earth, the dirt is raising their head to their Lord. The earth that you are stepping on is cursing at that time saying, 'The pieces that were taken away from me and with Allah's secret you are moving and you are being disobedient to Allah. Don't worry. When you are coming in me, I will fix you there, before the Judgment Day.' This is what the earth is speaking 100 times a day to disobedient people, to bad mannered people. Bad mannered is that one who is disobedient to Allah and His Prophet (sws). That one has very bad manners. Who is the first one who had bad manners? Sheytan. Sheytan became disobedient to Allah with one word, not two. One word he said, 'No, I am not doing what you are saying to me.' He has been cursed, kicked away from Paradise and it was said to him, 'Wait there until Judgment Day.' That's another punishment. 'Wait until Judgment Day and look what happens to you after Judgment Day. And all those that you are going to fool that I am giving secret to them, I have created them from the earth, from the dirt, from nothing and I am giving secret to them, and if they become obedient to you then they must be punished with you.'

This is what's happening to us. This is what we are preparing for ourselves, O children of Adam (as). We are not in the beginning of this world. Even if it's the beginning, the life is going everyday. We are in the end. End of the end. Ahir of the Ahir Zaman. And one day Jibreel (as) came to the Holy Prophet (sws) in a human form and he started asking questions, and one of the questions he asked to Rasulullah (sws) was, 'When is the Judgment Day, Ya Rasulullah?' And the Holy Prophet (sws) said to him, 'The knowledge of the secret is in the presence of Allah subhana wa ta'ala.' And he was saying, 'Then can you tell me the signs of the Judgment Day?' And he started counting the signs. All signs that the Holy Prophet (sws) counted, we lived, we are in it. Except one. And he said to him, 'There is one sign. If that does not happen the Judgment Day will not happen.' He said, 'The world will separate into two sides. And it will be a big crush between these two and the world has never and ever seen such a thing like that before. Billions will be taken away from this world but the Haqq will be winning.'

The ones who are defending... Defenders of the Truth! Hakkani. Calling yourself Hakkani but running to do Sheytani works. What kind of work is this? What kind of nonsense is this? Calling yourself a Hakkani, Naksibendi Hakkani, plus Osmanli Naksibendi Hakkani, and running to do Sheytani works day and night, twenty-four hours almost. Reminding coming, five minutes later, 'I am sorry', same road again, turning back, same road again. Aren't you thinking that during that time Azrail may reach to you? And if Azrail is reaching to you and you are busy with Sheytani work and you are not busy with Hakkani work, you are going out with that Sheytani work. You lost everything then. So wake up to yourselves. This is reminder to you and to me.

We have separated, we have moved away from the crowded areas, for what reason? The order of the Holy Prophet (sws), 'When those days are coming, don't stay in the cities, don't stay in the crowded areas. Move up to the mountains. If you are not finding good friends, stay alone. Don't worry what you are going to eat. Get one sheep and live with that sheep. Don't interfere into anything. Don't run to read too much, to know too much because there's going to be confusion and

Fitna everywhere. And you are going to get wrong information and you are going to mix yourself with those wrong information and you are not going to be able to come out from that mess.'

These are the warnings coming to us from our Holy Prophet (sws) fourteen hundred years ago. He is warning us from fourteen hundred years back for today. If we are taking it seriously we will be winner. But if we are not taking it seriously then you have no way that you are going to see because Allah subhana wa ta'ala blessed us and grant us to know one of His most beloved one in the Divine Presence in this century. How you are going to look at his face? How you are going to say that, 'I am following you.' How we are going to say that when everything he is saying to us, we are doing otherwise?

We must run to fix ourselves. This Ramazan just finished. Now other difficult days are waiting for us. All signs that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, it is right in front of the door. The door is opening. We are going to face it. More difficulties are waiting for us. It is not going to become easier before the difficulties are happening. If you are in this situation now, it will be disaster then. You will be taken away. You cannot be living on the face of the earth then. Impossible for those who are calling themselves Hakkani, impossible for them to be with Mahdi (as) if they are doing a drop of Sheytani work. Impossible. They will be taken away.

These words are for you and for me. If you are taking it seriously you will win. If not, you are just a handful of dirt. Don't be too proud with yourself, 'I am the son of this one, I am the daughter of this one, my father has this, my mother has that.' What you have is only a handful of dirt. Nothing else. The identity is given to you through that spirit by Allah subhana wa ta'ala, and if you are using that right then you will reach from Asfala Safileen to Sidrat-ul Muntaha, to the highest places. If you are not using that then you will go lower than that. And we have no choice in that too. Either you are waiting at the door of Paradise or you are waiting at the door of hell. There is no other way. The Judgment Day may take some more time but Azrail is standing right in front of you now. It may strike and take your life away. Right in front of you and right in front of me. These words are reminding you and reminding me. I cannot escape from these words that I am saying. I am in it too. If I am doing otherwise than what I am saying then I will be punished more than you are.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman, we must move to keep the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and His Prophet (sws) and to get rid of the wrong things, get rid of the Malayani, get rid of the nonsense that we are busy with. As we did as the Holy Prophet (sws) ordered, we moved out from the crowded areas, we came to the top of the mountains, don't bring your dirtiness to the top of the mountains. Mountains are clean. There's fresh air here. Mountains will not be accepting to hear dirty words around them. It will clean yourself up.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-17

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

HEEDLESSNESS IS FORBIDDEN IN ISLAM

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih. 21st Century's heedless people. Heedlessness is forbidden in Islam. Everytime when a man is heedless, it means that Sheytan is sitting on his neck. It's turning him left and right. Believers must be in a awakening station. Not heedless. For fourteen hundred years the Khutba is happening worldwide and every Imam is saying, 'Obey Allah and have fear from Allah.' For fourteen hundred years reminding to Mu'mins, 'Obey Allah and have fear from Allah.' Non-stop in every Juma.

'Eh, aren't we obedient servants to Allah?'

A heedless person is not obedient to Allah. A heedless person is ready to fall into any trap any minute. He's not knowing what is open in front of him. How is he going to know, 'Is there any ambush here? Let me check out. Is there any mine here? Let me see.' No. The Muslims countries are worse. Non-Muslim countries are disaster. Just like a big minefield everywhere. You are walking in the minefields. The Muslims are walking in the minefields and their heads are up like this. So proud. And what happens? When you are walking in the minefield like that then what happens? One, two, three steps, at the fourth one you are going to touch somewhere and the mine is going to finish you. And still so many are thinking, 'I am in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim.' Yes, Sheytan has hundreds of thousands of tricks, not one, and the heedless person cannot save himself from his tricks and traps.

Two ways, two doors. You enter to this world through one door. You are going to go out either from the right side or from the left side. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The way you live, that's how you are going to die. The way you will die, that's how you will be buried. The way you will be buried, that's how you are going to get up to the Judgment Day.' What is the meaning of this? The way you live... your lifestyle is important. How do you live? What is your role-model? You are living according to what? According to your ego or according to the orders of Allah and His Prophet (sws). If you are according to Allah and His Prophet's (sws) order then are you taking somebody to guide you?

`Eh, I have a Sheykh.'

Are you listening to that one? Or are you just sitting, while he's speaking your mind is completely in some other place. Are you thinking to say, `This sohbet is for me. I must correct myself. I must look at how heedless I am.' He is talking about heedlessness but is he talking about the people that is not there? Or is he talking about you? `I have to correct myself. Let me check myself to see what is the sickness I have. Where am I heedless?'

So many people today are exempting themselves from this, saying, `It's not for me.' It's not for you and it's not for me. It's for who? The Quran-e Kerim is for you and for me. The Holy Prophet (sws) spoke and he put orders for you and for me, for every one of us. Are you carrying an ego? Yes. It's for you. Yes. Are you controlling your ego? If you are controlling your ego then how are you going to be heedless? You are under the control of your ego. That's why you are heedless. You are not in an awakening station. You are completely heedless. So then you are not obeying Allah and you are not obeying His Prophet (sws).

`Eh, I was just talking here.'

`What were you talking? What were you saying?'

`A couple of words backbiting.'

`You are disobedient to Allah.'

The order is saying, `Obey Allah and have fear from Allah.' You are disobedient to Allah and you have no fear from Allah because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting order. First He is saying to us, `Do', He is putting order to us, `Do this, do this, do that, do this, do that.' Then He says to us, `Don't do this, don't turn here, don't look here, don't say this, don't move here'. So many... 500 orders `Do' and 800 orders `Don't do'. Which one is coming on your way, do you know? If you are a heedless one then definitely you are not knowing. Anything comes on the way, `Eh, this is okay for me.' Of course. Sheytan is putting it in a nice box for you. Just like Sheytan is putting the liquor inside nice bottles and nice boxes. Very expensive. Hmm. The cigarettes have nice boxes, very good shapes on it, mashaAllah. Take it! Poison inside. Just like that Sheytan is showing, putting everything in nice forms for you and Mu'mins are running.

You must check to see what is here, what is under here, is it a minefield or not? No, today's Mu'mins are not checking Sheytan. They are checking the Rahmanis. Everytime I'm hearing now, `How are we going to believe that he is a right sheykh? How are we going to know if he is right? How are we going to trust? How?' Don't trust because you are already trusting Sheytan. You are already holding tightly to Sheytan. Don't worry. If you don't let go then he will drag you to Jahannam. Nothing else. That is his job. Then he's turning around and laughing, saying to you, `Thuuh! Allah created you to be His servant and you followed me? Disobedient creature. You followed my order? Thuuh! You are worse than me.' And in the Judgment Day he will complain about you saying, `I didn't do anything to this one. I just whispered. That's it. Nothing else. I didn't take his hand to shoot somebody and to kill somebody. I didn't push him to make adultery. I didn't push him to make Fitna and Fasad. Nothing. My duty

was to whisper things and I did.'

And so heedless ones, yes. Sheytan is so happy with the 21st Century people. Is Allah happy? No. Is His Prophet (sws) happy? He is not. Are Awliya Allah happy? No. Who is happy? Sheytan. They sheytans are very happy. So we must wake up to our own selves because we entered through one door and we are travelling no matter what, whether we are in an awakening station or we are sleeping. We are continuing on that road coming to and end. And the way you live that's how you are going to die. The way your lifestyle is, that is the road you are going to follow. If you go out from this world through the left door, that is the time of the beginning of troubles. This has not changed from the beginning of the world until now and it's not going to change until Judgment Day. No exceptions. There will be no exceptions. Don't think, 'I am exception.' You are not exception. I will tell you a story and you will understand that you are not exception and I am not exception.

When Hazrat Fatima (ra) passed from this world, some Sahaba secretly buried her at nighttime and one of them got very emotional and said to the grave, 'O grave, today we are putting somebody to you that is very beloved to the Prophet (sws). Be careful with that one and know how you are going to treat that one. If you don't know then let me give you some more titles about her. She is the most beloved wife of Ali (radiyallahu anh). If you don't know then let me tell you a little bit more. She is the mother of Hasan and Husayn. Sound came back from the earth, 'Hey you, mind your business! Today is not a day anymore to treat that one with this title or with that title. Whatever she has sent here before, that's what she is going to find with me. If she sent here the obedience and the orders she kept for Allah subhana wa ta'ala, that's what she will find here. You? You worry about yourself. Don't interfere into my business. Tomorrow I am going to pull you inside too. And as you have been given order by Allah subhana wa ta'ala to be an obedient servant, I have also been given order from Allah subhana wa ta'ala saying to me, 'Put safety to obedient servants. Have no mercy to disobedient ones.'

Check yourself. Find out what you are doing and why you are doing. Islam is not only what you are doing but why you are doing. What is the intention behind there? Find out and you will understand if you are an obedient servant or a disobedient servant. If you do understand then definitely say, 'Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah.' If you find yourself thinking that you are obedient servant, say, 'La ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu min az-zalimeen.' That is the Dua that a Prophet turned to Allah subhana wa ta'ala with for one disobedience. Allah said to Prophet Yunus (alayhi salam), 'Go to this nation and give them My message.' And everyday he was going to them and they were torturing him everyday. Everyday they were becoming worse and worse and worse. One day he decided saying, 'I am spending my life with these ones. I am not going to stay here. I am going to go to another place. I may find a different people that may listen to this.' And he was taking off. He got into the ship and all of a sudden the sea started shaking below the ship. The waves were turning upside down as if it was going to swallow the ship. There was a wise man sitting in the ship. People came to him knowing, saying, 'Please pray for us. We don't know what happened. All of a sudden the sea got angry.' In the old days people were a little bit more smarter than today. Today the earths are shaking, skies are cracking up, things are turning upside down, people are still

running for their selfish ego. I'm watching and I cannot believe. What kind of heedlessness is this? Astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih.

And those ones were saying, 'All of a sudden this sea is shaking. Something is happening. Please pray.' That man he closed his eyes for a little bit and said, 'No, I cannot pray because there's a disobedient servant in this ship.' And Yunus (as) was listening. And the man was saying, 'That disobedient one is running away from the order of Allah. If he doesn't jump into the sea, if he doesn't throw himself into the sea, this sea is going to swallow this ship and everyone of us is going to die in it. And not only is he going to be punished because of his disobedience, he is going to be punished because he became a reason for everyone of us to die if he doesn't jump.' So Yunus (as) was hearing this and he said, 'There is no other way.' He jumped into the sea and the fish came and swallowed him. When he was inside the stomach of the fish he realized it saying, 'Oh Ya Rabbi, La ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu min az-Zalimeen. You are the Subhan Allah.' Simple understanding. 'I have become from those who tyrannize themselves. Please forgive me.' He stayed in that fish for days, inside the stomach and finally Allah subhana wa ta'ala accepted and the fish came near the seaside and threw him out but his body started burning through the sun. And when he got cured he went back to that nation again.

If you think that you are an obedient servant then you must say this. You must continue. This is the Wird that you must say everyday at least a 100 times because today under the obedience everyone is disobedient. If you keep these words it will put safety to you. If not, the grave is waiting. Every single day we are going closer. As we said earlier, it doesn't matter who you are, it doesn't matter what you do, you may find yourself in the wrong side. Be in an awakening station, understand what you are doing and why you are doing. Don't interfere into anything. Just interfere into your own businesses. Watch to see what's happening. You are not the one who's going to change the world. If you are the one who's going to change the world and if you are still sitting here, that means the permission has not been given to you yet.

So your duty is to sit and to wait because the Holy Prophet (sww) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman that's what's going to happen. People are not going to run after Haqq and they are not going to give obedience to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. If you are living in that time, keep the Haqq and be patient. Don't interfere because you cannot change so many things. Try to change yourself. Be in an awakening station, prepare yourself and wait for the Sahib-uz Zaman to take the Takbir.' Not to say, 'I am here, I am Sahib-uz Zaman, I am Mahdi.' Close your ears for those fool people. They are fools and they are running after those kinds but they are being suspicious about their sheykhs. When that one is coming out, he is not going to say, 'I am the Mahdi.' He is going to start doing his job. Taking the Takbir and doing everything. No man, no power is going to stop that one. It's almost about to happen. Wake up to yourselves.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-18

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

CURSE ON THOSE WHO WAKE UP THE CONFUSION

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are living the last days, Ahir of Ahir Zaman on the earth. The Holy Prophet (sws) was asking from Allah subhana wa ta'ala, saying, 'Ya Rabbi! Protect and put shelter on me, put me under your shelter from the confusion of Ahir Zaman.' We are asking the same, 'Ya Rabbi, protect us from the confusion of these times.' These are the worst times that the world has never fallen into before. Those who are not making confusion will be protected. Those who are putting fuel into the confusion, there will be no protection to them. 'And the confusion is at sleep', the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying. 'The confusion is sleeping. Anyone who wakes up the confusion, the curse of Allah is on them.'

Juma, every Juma is a reminder to believers, to remind them where they came from and where they are going to go. So many people came to this world and they went. In the beginning Adam (alayhi salam) and Hawa were in Paradise. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala addressed to them, saying to them, 'This is Paradise. Stay in it. Eat and drink. Enjoy the Paradise. Do not go near that tree. If you do you will become from the tyrants.' And they did. Sheytan fooled them. He fooled Hawa, Hawa fooled Adam (as) and they became tyrants. We are saying now to people on the face of the earth, 'You are tyrants.' They are raising their heads right away. Allah is saying that you are tyrants, that we are tyrants. Why are you upset? The anger is proving that you are a tyrant. The anger is proving that you are still on the top level of tyranny. You didn't come down, didn't step down. If Allah subhana wa ta'ala is calling Adam (as) and Hawa tyrants, what are you? If you are not a tyrant then you are going back to Paradise. If you are not a tyrant then the Paradise door is open to you in Dunya. If you are not a tyrant then you are smelling the Paradise.

So about tyranny Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'I don't love the tyrants.' The ones that Allah doesn't love, that one is a Kafir. Every tyrant is a Kafir. Every Kafir is not a tyrant. There is a chance for that one that he will find safety. But the tyrants, until they ask for forgiveness and they will be sincere with their asking, forgiveness will not be given to them. So many people came to earth and those who became obedient, they passed, they finished their tyranny and they went to their paradises. So many came, continued with their tyranny,

they carried the loads of this world, they suffered above the ground and now they are suffering under the ground. The angel of death is going to reach to you. It's going to reach to me. Today you are above the ground. You can go anywhere you want, you can say anything you want, you can do anything you want. As much permission is given to you, that much you are going to run and you are going to do. But Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'I will not let tyrants to go. I will release my rope on them for sometime. But My hand will reach to them one day.'

So we are asking forgiveness. And turn back to yourselves. The confusion of Dajjal has started. That confusion, it is not just confusion. The confusion of Dajjal is everywhere. If you are supporting that confusion, then you are with Dajjal. If you are putting one step into that confusion, one word into that confusion, you are with Dajjal. You can say whatever you want, you can sit inside the Kaba, you can sit right in the presence of the Holy Prophet (sws), but there will be no safety then. So wake up to yourselves. I am reminding myself, to you and to everyone. The confusion of Dajjal is very big. The Sahaba-e Kiram are saying, 'So much the Holy Prophet (sws) was telling us about the confusion of Dajjal that we thought that Dajjal was right behind the date trees.' Over fourteen hundred years passed and Dajjal is at work. He's getting ready to declare that he is the Lord.

So stay anywhere you like. The life is given to you. You are responsible from that life. You are responsible from the breath of life that you are taking and you are giving. You are responsible from every action and every word that you are saying and you are doing. The one who creates the mosquito, it's the same to that one to create this world, it is the same to Him to create all the galaxies, things that we know and things that we don't know. Creating the worlds and everything in it is as easy for Allah subhana wa ta'ala as creating a mosquito or an atom. It's not hard to Him. So there is nothing big and there's nothing small to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. So He is giving warning to us, saying to us, 'Something that you think that it's small, but in My presence there is no small or big. One small action that you may do, you may bring the world upside down.' And He is saying to us, 'If you are doing a mustard seed of good, you are going to be rewarded. If you are doing a mustard seed of bad, you are going to be questioned.' That small.

So this is Juma time. We entered through this door to this world and we are going to go out from this world. We enter only through one door. There are two doors out. One door in and two doors out. Either you go out from the right side to your paradise. Or you go out from your left to the hell that you are building. 'Welcome to you' they will say to you then. Angels will be welcoming you if you are becoming an obedient servant and if you are finishing the tyranny and if you go out from this world clean, the angels will be welcoming you. If not then even sheytans will be cursing at you. Angels will be cursing and there are special angels waiting for those.

This is not a threat. This is just an order that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us. This is the order that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is warning us with. He is saying to us, 'Remind yourself and if I am giving you authority, remind others. Your duty, Ya Muhammad, is just to remind them. The rest, leave it to Me.' The Holy Prophet (sws) was crying and he was very sad because he was saying to the people non-stop. He was seeing what was happening, what's going to happen

and he was reminding them non-stop but they were not caring. He was crying for them. Finally, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to His Prophet (sws), 'Your duty is only to remind them. Leave them to Me. They are My creatures and I do as I like.' If they will become obedient to you, I will love them. If they will become disobedient to you, leave them to Me.'

These words are for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-19

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

DON'T LOSE YOUR LAWYERS FOR THE JUDGMENT DAY

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Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah rabbil alameen. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullahil azim wa atubu ilaih. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'Don't interfere to the work that doesn't concern you. Don't interfere to the knowledge that doesn't concern you. If you are interfering to the knowledge that doesn't concern you, that is enough sign showing to you that Allah doesn't love you.' This place here, not this place, the Khutba place, for fourteen hundred years, from the day that the Holy Prophet (sws) immigrated from Mecca to Medina, the first Khutba, the first Juma he gave outside of Medina and from that day until today there is Juma going on in every Juma. Juma is obligation. It's Farz to believers to attend to Juma, in the Juma time to tell the believers, 'Have fear from Allah.'

For fourteen hundred years it's going on. It started from one masjid in Medina and it spread everywhere in the world. For over fourteen hundred years in every Juma every Imam is standing on that point, reminding themselves and their Jama'at, 'Have fear from Allah.' Allah subhana wa ta'ala is showing to us saying, 'I am reminding you. You are My servants. I have sent you to this world and you are going to do as I say, not as your ego says.' And for fourteen hundred years the unbelievers are running and attacking Islam, trying to bring

Islam down. But the worst is that the believers from the inside are running and they are thinking that they are going to bring Islam down or they are going to invent some kind of Islam that fits to their ego. It's not going to happen. It didn't happen when the Holy Prophet (sws) was one man, one individual. Do you think that it will happen now? But the ignorant man who is blind twenty-four hours a day is thinking that way.

So today, yes for almost one hundred years now, right after our Sultan, our Khalifah, Ulul Hakan Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan, right after that one, Allah subhana wa ta'ala has hidden, putting the Khalifah aside and this mankind became very wild, running very wild, males and females. Everyone is interfering into everything. Don't! It is not good for you. It is not going to do good for you. Not in Dunya and not in Akhirat. Especially, interfering in the matters of religion, don't. Dunya? Eh, if you are talking in Dunya, when the man with that knowledge confronts you, you finish, your knowledge finishes anyway. You make a fool out of yourself. What about the Akhirat knowledge? So many fools are interfering today of course. So many fools whose minds are not with them, running after them.

Eh, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'I have created Jannat and Jahannam. I have created Jahannam also and I mean to fill Jahannam with people.' Whichever side you want. Don't think that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has no mercy and He is going to take little creatures that He created and throw them inside the fire. No. But He is giving enough chance to that little creature in Dunya saying to him, 'I did send you to this world and I am taking you also. If you would've come to this world by yourself then you have the right to do whatever you want. But you didn't. I sent you. So I put two roads for you in this world. Sirat-ul Mustaqim, the right road and the road that leads behinds the sheytans to Jahannam. In Sirat-ul Mustaqim, on the right road, I put leaders who are leading that road. Follow them.

Your duty is to follow. You don't. Your ego is saying no. Eh, Sheytan is more clever than you and me. He has so much knowledge that he even fooled Adam (alayhi salam). Adam (as) has no partner in his creation. Allah subhana wa ta'ala created only him in that way. No other creature Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created like Adam (as). He didn't create you and I like that. He didn't create our Holy Prophet (sws) like that. He did not create any prophet like that. He spent time, He put design to him. And He gave warning to Adam (as), saying to him, 'This Sheytan is your enemy. Be careful.' And Adam (as) just got weak in one point and Sheytan managed to fool him. That's why Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'No matter what happens, don't get weak in religion. Hold on tightly if you are believers because in the end you are going to win.'

So the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'If you are living with the knowledge that you know, if you are applying the knowledge that you know to yourself,' because too many people are coming today to me saying, 'How are we going to know this, Sheykh? And how are we going to know that? How are we going to know if this Sheykh is right? How are we going to know if this Sheykh is wrong?' It's another confusion and fitna coming from Sheytan. It's so easy. So simple. But of course, the ego is declaring something, saying, 'I am so good. So I have to look to find the good ones.' And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'If you live with the knowledge that you know sincerely, the knowledge that you know, if you apply it to your life, Allah subhana wa ta'ala will teach you the knowledge you

don't know.' So then any simple knowledge that you know, if you are not a hypocrite and if you are living according to that knowledge, every other knowledge that is concerning you, Allah subhana wa ta'ala will teach you. Don't worry.

So the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'If the knowledge is in China, go and seek that knowledge.' So many squarehead Imams today and sheykhs are saying, 'You see, the Prophet (sws) is saying to us to read. Go to the universities even if it is in China.' And I say, 'Hey squarehead Imam or Sheykh! Calling yourself Sheykh! The universities are everywhere today. It's not only in America. Cyprus is a small island like this, go and count to see how many universities are there. But our brothers are finishing this university and still saying, 'I have to go to America or London.' Why? 'Because I have to get a bigger diploma from a bigger Yahudi place.' That's what happened.

So, that is not the knowledge that the Holy Prophet (sws) is talking about. And he is not talking to you about the knowledge itself. To learn the knowledge you need a teacher, you need a master. He is saying, if the knowledge is in China, go and seek that knowledge. Go there and seek that knowledge. This knowledge. The knowledge of Akhirat. How many are left in this world now? Go and look to those nations. Today, over 100,000 masjids in Turkey. Over 100,000! In over a hundred thousand mosques and masjids they are giving Khutba. But the Khutba is prepared by a couple of soldiers and is given to their hands and is said, 'Read to the nation.' If it's otherwise, tell them to come and speak to me. Same thing is happening in Egypt, same thing is happening in Saudi Arabia, same this is happening everywhere. Exceptions are countries like this that they don't come to interfere to me to say to you, 'Read this.' That's why they are going crazy left and right saying, 'We cannot control this religion. Somewhere somehow somebody is standing up and speaking again the ayats that we are hiding, the hadith that we are hiding.'

And as I said, there are so many hypocrites, Munafiqs who are in the religion, who are coming to the dergahs, to the sheykhs not to fix their ego to become better but they are thinking, 'We are going to go to get some power.' What power are you looking for? What power you think that the Sheykh has to give to you? If he has the power definitely he is not going to give to you. If Allah gave to him then he is saying, 'If Allah wants He is going to give to you too. If it is given to me, I am not even going to show to you what is that.' But so many squareheads are fooling the other ones. They are thinking, talking so big, entering into so many matters that don't concern them, entering into the knowledge that they get dizzy and later Sheytan is coming to them saying, 'This is what you are looking for. Don't worry. I will give you something.' They become black magic people. That's what they think this religion is. It's not. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is in control. He has the control of this world and everything is in His hand.

He is saying to us, 'I let your rope a little bit loose. Run around. But your rope is in My hand. When I pull, you are going to come. Run as you like if you think you are going to run. But this world is so small. In the end, you are going out from one door.' You entered through one door and you are going out from another door. One door entrance, two doors exit. You entered clean. We are not Christians to say, 'You were born to this world dirty.' No. You enter clean. You are clean up to the maturity age. After the maturity age you are dirtying

yourself with your dirty mind, with your dirty thinking. And turn around and ask forgiveness and clean yourself again in this journey. While you entered through that door you are continuing that journey. You are going to go out from the other door. Two doors are waiting for you. Either you go out from the right side which is Selamat, Safety, or you go out from the left door. The troubles begin that time. You are complaining now that you have trouble? Hmm, hmm. You are complaining now that you have problems? At that time you will see what problem is.

So wake up to yourselves. These words are for you, for me and for the whole mankind who is hearing this. If anybody is saying, 'I am exception from this' that one should not be a human. Maybe it's an angel or maybe it's lower than the animals that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting ego and is saying to us, 'Your ego is your worst enemy.' And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying this to us. You cannot take care of your ego. You need a master. You need somebody to fix it for you, to show you what is right and what is wrong. If you don't then your guide is going to be Sheytan. Sheytan is going to lead you. And you are still going to think that you are in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim but you are already going to be in the wrong road. When the angel of death is coming to you, you are going to go out from this world through the wrong door and all the problems begin then.

Intelligence is showing to the man, saying to know what he wants, to understand who is his enemy and to try to fix himself before the angel of death is reaching to him. When is this angel of death going to come you think? It may come one minute later, it may come tonight, it may come tomorrow. Keep this alive. Don't make it so long. Don't think it's so far distant as everyone is making so many plans, 'I am doing this and I am doing that. I am going here and I am going to...'. A Sahabi one day came to the Holy Prophet (sws), a young Sahabi, and said, 'Ya Rasulullah, I have borrowed some money. I made a deal with this person that I am going to pay in one month's time. Please pray for me that I will be able to make it.' And the Holy Prophet (sws) looked at him and said, 'Oh, what a long term plan you made. How did you do this?' To a young Sahabi he is saying, 'How did you make this long plan? One month? Who says to you that Azrail is not coming to you five minutes later?'

That word was to the Sahabi and to every believer who is coming after, to you and to me. Not to think that, 'Oh, it's going to be long term' or so many are saying, 'I am doing wrong today but one day I am going to change. Okay, I am making intention that by next year I am going to change.' Just like the Yahudi and the Christians, saying, 'This year, this new year I am going to do this and then I am going to start changing.' New Year. Their new year is Christmas of course. These kinds of Muslims are celebrating Christmas and New Year.

Wake up to yourselves. The Holy Prophet (sws) is Mubashshiran wa Naziran. He gives warning and he is giving the good news to mankind. And all his inheritors are doing the same. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'You and the people that you speak, don't forget the Judgment Day. Oh, those ones that are speaking!' He is talking about the Imams and Sheykhs and everyone, saying, 'Oh, those ones who are reminding their people but they are forgetting about themselves. You wait to see what happens to you.' That is for me and to all those people who are standing up and speaking to their Jama'at.

These words, as I said earlier, are for you and for me. If you want, take it, you will win. If you don't want it, there are two doors. Either you are going out from the right side or the left side. America is not going to save you. Whoever is promising, giving promises is not going to save you. Your good deeds and the intention in the good deeds are going to save you. Nothing else. Maybe then you will find some good lawyers. Because you have good deeds and you have good intentions, then you may find good lawyers who will speak for your behalf in the Judgment Day.

So many people today are losing their lawyers too. They go against their Sheykhs. They do so many secrets behind their Sheykhs. They think that the sheykhs don't know. Oh, what kind of Sheikh do you think that is going to be? If it's just like your thinking and if one wall is separating him from the wrong thing that you are doing, definitely that one is not a Sheikh. Know that. But if that Sheikh is going to use some technology to know, definitely that one is not a Sheikh too.

So wake up to yourself, inshaAllah ar-Rahman. We are meaning to enter to Paradise. And Paradise is our place. We are lonely in this world. No matter who is around you, you are always lonely. You are longing for your original house and you are bound towards that. But so many times, so many people are entering to the road that Sheytan is guiding. You are longing for your house and you are running into Jahannam?

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-20

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

MAKE YOUR EGO FROM NAFS-I AMMARA TO NAFS-I MUTMAIN

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheikh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

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Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaihi. Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent 124,000 prophets to this world. The last prophet came over fourteen hundred years ago, the Seal of

Prophets. Only job of these prophets were to tell people to turn from Dunya to Akhirat, leave their ego, leave worshipping their ego and turn to Allah subhana wa ta'ala, clean themselves from Nafs-i Ammara. This is the job that 124,000 prophets came to tell people from the beginning of Adam (as) until the last prophet and until the end.

Now we are in the Ahir of Ahir Zaman. We reached completely to the end. There's nothing between us and the Judgment Day. The nation of Muhammad (sws) is still sleeping. The whole mankind is sleeping and the biggest Ghaflat is falling on the Muslims. Muslims are in big Ghaflat day and night, twenty-four hours a day. It doesn't matter holy days, holy nights, it doesn't matter. Everyone is running to satisfy their ego. Be careful. The end of that road is Jahannam. If you don't clean yourself, if you don't clean your ego from Nafs-i Ammara to Nafs-i Mutmain, fire is going to burn.

All these days, especially Ramazan, Ramazan is the month that people must pull themselves together. They must put themselves together, they must sit and think what they are doing and why they are doing. 'What is the purpose of the actions that I am doing? With this are Allah and His Prophet (sws) going to be happy with me? Or Allah and His Prophet (sws) are not going to be happy with me?' That's the biggest Ghaflat today that mankind is not asking. It's not looking, it's not running and it's only running to do what their ego says. Firaun, from seven years old to seventy years old, from males to females, Firauns, became Firauns. Firauns are tyrants, yes, and Allah subhana wa ta'ala with all these prophets, 124,000 prophets that He is sending to mankind, He is saying, 'I have forbidden tyranny to myself and I am forbidding tyranny to you also. I am forbidding tyranny to you to do it to each other.' And this is what the 21st Century people are good for, non-stop. They are sitting next to each other but they are tyrants to each other. If you are not getting off from that then the end of that road is Jahannam. Not fasting one month, fast all your life, if the fasting is not making you to become a better servant then it's just like an animal that you are tying it on the corner and you are not giving it food.

You have to learn to analyze before you do things to understand why you are doing and what is the intention behind. The most important thing, the intention. Before you open your mouth you must think, you must know, you must understand, 'Where is this word going to reach in the end? What kind of damage is it going to do?' Before you do any action you must think, you must analyze, you must understand, 'Where is the end of this action going to lead me?' Later, 'Oh, I have this problem and I have that problem.' Your problem never ends. It is impossible. It is in your hand to try to do something. When you start correcting yourself, everything around you will be correct. Today's people are trying to correct the other ones. Don't! Correct yourself because everyone became Firauns. Namruds and Firauns had some power in their hand, at least worldly power. Today's people have no power, nothing. And non-stop twenty-four hours a day.

So, what's the job of the prophets? To teach mankind how to control their ego. The Holy Prophet (sws) is coming from the war. He came to his masjid, he sat and the Sahaba-e Kiram came and they sat. He said to them, 'Now we are turning from the small Jihad to a greater Jihad, to the bigger Jihad, from a small war to a bigger war.' They said, 'Ya Rasulullah, we are just coming from war, so many Sahaba died, so many are wounded, so much wealth disappeared. Can there be a bigger war than this?' He said, 'Yes. The war that you are going to make against

your ego, against your Nafs, that is the biggest Jihad that you are going to make.' And that Jihad must continue until you enter to the grave. You cannot let it go. You cannot say, 'Oh, today I fixed myself, my ego is complete, so I'm going to do as I like.' You cannot do as you like. The more you are completing your ego the more you are going to see Allah's order more detailed to you. You watch every word that you say, you watch every step you make.

This is the reason of Tariqat. Tariqat is not for you to eat each other, Tariqat is not for people to sit next to each other and hate each other. It's not that. Tariqat is to teach you, to take you from the lower self and to bring you to the highest station. If you are not doing that then it doesn't matter what kind of Sheykh you have. People didn't listen to the Prophet (sws). They ended up in Jahannam. Abu Jahil didn't listen to the Prophet (sws). So many like Abu Jahil didn't listen to the Prophet (sws). They were sitting in front of him, they were watching him, they didn't listen to the Prophet (sws). Who they listened to? To their ego, to their Sheytan. And the end? They are in Jahannam. Right now that we are talking the fire is burning.

Azrail is going to come to you and to me. Maybe tomorrow, maybe earlier than that. Don't forget, the way you live, that's how you are going to die, the way you die, that's how you are going to rise. Whatever you are busy with at that time, that's how you are going to die. If you are busy cleaning yourself, your ego, you are okay. If you are busy praising your ego, you are in trouble. So this is the month, the holiest month, the easiest month that you can take care of your ego, this is the month that the Sheytans are chained, but I am seeing that people's ego are more wild still. Sheytans are not there. You cannot say that Sheytans are coming to bother you. No. It's not Sheytan. It's your ego. So you became so slave to your ego that you don't need Sheytan anymore. The ego is directing left and right.

So, we are not in the beginning of the world, we are not in the beginning of our lives. Every one of us passed half, going down, downhill. Most of you, who knows, you are not going to be here in ten years time. Did you think, did you turn back and look, do you understand the meaning? When you are going to die, do you understand the meaning of it? If we understand the meaning, it means that the book is closed. We cannot do anything anymore. Everything is finished. If this world, not only this world, if there were one billion worlds like this and those one billion worlds have grains inside all the worlds, they are packed with grains, and there's only one bird and in every thousand years that bird is eating only one grain, it's going to come to an end for that one billion worlds. The grains are going to come to the end one day. For the eternal life there is no end. Wake yourself up. If you cannot wake yourself up, pinch yourself. If you cannot pinch yourself then take the needle and put it in yourself. If you cannot understand still then take the fire and put it on your hand.

The eternal life. Understand the meaning of the eternal life. As soon as you give the last breath from here you begin the eternal life. Whichever side you fall, that's where you are staying. Either people are in Jannat or they are in Jahannam. Nothing else. In this way you cannot enter into Jannat. If you are praising your ego, if you are non-stop supporting your ego, Nafs-i Ammara, you cannot enter to Paradise. Fire is going to burn to clean. It doesn't matter how young you are and it doesn't matter how old you are. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not looking to that. He is looking to the actions and the intentions of the

actions. This month should be easy for those people who are trying to control themselves, to control their ego. Allah is watching your actions, His Prophet (sws) is watching your actions, Awliya Allah are watching your actions, angels are watching your actions, except you yourself. Do a favor to yourself. Watch your actions, watch your intentions.

If you are believing in these words then you must be very scared in your heart. Your heart must be shaking. If you are not believing then put it from one ear and bring it out from the other side. The grave is waiting to you, to me and to everyone. When you are entering into the grave, don't think that there will be safety then. Safety is now. What you send that's what you are going to find. Let me give some example to you and to me, to myself, that you may understand who helps and where.

When the Holy Prophet's (sws) most beloved daughter Hazrat Fatima passed from this world, the Sahaba-e Kiram, some of them, they buried her in the nighttime. Some Sahaba became very emotional and a Sahabi was speaking into the grave, saying to the grave, 'Oh grave, know and understand who we are putting in you today. Today we are putting the most beloved daughter of the Holy Prophet (sws). If you are not understanding then let me open it a little bit more. She is the most beloved wife of Ali (radiyallahu anhu). If you are not understanding then let me open a little bit more. She is the mother of Hasan and Husayn. Hasan and Husayn, they are the guides in Paradise. So be careful. Treat her properly. Sound came back from the earth saying to him, 'Oh you, you and all like you, watch your business. Don't tell me what to do. As you are taking order, I am also taking order from my Lord. Today is not the day when someone is going to be treated because of their identity that they are the mother of this and father of that and daughter of this. Today is the day that I'm going to treat that one, whatever he sent to the grave that's what he's going to find. You, you worry for yourself. When you are coming in, that's what's going to happen to you too.'

This speech was coming from earth to a Sahabi-e Kiram. If you think that you are better than the Sahaba-e Kiram, I have no words to you. If not then think good. Every action that you do, sit and analyze, make good intentions, fix yourselves. Now is the time to fix yourselves. Now is not the time to become more Firauns. Everyone must look, must turn back, must turn back to their lives and look to understand, 'Yes, once upon a time I was in the jungle. My Lord's mercy has reached and I am here now. Let me make it better, not make it worse.' If you are not making it better then you are making it worse. When you were in the jungle, yes, you may have some reason to say then, 'I have this excuse and I have that excuse.' You have no excuse. You have a Sheikh that is reminding you. It doesn't matter who you are. He is reminding you and himself twenty-four hours. If you are not fixing your ego, if you are not turning around to make your ego from Nafs-i Ammara to Nafs-i Mutmain then nobody is going to reach to you in the grave.

This much should be enough for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-21

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BE IN ALLAH'S SERVICE THROUGH LOVE

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Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. He has created us for His service. Nothing but for His service. Only reason for man's being in this world is to be under the service of His Lord. Everything else is becoming malayani. That is for our safety. He has created us, He sent us here and giving order saying, 'If you are doing My order in Dunya then you are entering to My Paradise. If you are doing otherwise, I will give you time. I gave you this life. Run around as much as you want. Go to any corner you want. Do anything that you want. But your rope is in My hand. You cannot escape. When I pull, you come. You cannot go anywhere. Either you will be in My service, be My servant, through love or I will make you one. And when I put My authority on you then you will be counted from the bad servants, not the good servants. And the bad servants don't have rewards in the hereafter. They have another punishment hereafter.'

He is saying, 'As you like.' He is saying to His Prophet (sws), 'Don't worry Ya Muhammad (sws).' Prophet (sws) was worrying. For who? For us, for this nation because he was seeing what is in front of them. He was seeing what was happening to them, what was going to happen to them. He went to Miraj. He saw everything. He went to Miraj. He saw paradises and he saw hells. And he said, 'The hell is full with my Ummat, especially the women of this Ummat.' Hmm.

Eh, what happened today? Today is the worst days. We are living the worst days on the face of this earth. This world has never seen such a thing like this before. This world has never seen such disobedience like this. During the time of Nuh (as) they were disobedient but they were saying to Nuh (as), 'We are not going to listen to you. We are just going to do like the people coming in Ahir Zaman. Just like them.' A vision opened to them and saying, 'We are just going to do exactly like them. We are not listening to you. We are living as we like.' And Nuh (as) was crying for them, saying, 'Please, stop this. Come to the ship for safety.' They said, 'No way!' Finally order came to Nuh (as) saying, 'Leave them. Leave them. Those who believe, take them to the ship. The rest, leave them to My hand.' And they were all punished and perished.

Eh, Ahir Zaman, about Ahir Zaman the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'It will be the second Jahiliyya that is worse than the first Jahiliyya.' This is what happened and that Jahiliyya is entering everywhere and Sheytan is very happy. Sheytan is very happy with Muslims today saying, 'I couldn't do it better than them. They are fasting, yes, but they are doing the things that the Kafirs are not doing.' He likes it. He's very happy. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us why we have to fast. He is saying, 'I have ordered the nations before you for fasting and I have ordered you too for fasting. This way you will find safety. It will be protection to you from the hands and the tricks and traps of Sheytan.' And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The fasting of Ramazan is a shield between you and Jahannam.' Are we feeling that shield? Are we feeling, 'Yes, we are protected'? How are you going to be feeling that you are protected when you are angry twenty-four hours during Ramazan? Not only that you are angry, you are saying words and cursing that you never did before. Not only that, you are becoming Firaun destroying everything surrounding you. MashaAllah, Allahu Akbar. So that person is not counted from the believers then and the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'If you die during that time, you will die in Jahiliyya time.' The faith is not in the heart at that time. The faith is up there circling around until you will ask forgiveness and the faith comes back into the heart.

Alhamdulillah. Too sad, they should be too sad, those ones who have destroyed this whole month of Ramazan. They didn't show the proper respect. They didn't take care of it. Who did it, they should be very happy. Who kept the Ramazan properly, with proper respect, giving their respect to Allah and His Prophet (sws), they should be happy. They should be happy now and they are going to be happy in the Judgment Day. Beyond that too.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent us to this world and He is saying to us, 'Either you choose the hard way or you choose the easy way. There are two ways. If you choose the hard way it's not for you. You are going to suffer a lot. If you choose the easy way, the easy way is obedience. Through obedience you are going to find everything coming easy to you. Through disobedience everything is going to be hard. The more disobedient, the harder it's going to come to you. The more disobedient, the harder it's going to happen. If you didn't find, if you didn't catch that in Dunya, don't think that you are going to get it in the grave. Whatever you prepared in this world now, that's what you are going to find in the grave. If you show the proper respect during this month to Ramazan, if you die during this year, you are going to find the blessing of Ramazan in the grave for you. If you didn't, then you are going to find extra punishment for you for the Ramazan.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman, these words should make some differences in our lives. As much difference it will make, it doesn't matter now, the Ramazan is finished. Those who didn't take care should've thought better. It passed. The Ramazan passed and it took your good deeds and your bad deeds with it and it sealed it and it's going to be there. Ramazan is going to complain about some people on the Judgment Day. Fasting is going to complain too. Eh, you should check, we should check ourselves to see where we are, what we did, to regret, to run back, ask forgiveness, try to catch up. Not too much to catch up but Allah's mercy may reach. We don't know anything. Anyone who is claiming to know something, they are the most ignorant ones. But Allah subhana wa ta'ala is telling us, 'Run. If

you did the mistake, turn around. Turn around and don't be arrogant and stubborn like Sheytan.' That's what it is. If the person is carrying as we said in the beginning of Ramazan, 'Don't fast only from eating, drinking and different activities. Fast from anger, fast from proudness, fast from arrogance, fast from stubbornness, fast from jealousy and envy. Fast from these things. Get rid of it.'

During the month of Ramazan it should've become easier. To some it didn't. That shows that you are supporting your ego. Sheytan is not there. Sheytan is chained. That shows that you are a slave to your ego. You are not a servant to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. You are a slave to the ego. And those who are knowing should ask forgiveness and turn around. Every one of us should ask forgiveness and not to think that, 'Oh, mine is complete.' No. Nobody in these days is complete but some people make it open. So, when you do something right, hide it. If it's going to help other people, spread it. If you do something wrong, definitely hide it and keep it hidden. In the Judgment Day Allah subhana wa ta'ala may not make you the biggest fool.

Some people are worrying, today's foolishness, in front of ten people, five people, fifty people, a hundred people, a thousand people, 'Oh, I don't know how this one is going to think about me. You know what happened now? This one is going to think so bad about me, about this situation.' Huh, you are worrying about that. You are not worrying about the Judgment Day? You are not worrying about the Judgment Day that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is going to pull you in His Presence saying, 'Oh my servant, in Dunya you have worry because people say things. And what about today? Did you think about today?' 'No.' Then that is a hidden shirk. If you are only worrying about people and you are not worrying about what Allah and His Prophet (sws) is thinking about you, that is a hidden shirk. Then Allah is saying, 'Run to those to help you that you were worrying about. You didn't worry for Me, you didn't care for Me that My eyes are on you twenty-four hours. I am your Creator and I am sending everything to you. You didn't care and I sent you that holy month to fix yourself, to become better for more things to open to you, ways to open to you. You shut every door.' Hmm.

Eh, now you will fall into the foolishness of the Judgment Day and you are the worst one then, yes. And there is no way to run. Everyone on the Judgment Day will watch you. This Nation will watch you. The nations that passed, they will look at them and say, 'How foolish these ones are! These ones have been counted from the Nation of Muhammad (sws) and they lived life like this.' The prophets will look and they will say, 'How foolish these servants are that Allah subhana wa ta'ala granted them to be from the Nation of Muhammad (sws) and so short life during their time, and they got so fooled by Sheytan and they lost everything? How fool you are!' The curse will be coming then. That is worse than Jahannam.

So, inshaAllah ar-Rahman, we must ask forgiveness all the time. We must turn around and ask forgiveness all the time for the good things and the bad things that we do for our Lord to forgive us and make us to become better servants to Him. If we do that then we are going to become winners.

As we always remind, we will remind again. It's not too far. The angel of death is not too far distance away. Don't think that it's so far away. Don't think that these years are going to continue so much. It's only counted. It's finishing. Turning left and right it's finishing. Akhirat is waiting. Akhirat is

waiting to every one of us. Everyday we are running, moving towards Akhirat. Everyday the angel of death is taking at least a hundred and fifty thousand people's lives on this earth. At least a hundred and fifty thousand. Who says that you are not one of them today or tomorrow? We might be. So if we think and we keep that alive in ourselves then we will be able to close our ears for wrong talks, we will be able not to hear them, we will be able to close our tongues not to talk wrong talks, we will be able to close our eyes not to look at the wrong things. When we cannot change anything then we turn back to our Lord saying, `Ya Rabbi, I cannot change anything but don't count me from those ones.'

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-22

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ISLAM BEGAN STRANGE AND IT WILL END STRANGE

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah, astaghrifullah. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord for our shortcomings that we are the nation, the nation of Ahir Zaman, the Ummat of Ahir Zaman, Ahir of Ahir Zaman. We reached completely to the end. There is nothing between ourselves and the Qiyamat. From the beginning of Adam (as), coming creation, to the end, Allah subhana wa ta'ala in His calendar, He is giving only seven days to this world. Mankind has no patience but in the presence of Allah it's only seven days. From Monday to Sunday. Each day worldly is a thousand years. We reached the end of seven thousand now. Whatever Allah subhana wa ta'ala created is coming to an end. Everything has beginning and end, from man to jinn and everything in creation. And this world has reached to the end too. This world was here before Adam (as). Allah created this world way before, but has given time for this world too. This world is reaching to the end and we are the nation that's reaching completely to the end of the time of this world Alhadulillahi Rabbil Alameen.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, `Islam began Gharib, strange, and it's going to end strange.' And he says that his blessings and his Rahmat, mercy to those ones

that are reaching to Ahir Zaman. They are going to be strange among the other people. He says, 'Keep that way. Don't drop it. If you do you will drop your faith.' The world population of Islam is reaching up to two billion. But the ones that are walking, trying to walk the footsteps of the Prophet (sws), not only the Prophet (sws) but the Sahaba-e Kiram, the most important. Everyone is claiming saying, 'We are following the Prophet (sws).' How are you following the Prophet (sws) if you are not following the footsteps of the Sahaba-e Kiram? The Sahaba-e Kiram were following the Prophet (sws).

So, 'The biggest confusion is going to come in Ahir Zaman,' the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'and the confusion is going to come out from their scholars. It's going to circle around the world and it's going to go back to them. And the cursing is going to reach to those ones. They are the worst ones under the dome of Allah subhana wa ta'ala that He has created'. Ahir Zaman scholars, so many of them. Only a handful of people escape from that Hadis-e Sharif. What the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, the majority of them they are falling in it. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is giving signs saying, 'They are going to be known, their sign is that they are going to leave the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws) and the Sunnat of the Sahaba-e Kiram. They are not going to follow their Sunnat.'

Alhamdulillah, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is blessing us with the himmat of our Sheykh and we are able to go here and there and to see how people are living, this Muslim nation. Exactly fits to what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying.

We are in the month of Shaban. The Bera'at just passed. In the night of Bera'at it has been written again how many people is going to come to this world, how many people are going to die, who is going to lose what, who is going to earn what, everything is there in that book. It's not going to change so much now. We must run to keep our obligations that Allah subhana wa ta'ala and His Prophet (sws) has ordered to us. Not to be so much worrying for this Dunya. Watching east, west, north, south, males, females, young, old, everyone is worrying for this Dunya non-stop. 'What about this? What about that?' What about? Nothing is going to happen while you are saying 'What about?' If you are submitting yourself to Allah subhana wa ta'ala, everything may run to you if it's written for you. If it's not then you can run as much as you want, you cannot reach it.

So we must know how to spend the breath of life that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has granted to us. And we are the nation of Ahir Zaman that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying. In one way it is very sad to be living in this time but in another way it is a big blessing because the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'I cannot wait for the Judgment Day to meet with my brothers.' And the Sahaba-e Kiram are saying, 'Ya Rasulullah, aren't we your brothers?' He says, 'No. You are my companions. You are with me. You are seeing me. Accepting me is not too much extraordinary because you are seeing so many things from my hands. But people who are going to come in Ahir Zaman, in the end of the times, they are not going to see me. They are going to change so many things I say, but a handful of people are still going to run holding tightly to what I brought to them. They are my brothers.'

So inshaAllah, inshaAllah ar-Rahman, holding tightly to our Sheykh we will reach there inshaAllah. We will be from those people that the Holy Prophet (sws) is pleased with. We have to hold on tightly and believe the ways that our Sheykh is showing to us because circling around the world now we are understanding how

much blessed we are. Just like the Sahaba-e Kiram that they were so blessed that the Prophet (sws) came among them but so many blind ones among them didn't see the light of the Prophet (sws). Same thing is happening now.

We are in the month of Shaban. It's finishing. We are approaching the month of Ramazan and the month of Ramazan is for this Ummat and the mercy, Rahmat, everything, safety is reaching to people in this month. InshaAllah we are making intention to keep this month holy. The month is holy but we should keep it holy, we should treat it holy. And we will be having the iftar here and the tarawih here inshaAllah ar-Rahman and during this month more of Zikir, more of reading, more of things that you left behind, try to keep it, you will be extra blessed. If making intention at least to have one Juz of Quran everyday, it is an extra blessing to us, every one of us, to our children, to the passed ones and inshaAllah ar-Rahman we are asking safety for the sake of this month from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-23

ISLAM IS COMPLETE AND NOT IN NEED OF MODERATION

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilahi. We must ask forgiveness from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala, especially the people of 21st Century forget to ask forgiveness because we all became completely disobedient to our Lord. And we are all in trouble and we are still not waking up, we are still not looking to see what's happening to us. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Oh my servants, ask from Me and I will give to you.' We are not even asking. The nation of Muhammad (sws) is not even asking anymore. It's not sitting somewhere, making two rakats, opening their hands to cry and to beg, to ask and to say, 'Ya Rabbi, my situation is this. I am asking safety.' No asking because the nation of Muhammad (sws) learned how to ask from the unbelievers. They go to the unbelievers asking for help. Eh, how foolish they became that they are asking help from the unbelievers? Isn't it the aim of the unbelievers to finish Islam? That's what happened to the Muslims. The

Muslims are heedless and headless. That's what became.

And yes, the Ahir of Ahir Zaman, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that's what will happen to this nation in Ahir Zaman. And he is saying to us, 'Their enemies will come together.' He is saying to the Sahaba-e Kiram. Saying, 'Their enemies will all come together against them and they will finish them.' And they said, 'Ya Rasulallah, is it because our number is going to be very less at that time than them?' He said, 'No. Your number is going to be more than them. But you are not going to be able to do anything. Why? Because the nation of Muhammad (sws) is going to fall in love with this Dunya. They are going to love Dunya more than Allah and more than Akhirat. And they are going to hate to hear of death. They are not going to want to hear about death. They are going to run away from death. And that is the time that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is going to remove the Heybet of Islam away from you and the unbelievers are going to look at you and they are going to see nothing there. They are going to attack and they are going to finish you.'

Is that what's happening to this nation? Is that what's happening to this Ummat? Say, somebody say. Where are the scholars, where are the Alims of this nation? Say. Yes, that's what's happening. That's what happened to this nation because the Khutba place, this Khutba place became a place for the Imams to collect money. This is what happened. The Khutba is to remind the believers, to say to them what kind of situation they are in. Not having any fear from anyone. Having fear from Allah subhana wa ta'ala. The Imam must remind the Jamat to say to them, 'This is what's happening to you.' Juma time is not the time to learn religion. Juma time is to know, to learn, to understand what kind of heedless situation this Ummat has fallen into. That's what the Juma is for. It changed. Everyone is running to make it moderate Islam.

'We have to moderate Islam. We have to remove these things from Islam. We have to make the Muslims to become unbeliever Muslims, Kafir Muslims.'

That's what the moderate Islam is. And that's what this nation is running after. Males and females are running top-speed. Those who are praying and those who are not praying are running top-speed.

And danger is here because we are the last nations. Wake up! Wake up! We are the last nations on the earth. If the whole world is yours, you are not going to be able to enjoy it. Those who have the world know. They are not enjoying the world. It's impossible for anyone to enjoy from now on because now is the time for payback for everyone because we became disobedient servants to our Lord. And He is just lifting some things. Not too many things. Saying, 'You are disobedient to Me. Okay. I will lift the peace from you.' That's what happened. The peace is gone. Peace has left. Don't think that these couple of Kafirs saying, 'Terrorism here, terrorism there'. The nations became terrorists. The governments became terrorists. Why? Because their people are sleeping heedlessly and headlessly. Everyone is running twenty-four hours for this Dunya.

And this is what happened to us. It's about time for the Muslims to believe and to wake up because the Muslims are not believing only in this Dunya. You are believing the hereafter life, not this Dunya. This Dunya is only a test for the believers and we are running to make this Dunya a Paradise. No Paradise in Dunya. And now that Allah lifted the peace away from us, no peace in anyone's

house. Not even in Awliya's house there's any peace anymore because people surrounding twenty-four hours a day are complaining and the complaint is with their Lord. Not asking, not sitting to pray to say, 'Ya Rabbi, la ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu min az-zalimeen. We have become from the tyrants Ya Rabbi. Forgive us Ya Rabbi.' We are not asking that. We are all saying, 'What we did? We are okay. What we did? Why are they doing this to us?'

Don't look at what they are doing to you. Look at what you are doing to yourselves. Look what we are doing to ourselves in this Dunya. Look what we are doing to ourselves in Akhirat. If Azrail is coming now, nobody is ready to go. You are not ready to go to the other side. That's what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'This nation will forget about death.' And the believer is supposed to be ready for death. The believer is supposed to be ready for Azrail's coming. The believer is supposed to have his wudu, the believer has to run for his prayers and the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The believer has to be praying the prayer as if he is not going to reach to another prayer.' This is how the believers are supposed to be. The believers have 100, 200 years of plans on the face of this earth. This is what happened to the believers today.

And yes, we left the way of the Holy Prophet (sws). We deviated from the road that he has left to us. We invented so many different kinds of beliefs and we are running after those beliefs. A couple of squarehead Wahhabis came out to this world to destroy Islam and the Muslims are believing and running after the Wahhabi ideologies. And they are calling themselves Ahl-e Sunnat. 'We are following the Sunni way. We are following the Sunnat of the Rasulullah (sws).'

So the fear of death is there. When the fear of death is there no enjoyment in this life and no enjoyment hereafter for you. You must get rid of it. The only way to get rid of it is turning yourself back to your Lord sincerely to say, 'I am Your servant. Every authority is in Your hand, it's not in my hand. I am a weak servant. Forgive me.' Sincerely ask and look what happens then. As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman, the blessing also will be lifted. People are going to have everything but they are not going to have blessing.' Is that what's happening? Yes. We have everything. No blessing. Because there's no blessing, no sharing and no caring. Nobody cares for nobody anymore. This is what happened to this nation. And we are going more deep, more deep and more deep into troubles.

And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The blessing for time is going to be lifted too.' That's what happened. He says, 'The year is going to feel like a month, the week is going to feel like a day, the day is going to be just like a split second, turning left and right, the day is gone.' Is that what happens in your lives? You know that that is happening. Yes. These are the words coming to us from the Holy Prophet (sws) fourteen hundred years ago. He says, 'When you reach to those days, when you reach to those days when the year is going to feel like a month, the week is going to feel like a day, the day is going to feel like seconds, minutes, the last days are there. What Allah subhana wa ta'ala designated for this world and everything else is finishing. Time is finishing. The world is continuing to its destination and its carrying everyone in it. The live and the dead, everyone is in it. The live ones are on top of it. The ones that are dead are underneath.

When the stop happens to this world, two doors are going to open up. One to the right side and one to the left side. Whatever you earn, that's what you are

going to do. Either you are going to come out from the right side of the doors or you are going to come out from the left side of the doors. If you are coming out from the right side of the doors, you passed. You passed the test. If you are coming out from the left side of the doors, the Jahannam is waiting. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Yes, that day we are going to separate them. We are going to separate the believers and unbelievers.'

And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman there's going to be so many calling themselves believers but to find a real believer among them is going to be very difficult. Their masjids are going to be full with people. But they are all going to be there for Dunya reasons. To find real believers among them is going to be very difficult.' These are the days. We are in it. We are not the nations of Ahir Zaman. We are the nations of Ahir of Ahir. Complete end.

The month of Rajab, we are in it. Those who are connected are feeling the blessings. Muslims are not feeling the blessings too. The month of Rajab. The month of Rajab is the month of Allah, the month of mercy. The month that Rahmat is raining. The Muslims are complaining that they are in trouble because they are running away from where the Rahmat is. They are running toward the areas where the curse is raining. That's what happened to this nation. We must wake up before it's too late. You entered through one door of this world and you are going to enter out from the other side. Not you, not me, not the ones who passed and not the ones who are coming can escape from that. They are all going to pass through that. Make sure that you get your pass ID. And your ID must say 'Servant of Allah'. It should not say anything else on it but to say 'Servant of Allah'. If you pass from this world with that ID card then you are in safety. If you didn't pass with that ID, you are in trouble. And you know if you have that ID in your hand now. If Azrail is coming to you now, you know if you have that ID. Don't fool yourself to say, 'I am praying and I am doing this and I am doing that'. No. Look at yourself, look at your ideas, look at your aims, look at your plans for this Dunya, you will understand if you are living for this Dunya or you are living for Uqba, for Allah subhana wa ta'ala. You will understand if you are living for your ego or you are living for Allah's order. You understand if you are following the moderate Islam, you understand if you are following the footsteps of unbelievers and you also know if you are following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sws).

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering to us to have fear from Him and not to lose the hope from Him. We are not losing the hope. The nation should not lose the hope. Anytime you turn around, you may be forgiven. You may have the biggest problems in the world, you shouldn't come to say, 'Ya Rabbi, I have big problems.' You should say, 'Ya Rabbi, I am sitting and asking, begging for your Rahmat. Definitely your Rahmat is bigger than anything that I am in.' If we are keeping it this way, the month of Rajab, we are approaching the month of Shaban. Shaban is the holy month of the Holy Prophet (sws). The blessed month. InshaAllah we are approaching it. By next week maybe will be the Miraj. Then we are entering the month of Shaban and in Shaban we have the night of Bara'at. In that night the nation's destiny is re-written again. The way that we have moved from last Bara'at to this Bara'at, everything will come for calculation to see if we ran toward our Lord or we ran toward this Dunya. If you were running for this Dunya then more difficulty of this Dunya is waiting for you. If you were running to Allah subhana wa ta'ala then more easy things are going to be waiting for you.

We still have some days inshaAllah ar-Rahman. Intelligent believers, they should sit, they should ask. You know and I know what kind of trouble everyone is in. And you know and I know that no one is lifting, no one is taking the trouble away from you except Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Turn back to Allah subhana wa ta'ala sincerely the way that the Holy Prophet (sws) has left it to us, not the way your ego wants it, not the way that the unbelievers are preparing some kind of lifestyle for the Muslims. Turn back to your own realities, turn back to your own traditions. Keep your Islamic traditions. Turn back to the Sunnat of the Rasulullah (sws). There is no other safety except that. As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman, to carry the Sunnat of the Rasul (sws) is going to be just like carrying fire in your hand.' That's how it's happening. But it doesn't matter even if it's a fire. You have to change it from one hand to another hand. If you drop it then you lose your faith.

Now we are already in trouble, the believers, don't think that it's going to become better if we are not asking or if we are not turning back to the road that Allah and His Prophet (sws) designated for us. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'Today we have completed your religion.' Fourteen hundred years ago He has completed our religion. Our religion is complete. Don't believe the unbelievers who say, 'You are backward, you are behind, you are this and you must change this and you must change that.' Say to them, 'You must change your head! Leave me alone. Let me live my religion.' Allah knows what He is doing and He finished this religion. He completed this religion with His Prophet (sws). Anything that we are trying to do in it, we are going out from the religion. We are trying to fit the religion to our own selves then. And then you are inventing a new religion according to your ego. That is the time you are worshipping to your ego.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-24

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SAFETY AND PEACE COMES WITH ISLAM, WITH SUBMISSION

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We must say astaghfirullah as much as we can during this month of Rajab asking forgiveness from our Lord that He has created us for His service and the children of Adam lost their direction completely, in this time especially, doing everything else except knowing Allah and worshipping Allah. Even those who are claiming that they are worshipping to Allah, the majority of them are worshipping to their ego. If it fits to them, to their ego, they are accepting from Islam, if it doesn't fit to their ego then running left and right to change it. Allah subhana wa ta'ala created us and He has put the rules and the laws to us for our own safety, not for Him, and saying, 'These are the laws. Don't pass beyond this. It will not be safety to you.' So if a man is looking for safety in Dunya and Akhirat, he must be an obedient servant, must be running to keep the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. 'What happened to the other ones who are disobedient?' Eh, dunya is disaster. Their dunya is trouble. Imagine what will happen beyond this. Tornado is coming.

So still the Muslims, the believers are running after the unbelievers. They are running to copy their lifestyle. The Muslims are running to do what the unbelievers, what the Kafirs are doing. And where is the belief? Lost. So that fits to the ego, yes, but it doesn't fit to the rules and the laws of Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

So, if anybody's looking for safety, over fourteen hundred years it's calling, screaming, 'Safety is in Islam. Turn your ways to Islam. Not the Islam that you want. The Islam that Allah and His Prophet (sws) brought to us. Not the way that fits to you but the way that Allah subhana wa ta'ala put for us. We have to fit ourselves into that. Not to try to fit Islam to our own selves. Then you see what happens. Two billion people claiming to be Muslims. Ask them. They all have different Islam in their own heads, in their own minds. In the same Masjid they all have different ideas. In the same house the husband is different, the wife is different, the children are different. They are all claiming Islam. That is ego. Nothing else.

So, if you don't know how to control the ego, you cannot know how to be a servant to Allah. You are the servant to your ego. Ego fools you from so many ways. All the laws that Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent through His Holy Prophet (sws), is to learn how to control our ego. Learn how to put ourselves to the Sirat-ul Mustaqim the way that the Holy Prophet (sws) is showing to us. If you have no control on your ego then your ego is like a wild animal without the reins. Nothing on it. Running to every side and still claiming.

That's what happened to the Muslims today. Males and females. No separation. Especially the females these days became worse because the females today are coming forward to become Imams, giving Khutbas, making Fatwas, everyone is saying, 'I like this one and I like that one.' And the majority of the men today, that's one thing the Holy Prophet (sws) came to remove too. Slavery. He removed slavery. But the majority of the men today became slaves to their wives. They are under the slavery of their wives, yes. They are under the slavery of this world.

And wake up to yourselves. We don't know if we are going to reach to another Rajab. You should not make plans for another Rajab. You should be living this

Rajab like this is your last Rajab on the face of this earth. Then you will put some senses to your head. Don't look at yourself to say, 'I am young, I am strong, I am healthy, it's okay.' It's not okay. Azrail is waiting. The believer is that one who has hope and running after that to fix himself but he's waiting that any minute Azrail may come to him. He is prepared for Azrail.

So, if we want safety and protection then in the month of Rajab it's very easy. If you let this month to fly away just like that like other months then don't think that you are going to catch your ego easily again in the month of Shaban or Ramazan. If you are running to force yourself to catch your ego and to put it in the corner a little bit during this month, the month of Shaban becomes easier and the month of Ramazan becomes more easy. And you must continue after the Ramazan. So many people are running doing some things during these months, as soon as Ramazan finishes, they turn back wild. You lose everything then. You start allover again. You didn't accomplice anything. Just like you are building your Paradise today and tomorrow you are destroying it. Today you are an obedient servant, if you are disobedient tomorrow then you are destroying your own Paradise. But the man is heedless. He is not seeing, he is not knowing, he is not understanding. He doesn't want to understand because the ego is standing in front of him as a barricade between him and Paradise.

So, our aim, the believer's aim is not Dunya, it's not this world. The believer's aim is Akhirat. The believer should not be worrying so much for this Dunya, the activities of this Dunya. But today's believers sink in it. Twenty-four hours they are in trouble and they think that they are going to fix it. The more they leave the way of Allah, the more they sink in trouble. Leave things, submit yourself and look how things are going to work for you. You cannot do anything by yourselves. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'We have created man weak. Man may be the weakest creature in his form, in his outside form. But what We have given to him, with that secret, he may be the strongest one. He is ruling everything on the earth, Ins and Jinns.

What happened to that man? That man cannot rule on himself now. The ego is riding on him. Males and females. No exception in this time. This time is one of the worst time that ever happened on the face of the earth. In the time of Nuh (alayhi salam) it happened too. And Nuh (as) was so fed up with his people that they were so disobedient to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. He just opened his hand one time. He went back to them thousands and thousands of times. Hundreds of years. Not one year, not fifty years, not a hundred years, but six hundred, seven hundred years non-stop going back and forth to them asking them, 'Turn back to your Lord. Leave this egoistic lifestyle. Turn to your Lord.' They said, 'Who are you to tell us? What is it that you are going to tell us? We are going to live as we like. We are going to do just like the people in Ahir Zaman.' There something opened to them. They have seen. 'They do as they like. We are going to do as we like. You are not going to tell us what to do.' They cursed at him, they beat him, they threw him away. He went back to them, back to them, because Nuh (as) was seeing what's waiting for them if they don't come back.

They didn't listen. And finally he was fed up with them. He opened his hand saying, 'Ya Rabbi, do not leave one of them on the face of the earth who is disobedient to You.' Just one Dua. Right away response came to him, 'I accept it. Prepare the ship. Last safety to those ones. Call them to come here. Those who are coming in, that is the safety to them.' He prepared the ship. They

didn't listen again. He was saying, 'Oh children of Adam, I know what I did. I know what I asked and I know what's coming to you. Don't be heedless. Come around. There's nothing I can do anymore.' They said, 'You lost your mind. The world is so beautiful. You lost your mind. You went on top of the mountain and built a ship. How stupid man you are!' His own children, his own wife, disobedient to him. He is crying for them. But they are not caring. Their ego is wild until the last order came to him. 'No more calling. Whoever came to the ship, shut the door now.' He is screaming to his own son, 'Come in!' Allah said, 'Leave that one out too. He is your son but he is Our servant. We have created that one. He became from the unbelievers. Leave that one out.' He shut the doors. The whole mankind finished on the face of the earth except those ones who found safety in that ship.

What's happening to the 21st Century people? What's happening? Listen to what's happening. The Holy Prophet (sws) said, 'I asked Allah subhana wa ta'ala, Ya Rabbi, do not punish my nation the same way that you have punished through the flood of Nuh (as). And Allah promised me saying to me, 'I am not punishing your nation that way. But your nation is going to be so disobedient when you are physically removed from them, they will turn back to their unbelief ways of lifestyle. They are going to run after the Yahudi and the Christians step by step. And they are going to invent a fire. They are going to burn themselves with that fire. The flood of fire is going to happen to them.' That flood of fire is about to happen. Those who are seeing are screaming and crying saying, 'Come back. Turn around. Whatever you are, leave your egoistic way of lifestyle. Go to Sejdah, ask forgiveness. You may find safety. There is no other safety. The flood of fire is about to happen.' Mankind is running still wild just like the people of Nuh (as) and this is going to take the whole globe. The whole world is going to sink in it. No safety. Safety only comes with those people that they are protected and they are holding tightly to the Prophet (sws).

So the Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'Safety at that time is my Ahl-il Bayt. Run to them. Be around them. They are like the ship of Nuh (as). You are going to find safety. There is no other safety.' If we take these words seriously... it is very serious. It is up to you if you take it seriously or if you are just putting it through one ear and bringing it out from the other side. But whoever believes, whoever runs, whoever tries may find safety. Whoever doesn't believe, there is no safety to them. And everyone knows through their life how much trouble they have in their life. The best ones today, yes. They have troubles in their life. What kind of servant is that that you are going to be a servant to Allah subhana wa ta'ala, keeping your daily prayers, keeping everything and non-stop having trouble twenty-four hours a day? Something is wrong somewhere. Something is wrong somewhere. Sit and think.

The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The believer's today has to be better than yesterday. Tomorrow must be better than today.' This is what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying. Look at yourself. Your today, is it better than yesterday? Or are you complaining more today? You know what it is. Do you think that your tomorrow is going to be better than today? If you are a believer then it has to be better. Has to be. Your connection has to be better with your Lord. Your connection has to be better with the Prophet (sws). Your connection has to be better with the Awliya Allah. That's where you find safety. That's where you find peace. There is no other peace. You are looking for peace? There is no other peace. Circle around the world if you want. Go anywhere you hear that

there is peace. It's only temporary, fake, it's passing. Peace comes with Islam, with submission. Islam is submission, to submit yourself to your Lord, to the orders of your Lord. Not to say, 'I submit myself to Allah.' And? 'I do as I like.' What kind of foolishness is this?

That's what happened to today's Muslims. They say, 'We do as we like. We live as we like. We don't accept the laws that are coming from Paradise. We want to build our own laws. We don't want Shariat.' MashaAllah. Is this believer? Is believer saying 'I don't want the laws of Allah on me'? Or are the believers saying, 'I don't like this part'? Allah is saying, 'This is what it is. I am sending this to you. You cannot separate this part or that part.' 'I like this part and I don't like that part.' That means you have not reached to the complete faith if you are separating. At least you may say, 'It is so hard for my ego but it is right because Allah is ordering it. It is so hard for my ego to accept but it is right because Allah is ordering it. It's good for me. It must be good for me because Allah is ordering it.'

So, we are in the month of Rajab, month of Rahmat and we are slowly moving into the month of Shaban inshaAllah ar-Rahman. We have one more special night during this month. We have another special night after the Laylat-ul Miraj during the month of Shaban. We have another special night that is coming during the month of Ramazan. These four holy nights are during these three holy months. If we are taking care of these days properly then definitely as soon as the Ramazan finishes the believers feel like they just entered into another world the following year if Allah gives to them life to live. If not then they are already prepared to go to the other side without any fear.

Muslims today are fearful of death. What kind of faith is this? What kind of faith is that that you have fear from death? You have fear of reunion with your Lord, to go back to your Lord. What kind of faith is this? What is separating you from that? Isn't it this Dunya? Isn't it that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'This Dunya is a trouble to you. The love of Dunya is a trouble to you.' Isn't it what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'You are going to be so many in Ahir Zaman but your enemies are not going to have any fear from you because you are going to have a sickness in you and Allah subhana wa ta'ala is going to remove the Heybet, the majestic look, the majestic powers away from you and your enemies are going to look at you, they are not going to have any fear from you at all.' And they said, 'Ya Rasulullah, are they going to be very little in number?' He said, 'No, the opposite. In numbers they are going to be so many of them but they are going to fall into the love of this Dunya. They are going to love Dunya and they are going to hate death. They are not going to want to hear about death.' Is that what happened to the nation today? Ask your own selves and you will know by your own selves. Sit down alone in your room and ask yourself, 'Do I have the love of Dunya in my heart? Do I have the fear, do I hate death?' You will know by your own selves. You don't need anybody to tell you anything then. Don't blame me to say, 'He's saying these words. I am checking myself all the time twenty-four hours a day to see if my heart is moving to Dunya or Akhirat. You must do the same. If you do it then slowly maybe the protection will come to you. Maybe the help will reach to you. When the Awliya's help is reaching to you, slowly they remove that fear away and they replace it with a different love into your heart and that is the real love. Otherwise, Dunya love is only temporary and passing and it is only giving trouble to mankind.

If we take these words seriously, we will find safety to our own selves. If not, you are going to live by yourselves and you are going to die by yourselves. You are going to enter into your graves by your own selves. Nobody is going to be there. You are going to be alone. Think on it and that is maybe tomorrow. Maybe before tomorrow. Maybe next year. Maybe this year. Maybe ten years from now, maybe during this year's time. But it's going to happen. You cannot escape. It is only a counted time, counted days or years. You cannot escape. Every single day moving one step ahead, you are moving one step forward to your grave. Don't forget. Don't say, 'I am too young, I am too strong, I am too healthy, I am so wealthy.' Eh, so many squareheads today say, 'I have power in Dunya. I have this position. I am a General. Nobody's touching me.' Azrail will touch you good and you will turn into a stone then maybe.

So wake up to your own selves. For fourteen hundred years this Khutba in every Juma is a reminder to people. For fourteen hundred years it's saying, 'Oh people! Have fear from Allah and keep obedience to Allah.' Allah subhana wa ta'ala is reminding us saying, 'Have fear from Allah and keep obedience to your Lord. Your Lord is not like you. Keep obedience to Allah.' InshaAllah that way we will find safety.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-25

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WHATEVER KEEPS YOU AWAY FROM ALLAH IS YOUR DUNYA

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Oh My servants, don't let this short worldly life fool you.' He is reminding us, telling us what this world is for and saying to us, 'Don't let this world's life fool you.' How we are letting it? The 21st Century people are number one in running after this world twenty-four hours a day and not remembering Allah subhana wa ta'ala, not even in their prayers, not even in their Zikir. Not remembering. They are just

mentioning His name but their heart and their head is in so many other places, busy with Dunya, busy with their problems non-stop.

The 21st Century. The 21st Centuries Namruds and Firauns. That's what Namrud did. When Ibrahim (alayhi salam) came to him saying, 'I am asking you to turn your way to the Lord of the heavens and the earth.' He said, 'Is there any other lord than me? I am the one.' He said to him, 'You don't have anything. Why you are claiming to be the Lord?' He said, 'I have everything. I am the lord of the earth. If your Lord is the lord of the skies then I am the lord of the earth. So I am challenging Him. Tell Him to send the armies.'

Namrud. Today's 21st Century people have the same attitude. Same attitude. Not different than that one. That one at least had a little bit power in his hand, worldly power. But today's people have nothing. Zero. But still acting and trying to live like those Namruds. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving us examples about them, what happened to them saying, 'Take lesson.' The Quran-e Kerim is not just saying words and walk away. It's a lesson to us. Either you take lesson or you are going to become a lesson. No other way.

So Namrud declared lordship and was saying, 'I am asking to fight with that one.' And Allah is saying, 'Say to him, I am sending My soldiers to him. Prepare.' And he was preparing and waiting saying, 'Where is it?' Looking around. Ibrahim (as) was saying, 'Don't worry. It's coming. Look at the sky.' And all of a sudden this darkness appeared in the sky. What is that? Mosquitoes. Allah subhana wa ta'ala saying to him, 'You are worse than a mosquito.' Allah is teaching a lesson saying, 'You are less than a mosquito. You are declaring lordship to Me? I don't need to bring armies to you. Sending you little mosquitoes.' And those mosquitoes finished Namrud and all his army.

What happened to today's people? So many mosquitoes are around but still being Namrud, still being Firaun, still rising their head against their Lord while they are in Sejdah. At least those ones were not making Sejdah. Those ones were declaring and directly rising their heads. But today's people, yes, making Sejdah with Dunya, in Ruku with Dunya, Zikir with Dunya, twenty-four hours occupied by Dunya, by this world and endless troubles and endless problems everyone gets into. Why is that?

Eh, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'The beginning of all troubles is the love of this Dunya. The love of this world is the beginning of all troubles.' And of course so many different types of people and these people are busy with something worldly, that is your Dunya. Whatever you are busy with, if it's not Allah and His Prophet (sws), that is your Dunya. That's what you are busy with, that's what you are concentrating yourself on, and that is your Dunya. You are busy with Dunya.

Wake up! Come out from that heedless station. The Nation of Muhammad (sws) is only given life between 60 to 70 years. Very few people are passing beyond 70 years. Those who are passing are losing their minds, so many of them. Muslims should not lose their minds. But they are losing their minds because the fear of death is there too. Living all that wrong life but the fear of death is there. Not learning, not preparing himself or herself that, 'Azrail is going to come to me. I am preparing myself for that one. I am preparing myself not for this Dunya, for Akhirat. I have not been created for this Dunya. I have been created

for Akhirat.' If you put that priority in your life then all troubles end, all problems end, all worrying of this worldly nonsense will be finished.

But because of putting the worldly life up, today's people are non-stop running around, circling around and not reaching anywhere. Doing so many things but turning around and destroying it with the love of Dunya. Love of Dunya is forbidden. The love of Akhirat. If you want Dunya you must have the love of Akhirat, love of Allah. Dunya is going to run after you. If you are busy with this Dunya, meaning, as we said earlier, whatever you are busy with, what keeps you away from Allah. Your car? That is your Dunya. Your computer? That is your Dunya. Your bank account? That is your Dunya. Your son, your daughter? That is your Dunya. You must move up, you must move to higher stations, you must keep yourself busy with Allah and His Prophet (sws). You have been created, we have been created for His service only.

`We have created the Jinns and the humans only to know Us and to worship Us.' That's what Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying. And worshipping is not going up and down like robots. Worshipping to Allah is being aware, is knowing and understanding that, `Allah is watching and what is the state that I am in now? How I am thinking and what I am thinking? What I am busy with? While Allah is watching me, He created me for His service, what I am busy with?' Look at yourself and you will understand. If you don't understand then wait until Azrail is coming. He is not too far. He is not too far away from anyone. He is very near.

Hajjaj, the tyrant one, pulled one of the grandsons of the Holy Prophet (sws) into his presence and he asked him some questions. He was trying to insult Zayn-ul Abidin (ra) and he gave him direct answer without any fear. Hajjaj said to him, `Hey kid, you are passing your limit. I can take your head off.' He said to him, `If I knew that the authority of Azrail is given to your hand then I will have some fear. But before you move from that chair, Azrail may reach to you.' And the tyrant started shivering. He was an Amir. He was an Amir of the people. He was a governor. He was praying also five times a day. Yes. His love, his heart was with Dunya and one word was enough for him to shake him from his throne to fall down.

So Azrail is not that far. He is very near to everyone.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-26

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

RUN TO THE SERVICE OF ALLAH SUBHANA WA TA'ALA

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah. Astaghrifullah, astaghrullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala that we are not keeping His orders. He has created us for His service but the children of Adam, especially in this century, they are running away from the service of their Lord. Males and females. If we are running away from the service of our Lord then we are running toward our ego, towards the orders of Sheytan. For that reason, for this century, people are very sad. No one is happy. Everyone is in trouble somehow. Our Lord is saying to us, 'When the Juma time is entering and when they are calling you, leave everything. Leave your worldly doings and run to Juma. Know that there is more blessing for you in it than what you are doing. And after Juma run around to this world, wherever you want to go, run for your sustenance, to your Riziq.'

The Nation of Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam), two billion people on the face of the earth today, if they just keep this order for Juma, by next Juma more power will come. If they will all keep this order and leave everything, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering, saying, 'Leave everything. Whatever you are earning at that time is not going to give any blessing to you. Leave everything and run for the service of your Lord.' These nations, this Ummat in the east, west, north and south, if they keep that order now and just drop everything and run to the service of our Lord, then this Dunya is going to run after them. As soon as they come out from Juma they are not going to know from where to catch the Dunya. Dunya is going to run after them. That's the order this world has been taking from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. He is saying, 'If they leave you and they turn to Me, you run after them. If they run after you, you run away from them.'

And this is what the 21st Century people are doing. They are running after this world, non-stop, top-speed. But no one is catching. The ones who catch it, right on the corner Azrail catches those. He says, 'Leave everything and come out of this world!'

So now we have two doors for coming out from this world. The right door or the left one. Whichever one that you are busy with, if you are busy with the service of our Lord, most likely you are going to go out from the right door, the door of mercy, the door to paradise, the door to safety. If you are busy with Dunya then most likely you will be going out from the left door, the door of trouble. People are thinking, 'Oh, I have so many problems today.' Eh, as soon as that door opens, more trouble comes, more problem comes, more suffering comes.

This breath of life is with us now. Use it any way you want. You, I, anyone.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is granting this to us and He is giving invitation to us, saying to us, 'I have created you to go back to Paradise. This is the invitation and this is what you have to do to go back to Paradise.' If you are not doing that then later you have no right to complain about whatever is going to happen.

Everyone's saying, 'Allah's mercy is there.' Definitely. Allah's mercy is covering everything but we are not giving mercy to our own selves because we are not keeping the mercy of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Outside it's raining. If you are sitting under the shelter the rain is not going to come to you. If you are standing outside then you are going to be all wet. The Rahmat of Allah subhana wa ta'ala is raining everywhere but the curse is raining too and the children of Adam (as) are running to be under that curse.

And we are the last nations on the face of the earth. It's not the beginning of the world. It's not the beginning with Adam (as). No. We are the last of the last. Ahir of the Ahir. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that he has been sent in Ahir Zaman, the end of the times. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'I have been sent to this world at just like the time between Asr and Maghrib prayer.' What is between Asr and Maghrib prayer? Before you turn left and right the sun is down. The day is gone.

From the day that the Holy Prophet (sws) came at Asr prayer up till now almost 1500 years passed. The sun is about to set. The world is about to end. Everything is about to finish. The children of Adam (as) is still busy twenty-four hours with this Dunya and with their egoistic desires. They are not thinking, 'If Azratil is coming to me now, how I will go out from this world?' Are you keeping yourself busy with Allah or you are keeping yourself busy with this Dunya? If you are busy with Allah subhana wa ta'ala then everything else is coming to you. If you are busy with this Dunya then trouble is not leaving you. And we are seeing that in our lives.

And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is granting mercy to us and we are taking the air in and we are giving it out. He is still giving chance to us to ask forgiveness and to turn around. Never it is too late, never it is too early. Any time it comes to you and you come to that awakening station, you must understand, 'I have not been created for this. I have been created for the service of my Lord and I must run after that.' If you are not doing that, you don't have too much value then. As Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Your value is like the animals. That's how animals live too. They eat, they drink, they do their own work and they finish. They go. But we are not created as animals. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has granted us that secret of life to this body, this body became alive moving around. This body is going to earth and your spirit is going back to the origin.

We must think carefully, we must run carefully, we must watch carefully. Everything we do we must do for the sake of our Lord. If we are doing something for the sake of our own ego, it's not accepted and it's only temporary pleasure coming with this and everything is finishing. So Allah is asking us, ordering us, forcing us to think. He is saying to us, 'We have given you intelligence. Why don't you think? Why you don't think? We are giving you intelligence. Why you are not thinking?' He is asking us. With the intelligence you must think. You must use it in this world. Not in the grave, not hereafter. Intelligence is not to say, 'I'm so smart and I am running doing this world so like this, I am

putting buildings and I am making...' That's not intelligence. That's worldly. Intelligence is man knowing himself and knowing his Lord, and understanding himself and understanding what the Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala wants from him, and he must run to fulfill that order.

The Holy Prophet (sws) said, 'My nation's life is between 60 to 70 years.' How much you can catch in 60 or 70 years of time? Whatever is there is going to come to you anyway. Whatever is not for you, as much as you run after it, you are not going to catch it. But the Akhirat is there. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is keeping the door open to every one of us. He has chosen some people and made them prophets, He has chosen and made them Awliya, but He is saying to us that the door of Awliya is open. As much as you run, as much sincerity you have, as much Taqwa you have, you may reach to higher stations and you may open that door.

And make sure that we go out from this world not blind because our Lord is saying, 'If you die blind, if you go out from this world blind then you will get up to Judgment Day as blind too.' He is not talking to us 'blind' about these eyes. No. He is saying, 'Blind, the man who is not seeing his own reality what is in front of him.' You must open your eyes. We must open those eyes and we must see what is for us. What our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala has prepared for us, and go out from this world with those eyes open. If the man goes out from this world blind, he is finished. So many people came, friends of Allah, they were not seeing physically. They were seeing spiritually. And that order is given to every one of us. We must open those eyes.

So we must be busy, not with Dunya, we must be busy with that, to try to open those eyes. Once those eyes are open, you leave this Dunya completely anyway. You don't care for anything for this Dunya. But you must be busy running after opening those eyes. You must be running to those people who have the secrets, they have the code that they will give to you to open those eyes. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving our secrets to some other ones hands. We must run and we must find them. He is giving order to us, 'Be with Saliheen. Be with the righteous people.' And being with them is learning from them, listening to them and making our life better, inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

This much should be enough for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-27

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LOVE OF DUNYA AND HATE OF DEATH

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. How much should we say 'astaghfirullah'? Say non-stop. The 21st Century people must be saying non-stop 'astaghfirullah' because everything we are doing is wrong, out of the way. Everything today's people are running to do is wrong. It's not according to the orders of Allah and His Prophet (sws) and they are insisting on wrong. So many people are insisting, staying on that wrong road. It's not a good news. It's not a good news to them.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Obey Allah, obey His Prophet (sws), and obey your rightly guided leaders, those that are giving you news from Akhirat.' Now it's obligation to you to be obedient to them. If you are not obedient to them then you are obedient to your ego, to your Sheytan, nothing else. And every Juma that Ayat must be read, saying, 'Have fear from Allah. Have fear from Allah and obey Allah.' Fourteen hundred years it's continuing non-stop. What happened to Muslims? They are sitting like robots, last minute they are running into masjids, as soon as they finish two rakats they are running out like somebody's running after them. Must be. Sheytan is saying, 'Don't sit there for a long time. Come outside. You belong to me. You are my slave. We are going together to Jahannam.' This is what Sheytan is saying to them.

Eh, whichever you like. Holy Prophet (sws) came fourteen hundred years ago. Fourteen hundred years ago all laws of this world has settled and finished. You cannot put anything in it and you cannot take anything out. You want to live like a human? Like a human that Allah and His Prophet (sws) like? You must be obedient to that. If you want to live like your ego says, then live. When Azrail is coming the eternal life is finished.

That is for us. Juma khutba is for Muslims, for Mu'mins. It's not for unbelievers. Different sohbet to those. Juma khutba is given according to the place and how the people are behaving. That must be showing them the way. Later you cannot say, 'I didn't know'. You are hearing. You must be obeying. If you say, 'I am obedient servant to Allah' then you must be obedient to those words. Don't look at the man who's saying the words. Look at the words. The words are coming to you from Allah and His Prophet (sws).

The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman my nation is going to be so many but they are not going to be good for anything. And their enemy is going to eat them, is going to take everything away from them.' They say, 'Ya Rasulullah, is it because they are going to be only a handful?' He says, 'So many they are going to be. But Allah subhana wa ta'ala is going to lift the Heybet of Islam away from them. So when their enemies look at them, they are not going to have any feeling, any fear from them. And they are going to attack them and they are

going to finish them.' That's what happened today. 'It's because they are going to fall in love with this Dunya. They are going to love Dunya and they are going to hate to hear about death.' This is what happened to the nation today.

No matter how much you are hating, it's waiting right in front of you. Don't forget. You get up early in the morning, you don't know if you are going to reach to nighttime. Don't be arrogant and stubborn to say, 'I am strong and I am healthy.' Go and look at the hospitals. Go and look at the morgues. You will understand how many healthy ones are waiting in the morgue to be prepared to be buried today or tomorrow. Go and look at it.

Allah has granted to you 24,000 breaths of life everyday. Everyday you are taking 24,000 in and out. It's calculated. When that is finished your life is finished. Huh, today's people don't know how to spend their breath of life too. They are running around wildly. They don't keep the orders of Allah and His Prophet (sws). They are sitting under the curses of Allah day and night and their life is shortening.

What we will do with that life? Why Allah has given it to us? Why He has sent us to this world? To be slaves to this world? Is that the reason for believers? To be slaves to the world? To run after the world? Or to prepare themselves for Akhirat life? That's what the believer is supposed to be. Don't say, 'I am a believer' and live a lifestyle like the unbelievers. Then you will be counted, you will be entering into the book as hypocrites. The unbelievers, the Kafirs are one step higher than the hypocrites. The hypocrites are in the lowest station of the hell-fire.

These words are for you and for me. Take it or leave it. But don't forget. You can leave as much as you want but you are going to live as much breath of life as is given to you. When Azrail is going to come, there are two doors going out. One is the door of Rahmat and the other one is the door of Zahmat, difficulties. The way you live, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, that's how you are going to die. The way you die, that's how you are going to rise to the Judgment Day. Look at yourself how you are living. What is your idea for life? Look at it and then understand how you are going to die. If you don't like it then change it. Change it the way that Allah and His Prophet (sws) want it.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent His Prophet (sws) almost fifteen hundred years ago. Who rose against him? All those ones who were in love with Dunya. Those who love Dunya rose against the Holy Prophet (sws). Although they were saying that he is Muhammad-ul Amin, the most trustworthy one. But they rose against him. They rose against what he was saying to them. What was he saying to them? He said, 'Don't concentrate on this Dunya. Concentrate on Akhirat. Leave all the things that you are worshipping. Have fear from Allah and be obedient to Allah.' This is what he was saying to them. Nothing else. And they all rose against one, saying, 'Who are you to tell us this? One person you are coming to tell us this. Who do you think you are?' They gathered together running to attack him.

Thirteen years the Holy Prophet (sws) didn't take a knife in his hand in Makkah. They did their worst. They said, 'You have to have power to put authority.' He said, 'I am not a Sultan to you. I am a servant. I am Abdullah. I am giving the orders of Allah to you.' They didn't stop. They ran wildly non-stop and what happened to them? That one person, Allah is raising him up and up and up and up.

All the other ones together going down, down, down. He didn't have the American government supporting him. Muslims are running today saying, 'We want support! We want help!' Run to get help from the hopeless and the helpless. Don't run to the masjids of Allah saying, 'Ya Rabbi, I am Your servant' and run to get help from them. Look what happens to you and to them. Look what's coming.

Wake up to yourselves. Don't be ignorant and arrogant. Allah's order is order. It's not changing. The way that it came fourteen hundred years ago, that's how it's working. If you don't know then it's obligation to you to learn. It's obligation to you to run after that. To run, to take and to apply to your life if you want safety in Dunya and Akhirat. If you want only a couple of day's pleasure, it's here, this Dunya. But don't forget. Yesterday is passed and tomorrow is unknown. So if you are going live, live today like a wild animal as you like because you don't know if you are going to reach for tomorrow. Or, live like a human just the way that Allah and His Prophet (sws) have ordered. Take lesson from yesterday, live today and prepare yourself for a better day tomorrow because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Your Ahir, the believers Ahir, the one that is coming after, is going to be better than today.'

The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The believer's today must be better than yesterday. Tomorrow has to be better than today.' Look at yourself. If your today is better than yesterday and if you have hope that tomorrow is going to be better than today, you are a believer that the Holy Prophet (sws) has given description of. Or otherwise, you are in trouble. Shake yourself up and come back to the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. You are reciting the Surat-ul Fatiha asking to be in Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Stay on Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Don't run copying the Christians and the Jews. Live Islam. There is no moderation in Islam. Anyone who is thinking that they are going to run to moderate Islam, they lost everything.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-28

Text of Juma Khutba by Sheykh Abdul Kerim: Believe in Allah and in Akhirat Life

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE IS TO BELIEVE IN ALLAH AND IN AKHIRAT

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 13 Jumad al-Awwal, 1430

May 8, 2009

Osmanli Naksibendi Hakkani Dergahi, Siddiki Center, New York.

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord, to forgive us for our shortcomings. We lost the direction. Mankind lost the compass and direction and not looking to find it. We have entered to the era of the last days. But from the beginning, from the first day until the last day, nothing has changed. People may change, people make ideas according to themselves but the original message and original order has not changed. What's the original order? Faith.

In the beginning of this children of Adam (as) on this planet, that's the order that came to them. 'Believe in Allah and believe in Akhirat life.' Allah sent 124,000 prophets to give reminder to every nation. From those who passed, the ones who accepted the order from the prophets and lived according to their orders, they are in safety right now. Those who didn't, they are in trouble right now. We still have this breath of life with us. But the 21st Century people became very Firaun. They are taking the air in and out and thinking that they are never going to die and running to do all kinds of crimes, to themselves in reality. It's because whatever you do is for you. If it's good then you'll be rewarded. If it's bad then you are giving invitation to punishment.

So the original message is to believe. Believe in Allah and believe in Akhirat. Believing in Allah, the prophets are coming and saying, 'Believe in Allah and His Prophet', whoever is the prophet of that time. They must believe. Believing in the prophets is not just to say, 'I believe' and that's it. You must follow the orders those prophets brought.

So it's the 21st Century. Almost 1500 years ago Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent the Last Prophet (sws), the Seal of Prophets (sws) and He blessed us to be one from his Nation. All prophets wanted to be from the Nation of Muhammad (sws). But in response to them Allah is saying, 'I am pleased with you in this station, what I gave to you.' To the Nation of Muhammad (sws), just to believe, just to give that Shahadat, Allah made it easy for us to give that Shahadat, it is a big blessing. But how we are living? Are we living according to the orders of our Prophet (sws) or according to our ego? From the first day, this is what Adam (alayhi salam) was teaching his children, to believe in Allah subhana wa ta'ala. But from that time one group of them accepted their father, one group didn't. They became unbelievers. And from that time until now it's continuing and until the Last Day it's going to continue. Just in one small period of time, in the time of Mahdi (alayhi salam) and Isa (alayhi salam) [it will not be so]. Then it's going to change again.

We are very near to those days. And people are going to change positions and places. If you are not holding tightly to the order of Allah and His Prophet (sws) then it is a big question mark. It is a dangerous time waiting for every one of us. What's keeping away just not accepting two orders of Allah? Believe in Allah and Akhirat. What is it that's keeping you away? The love of this Dunya, the love of your ego and whispering from Sheytan. Nothing else. So look at it.

'Eh, I am accepting the Prophet (sws). I am not accepting anything else.'

You are accepting your ego. You are accepting the orders of your ego. That is the meaning of that. How are you knowing the Prophet (sws)? From where are you knowing the Prophet (sws)? If you are really following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sws) then you must follow the footsteps of the Sahaba-e Kiram. The Sahaba followed the Prophet (sws). Who are you following? Are you following directly the Prophet (sws)? Impossible.

So Sheytan is coming with so many tricks and traps for the 21st Century people because the 21st Century people say they are believers through the tongue. Through the heart their hearts are circling around in so many wrong places. And when our Sheykh is coming and telling us something, we don't like it then. So you're not following the orders of the Prophet (sws). You're following the orders of your ego. And the ego is taking directions and orders from Sheytan. The master of ego is Sheytan, whispering, giving ways, directions.

So we entered through one door and we are going out from the other one. As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The life of my nation on this earth is between 60 and 70 years.' Check yourselves. Put your accounting in front of you. Look how you lived your life after the maturity age. Look what you did, where you ran, how you lived and why you lived. And if you still have the luxury to run wild to say, 'I do as I like', or to run after this world, or to run after your lower self's desires, or to accept the orders from your ego, you are free. The door that you just entered is about to finish. The road is about to finish to come out from the other side. The breath of life that is given to mankind is counted. 24,000 are given to you daily. Today's people don't know how to take the air in too, shortening your lives. Because there is no Ibadat, shortening your lives. Because of not believing in Allah and His Prophet (sws) correctly, shortening your lives. And the life is short, short, short, and before accomplishing your mission you may find that Azrail is standing in front of you.

Leave everything else. Advice to you and to me. Leave everything else. Be busy with yourself. Do a favor to yourself. Be busy with yourself. Fix yourself before Azrail is coming. The tricks and the traps of this Dunya, if you are busy with this Dunya, then you are not accepting Sheykh, then you are not accepting the Prophet (sws), then you are not accepting Allah subhana wa ta'ala. You are just accepting your ego. You are saying something but living some other lifestyle. This is not what Allah wants from us. Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent 124,000 prophets, He sent books, He sent so many Awliya to us to teach how to live, how to keep ourselves on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim and to go out from this world that way. If we keep that we will be the winner. If not, there are two doors going out from this Dunya. Either the door of Rahmat, mercy, or the door of curse. If you don't know how to live, if you don't stand on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, you cannot be reaching to the door of Rahmat because you are choosing another road. Dunya road is leading people to the door of curse.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-29

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE WAY YOU LIVE IS THE WAY YOU WILL DIE

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 20 Jumad al-Awwal, 1430

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering to us, saying, 'Be with Saliheen. Be with righteous people. Be with good ones.' We are asking, 'Why do we want to be with good ones? Don't we have enough goodness given to us?' He says, 'Be with them.' And being with a good one, your behavior and your manner must change everyday, must become better, you must become a better one everyday. If you are not becoming a better one everyday, it's enough sign showing that you are going far distance away from Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

21st Century people are claiming everything. Empty promises. Everyone likes the good things. But to be a good one you have to be with a good one. Not to give titles to yourself saying, 'I am a good one'. They have to give to you that you are becoming a good one. Or otherwise, you are not a good one. You have to watch, what the man does? How he does the good things? With what? He does it with his tongue, he does it with his hands, he does it with his head, he does it with his wealth. Watch. Are you saying good things? Are you talking good things? Are you going out of your way with your wealth to help others? Are you sitting down, thinking and coming with ideas to make other ones to become good ones? Are you going around changing the bad things through your hands? If not, you are not making any progress.

'Eh Sheykh, we are working.'

You work for yourself. You are working and you are earning money for yourself. Nothing else. Don't call yourself a good one now, because if you don't do the job right then you are going to get kicked out. You are not going to get paid. What are you doing for Allah and for His Prophet (sws) and for your religion? For your loved ones? Are you opening your mouth, using your tongue to bring yourself to fire? Or you are opening your mouth to say something that gives benefit to others. As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Either speak something that will give benefit to others or keep silent.' Don't speak until Judgment Day if it's necessary. If you are not going to speak something that is good, that is going to give benefit to others then keep your tongue for yourself because man is suffering from two parts of his body in the Judgment Day. He is committing all sins, all wrong things with two main parts of his body. One is his tongue and the other one is his private part. Watch how you are using these.

Sheytan was a good one once upon a time. He was worshipping, he was doing things right. When he became proud with himself, he thought that he is something now. Yes, and he said, 'I am something. And the Lord is giving me order to make Sejdah to this one? It cannot be. I am better.' What made him to be kicked out from the Divine Presence? Proudness. He was too proud with himself. Which one is not proud in this 20th Century? From seven years old to seventy, eighty, ninety, hundred, entering to the grave and still proud. How foolish is that? Is that a foolishness? The big one. The real big one.

Don't you look at yourself? Is man not looking at himself to understand who is he and who is his Lord? And being proud with yourself with the things that you do? You can change this world. Allah gives you power and you change the world from bad to good, the whole world. If He gives you power and you change it now, you still have no right to be proud with yourself. Who are you? A servant. Can the servant be proud? Servant. That's the title you are going to get. That's the title you must run after. That is the title you must get before you go out from this world. If you go out with other titles that you are giving to yourself or couple of other fools give to you, sit and think again. If you are going out with those titles from the world, you are paying a great price.

If you reach to become a good one then you have no problem in the grave. You have no problem in the Judgment Day. In the place of Harasat you have no problem. They don't keep you there. If they keep you under the sun you are in trouble. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Now is the time we are separating the good ones from the bad ones.' Good ones will be separated then. Now everyone is sitting together. Yeah. Everyone looks good. Look at yourself. You may fool the whole world. Don't fool yourself. Look at your behaviors, look at your manners, look at the business that you are busy with. You will understand if you are a good one or a bad one. You will understand. And if you do good things then definitely everyday you get closer to Allah subhana wa ta'ala one step. One step ahead everyday. One step ahead everyday. If you are standing like that (straight up), then you must become humble. That is the sign that now you are understanding, you are coming closer and you are connecting yourself.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving order to us, saying, 'Be with the good ones.' Being with the good ones is learning from them, taking from them, applying it to your life. He is saying to us to be with good ones. He sent 124,000 prophets to us. They are all good ones. He sent all these Awliya to us. They are all good ones.

'Is there any Awliya now? They are all in the grave.'

Take your comforter and your pillow and go sleep next to them then. That shows how fool you are too again. One goes out from this world and Allah appoints another one for his place. Never is empty. But the peoples' badness is so bad in these days that they cannot see the good ones anymore. So the good ones pulled themselves to the corners, saying, 'If you are really looking for it, you are going to run to me. I am not going to come to you anymore because you are circling inside the jungle. You are spending your time inside the sewer.' Yes. When a man is busy with Malayani, when a man is busy with something that doesn't concern him, it's just like he is sitting inside the sewer, sewerage. Dirty smell comes out from that one too. The ugliness comes out from the face. You can put as much powder you want to your face. You can wash yourself with perfume. You cannot cover that. To those ones whose hearts are open, smell is coming out. Whose eyes are open, they look and they see whatever is in your heart through your face.

So, don't fool yourself. Run to be a good one. If you don't become a good one before you go out from this world, you are in trouble. Who are not good ones? The animals. That means you have not reached to the station to become human. You went out from this world as an animal. So the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The way you live, that's how you will die. They way you will die, that's how you

will rise in the Judgment Day.' If you are living with the animal characteristics and the angel of death reaches to you, you will enter to the grave as whatever the characteristic of the animal you are carrying at that time. You will be in that shape.

And what is he saying? The way you will die, that's how you will rise. If you die in that situation then you will rise on the Judgment Day in that situation. You'll look at yourself and say, 'I was a human. But no. I look like a donkey now.' Hmm. Yes. And some monkeys came out saying that they are monkeys. No. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has changed the children of Bani Israil that they became disobedient to their prophets. They didn't listen to them and the curse reached to them from Allah subhana wa ta'ala and some groups He changed them into monkeys and some groups he changed them into pigs. They were humans. They changed into that position while they were living.

And Allah is giving warning to us through His prophets, saying, 'The way you live, that's how you will die. The way you will die, that's how you will rise.' If you are still going to take this life as a game, if you are still going to talk nonsense here and there and hee hee hee, haa haa haa, giggling, showing that you are happy but you are the most unhappy creature on the face of the earth, because that is the sign. Anybody going, hee hee hee, that's showing as a sign that he is unhappy, that one. You still want to be busy with that, welcome to you. Azrail doesn't have too much time. He is going to come to you too. Don't worry. He is circling around. And if you are keeping yourself busy with that still, that means you are not believing these words because if you do then you must be shaking yourself. Your heart must be shaking. You must be understanding. If you are still keeping yourself busy with that then the faith is not there. You already lost that faith a long time ago.

So shake yourself up. We must look at ourselves. We must look at ourselves everyday how much good we are becoming, how close we are coming to our Lord, how close we are coming to our Prophet (sws) and how close we are coming to those that Allah and His Prophet (sws) love. You can say whatever you want to yourself, some other ones can give some other titles to you, it's staying in this world. You must go out from this world with a title in your hand, 'Servant of the Lord'. If you do that, if you go out from this world, you will become the winner, you will become the winner of Akhirat. If not, live as you like but don't forget, you are going to die.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-30

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SIDE WITH HAQQ AND NOT WITH BATIL

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah wa shukr Allah. The duty of a believer is to hear and to obey. That's the duty of the servant, believer. To hear who? To hear Allah. To hear the orders that Allah is giving to us and to live according to those orders. How are we hearing Allah? Allah is speaking to His Prophet (sws). His Prophet (sws) is teaching the Sahaba-e Kiram. The Sahaba-e Kiram is teaching the people who are coming after, step by step coming down. That's why Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Obey Allah, obey His Prophet (sws) and obey your rightly guided leaders.'

'Eh, what will happen if we don't obey?'

You obey, definitely. You still obey. But you are not obeying Allah and His Prophet (sws) or the righteous people. You are obeying Sheytan, you are obeying your ego who is partner with Sheytan. Never coming out from trouble then. Always going to be in trouble, in Dunya and Akhirat. Later don't say, 'Why this happened to me? What I did wrong?' This is another sickness of the 21st Century people.

'What I did wrong? Why is this happening to me?'

Ask yourself, question yourself, calculate yourself, put the accounting right in front of you to see, are you living for Allah or you are living for your ego. If you are living for Allah then you must be busy with Allah and His Prophet (sws). If you are not living for Allah then everything else is going to come. You are going to be busy with everything else except Allah's order and His Prophet's (sws) order.

And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'If you are a believer, if you believe and you will be a thankful servant, why Allah has to punish you?' That's the Ayat. Allah is questioning us, saying to us, 'If you are a believer, if you believe in Allah, and you will be a thankful servant to Allah, why you think that Allah has to punish you?' Hmm. Are you comfortable with that? When you hear that Ayat are you comfortable to say, 'Alhamdulillah, I have no problem with You Ya Rabbi. Shukr Ya Rabbi.' Are you sincerely saying that? If you are not saying it then you must be on the other side. Rush quickly to turn to this side. Move fast. Leave everything to turn to this side. Otherwise, when the rope is cut you are going to stand on the wrong side. And when you are staying on the wrong side then you are going to stay with the wrong ones. You are not going to be with Ahl-e Haqq. You can call yourself now 'Hakkani' but you are not going to be Hakkani then. You are not defending the truth in reality in your own self.

So, days are passing, weeks are passing, years are passing. No matter what happens, the world and everything in it is running to their end. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala created man in Ahsani Taqweem, the most perfect one, the most perfect creature and He is saying to us that He has created everything for the service of man. And He has created man for His service. Check yourself. Look at it. Look at yourself what you are busy with. You will understand then if you are in the service of Allah or you are in the service of Sheytan. If you are not in the service of Allah then you are in the service of Sheytan.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim. Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim. You must say, you must live according to this. You must ask shelter to run away from Sheytan to Rahman. You must ask help from Allah and Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'You are asking help? Definitely My help is reaching to you.' But asking help through the tongue and your heart is busy with something else, that is not asking help. That is hypocrisy. So you will be counted from the hypocrites and the hypocrites are in the worst situation. Hypocrites are lower than the unbelievers on the Judgment Day.

So get rid of the hypocrisy from yourself, from your heart. If you are saying, 'I don't have anything', check yourself again. Check one more time and look, that Ayat that we have just read, it gives satisfaction as soon as you hear? As soon as you hear that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'If you are a believer, you are a servant. And the servant is a thankful one. The servant who is believing in Me and he is being thankful to Me, why would that one have to be worrying? He shouldn't be worrying in Dunya and Akhirat.' Whatever happens in Dunya he shouldn't be worrying. The worry must pass away because you know that you are not in control. Allah is. 'If Allah likes me here now, I am here. Tomorrow He moves me from here to there, I will be there.' Submission. You are submitting yourself to Allah and His Prophet (sws), and your rightly guided righteous ones. If you are not doing that then you have submitted yourself to your ego. You may say, 'I have submitted to a Sheykh' and you are doing other than what the Sheykh is saying to you, you submit yourself to your ego. And you will stay with your ego.

As we said, danger is everywhere. The signs that the Holy Prophet (sws) said, the signs of the last days are everywhere. The signs of danger is everywhere. But the 21st Century people are heedless and headless. With so much education, so ignorant. Never the world has seen such a thing like this before. We must wake up before the last call. We must take our side. Side with Haqq, not with Batil. You cannot be having Haqq and Batil in the same heart. Impossible. You cannot be working in the morning time for the CIA and in the evening time for KGB. You cannot be working for Allah and Sheytan together. Impossible. You must get rid of it. And advice to you, get rid of the Sheytan. Get rid of it. Control your ego. Step on it. Don't think that you are the only creature that has been created. Billions came before us, billions are living now, and who knows how many billions more coming. You are just one from that. Sit and understand that, 'Yes, I have no value except as much faith I have to Allah and His Prophet (sws). And as much faith I have, that much I must run, that much I must run to keep my faith higher and stronger.'

If we do that then we will become the winner. These words are for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-31

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THOSE BLIND IN DUNYA WILL ALSO BE BLIND IN AKHIRAT

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 6 Jumad al-Awwal, 1430

May 1, 2009

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. The 21st Century people must be very busy with asking forgiveness and asking, saying, 'Ya Rabbi, don't count us from the Ghafiloon, from the heedless ones,' because the 21st Century people are all falling into that virus, that sickness, that endless and depthless ocean of Ghaflat. Males, females, small ones, big ones, bosses, workers, community leaders, people who are leading the country, everyone is in Ghaflat. So many Imams, so many religious figures, they are in Ghaflat.

What is the biggest Ghaflat? For a man not to know his Lord, not to know his Prophet (sws), not to know his Book, not to know why he has been created, not to know what he is living for, not to know where he is going, not to know what he has been created to do. Count. Endless is coming. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Those who are blind in Dunya will be blind in Akhirat.' Do you think Allah is saying to the blind people in the world today? No. Thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of Alim and Ulama came and passed, Awliya came and passed who were blind in Dunya. These eyes were not seeing but the work that they left is giving light to the whole mankind. The ones whose eyes are open are blind today because one of the biggest problems of the 21st Century people is that they are not busy with themselves. They are busy with anything else except themselves. They are not looking, 'What am I doing and why am I doing? What am I living for? I am okay.' Everyone is saying, 'I am okay. I am the best.' Eh, the rest? 'They know nothing. I am going to teach them.' That's why the world is falling into a depthless trouble that it cannot come out from.

This world has seen two wars, two big wars. One, the first time that they have

seen the war, if mankind realized it and understood what kind of damage they did to themselves, to the whole world, do you think right after the war they will be working top-speed to build better weapons to destroy each other in more wars? It didn't pass fifty years. Did it? Did it pass fifty years after the first war?

They have built machinery to destroy more people, more lands the second time. Do you think that mankind has learned something from that? No. Nothing. This time, huh, this time the Muslims are involved in it too. In the whole world, the Muslims are involved in it. Running top-speed, everyone is running top-speed building the machinery to destroy each other and destroy the world. This is what man is busy with. And every wrong action that you do, every wrong word that you put in it, every wrong thinking that you do, every attack, every slander, every lie, every cheating that you do, you will be counted with them. Don't think that you are going to be separated. No. And what's coming, the wind that is coming is going to blow up billions of people. Billions, not millions.

'We don't want war!' Everyone is screaming, running in the streets saying they don't want war. What are you doing about it? Nothing. Just putting more fuel into the fire. Nothing else. And the Muslims are falling into the biggest heedless situation today. Wake up to yourself. Dunya is only passing. Akhirat is waiting. If you are not opening your eyes and you become blind in Dunya, you will go out to the other side blind. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'If you are coming to Akhirat blind then you will be raised blind.' As we said, what are you doing? What is your business, that's what you have to be busy with. And you have to be busy with the best of what you are doing. Today another big sickness is Malayani. Everyone is saying, 'This is knowledge.' Knowledge that doesn't concern you is Malayani. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'It is enough sign showing that Allah doesn't love that individual when he is busy with Malayani.'

So when do you think we will be waking up? The day is twenty-four hours. Twenty-four hours is coming with twenty-four thousand breaths of life. How many millions is counted to you, do you know? Do you know when you are going out from this world? Today or tomorrow? How are we going to know? You are making a car and you have a gauge showing to you when the gas is going to come to an end and finish. If you are heedless then you don't care, you don't take care and you are going to get stuck in the highway or you get stuck in the mountains, or you get stuck in some area that no help is reaching to you. Now you are going to be in trouble. Allah gave you intelligence to look over there to understand that your gas is finishing and you have to take care of it. If you are not doing it, that means you are heedless and you are going to pay a price for it. There is a price to pay.

So many gauges in the car showing. One is for heating, one is for cooling, one is for this, so many. One is for speeding, you are checking the speedometer right in front of you. In every three or four minutes you are checking, 'At which speed am I going? The police is waiting on the corner.' Even if you are completely heedless, as soon as you see the police you look at the speedometer saying, 'Let's see what I'm doing.' Are you thinking that much, how much Azrail is watching? There is an angel who is responsible for your breath of life. He is giving you warning, 'You have this much breaths of life left.' Are you hearing everyday? Ghaflat. Heedlessness. No hearing because blind, those eyes are blind.

So if you are blind in Dunya then you will be blind in Akhirat. Six thousand six

hundred and sixty six Ayats have been sent to man, not to animals, to make man to wake up from that heedless station, to make man aware to understand why he is living, to make man know why he is living, to understand what he is doing and why he is doing. If you are not knowing that then what kind of Quran reading is this? You are giving Shahadat and then He tells you to make five times prayers. Five times prayer, you have to stand there to pray five times, five times daily you have to force yourself to wake up again to understand, 'I am living for Allah and I am preparing to go to Allah.' As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Every prayer that you are praying, you must pray it like you are never going to reach to the next prayer.' Is that what you are doing? Is that what we are doing? The Muslims, is that what they are doing? If you do that then you cannot be in that heedless station, you cannot be running after this Dunya that is not going to give you any value. You cannot be spending time, your breath of life with nonsense, with malayani, with slandering, with Ghibat. You cannot. Impossible.

Women and men are falling into the same sickness today. Did you make guarantee for your tomorrow? You made guarantee that Azrail is not coming for tomorrow? You have enough rewards that you want to give to others? If two rakats of prayers that you are doing in this time is accepted in the Divine Presence, everything is going to open in front of you. When you say 'Allahu Akbar' you are going to see the Kaba right in front of you. Are you seeing that? No, you are not. So the heart is closed. So do you read the Quran? You are not getting anything. You are not getting the value. You may be getting the Barakat and the Rahmat, you are not getting the value that is going to help you to walk on that Sirat-ul Mustaqim properly. You are fasting, but it's not giving you anything except staying hungry. Eh, Zakat, I stop there. Let me not say because today only a finger-counted people are giving Zakat. The rest are not giving to Muslims. One and a half billion Muslims. Why is that? Falling into that heedless station, not caring what Allah and His Prophet (sws) is saying. If you are not caring what Allah and His Prophet (sws) is saying then you are in the biggest heedless station. You are not waking up.

When are you going to wake up? Allah sent the Prophet (sws). He sent 124,000 prophets. Hold on to any one of them. It's okay. He sent the last prophet, the Seal of Prophets and saying to us, 'No more prophets are coming.' Are we understanding that? Are we really understanding the delicacy? How dangerous it is? What kind of situation we are in? Are we understanding? Or are we just living like animals? Like sheep? Opening the barn, going out to grass, coming back in, eating, going back, eating. We have not been created for that. You have not been created for that. For those people we understand a little bit who are not accepting tariqats, they are not accepting sheykhs, they are taking every Ayat according to their understanding. I am not giving them credit but maybe just one percent I understand them. What about the murids that they are holding on tightly, they say, to the sheykhs? Where are you? When are you going to wake up? When are you going to open that heart? When is it going to open? When? In the grave? Is that what you are waiting for? Long process after that then.

Why is it not opening? Because you are busy with Malayani, with nonsense, with things that do not concern you, with heedless station. Nothing else. So wake up before Azrail is coming. And you don't know when Azrail is coming to you. You don't know when he is going to take the last breath of life. You can make so many plans. Your plans are going to stay here. Everyone has plans right now.

When Azrail is hitting and going out, the plans are staying here. It's not going one step ahead. Grave is waiting to everyone. And wake up to yourself. This world is finishing its time. Everything that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created is running top-speed to the last minutes now, the last timing. It's coming to an end.

We are the last nation on the face of the earth. No more nation is coming after this. We reached completely in the end. We are the Ahir. Ahir of the Ahir Zaman. We are the last of the last of the nations. The Holy Prophet (sws) came in Ahir Zaman, in the end of the times. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Between me and the Judgment Day is time like between Asr and Maghrib prayer. The sun is going down.' From the time that the Holy Prophet (sws) came, in Asr time, fourteen hundred years passed. We just reached to the end of the time. The sun is going to set. The day is going to finish. We are the last nation on the face of the earth.

If you want to wake up then it's more easy to wake up now, to open that blindness in the heart because millions today are not busy with that. They are busy with Dunya. And the Awliya Allah are looking for people that are making one sincere move, to open that veil for them. But they are not seeing that sincerity. They are not opening.

So, they are in safety. We are not. They are not in need of us. We are in need of them. If you wake up to yourself, if you sit down and if you understand the seriousness then you shake yourself up, you'll be coming back to yourself and you start shaking when you come the prayers saying, 'Ya Rabbi, I was in Ghaflat. Wake me up Ya Rabbi. Wake me up. Wake me up, Ya Rabbi.' That's why right after the prayers we are saying, 'Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. Ya Rabbi, we are asking forgiveness from You that we have committed so many wrong things during the prayer time because we are heedless ones.' Keep yourself busy with that. Put some sincerity into your life. Put some sincerity to yourselves. You will understand then.

You can take these words any way you want, anywhere you want. It doesn't change. That's the reality. For you and for me. To everyone that is going to come and everyone who passed. The ones who are in the grave now, they are crying and begging for one breath of life to be given to them. But it's too late. It will not be given to them. Their time is up. Make sure we will not be those ones that we cry for that breath of life. We are in an awakening station through these eyes now. The eyes are open, the heart is at sleep. Those whose hearts are open, their eyes are closed and the heart is always awake. As when the angels came to the Holy Prophet (sws), one was saying, 'He is sleeping', and the other one was saying, 'No, he is resting. His heart is open, receiving.' We are from that nation, we are from that Prophet (sws). If we wake up now, it will be good for us. If we don't wake up, they will wake us up.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib
Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-32

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LEAVE MALAYANI AND HEAR AND OBEY

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us for one reason, the main job, the main duty of the children of Adam is to know Allah and to worship Allah. And He has given us a very short time in this world. Compared to the life that is coming, the eternal life, this is not even worth to say short. What the children of Adam is busy with twenty-four hours a day? With nonsense, with malayani, with something that is just going to build problems, troubles and punishment to them. Still that man has something in his head to say, 'I am intelligent'? Astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih.

This is to believers. Juma khutba is to believers. It's not to unbelievers. Juma khutba is given from the first day that the Holy Prophet (sws) made Hijrat from Makkah to Madinah and he started the Juma khutba. And since then that is continuing. And in that Juma khutba the Holy Prophet (sws) prayed saying that, 'Ya Rabbi, any man that is not taking care of this Juma, is not caring and is not coming for this Juma, the collars of his shirt must not come together.' Meaning, all dunya and everything that he is trying to do, he should not be successful. That is the curse that the Prophet (sws) put.

A billion and a half Muslims today are running around in the streets at this time everywhere in the world, in Muslim countries, non-Muslim countries, everywhere running around. And know that the new empty-head ones are also coming around and saying, 'If there is no Khalifah, there cannot be Juma.' Hasha Astaghfirullah. Shut down all the masjids everywhere in the world then. Why are you keeping it there? But the confusion is going to be reaching everywhere. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'There's going to be confusion so big that inside the house of Awliya there's going to be confusion.' People that are going to be making Sejdah together and they are talking to each other together saying how much they love each other, but behind their backs they are going to make confusion, they are going to make fitnah. They are going to make slandering, they are going to put wrong things out.'

And Allah is giving us the ayat, Surat-ul Hujrat, in that ayat He is saying to us, 'Thinking about things in your own imagination sometimes, know that it puts you into the wrong area, and you will be committing a sin when you start thinking wrong.' And he is saying, 'When you are backbiting, it's just like you are eating your own brother's dead meat.' This is the ayat of the Quran. And

they asked the Holy Prophet (sws), 'Ya Rasulallah, what is backbiting?' He said, 'Backbiting is something that a person is doing and if he is there he is not going to like you saying that. That is backbiting.'

'What about if something is not there.'

'That's completely slandering. Prepare yourself for a heavier punishment than that.'

Today's people sink into that and we say that the unbelievers are busy with themselves. The believers, the mumins, the murids are busy with nonsense that are just going to prepare punishment to them. And the worst, the murids are busy with the Sheykh's business. Who are you to understand? Did you understand to stick your nose into things? Do you understand where you are and how you are and what you are? Hmm. Okay. Continue for as much breath that is given to you. You like it. As Allah subhana wa ta'ala and His Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The ignorant ones are trying to challenge Allah.' Yes, running and attacking the Holy Prophet (sws) and his representatives. This is what's happening. But everyone is given free breath to do.

What is your business in Dunya? To know Allah and to worship Allah. Stop malayani. Even though malayani is a knowledge, but that knowledge doesn't concern you. You should not be busy with that. How a believer is going to be busy with something that is going to bring fitnah and confusion to himself, to the community and to the nation of Islam. Because of that, fitnah is non-stop, back and forth, going everywhere. But there's a strong word for those ones that they are not going to be able to escape from. They may run around a little bit but they are not going to escape.

So your duty, our duty, from that day that the Holy Prophet (sws) is putting that khutba, the duty to us is to go and listen and to put ourselves back to that line again. Believers, mumins, murids, at least two times a day they should sit down somewhere and think, early in the morning to think, 'What am I here for? Another life is given to me today. Today I just woke up again. What is it that Allah wants from me? What is it that I have to do?' By evening time you must sit down to calculate what you did. Do you think if somebody's doing this non-stop he can continue with this nonsense? It's not going to give anything to those who are running after something that doesn't concern them. It's not going to give benefit of course. It's going to give them lots of trouble, in dunya and akhirat. Your troubles are enough for you. Don't go getting other peoples' burdens. You will be crushed underneath. Later, 'I cannot move'. You are not going to.

'I cannot breath'.

You cannot breath the air. The air is going to be haram to you then. The eating and drinking will be haram to you. That is haram action. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering us to keep ourselves out from that and saying, 'Those are believers. Those are believers who don't interfere into other people's business. They look at themselves. They check themselves out and they look at what they do. How they are going to build their relationship with their Lord, this is what their business is. And He is saying in the same Surah, 'When the Bedouins came to the Prophet (sws) they said, 'We became believers.' He says, 'No. Say to them, they

are not believers yet. The faith has not entered into their hearts. They may call themselves Muslims but they are not believers.'

So we must sit and think where we are, what we are doing and which category you are fitting yourself. But at least you must be sincere with your own self to put the things that you do and look at the actions and orders that Allah is ordering and compare to that. Put yourself in any category then. If you still want to cheat yourself and lie to yourself, continue. Allah subhana wa ta'ala didn't create the fire for nothing. Don't forget that. You are not special. I am not special. None of us will be special when you become disobedient to Allah and His Prophet (sws).

Sheytan made countless worshipping. No man can reach if he stays on Sejdah all his life, twenty-four hours a day, he cannot make the drop of worship that Sheytan did. He knew not one book, 104 books he knew. He knew all the pages that were sent to the prophets. He has seen Adam (alayhi salam) before life was blown into him. He has seen his creation. He witnessed. He witnessed the paradises. He didn't leave any empty spot on the face of this earth where he didn't make Sejdah. Shah Bahauddin Naksibendi (qaddasallahu sirruh) is saying, 'If Sheytan would have left one handful of area on the face of this earth that he didn't make Sejdah, I can save all the Mumins in that area. But I am finding no place where he didn't make Sejdah.' So after all this he just became disobedient one time. And that disobedience is because of jealousy. He was jealous. Are you carrying that sickness inside of you? You just inherited something big from Sheytan. And that is enough. If you don't get rid of it then it should be enough to finish and burn your faith before you go out from this world.

So which one should we take seriously? The order of Allah? That He is saying to us, 'I have created you to know Me and to worship Me. This is the reason of your creation.' This is the reason of our creation. Because we are making a couple of Sejdah, don't think that you have reached to Sidrat-ul Muntaha. We are in need of making another Sejdah because we are in Ghaflat all the time, in heedless station, as an Awliya is saying. One century passed after the Holy Prophet (sws) and they came and they asked, 'What should we do? Things are not working good.' She says, 'We are not making astaghfirullah properly. We are not asking forgiveness from our Lord properly. We are in need of sitting down and say astaghfirullah for the astaghfirullah that we are making in Ghaflat, in that heedless station.'

Heedlessness makes a person to go out from his line. The believer must be in an awakening station. Believer must know what's coming from where. Believer must know where the words are going to end. Believers must know when they open their mouth what they are saying and why they are saying. And if somebody is coming to you and if you think that you are such a good one, if someone comes to tell you something, your duty is to shut that one down, not to listen even if it's true. It's not your business. Say to that one, 'I don't want to hear. I don't want to be a partner to the sin that you are ready to commit. I don't want to hear. Go away.' And stay away from that one because that one is enough to put you into trouble. Until that one is not correcting itself you don't need to have a friend like that. That is an enemy to you. Leave that one to the hand of the Sheykh. He has ways to fix them and you. Don't worry. So many ways. Endless ways. Once somebody is giving initiation, they are going to be fixed, easily or through hardship. And imagine whatever you can imagine, you cannot even imagine what can

come to the person if he continues being arrogant and stubborn. Sheytan is not more powerful than the Awliya Allah.

So, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving us warnings. Who are we that He is giving us warnings? Are you understanding your value? As a physical form, nothing. Not even a drop. But the spirit that Allah has put there is very high and very big. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'I have not created you for the fire. Don't run into the fire. Later you are not going to be able to bear that punishment. And in this dunya you are going to be in trouble. You are not going to have proper sleep in this dunya too.'

So the 21st Century people became completely heedless and headless. And all this education that they are taking, it's not only that they are making them to be more proud with themselves, it's making them to become more ignorant and arrogant. This is not what Islam is ordering us. This is not why the Holy Prophet (sws) came to this world to teach us. This is not what the Prophet (sws) is teaching us. The Sahaba-e Kiram once upon a time were in darkness. They needed somebody. They couldn't come out from that mess that they have entered. So Allah's mercy has reached to them, to us and to the whole mankind. And He sent His most beloved one to them. And the only thing they did was they put their ignorance aside and they became obedient to that Prophet (sws). And they have reached to the highest station that no man ever is going to reach. Everything that they did wrong is forgiven and they have reached to the highest station in paradises that no one is going to reach easily. That's what we are aiming for. We are trying to be with them in the hereafter life. But we have to close doors to this kind of nonsense that is circling around in the world.

So the Holy Prophet's (sws) order we must take, we must put it on top of our head even if it is not good for our own ego. Anything that the Holy Prophet (sws) is forbidding us, definitely it's not going to be good for our own ego. We are not in this world to support our ego. We are in this world to obey Allah and to obey His Prophet (sws) and to obey our leaders, those ones that Allah appointed to us. We must obey them. Those ones who are calling us to Allah and His Prophet (sws), we must obey them. Disobedience to them is obedience to Sheytan and to ego. Obedience to them is disobedience to your ego and to Sheytan.

So which side you think we should take as believers? As we said earlier, don't think that you are special. We are only special, we can be only special as much Taqwa that we have. As much obedience to Allah and His Prophet (sws), then definitely that much higher station you are going to go. Then yes there are differences. Then there are differences among the children of Adam (as). That is the difference that man can have. You want to be a different one? Obey Allah and His Prophet (sws) and those ones that Allah appointed to us. The more obedience to them, the higher station you reach. The higher station you reach the more you leave the nonsense of this dunya.

Never forget the Ayat of Allah subhana wa ta'ala that is saying to you and to me, 'Know that this world, your family, your children, your worldly wealth, it is only a confusion to you. You are going to go into your graves by yourselves.' Every one of us. You are going to get up to the Judgment Place by yourselves. Think on it now. Your mother is not going to help you or my mother. Your father or my father is not going to help me or is going to help you. It doesn't matter

if your father reaches to the station of the highest Awliya. He is not going to be able to help you then. If you became disobedient to Allah and His Prophet (sws) then definitely you became disobedient to that one. Then the help is not going to reach to you. So many children of prophets became disobedient to their fathers. So many wives of prophets became disobedient to the prophets. The prophets didn't lose. They lost.

The duty is to those who listen, they must obey. They must listen. The duty of a servant, everyone of us is a servant, the prophets are servants too, is to hear and obey. To hear Allah and to obey Allah. If you understand that part then it becomes easy after that to hear the right word. It doesn't matter where it's coming from. The word of Haqq, the truth, you must hear, you must obey, you must take and you must apply to your life. Not to go crazy when somebody says to you the true word, to go out of yourself screaming, fighting. Where do you think you'll reach? Where do you think you are going to reach with that? Who reached where with that? No one. It's only arrogance and stubbornness and that cannot continue for a long time. A believer must move, must pull himself out from that, must not be a servant to Sheytan. Anyone who is falling into the hand of his anger, that one is a servant to his Sheytan.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-33

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

OBEY TO BE WITH PROPHETS, SIDDIQEEEN, SHUHADA AND SALIHEEN

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying in one ayat of Surat-ul Nisa, 'Those who obey Allah and His Prophet (sws), they will be receiving the greatest reward, they will be with them. In the Judgment Day when they are raised they will be with the prophets, with the Saliheen and with the Shuhada.' And Allah is saying, 'What good friends you have!' And the Holy Prophet (sws) in the last khutba is saying to us in Sahih Bukhari... Of course, today everyone took everything out as they like and in the last khutba the Holy Prophet (sws) is

saying, 'Oh people, Oh Sahaba', he is speaking to the Sahaba. 'I am leaving you two things. If you are holding tightly to those things then definitely you are not going to go out from the road anymore.

First the Turks, then the Arabs and everywhere the Wahhabi idea people removed this. Everywhere you look it says, Prophet (sws) said, 'I leave you one thing. The book of Allah.' Open and look at the last khutba. How many are you going to find saying, 'I leave you the book of Allah and His Prophet's (sws) Sunnat'? The Prophet (sws) is saying this. Who are you to take it out? That's what the order is that's coming from Sheytan, saying, 'If you don't take out the Sunnat then these Muslims everywhere are going to be visible. When they are visible like that, the other ones are going to look at them and they are going to admire them. So the whole world is going to enter to Islam. So the big boss, that big Sheytan is saying to the small ones, of which so many today are coming from the Alims of Islam. So many Dajjal is going to come from them too because the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Ahir Zaman, you are not going to find a drop of faith in the hearts of their Alims, in so many of their Alims that are going to come.'

Don't be surprised. Open the televisions and look. You will see so many of them. They are Alim. Don't deny that. Don't say that they are not Alim. They are knowledgeable ones. They read a lot. No need to say names in the Khutba now. But you all know what (is on) the Turkish television, Pakistani, Arab, you all know. Americans, now there are Americans too, Europeans, so many. Helpers of Sheytan. Agents of Sheytan. Why are they afraid of the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws)? Because if you are holding the Sunnat, the lifestyle of the Holy Prophet (sws), definitely you are not going to admire something else. But if you are leaving the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws), running top-speed, anywhere the wind is coming from, running to that side. So today even Muslims everywhere are not liking the dress-code of the Muslims. They are fighting about it from mothers to fathers to their children, from children to their parents. So we have entered to a heedless and headless time that the Muslims became completely ignorant. Not only ignorant but also arrogant and stubborn. Something that they don't know, they fight about it non-stop twenty-four hours.

'Prophet did this and he didn't do this. And he did this and he didn't...'

How do you know the Prophet (sws)? Who taught you the Prophet (sws)? You think knowing only the name of the Prophet (sws) you know the Prophet (sws)? How do you know the Quran? Taking the Quran and reading a couple of ayat on the surface, you think you know the Quran? The Quran contains everything in it. The past, the present, the future and eternity is in the Quran. This is like somebody looking at the top of the ocean and saying, 'I just discovered the ocean because I have a couple of ships going on top of the ocean.' He is giving description of the ocean saying, 'It's just a couple of ships and some fishes in there.' Dive in there under the ocean and look what's happening. And in order for you to dive you have to be an expert, you have to be given permission. Quran is containing all those oceans in it. Everything. This world is nothing. It's only a dot.

So, if we are taking everything according to our own head then definitely we go out of the road.

So the Holy Prophet (sws) is speaking to the Sahaba, he is giving Khutba like this and saying to the Sahaba-e Kiram, 'I don't know if I'm going to be among you by next year.' He is giving them a hint and saying to them, 'But I am leaving you two things. One is the book of Allah and the second is the Sunnat of your Prophet (sws). You know how he lived. So it is a duty to you too.' Then he turns around and says to them, 'The ones who are here must give this message to the ones coming after. And the ones that are coming after, who knows maybe they will keep it better than you.' He is saying that, saying to the Sahaba-e Kiram, 'You must give my message. My message is my lifestyle, my Sunnat, my tradition, to them. You must teach the ones who are coming after you. Who knows maybe they will keep it better than you.' And through the history, yes, we have seen so many saints came. How they became saints?

They are coming and asking me, 'There are so many Christian saints too. So many Jewish saints, Buddhist saints.' Muslims are saying this. 'There are so many Buddhist saints.' Do you have your mind together with you or you left it inside the toilet when you came out? How are you going to be a saint that you are denying one of the most beloved ones in the Divine Presence? Even the ones who came before the Holy Prophet (sws), the prophets, they have to accept the Prophet (sws). And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to them. Allah didn't know? Of course He knew. He is saying to them, 'Know that if I am sending the Prophet Muhammad (sws) in your time, your book and your prophethood is taken away automatically. You have to follow that one.' He is giving warning to His prophets, advice, saying to them. In reality He is teaching the children of Adam (as), saying to them, 'Everyone who came in the past accepted that Prophet (sws). Everyone that is going to come has to accept.' La ilaha illallah Muhammadur Rasulullah. That's the only word. No other one. No other real word. La ilaha illallah. Every word that you say is going to come to an end. That word, we are living for that word. You must live for that word and you must die for that word saying, 'La ilaha illallah Muhammadur Rasulullah.' That is the time that you are carrying the faith and that is time that you are obeying Allah and His Prophet (sws).

That's why Allah is saying to us, 'When you are obeying Allah and His Prophet (sws) then you will be with the prophets, with the Saliheen, with the righteous ones, with the Shuhada, with the good ones in the Judgment Day and after that. You will be with them.' And He is saying to us, 'What good friends you have now.' Yes, that's what you need, that's what we need. Not just to say, 'I accept the Prophet (sws).' Accepting the Prophet (sws), you must accept his lifestyle. You must take his lifestyle to apply to your life. Islam is teaching us how to live. Not like seculars saying, 'We separated state and the religion.' When you are separating the state and the religion, this is what you get. You like it? The 21st Century people like it? Why are you running after terrorism? Leave everything. You are separating religion and the people. Leave people to live as they like. You like the outcome? All these people who are terrorists grew up in the same countries. But one thing was missing. They didn't have the fear of Allah. This is what they teach them, saying, 'Have self-esteem.' The universities are teaching, saying, 'Have self-esteem. Believe in yourself.' MashaAllah. Believing in yourself? Eh, that's what happens.

So, words for Muslims are not to be ignorant and arrogant and stubborn, and when hearing those words in the universities not to think that they are teaching you something. And you think you are becoming better ones. No. You are becoming

worse ones. Every time when you are leaving one Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws) you are going down. That's why Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'If you are leaving my Sunnat, you are replacing with that one with innovation, with Bida't.' The Wahhabi squareheads are screaming, 'Bida't, bida't, bida't', but they sink inside the Bida't. Because they removed all the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws), they sank, they changed it. As soon as you change it with Sunnat, you replace it with Bida't, with innovation, and the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying for that kind of Bida't, 'Every Bida't is under my feet.' You took out the turban. Hmm. What are you going to replace it with? You are going to carry a mirror in your hand and a comb to fix your hair twenty-four hours to look nice to who? That's what you are replacing with. You are taking out the Shalwar? Huh, you are replacing it with Chatal. Shalwar, taking it out, putting on pants. Eh, that's how Shovalios were wearing. When the crusaders were coming to fight against Islam, that's what they were wearing.

So tell me, is this the lifestyle? This is just simple, as they say 'simple', it's not that simple, but the outside form. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'If you admire to look like a nation, you will become one of them.' You don't need to admire any nation. Admire Islam. The Holy Prophet (sws). There is no role model to us except him. He is coming to us from Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Allah is saying to us, 'He is his teacher. He likes the way he dressed, He likes the way he slept, He likes the way he ate, He likes the way he talked, He likes the way he walked. He is his teacher.' We must take that and apply that to our life. That is the Sunnat of the Holy Prophet (sws). Outside and inside must be together. When the inside of that clock is working and there are no outside arrows showing, it's not good. Not good for anybody. It's useless. Inside is working, as so many is saying, 'Eh, look at my heart.' Eh, okay. We look at your heart. We don't see anything. Show us the arrows to see how you are living. 'Eh, the inside is working.' Maybe it's working. That's between you and Allah. Isn't that obligation to you also, Allah is saying to you that if you like something you must spread to others? How are you doing it?

So, if the inside is working and on the outside the arrows are not working, that clock is not good for anything. Useless. If the outside is like that and inside is not working, that is also useless. Automatically you can see that one hour time is passing but these arrows are not moving. It's not a good one. So when you are with those ones who in the outside form are carrying the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws), you spend one hour with them and you will understand automatically if they are good ones or bad ones. Look at their lifestyle, how they are living and you will understand. You don't need to be an expert, you don't need to be a scholar. No. So, if we don't carry the Prophet's (sws) Sunnat, Sheytan is very happy then and Sheytan is saying, 'Now you left the way of the Prophet? Don't worry. I'll put around your neck chains that you cannot escape from my hand after that.' And that's what happens.

So the Prophet (sws) came to separate Haqq and Batil. He came to put us back to Sirat-ul Mustaqim, to the main road. And Surat-ul Fatiha came to separate who were disobedient to Allah and who left the ways. We are saying, 'Keep us in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim.' In order for us to stay on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim we must follow the one who is leading on that Sirat, on that road. And that is the Holy Prophet (sws). If we keep that then definitely we will be the winner. If we leave that then don't forget, live as much as you can, you are going to die. Collect as much world, you are going to leave that. You are entering to the

world through one door, you are going out through the other door. You are filling up your books day and night, twenty-four hours a day. Man in reality is not doing anything to anybody else except himself. When we say 'man' sometimes the women are thinking that these words are not for them. For you too.

Every word that you say and every action that you do, you are filling up your book. Any good thing that you say you are filling up your book and you are going to find it in the Judgment Day as reward to you. Before going to Judgment Day you may find it in the grave. Any wrong things that you say, any wrong things that you do, you are going to find it in front of you again.

Ali (radiallahu anhu karam allahu wajha) is saying, 'I have never done anything good to anyone and I have never done anything bad to anyone.' And they said to you, 'Ya Ali, definitely we know that you didn't do anything wrong to anyone but we know that you did so many good things to so many people.' He said, 'No. If I did something to someone and if that person earns something from that then in reality I am going to get paid in the Judgment Day for it. So I did it to myself because I'm getting paid for it in the Judgment Day. If I harmed someone and that person is harmed through my word or through my action, I didn't really do anything to him again. In the Judgment Day he is going to receive my good reward and I am going to take his wrong things away. So I am going to be punished. In reality, I did everything to myself.'

In reality you and I, we are doing everything to our own selves. We don't have too much time left in this world. Azrail is running top-speed. You don't know when he's going to reach to you. Prepare yourself and be ready. Always have your package ready to take off to the other side. The children of Adam are making so many plans day and night but one day you are not going to reach to your plans. One day your plans are going to stay and Azrail is going to take you.

So, if we want to be with those ones, with the prophets, with the Saliheen, with the righteous people, with the Awliya Allah, with the Friends of Allah, with the Shuhada, with the good ones then we must obey Allah and His Prophet (sws). And obedience to Allah and His Prophet (sws) is to obey those ones who are obeying them.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

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Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-34

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ALLAH'S DIVINE HAND IS WITH A GROUP OF PEOPLE

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying that His Divine Hand is with a group of people. What kind of a group? Jamat. A group of people that are gathered together inside the coffee-shops? Or in the clubs? No. People who are together, their hearts are together, they are seeking and looking to learn and to go back to their Lord. His Hand, Divine Hand means, His blessing is with them.

In this time, the 21st Century people, always we must say that because these 21st Century people became very arrogant, very stubborn. They are going to these universities and they are thinking that they are learning something, becoming arrogant and arrogant and arrogant, and ignorant and ignorant continuously.

As the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The second Jahiliyya is going to be worse than the first one. In Ahir Zaman there's going to be a second Jahiliyya, a second ignorance time that is going to be worse than the first one.' And the Sahaba-e Kiram were surprised, looking and saying, 'Ya Rasulullah, those people are not going to be educated? They are not going to know all these things that you are teaching us?' He said, 'They're going to know all that. They're going to know everything. They're going to read a lot, they're going to know a lot but they're going to be completely ignorant with the knowledge that they know because everyone is going to be firauns to themselves. Nobody's going to want to hear anything from anyone. Everyone's going to say, 'I know. I read from this book and I read from that book.' This is what they're going to claim.' And that's what's happening today. From seven years old to seventy, eighty, ninety, hundred, count. The same. Exception is only a handful of people in this whole globe, east, west, north and south, running to find somebody to listen and to obey. The rest, even if they are finding, they want their way to happen again. It's not. It's not going to happen because Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent prophets to mankind.

Those people claimed they know in that time too. Before the coming of every prophet, mankind lost their direction. One prophet was coming and giving them the ways, showing them the ways again. Nothing new. All prophets were coming for one reason. Reminding people who they are and who their Lord is, and what is it that they have to do in this world. 124,000 prophets came to earth. No prophet came to tell man, 'Go and educate yourself in secular schools, and learn this and learn that.' No. People who were called the worst ignorant ones, when the Prophet (sws) came, they said, 'Let's see what he's saying.' And when they listened they said, 'Well, we didn't know this before. It fits to intelligence. Let's accept.' They were sincere with themselves. They accepted it. It's not only that they accepted those words but they said, 'This one is better than us. He's showing us the way. From now on we must accept whatever he says and not only one word that he is saying.'

Some among them were later rising again and Allah sent another ayat saying, 'Whatever that Prophet (sws) orders to you, take and keep it. Whatever he forbids you from, stop yourself.' So those people were the most intelligent ones because they knew who to listen. They turned and they listened to somebody. They submit themselves to the Prophet (sws) and they reached to the highest stations that no man is ever going to reach. It happened in the time of every prophet. Those people turned and put their ego aside. They listened to those prophets and they found safety. So many rose against the prophets. Don't think that the people who are running to show the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws) are ignorant about that knowledge. They know. Don't think that Sheykh Mevlana doesn't know. He knows too. He knows that the prophets were going out of their way to bring people out from the hell that they made to themselves. They were entering into that hell and the prophets were going out of their way giving their hands to them and they turned not only cursing at them but hitting them, beating them up and doing so many cruelties to them. And that continued, still continuing and it's going to continue because the ignorance and arrogance, the things that are left from Sheytan that people took to themselves, those wrong actions that they inherited is continuing.

So the whole key for the prophets' coming is to make people to get rid of these kinds of wrong actions, these kinds of wrong attitudes, their wrong egoistic actions, their proudness, jealousy, arrogance, stubbornness. You must get rid of it. If you are not getting rid of it, you can pray twenty-four hours if you want, you can go up and down twenty-four hours if you want, the ground is calling every day a hundred times, 'Make sure that you come into me clean. Otherwise, I'm going to fix you here, under the ground.' The mankind is walking on top of this earth so arrogantly. A proud man is an arrogant one and the earth is screaming saying, 'Oh proud one! If you don't get rid of that sickness before you are coming here into me, I'm going to finish you.'

And that's what's happening to today's 21st Century people. As we said, the exception is only a handful, the rest is running with this arrogance. And we are saying, 'What do you have? What is it that you have that makes you so arrogant and stubborn? Like a cockroach jumping from here to there you are sending rockets to the moon? Or this technology you built that you became slaves to?' Yes, mankind built that technology, the 21st Century people, and they turned and became slaves to the computers, to that technology. They became blind. They cannot even think right anymore. The computer has to think about them. So what's the idea? Or you reached to Sidrat-ul Muntaha? Where are you? By imagination? No.

So the prophets are coming to show people how they are going to live on the face of earth. And within this time that man is living on earth, he has to earn everything. Don't complaint later to say, 'I didn't know.' In this short time that man is living on the face of earth, he has to earn his Akhirat, the eternal life. Yeah, today's people, before up to 20, now up to 40 they are running after their egoistic lifestyle. Up to 40. After forty what do you have? As Holy Prophet (sws) said, 'If you reach up to forty years of age and your good deeds are not more than the bad, prepare yourself. Prepare yourself for a heavy test that is coming to you.'

So the prophets, Anbiya and Awliya, they are haram to the earth. The earth cannot touch them. Never mind about touching their body, it will not touch their

Kafan too. It will not change the color. What happened to them? Because they have received Divine Light, Divine Nur from their Lord, and they have received that eternal life while they were living. And that is given to everyone. As we said, let me say it again. People only know how to enter to the imagination world. Delusion and illusion. Nothing else. Saying, 'I receive Divine Light.' From where is it coming? It must change, your attitude must change, your lifestyle must change, your thinking must change and everything must change. You must get rid of all these characteristics from Sheytan. Now you are claiming something, the highest, claiming something that is given to the prophets and the Awliya and you will be entering into the book as a liar.

So we enter to through one door of this world and we go out from the other side. If you don't know the meaning of life, if you don't know what you have been created for, you are in big trouble. Prophets have been sent, Awliya have been sent to remind us why we are here. What is the reason of a man? What is his creation? And he has been created, man has been created to know his Lord, to worship his Lord. When you are going to the Judgment Day, before going to the Judgment Day, entering into the grave is coming to you. Angels are coming and asking, 'Who did you live for? Why did you live? What did you do? How much of the life that Allah has given to you, you have lived for His sake?' Now, you and I, everyone who is hearing these words must think about it. And if you are sincere about that, thinking really sincerely about that, do you think then you are going to become proud ones? Or arrogant ones? Or stubborn ones? Or are you going to attack those who are trying to take you out from the mess that you are in? How are you going to? Impossible.

Then intelligence enters to your heart, to your head. Intelligence forces you to think a little bit because now there is an unknown something waiting for you in front of you. It doesn't matter who you are and where you are from. The highest title that you are going to reach, you are going to get, is to be servants. All these worldly titles that man has, you are going to leave it in the world. You cannot take it with you to the grave. You can be the kings of the world, ministers of the world. It doesn't matter. When you enter into the grave the first thing the angels are asking, 'Do you have your ID card? Did you get your ID card from Dunya to Akhirat?'

'Yes, I did.'

'What it says on it?'

'The servant of the Lord.'

Hmm. Now you pass.

'Servant of his ego.'

Now you are in trouble.

'Slave to Sheytan.'

You are in trouble.

'He is in love with Dunya.'

You are in trouble.

Look at yourself. You must check yourself. Check your heart. Don't let anybody say anything to you and get fooled by anyone. No. Sit alone in your room for ten minutes, fifteen minutes and say to yourself sincerely, 'Look at me! Are you really living for Allah or are you really living for your ego.' Check yourself and you will find out. You will know by yourself. Your heart will scream to you. The sound that is coming from the heart will take over. You will hear the voices coming from over. But the 21st Century's ignorant and arrogant people are covering the sound that is coming from their heart, listening to their ego and everyone is thinking, 'I reached somewhere.' Where are you going to reach? What are you aiming for? Servants. You have to reach to servanthood. When you are going to Sejdah you have to know, 'I am making Sejdah to You, Ya Rabbi.' You have to know that part and nothing has to enter between you and that one. Then you'll be alright.

You are entering through one door to this dunya, going out from the other side. Little kid, teenager, maturity, I don't know who to say mature anymore. In the old days they'd say, 'Twenty years old, he is mature, he is finished, he is complete.' Twenty-years-old man has to remove wrong things from the world. Twenty-years-old man is afraid to go to the toilet by himself. They need their mommy. Twenty-years-old girls don't know how to do anything.

'Eh, what are you doing?'

'I am educating, going to school.'

'What are you learning there?'

'I am dancing. I am learning how to dance.'

MashaAllah. MashaAllah. This is not the reason of creation. Turn the pages of history and look back. Sultan Mehmet Khan and so many like that one. He conquered Istanbul when he was in his twenties. Because of one word of the Holy Prophet (sws) twenty years of his life he concentrated on that word. And he conquered. He has brought end to a wrong lifestyle. He has brought end to wrong laws. Check the history books saying,

'1453'.

'Eh, what happened?'

'The end of Roman Law.'

'What begins from that time?'

They are scared and ashamed. Europeans and Americans, too proud ones to put it in their books to say, 'The ruling of Islam came to teach us how to live like humans.' Yes. Islam came to Europe to teach man how to wash themselves. Yes. Islam came to bring soap to them to wash themselves. Yes. Everyone is scared to talk this now.

`I am going to bother my European and American friends.'

You are not reaching anywhere. When the Holy Prophet (sws) was coming they were still in that foolish idea, coming and saying, `Jesus is God.' The Prophet (sws) didn't run around to make Ilimli Islam, Moderate Islam. Moderate Islam means Kafir Islam, Islam in which man thinks and lives something else, and his lifestyle is completely something else. Living just like Europeans. Living just like Americans. No it's not accepted. If the whole world is against these words then the whole world must go to hell. It's not accepted. This is coming from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala saying to them, `Now if you want safety you must hold on tightly to this Prophet (sws). This is the last prophet I am sending to you. If you are claiming that you have a little bit intelligence, you must run after this Prophet.'

Those people who ran after found safety. Those people who are claiming and they are running to their own lifestyle again, they have not found safety, they are not going to find safety. Islam is a lifestyle. It teaches man how to live from childhood until the grave. No one can say, `I know how to live' unless they are holding tightly to the teachings of their prophets. If a man is claiming, `I know how to live', living according to what now? According to your ego. Either you are living according to the laws of Allah and His Prophet (sws) or you are living according to your ego. Whatever fits to your ego, whatever fits to the situation you are in, and so many times you are looking, yes, the Muslims, because their faith is very weak and they are finding themselves in the crowd of people who are doing wrong, then they cannot stop themselves from doing wrong also. They fall into those wrong lifestyles. The faith, Shahadat must make you to think properly, Shahadat is enough for you to bring safety to you in Dunya and Akhirat. If the whole world becomes unbeliever, that Shahadat `ash-haduan la ilaha illallah was ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu' must make you to live a correct lifestyle. Otherwise, that Shahadat is shaky and Shaitan is more clever than any man. That's his job, to run after, to fool, to pull people to Jahannam. And anyone who is listening to that, they are on that way going to Jahannam.

Don't think that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is going to lose. Don't think as so many ignorants and arrogants are saying, `If Paradise is so big then why Allah is going to put us into Jahannam?' You know how to ask that word? Become a servant. Your reason of creation is to become a servant, not for Jannat, not for Jahannam. Allah created you to become a servant. If there was no life hereafter, if Allah had created you and said, `You are My servant', you are going to live on the face of the earth and you are going to become a servant. You have no other choice. We have no other choice. If you think that you have, if we think that we have just the air that we are taking in and out and you say, `I have a free will, I do what I want', the animals do what they want. Not the humans. Humans, those who think and live like humans, thinks before he does something. He thinks, `Is this damaging me and others or not? Is this pleasing Allah and His Prophet (sws) or not?' Man must think before he does something as our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, `Aren't you thinking?' He's questioning us saying, `Why don't you think?' in another ayat. Saying, `Don't you think? Why you don't think? We are giving you the intelligence. Why you don't think? Why you don't check up your intelligence?'

Everyone is running to doctors. Especially, the first world country's people,

everyone has a special doctor, saying, 'I must go to doctor today.'

'Why?'

'I have an appointment for checkup.'

'You are checking up what?'

'My body.'

'Are you okay?'

'Yes.'

'Why are you going over there?'

'I have to checkup.'

Good. You know how to think that much. Good. Go check up your brain. Go check up your intelligence to see how much it is growing. Is it growing or is it going down? Check up that one first. That's the most important part. Your intelligence is growing or is it going down? Are you thinking better now? Your vision is changing?

When we are saying 'vision', right away the foolish ones who are looking for illusion and delusion are thinking, 'I see light here, I see this one.' Leave that kind of ignorance! Your vision of looking at life is changing or not? Are you thinking the same way that you were thinking when you were twenty years old? Thirty years old? It's not changing. The aim that you are running after, is it dunya or akhirat? If it's dunya then it's not changing, it's going down because every day you are moving toward your grave.

The day is twenty-four hours. In that twenty-four hours Allah subhana wa ta'ala is granting twenty-four thousand life, air, the breath of air coming to you. Every air that is coming is not like the other one. Everything has changed around, surrounding you, inside you and outside of you. Changing, nothing is the same. But when man is ignorant and arrogant, it's the same. 'Eh, everything's normal.' Same, same, same and before you know the angel of death appears in front him saying, 'No longer same now. Now, out from this world.' If you are living that kind, you didn't take your ID card saying 'Servant of Allah' then you are in trouble. You are in trouble in dunya, you are trouble in the grave and you are in trouble in the Judgment Day. So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is granting this life to us now and He is ordering us to think, to think and to make it better for your own selves.

As He is saying, 'His Divine Hand is with a group of people, those people whose hearts are together.' They are together for Allah's sake, their hearts are together. Even if you are not beloved to Allah maybe in that group of people one is beloved to Allah and because of the blessing of that one, you will be blessed. But today's people again, everyone is seeing themselves in the great giant mirror, 'I am the one'. No you are not. No I am not. Those ones don't come to tell you, 'I am that one.' They are humble servants and it's not only that they say, 'I am humble' but they are because they know that they are not good

for anything. They know that if it is not for the blessing coming to them from their Lord, they are not good for anything again.

So we entered through one door and we are going out through the other one. No matter how much you live don't forget that you are going to die and dying is never too young. The angel of death is never coming to a man to say, 'You are still young. You are not going to die.' Prepare yourself, keep that priority in your life, keep that in front of you and think with that. Then slowly you may change to become a better servant. If you do, it is good for you. If you don't, it is between you and your Lord.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-35

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WE ARE SERVANTS AND OUR DUTY IS TO HEAR AND OBEY

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. The 21st Century people must be twenty-four hours saying astaghfirullah because we became completely disobedient to the Lord of the Heavens, from children to adults to elderly, people calling themselves smart ones, intelligent ones, top ones, low ones, everyone twenty four hours disobedience. The ones who are running to pray and the ones who are not praying, disobedient because everyone's running to make things the way they want it, the way they like it. Are you a servant or are you a creator? First you have to know. Another sickness that the 21st Century people are falling into, any little job that they do, they say, 'I have created this.' So Sheytan is sitting on your neck right away, 'You are a creator.' They go on Sejdah but twenty-four hours disobedience, tyranny twenty-four hours.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala and His Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'Have fear from Allah.' That is the beginning of all knowledge. If a man has fear from Allah and if a man is in an awakening station, and he is knowing, 'My Lord is watching me now', how are you going to go to harm somebody else? How are you

going to go doing things saying, 'I want this and I want it that way'? Are you a servant? You must ask yourself, 'Am I a servant?'

'Yes, I am.'

'What is the duty of a servant?'

'To hear and obey. To hear Allah and to obey Allah.'

Are we hearing Allah? According to our ego. As we like. That's why Allah sent the Prophet (sws). Allah sent the Prophet (sws) saying, 'Follow that Prophet. He is one of your kind. He eats and he sleeps. He is just like you in creation. Follow that one.' And anyone who followed the Prophet (sws) and who is going to follow the Prophet (sws), they are finding safety. Following the Prophet (sws) is following his orders, trying to follow his lifestyle, trying to run away from the things that he forbid us and you must run to do things that he has ordered to us.

We are too far distant from the Prophet (sws). Prophet (sws) came fourteen hundred years ago. Then we say, we are following the Awliya, the Sheykh. Are we following them? Are we really obeying what they are saying to us? Or when we are in their front, 'Eh, yes you are right' and as soon as we move away, according to our ego again. Then you are not following. You are just following your ego again. And don't expect happiness, don't expect peace because as much submission you have to that one, that must happiness is going to come to you. You can go far or you can go near to him, it doesn't matter. The Awliya can reach you anywhere. The whole thing now is just like you are thinking, 'Allah is watching me. Is it good for me to do this? No. My Sheykh is watching me. Would I do this in front of him?' Ask yourself. This action that I'm doing right now, if he's watching me physically, am I going to do it? If you are still finding yourself saying about that wrong action, 'I'm going to do it' then definitely you lost your faith. And if you are finding saying, 'I'm not going to do' then do you think there's one wall separating you and your Sheykh? Or one mile? Or one thousand miles? You think he's not watching your actions? You think he's not watching you?

So, the 21st Century people became very proud with themselves. That is another big problem, the biggest problem. Proudness. That's what happened to Sheytan. He became very proud in the Divine Presence and all the good things that were given to him, he just took it out. He threw it away through that action. Allah subhana wa ta'ala doesn't take back what He gives to His servants. But the servant himself takes it out and throws it away through that kind of action just like Sheytan. Allah subhana wa ta'ala didn't put him out from Paradise. He entered to Paradise, he rose to high stations. When was he kicked out from Paradise? When he became disobedient toward his Lord, when he became proud with himself, he looked down. The servant must know that he is a servant and he must know that, 'I have a Creator and I am a servant, and my duty is to hear and obey. Am I hearing from Allah? No. Let me hear from His Prophet (sws). Am I hearing from His Prophet (sws)? No. Let me hear from the Awliya, let me look at them to see what they say to me, to see how they are living, let me try to put it in my life.'

So, Allah subhana wa ta'ala doesn't love servants who complain all the time. The

duty of the servant is to hear and obey, not to complain. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Your Lord doesn't give you anything that you cannot carry. If He put something on you, know that you can carry that.'

'But He is giving me too much work and that one is not doing anything!'

It's not your business. He is giving you according to what you can carry. He is giving to that one according to what that one can carry. You cannot interfere to that. You must interfere to see, 'What kind of job my Lord has given to me.' You have two duties, one is the duty to Allah and the other is the duty to the place that you are living in this world with the people surrounding you and all other creatures that Allah has created. You must look to do the best. You must look to do the best of it.

And Allah subhana a ta'ala is saying, 'Yes, I'm not burdening My servant with something that he cannot carry. If I put something on you then definitely you can carry it.' When are you not able to carry? When Sheytan is circling around you saying, 'This is too hard, this is too tiring, this is like that, this is like this, you work so much, that one isn't working, you run so much, that one is sitting, that one is sleeping, you are not sleeping?' Then Sheytan is putting the hook on you, circling you around and everything that you do becomes zero. You are not earning anything then. You are burning everything. Every action that we are doing, if it's good we'll be rewarded, if it's bad then we're going to be questioned. While you are doing something, don't complain. Run to do it. And as much as you can do, that much you are going to do. You cannot do it more than that. You're going to expire then.

So the submission, submission to what? To the orders of your Lord. Constantly remembering, 'I'm a servant. It doesn't matter what I do. I'm a servant.' Allah subhana wa ta'ala didn't give us the burden that He has given to His prophets. The prophets were carrying everything. What wrong they did? And they have suffered in the world from the hands of the people. What is it that they did? Nothing. All good things they did. You claim that you are loving the prophets and the awliya. You think loving the prophets and the awliya means you're just going to lie down putting your legs up saying, 'I am a good servant'? You have to do work. You have to run after that one. There was a Sahabi who came to the Prophet (sws) saying, 'Ya Rasulullah, I've started loving you more than anything.' He said, 'Prepare yourself. Prepare yourself for a heavy test that's coming to you now. For difficulties that are going to come to you, prepare yourself.' It's going to come. But if you have sincere love to that Prophet (sws), to the Awliya Allah then it's going to become easier for you. But if you don't have sincerity, that is the time the burden is going to sit on your neck and you are going to be crushed under it.

So, Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent 124,000 prophets, He sent books, reminding every nation, saying to us, 'Allah has forbidden tyranny to Himself. Don't be from the tyrants.' Allah subhana wa ta'ala may let you walk away a little bit but every tyrant is going to be questioned and going to be punished. No tyrant can escape. He says, 'If you did tyranny, if it's not today then tomorrow, if it's not tomorrow then the next day, I'm going to catch you and you are going to pay a price for that.' What is tyranny? You are running against what Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting on you and then you are attacking yourself and everything else surrounding you.

Prophet Yunus (alayhi salam). Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent that prophet to give message to the people. When the people started attacking him, no one was listening to him, he said, 'These people are not good for anything. They are not listening to me anymore. I'm going to go away. They are attacking me, they are damaging me.' He walked away. He was running away from the work that Allah has given to him. Think, think! We must think. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not giving these stories to us in the Quran-i Kerim just for history's sake. It is for you and for me. First you must look at what Allah put on you. What is your duty? Are you keeping that? If you are keeping then you are going to be happy. Don't worry. Even if it's heavy, you're going to be happy. But if your body is there and your heart is not there, you are not going to be happy. No man in this world is going to make you happy. No prophet is going to make you happy. Nothing is going to make you happy because you have no submission to that. You have not submitted yourself to the will of Allah to say, 'The will of Allah for me is in this.' Submit yourself. Maybe tomorrow He's going to change it for you. But if you are not submitting then nothing is going to happen.

So the Prophet Yunus (as) was walking away from the job that Allah has given to him. All those people that he is going back and forth to, reminding them the order of Allah, they were attacking him, damaging him and finally he said, 'Not even a single one is listening. So I'm going to another place. Maybe I'll find other people.' He's not running away from the job. He's running away from the job place to another place. He took the ship and was going. The sea was very calm. All of a sudden waves started and the ship was moving up and down. The wave was going to swallow the ship. Everyone was praying, everyone was running.

There was a wise man in the ship. People ran to him for prayers. He was looking, meditating a little bit and said, 'I cannot pray for you. There is a guilty one in this ship. If that guilty one is not throwing himself into the sea, this sea is going to swallow this ship and every one of us in it and he is going to get up on the Judgment Day with our burden altogether on this neck and he is going to be heavily punished. And Yunus (as) was thinking. That one was saying, 'That one is running away from the work of Allah, what He has given to him.' And now he knows, 'It's me.' And he jumped into the sea, meaning he submit himself a hundred percent to his Lord. As soon as he jumped the fish came and swallowed him.

Allah's mercy had reached to him there. It doesn't look like mercy there but it was mercy. He didn't leave him in the sea for other wild animal in the sea to come to destroy him instantly. That fish came and swallow him. And he stayed inside that fish for sometime. He realized it. He didn't die. He said, 'La ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu min az-zalimeen. Oh my Lord, you are the Subhan and I have become from those ones who became tyrants to themselves and I'm asking forgiveness from You.' Through this Zikir he found safety. Allah's mercy reached to him and sometime later the fish came and threw him out of its stomach.

He lived inside the stomach of the fish for so many days. As soon as he came out his skin was not good, facing the sun it started burning. He put himself into the corner, he found cure to himself, when he was able to walk he went back to that nation. He said, 'I understand now. I'm running away from this work and this is the punishment I got. Thank you Ya Rabbi. You reminded me. You reminded

me this way' and he went back to that nation. If he didn't then Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'I'll take away the prophethood and I will punish you severely on the Judgment in Jahannam.'

These are prophets that Allah is giving us example of. Who do we think we are? Who do you think you are oh 21st Century people? In all your lifetime, in all our lifetime if you are making two Sejdah to Allah subhana wa ta'ala that are correct everything opens to you. You are not even able to make that. And so proud everyone with everything that they are doing. So proud. MashaAllah. Astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih.

So we must say astaghfirullah non-stop as another Awliya is saying, 'O my children, our astaghfirullah is in need of another astaghfirullah because you are saying astaghfirullah in a heedless station.' Know that Allah is watching you and know that you are asking forgiveness from Allah sincerely. Then the mercy is coming to you right then, right that minute. But if you are just like, 'Eh, I'm saying astaghfirullah and it's not working. I am doing this and it's not working.' You're not doing it right. Your intention is not right. Correct your intention first. Submit yourself to the will of Allah and everything is going to work then.

These words are for you and for me. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving us examples through the holy books, through His holy people, through His prophets, reminding us what is waiting ahead for us, reminding us who we are and what we have to do, what is it that we have to do in this life. Don't look here, don't look there. Look at yourself. Everyone must look at themselves. Everyone must be busy with themselves. It is not your business what this one is doing and what that one is doing. If you are interfering to other people's businesses, if you are sticking your nose thinking that you are correcting someone and you have no authority, you are just causing confusion and fitnah and you are going to be crushed under that fitnah. You are not going to be able to wake up from it. You are not going to be able to get up to carry that. You cannot carry what is for you. How are you going to carry what is for other people?

So we must wake up to understand why we are living in this world and it's especially not for us to think, 'Oh, we are living in the dergah. We are doing Allah's work'. Do Allah's work sincerely. Submit yourself to that sincerely to know that, 'Yes, I'm doing Allah's work and I'm submitting my will to that.' And look around you. Look outside. Look how much people are suffering. You will have enough to say then, 'Thank you Ya Rabbi. Thank you for what you have given to me.' You will be able to find happiness in that.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-36

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WHO DOESN'T RETURN ALLAH'S LOVE IS AN UNBELIEVER

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih.
Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us with His love. And He is saying that He has honored the Children of Adam (as) above other creation. He has given very high honor because of that love. If a man is not returning love with love, that one is a Kafir, that one is an unbeliever. He can claim, he can say whatever he wants. If the servant is not turning to his Lord saying, 'You love me and I love You', that one is an unbeliever, that one is Kafir.

How are we saying? Everyone is saying, 'We love Allah.' Loving Allah is keeping His orders, obeying Him. 'Eh, we do it.' It doesn't happen that way too. They came to the Prophet (sws) and they said, 'We love Allah and we follow the orders. So, we don't have to follow you.' And the ayat came saying, 'Say to them: if they are sincere loving Allah, they must love and obey you for Allah to love them.' So there's a condition Allah subhana wa ta'ala put there.

So man must love and obey the Prophet (sws) for Allah to love that one back. 'Eh, we love the Prophet (sws).' No, we don't. You don't. We just say the word. Do we know how he lived? From where are you learning? From your ego. So man must have an Imam to follow. Following Imam is not like going to a masjid. So many Imams recite the Fatiha and Ikhlas and become an Imam. Yes. Billions of people outside also know how to recite Fatiha and Ikhlas. When they come to the masjid they can be Imams too. He's not talking to you about that kind of Imams. Imam that you have to choose and you have to follow in Dunya and Akhirat, the Imam that's going to lead you from this Dunya to your destination, where you came from. That's the Imam that we are looking for, you are looking for.

'I didn't find anybody yet.'

Because you are too proud with yourself. You think you know everything. That's why. So the 21st Century people's sickness is the proudness. They are so proud with everything they know but what they know is completely zero in these days. Zero. No knowledge. In the old days people at least knew something. Now people are proud with their school knowledge, with their university knowledge, with their evolution and devolution, devil's knowledge that they are getting in the university, sheytanic knowledge. Yes. They are very proud with that saying, 'I have knowledge.' You don't have knowledge. That knowledge is not even enough for

you in this Dunya. If it is then everyone has university diploma. Everyone is suffering again. They are not even earning the Dunya. No.

We are saying, 'Did you finish high school?'

'Yes.'

'Go find a work and work.'

'I cannot find work.'

'What are you going to do?'

'I have to finish university.'

So that shows that today's people became completely ignorant. By the time you are going to finish university, by the time you are going to earn your life, that time you are going to wake up maybe to say, 'Oh, I have been created to be in the service of my Lord.' Life is gone. Goodbye. You have already reached to 40 years of age and the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'If you reach to 40 years of age and your good deeds are not more than the bad, prepare yourself for a heavy test that is coming to you.'

So today's people, the 21st Century people became very ignorant. Who's saying this? The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying this. He is saying, 'The second Jahiliyya is going to be worse than the first one.' The people surrounding the Holy Prophet (sws), so many were ignorant but as soon as some true word was reaching to them, they were accepting, they were saying, 'This is true. I don't know. I must follow.' The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The second Jahiliyya is going to be worse than the first because in the second Jahiliyya time people are going to know how to read and write but they are going to be completely ignorant with their reading and writing and they are not going to know anything. They are going to claim to know something. They are not going to know anything. Nothing in Dunya and nothing in Akhirat.

'Eh, we know.'

No! The fear is there. Must be. The children of Adam (as) today are very fearful, everywhere. There's fear. Everyone's running somewhere trying to catch something to get rid of that fear but it's not happening. The fear's still there. That's the nature. Yes. When Adam (as) has been created and Allah subhana wa ta'ala was sending Adam (as) from Paradise to Dunya, as soon as he put his feet on Dunya he became fearful of that darkness. He has never seen such a thing like that. And he was patiently waiting. Morning was happening, sun was rising, he was looking at the sun and he became very fearful with the sun. The sun set and he became very fearful. The moon appeared and he became very fearful. Yes. He looked around him. There were all kinds of unusual animals, creatures coming to him and he became very fearful.

Then Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent Jibrail (as) to him saying, 'Ya Adam, your Lord is sending Salam to you. As long as you have your connection with Him, there is nothing for you to fear, to you and to all your children that are going to come. As long as they keep their connection with their Lord, no fear must

come around. You must be very powerful. And for Adam (as) after that day, Dunya was not fearful. He didn't have any fear from Dunya knowing, 'My Lord didn't leave me. So He is with me. He is enough for me.'

Ibrahim (as), when they were throwing him into the fire, everyone came to his help, all angels. He was saying to them, 'Who are you?' They said, 'We are the angels.' He said, 'Isn't Allah seeing me now?' They said, 'Yes.' He said, 'He is enough for me. Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel. He is enough for me. If He is wishing to burn me in that fire, I have no complaint because He is watching, He is seeing.' And that fire turned into Paradise for him. His faith, his faith to Allah subhana wa ta'ala made that fire turn into Paradise. So if an individual has that kind of faith, he has no fear and his life becomes paradise, in this Dunya, right now. The connection is there. Allah subhana wa ta'ala didn't just give it to one and nobody else. He says, 'It's there. You are all My servants. I have created you all. If you are all holding on tightly, I have nothing to lose, I will give you this Dunya and I will give you Akhirat. I will raise you from this Dunya to Akhirat.'

And all troubles to today's man, especially the 21st Century man is coming from concentrating on this Dunya. This Dunya only. 'I am going to work, I am going to earn money, I am going to school, I am going to...' eh, in the end what do you do? Nothing. When you finish, before you know the life is gone. You turn right and left, 'Oh, I didn't do anything. I have been sent to this world and I lived foolishly. I didn't look for what is for me. I didn't run after the knowledge that is going to give benefit to me. I ran after so many things. I ran to please other people, I ran to please my mother and my father, I ran to get diploma, I ran to...'. You are an individual by yourself. Everyone is going to be questioned in the Judgment Day by themselves. No mother is going to help the son, no father is going to help the son, no son and no daughter is going to help their parents. In the Judgment Day nobody can help each other.

As the Holy Prophet (sws) was saying, 'They are all going to rise coming to the Judgment Place just like they are born from their mothers.' And Hazrat Aisha (ra) was surprised and she said, 'Ya Rasulullah, are we all going to be naked there in the Judgment Place?' And the Prophet (sws) understood saying, 'Yes Ya Aisha, but don't worry. People are going to have so much problems that they are going to think about themselves and they are not going to realize who's next to them, who's in front of them, who's behind them. Nobody's going to look at nobody then.'

That breath of life is with us now. You can change it any way you want. We can use it any way we want. Allah subhana wa ta'ala loved us, created us and sent us to this world to raise us to higher stations. If we keep His orders and the orders of His Prophet (sws), we will be the winner. If not, the world is going too. Everything is going. Dunya is going, life is going and Akhirat is waiting. Believers and unbelievers, something is behind pushing everybody. Everyone is going and everyone is going to find themselves in the Judgment Place. Also, everyone is going to come to the Judgment Place in order. Nothing is going to be sloppy and everyone running around as they like. No. The believers are going to have their Imams. They are going to follow their Imams. They are going to come where their lines are and line up straight. The unbelievers are going to have their heads, their dajjals, sheytans, the ones that they were following. So many tyrants came to this world, so many dajjals and firauns came. They are going to

be leading those ones believing on them too. They are going to be separated.

Now the life is with us. Choose which side you want to be. To be with the sheytans and firauns or to be behind the prophets or the Imams. Choose one in Dunya. If you don't choose one in Dunya then you are not going to find in Akhirat. Even if you complete the five principles of Islam, the first punishment is to those who are not following an Imam, getting up from the grave and waiting at the gravesite. There's darkness everywhere. You cannot see any single drop of light anywhere. If you don't have light from yourself to lead you in the road, nothing you are going to see. The first punishment is standing next to the grave for 1,000 years until some other special creatures are coming, collecting those ones and putting them in different lines saying, 'These are claiming that they were believers but still they followed their own ego. They didn't really follow the Imams to learn what Allah and His Prophet (sws) ordered to them.'

This is the life we have. We have to choose. You have to choose. Choose as you like. Free. Today's people are saying, 'I am free.' Must be you are free. You are free to choose. You are free to think by yourself. You are free to say, 'I am going to get up from the grave and I am going to find the way to the Judgment Place.' You are free to make imaginations, you are free to fall into illusions and delusions. Free. When that day comes, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'Your Lord is very merciful. But when the Last Day is coming, don't ask for any mercy anymore. It's finished.'

So, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending us His blessings, sending us His books, His prophets, His Awliya Allah and ordering to us, 'You want to find safety, hold onto them, they will lead you to the right roads, even if they don't lead you to the right roads, even if you think they are bad ones.' The Imams are going to come to the Judgment Place too. They are going to be coming worse than the other ones. The Imams are going to be chained by the angels by their own hands and by their own legs. They are going to be pulled to the Judgment Place. No one has the right to come to the Prophet's (sws) place of giving Khutba and say as they like too. They are going to speak the truth.

In these days it's happening. It's okay. Those Imams (if I am one of them then I am reminding myself too) will come to the Judgment Place chained around their hands and their feet. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is going to be asking them first, 'Have you spoken the truth? Have you spoken the word of Allah and the word of His Prophet (sws) to this nation? Have you given them the good news and have you warned them with what Allah has warned through His prophets? Or were you afraid from the leaders of that country? Or were you trying to be nice and good to some of the people sitting in front of you because they were rich and famous? Did you speak to them directly?' They will say, 'Yes.' If they say 'Yes' then they did. If they say, 'No', now they are in trouble.

Then Allah will say to them, 'I am not trusting you a hundred percent. Bring all those people that were following them now.' And they will come even if they were on the wrong side, and Allah will ask, 'Did this Imam speak to you the truth? Did he give you the warning and did he give you the good news without hesitation?' They cannot lie then. You cannot lie then. They will say, 'yes' or 'no'. As soon as they say 'yes', order is given, 'Now take out the chains from the Imam. Put him to the special place. Let him wait until his time of questioning is coming.'

So nobody is riding free. Not even prophets. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is the Creator and He has supreme ruling of everything and everywhere. And He is ordering to us, 'If you want safety then this is what you have to do.' If we do then we will win for our own selves. If we don't do, we just have to sit and wait for when the time comes.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-37

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WE ARE COMING FROM ALLAH AND RETURNING BACK TO ALLAH

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Inna lillaih wa inna ilaihi rajiun. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. He has created us for His service. But the 21st Century people are leaving that service. That's the service with honor but today's people lost their direction, lost their compass, lost their way. But Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun. You are coming from Allah and you are returning back to Allah. Run anywhere you want. Returning there.

'Eh, this happened to the man and he died.'

Why did he die? The day is 24 hours. In that 24 hours Allah subhana wa ta'ala granted the children of Adam (as) 24,000 breaths of life. 24,000 in each 24 hours. Every time you are taking that air in you are moving one step forward to your grave. That's why Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending prophets to the children of Adam (as) teaching them how to live, why to live and what's the reason of life. Not like today's people, heedlessly running after emptiness. Eh, we understand when the unbelievers are running after emptiness. What about the believers? What about the Muslims? Muslims lost their guide. They left the

guide. Who's the guide? Muhammad salatu wa salam. They left him.

They say, 'I know only Allah.'

That's what Sheytan said. When Allah said to him, 'Make Sejdah to Adam', he said, 'No, I am not making Sejdah. I only make Sejdah to You.' Not understanding? Not waking up? He was making Sejdah everywhere, worshipping non-stop. He became disobedient to one order. When Allah said to him, 'Make Sejdah to Adam', he said, 'No! I am making Sejdah to You.' That word put him out from Paradise to Hell. Are we understanding anything? Yes, we are not understanding anything because the 20th Century and the 21st Century people lost the faith, faith in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and faith in Akhirat. Lost. You have to run after this world, for what running? What is the reasoning? We must know. We must know where we are running and why we are running after it? Because the West came out with so many wrong ideas, sheytanic ideas, the East, Muslim countries adapting that, democracy, kemocracy, hypocrisy...eh, run after them. Everyone is running, 'I am going to go for election, selection, delection, deleting, finished!

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is creating us for His service. Nothing else, saying, 'I am giving you life that is counted. Every breath of life that you are taking in and out is counted. Don't spend it in the wrong place. Spend it in the right place. This dunya is temporary. As soon as the angel of death is coming, when the life is finishing and the last breath is being taken, the veil is taken away too. And then you are seeing the angels too. You are seeing everything you did.

'Oh! I made a mistake.'

It's too late. The life is now, inside, that Allah is granting, saying to us, 'You may do, you may fill your life with mountains of mistakes or wrongdoings. Don't lose hope from your Lord. Turn your face back to your Lord and ask forgiveness. And you will find Him forgiving you. He may turn those wrong things into good things for you and you will be rewarded in the Judgment Day.' But when the last breath is coming it's too late now. It's too late to say, 'I am turning now' because when the veil is removed you are going to see everything.

So now is the time. Now is the time to know where you are running and why you are running. You are running after what? If you are running to change this world, the authority is not given to you. It is not in your hand. The authority is in the hand of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. If He is allowing this to happen then you must know that, 'I must correct myself.' Those ones also who are in authority, they know what they are doing. They are not interfering. They are watching what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying. They are letting things to happen. Every word that the Holy Prophet (sws) has said, it must happen, it's going to happen, it has happened.

So top-speed its running towards that way but as the Holy Prophet (sws) said, 'Ahir Zaman, in the end of the times Jababirah is coming, Jababirah is going to rule, the tyrants are going to rule. If you are reaching to that time, don't run forward. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given some time to the unbelievers to rule this world. If you are living in that time, don't run forward thinking that you are going to change anything. Until that time is up you cannot do anything. If you are running forward then something is going to happen to you too. My advice

to you for that time is, be patient and keep the Haqq. Be with the true ones. Keep the truth. Nothing else. Save yourself, prepare yourself for Akhirat.'

No man can change this mess now. The man must be supported through heavens and that man is about to come. Where is the Ummat? The Ummat is sleeping. It's not even accepting, it's not even waiting. A handful here and a handful there, 'Eh, I am accepting, expecting'. Accepting but still running to the dirtiness of this world. That is not the acceptance. Allah is not accepting that kind of acceptance. Prepare yourself, fill yourself up with that energy, your heart and wait for that day. That day is coming.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is granting the life and sending prophets to us to show us how to use this life. The Prophet (sws), if we are following his orders, if we are using the world also the way that he has ordered, then no sickness and no wrong things will come around us. But we are not listening to the Prophet (sws). We are just listening to our own ego again, or the advisors. The ego's advisor is Sheytan. Listening to that one. And Muslim nations are listening to unbelievers, running to find safety from the unbelievers. What kind of mentality is this? Allah sent the safety to us saying, 'Hold on tightly to the prophets and what they brought to you.'

'What that Prophet (sws) brought to you, take it!' He is ordering. 'What he forbid you from, stop it!' With this ayat He is giving full authority to the hand of the Prophet (sws). If we are not taking it, it's not the Prophet (sws) who's going to lose. We are the one's who are losing. Eh, the majority of the people today, the Muslims are sick non-stop twenty-four hours. Unusual sicknesses. It shouldn't happen to Muslims but it's happening because the Muslims are living a lifestyle just like the unbelievers. It's not accepted.

When the Holy Prophet (sws) sent the Nama-i Sharif, invitation to the kings, he sent one to Egypt, to the king of the Guptis. He accepted it. He kissed it, he put it on top of his head and in return he sent presents to the Holy Prophet (sws). He sent some Jariyyas, sent some other things and sent some doctors to the Prophet (sws). The Prophet (sws) said, 'These ones we may use but doctors we don't need.' The doctors said, 'Our king is paying us for this, that we should be here, watching, if anybody is sick then free of charge we have to look after them. 'Eh, as you like', he said, 'Stay'. And they were staying, one day, one month, one year, two years, three years, nothing was happening. The head of them was coming saying, 'Ya Muhammad (salatu wa sallim), we are not your enemy. We cannot do any harm to you.' And the Holy Prophet (sws) was saying, 'We know.' He said, 'But your people are not coming. They are not coming to us.' He said, 'They are not coming to you because they are not getting sick.' He said, 'How can it be? We don't have time to scratch our head in our country. Everyone is sick. Here in the desert in this situation they are not getting sick?' The Holy Prophet (sws) said, 'They are not getting sick because they are obeying their Prophet (sws). They are living according to what their Prophet (sws) is teaching them. So they are not getting sick.'

We are getting sick non-stop. Of course, in America everything, in the West everything is built on what? The whole economy and the whole thing is built on building weapons and medicine. The ones that they cannot kill with the weapons, they will kill it with the medicine.

`Eh, I have a headache. I go to a doctor. I have this, I go to a doctor.'

Go to a doctor and you don't come out. Taking all your money too. Huh, you are not spending your money the way Allah is ordering. Good. They are going to get it that way and you are not going to get any blessing. You are going to stay sick and no cure for that sickness.

How can it fit to a believer to be sick all the time? There are exceptions that Allah is testing some people. That is a different story. But now from the time that they are born until they are going to die, so many machines. You go to a hospital, ten, fifteen machines everywhere sucking, saying, `Shh, stay quiet. He is sick.' He is not sick, he is dead. They are checking his account. There's still money inside. They say, `Give him air.' His chest is going up and down until the money finishes. Then they take it out saying, `It's finished.' Don't fall into the hand of the doctors. Then you will be no good for dunya and you will be no good for Akhirat. You are no good for this dunya to run after it, you are no good for Akhirat to sit over there to make zikir, to remember and to worship your Lord. You are no good for anything then. Why that one is going to live? For what reason?

So these sicknesses of 21st Century are not the physical sicknesses. They are the sicknesses that we have fallen into the wrong directions and under the name of faith we changed our faith and started believing differently. We started running in different ways, we are adapting the lifestyle of the unbelievers in our daily lives, in our houses. That's what we are doing. That's why non-stop we are in trouble. It's about time for believers to wake up, to stand up, to say, `Ya Rabbi! We did mistakes and we are asking for forgiveness. Keep us in Sirat-ul Mustaqim.' Praying five times a day at least forty Fatiha you are reciting. In every Fatiha you are reciting, `Keep us in Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Don't make us like the Jews and the Christians.' That's what you are saying, `Keep us in Sirat-ul Mustaqim'. But we are saying that and as soon as the prayer finishes, running outside and the same lifestyle again, non-stop, twenty-four hours until the angel of death is coming.

The angel of death is going to come. It didn't come to you. It is going to come to you. It is going to come to me. `Every life that We have given is going to taste death', Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying. Isa (alayhi salam) is coming. He is going to come back to this world. He is going to taste death. One of the biggest reason of his coming, he is going to taste death.

So, we are in the Ahir of Ahir Zaman. We reached to the last days. There isn't too much left of our lives, there isn't too much left of this dunya and there isn't too much left for the Judgment Day. That has never happened from the day of creation. From the day that Allah subhana wa ta'ala created everything until now, it didn't happen. It's going to happen. The last days are approaching. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, `Between me and the Last Day there is only one and a half day left.' One day is a thousand years, half day is five hundred years. He said, `Between me and the Last Day is only one and a half day left.' Between the Prophet (sws) and us now fourteen hundred some years. Did we reach to the end? If we are believing on the Prophet (sws) then you must say yes. You are not saying yes, eh, believe the scientists. That's what they are saying to you also. They cannot say to you anything else. `This is what's going to happen and that is what's going to happen.' It's going to happen. It's happening, the signs of

the last days.

But still the heedless Muslims... I am not talking to unbelievers, unbelievers are unbelievers, the Muslims are believing in the Last Day, the Judgment Day. They are believing that they are going to be raised to the Judgment Day, they are going to be questioned. Still running after this world so much like that, is not accepted, is not too intelligent and when you compare it to the faith, that kind of faith is not going to make you to pass through the Sirat. Faith, you have to hold on tightly to the faith. That's the only thing the believers have. Nothing else. That's the only value that we have, to be able to say that Shahadat, to be able to live according to that Shahadat, to be able to go out from this world with that Shahadat, to enter to the grave with that Shahadat, to get up to go to the Judgment Place with that Shahadat. If you are going short, you lost.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun, as Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, we are coming from Allah, we are returning back to Allah. You must keep this alive in yourself twenty-four hours a day. Then your vision of looking at this world changes completely. Your thinking changes completely. Passing next to cemeteries, don't run away! Stay and look and say, `Ey you ego, you are running around but you are going to be that one. If it is not tomorrow, the next day, the next year. Don't forget!' Remind yourself before the angel of death is coming.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-38

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SHOW PROPER RESPECT TO THE HOLY PROPHET'S (SWS) MONTH

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghrullah wa atubu ilaih. We are thanking our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala for granting us the life, counting us from the believers and making us to reach these days, if we understand the value. 21st Century people lost the direction everywhere in every way. No one is happy with what they have. Why is that? Because everyone wants their ego to be on top. Nothing else. If you are a servant of Allah then you must step on your ego. If you are worshipping to your ego then your claiming to be the servant of Allah is lying and cheating. And that's what the 21st Century people are in, that kind of mess they are in. They are making sejdah but the sejdah is to their ego, not to their Lord. For that they are never finding peace in their lives in any way. Exception are only a handful of people in this time who are not in that mess. But they are also not happy because they are seeing that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is granting everything to the children of Adam (as) and they are not happy with it and so they are not happy. They cannot be standing in the Divine Presence to say, 'Thank you Ya Rabbi. Your servants are being in Your service.' They are saying, 'They are all complaining.' He is saying, 'They are not happy with Me? Okay.' He is asking the angels who are changing early in the morning, 'What are My servants doing?'

'What servants? Where are they? They are all sleeping.'

'So they don't want anything from Me? Okay.'

Evening. The Maghrib time is setting. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is asking His angels again,

'What are My servants doing? What do they want?'

'We didn't find any Ya Rabbi.'

'Hmm. No servants.'

So many people are also in the masjids but they are not servants. They are not serving. They are serving their ego.

Alhamdulillah. The children of Adam (as) when they moved out from the direction, the right road from beginning of Adam (as) until the last prophet (sws), Allah subhana wa ta'ala with His mercy sent another prophet to them. And that prophet came showing them the right ways, giving them guidance, telling them what to do and putting them back to the straight road. 'Eh,

new prophet came', everyone was running after him and sometime after leaving him and running back to their ego. Or only a handful of people staying with that prophet and the rest turning back to their ego, suffering and going for nothing. Allah's mercy is reaching again another time, another time, another time, another time. 124,000 prophets came. Don't think that something has changed, the 21st Century people have four legs or two heads or four hands. No. They are just more arrogant, more stubborn and more ignorant. Nothing else has changed.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent His last prophet, the Seal of the Prophets (sws) over fourteen hundred years ago. Whole mankind fell into darkness and He sent another prophet to them saying, 'Follow the way of this Prophet and come out from that mess that you are in.' That's the job of every prophet that Allah sent, to bring the people who lost the direction back to the straight road. That time a handful of people were running after him, slowly it reached east, west, north, south, everywhere. The whole world was knowing and hearing. Some were accepting and some were not accepting. The ones who were not accepting, it was because of their ego. Nothing else. It didn't fit to their ego what that Prophet (sws) brought. They wanted to come out from that mess but still they wanted things the way they want, their egos want. It doesn't happen that way.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala took that Prophet (sws) from this world and said to us, 'This is the last Prophet. No more Prophet I am sending to you until the Judgment Day. If it's one year later or if it's one billion years later, another prophet is not necessary. Anyone wants to find back the right road must hold on tightly to that Prophet (sws).

Eh, one and a half billion Muslims. They must be on the straight road. No they are not because they left the way of the Prophet (sws). The other ones they were claiming and they are still claiming that they are for Allah. They love Allah and they obey Allah. One and a half billion Muslims are also claiming that they love Allah and they obey Allah. And so many say, 'I love Allah and His Prophet (sws) too.' And? What's the matter? If you love Allah and His Prophet (sws) and if you are obeying Allah and His Prophet (sws) then what's the problem? Where is the problem? Must be problem. Of course. As we said, today's people are all in trouble. How are you following the Prophet (sws)? Huh, something's wrong somewhere. Do you think Allah is saying something wrong? Hasha astagfirullah. Do you think His Prophet (sws) is saying? No. Who's wrong? You. We are wrong because you want to do everything in the way of your ego again saying, 'I follow the Prophet (sws) but I do as I like.' No, it doesn't happen that way. That's why Allah sent the Prophet (sws). His lifestyle has reached to us to know, to understand and to take that lifestyle to apply to our life. Otherwise, no safety and no peace in dunya. If you didn't find safety and peace in dunya then do you think that you're going to find it in the grave? Disaster is waiting in the grave.

So all problem again is the ego. Everyone's saying, 'Everything has to happen the way I want.' It's not going to happen the way you want. Even if you want it or not, it's not going to. It's going to happen the way Allah wants. If there's not a single believer living in this world, still everything is going to happen the way Allah wants it. Not the way that His creatures want it.

So Allah's mercy is reaching again to heedless and headless Muslims and He is putting special days in the year saying, 'Those who are going out of the way, hold on to these days. Do something extra in these days and you may find the peace again. We are in the holy month, the month of the birth of the Holy Prophet (sws). Not only the Muslims but the whole world must celebrate because the whole world came out from the mess when the Holy Prophet (sws) came and he put directions to the world. The women only know how to run in the streets to say, 'We want women's rights!' Who gave you the women's rights? The Prophet (sws). All women must run to celebrate the birth of the Prophet (sws). The slaves, eh, today's people all became slaves. Slaves to Yahudi, to their credit cards. Come out from that slavery. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to you and to us, 'If there's something necessary to buy and you have money, go ahead and buy. If you don't have it then don't. Don't go getting credit to buy it.' From seven years old to seventy years old sinking into that mess. Later, 'I have no peace'. You are not going to have peace. Impossible. Because you became a slave to the credit companies, to credit cards. How are you going to be happy? Where are you going to find the happiness? Through slavery? Impossible.

Man is born free. He came to this world free and that's the birthright that Allah has given you. Everyone knows how to say, 'I am free'. 'But I have a chain around my neck.' Not only the neck, one on the right hand and the other one on the left. Two chains. One on the foot and the other one on the other foot. Four chains. That's why they are putting on suit and tie showing as 'civilized man' putting the chain around their necks too. Nefis, hawa, sheytan, dunya. Today's people are chained with four chains. Ego, their desire, their dunya and sheytan. Four chains. If you can break through that then you are free. How are you breaking through that if you are working twenty hours a day for credit companies? If you are preparing to go more deep, how are you going to be? Impossible.

So those days are coming and passing. The holy days that Allah is saying to us, 'Show proper respect to these days. If you show proper respect to these days, I may like you, I may set you free.' Where are you?

'I don't have time. The only time I have is for running to the masjid last minute (those who go to masjid. Among billions of Muslims only handful now go to masjids) and I am only going there running, escaping for fifteen, twenty minutes, one hour and Sheytan says, 'Don't stay in there too much. You belong to me. Come out to the slavery of this dunya.' And running back to this dunya. Later you say, 'I have no peace.' You don't. You are not going to. If you don't change your way... 'If you don't change yourself', Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Allah will not lift what He put on you.' You must change. You must make intention, you must turn around. Whole Muslims must know that in this time they have lost the direction. And they must find ways to follow. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'You are looking to reach to Allah? You must find ways. You must find means. You must find someone to take you. You cannot take yourself because you already got lost in the world.'

So this holy month, Alhamdulillah, is of the birth of the Holy Prophet (sws). Eh, you love the Prophet (sws)? 'Yes.' How many Salawat you made to the Prophet (sws) during this month?

`Uh, uh, I forgot. I do it countless.' That's how Sheytan is coming to fool you saying, `Do it. Everyday getting up say two Salawat, three, four, five and later `I am busy here, I am busy there." The day is passing, finishing. Day is going, finishing. Day, one day, another, one day brings another, one day brings another one, every day you are not getting younger, you are getting older. Every day you are not going backward, you are going forward to your grave and the only safety to you in dunya, in the grave and in Akhirat is holding tightly to that Prophet (sws). Holding tightly to what he brought. Nothing else. If you are not holding tightly to that then you must have some other ways. You must be following some other people's guidance and most likely it's the Yahudi schools that you have just finishing, that you have been trained in. You have been trained to work for this dunya. Nothing else. So no safety definitely for those people in dunya and no safety in Akhirat.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, `Allah and His angels are praising, giving Salawat to that Prophet (sws). Oh you believers, do the same.' If you are not doing anything else and you are giving Salawat non-stop to the Holy Prophet (sws) it's enough to bring you to safety because that's the road, that's the safety road for the whole mankind. But the Muslims lost their direction because they left their Prophet (sws). They go to the masjids, they pray, they are still in trouble. Because they left the Prophet (sws), they left the guide. The same thing happened to the Jews and the Christians and to the other ones. When the Holy Prophet (sws) came and he called them to Islam, they said to him, `If it's for Allah then we are also following Allah. No need.' Then ayat came saying, `Say to them Ya Muhammad, `if they are sincere with their love to Allah then they must love and obey you for Allah to love them.' If you are sincere with the love of the Prophet (sws) then you must run to those who are going to bring us to the Prophet (sws) because you only know the name of him. You don't give enough Salawat to the Prophet (sws) daily to be known in his presence. And the majority of the people today believe that he's dead. It is impossible for you to find way that way.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman this is a holy month and these are holy days. If you are looking to come out from that mess that you are in, this is another holy month, these are another holy days. But you have to make the intention, sincere intention. You must not break your intention. Down in the road things may change, you should not change your intention. That's what's happening. Today's people make intention today and tomorrow a couple of difficulties are coming and leaving everything, running to dunya, another year passed, `Oh, I didn't do anything! Oh!' The life is gone. Azrail is waiting either behind you or in front of you. He's not too far. You are a prisoner, we are prisoners between two breaths. Don't forget that. Run as much as you want but the end is coming to you, to us and to this world. That is the end. No one can escape from that. And as Allah is saying, `If you find ways to escape then escape. Run. I set you free in this world but you are still under my authority. You are still a servant. And if you are not accepting to be My servant then you will be a slave to dunya. You will become a slave to your ego, you will become a slave to Sheytan.'

So when you go out from this world you don't need too much money. You don't need too much world. You only need one ID card and you have to work for that ID card. You have to work to get the approval for that ID card. So many are running today, `I want green card. I don't have green card. I cannot work.' And running years, running years to do what the American government is saying. Every little detail, running to get it. Did you think about your ID card? Are you thinking when you enter into the grave the first question will be asked

is, 'Where is your ID card?' If you don't have that card saying, 'Servant of Allah' then you didn't pass. You are in big trouble there. There you cannot run anymore. You cannot go left, right, front or back. You cannot move your feet. These words now you are hearing. The same things, you will just remember these words in the grave if you don't do it properly. If you do it, you are running, you get the card, then you will be praying for me too.

I didn't make sure that I have the card yet. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting everybody saying, 'Don't be so sure' and you don't be so sure too. Some of you I'm watching sometime later getting dizzy with what you do and you think that you created the world. You are just a servant. You are never going to reach above that. Don't forget. Servant. That's the highest title. If you are looking for something other than that you are already falling, failed. So you are looking to get the card to say, 'Servant of Allah'. Nothing else.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-39

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BELIEVE IN ALLAH AND IN THE AKHIRAT LIFE

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord in this holy time to forgive our mistakes and to count us from His sincere servants. We are not able to carry these days' orders because Sheytan and our ego are standing in our way. So we are asking forgiveness and asking Allah subhana wa ta'ala to send us more power to be able to become better servants to Him.

From the first man until the last one order came to the children of Adam (as), 'Believe! Believe in Allah and believe in Akhirat life.' This was the duty of

124,000 prophets. They came to warn people to tell them this Kalima, to call them to Allah, to tell them not to concentrate on this world but to concentrate on Akhirat life. When we check from Adam (alayhi salam) until Muhammad (alayhi salam), this is what they did.

In this century people are running not to mention the name of Allah, from small groups to organizations to governments, running to stop the name of Allah. And heedless 21st Century people are running after them, Jews, Christians, Muslims, all are running in their footsteps, running towards Jahannam. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us for His service and He is saying to us, 'I have created you and the Jinns only to know Me and to worship Me.' The main reason of man's creation. And worshipping is in this Dunya, it's not in Akhirat. Worshipping to Allah is here, in the world. Allah is ordering us to know Him, inviting us to know Him. He is sending messengers to us to teach us who He is and who we are. And the only way to know Allah, we must follow the footsteps of the prophets.

But every prophet came and passed. And our Prophet (sws), the last Prophet, the Seal of prophets has also physically passed from this world over fourteen hundreds years now. But we cannot escape in the Judgment Day to say, 'We didn't see the Prophet (sws). So we didn't know how to follow.' The prophets left their inheritors to us. And He is ordering us to hold on tightly to them, to hold on tightly and to follow them. If we do then we find safety. If we don't then in this world we are in trouble as the 21st Century people are all in trouble, from the simple man to presidents to kings, everyone is in trouble. No resting, no peace, no happiness. Happiness is only fake happiness. People have fake happiness. Not the real happiness.

All this is because we left Allah and His Prophet (sws) and we are concentrating on Dunya. The more people are concentrating on dunya, dunya is running away from them, they are running to catch the dunya, dunya is moving fast, they are moving fast after dunya, forgetting Mawla, forgetting Akhirat, forgetting the orders of the prophets, forgetting the prayers, everything that Allah has ordered. The only thing that people are concentrating today is, 'Me and only me. And everything has to work for me. And I want it this way and I want it that way.' And no one has it the way they want it.

And all this happened to us because we left the orders of Allah, we left the orders of His Prophet (sws) and we left the orders of Saliheen, the righteous people. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'You must obey Allah, you must obey His Prophet (sws) and you must obey Saliheen, the righteous people.' And because we are not doing that we are finding ourselves in trouble, in difficulties. We are using our own minds only. You have your own plans and Allah has plans for you. Your plans are not fitting to the plans of Allah. If it's fitting then you'll be happy. You're not happy. That's showing that it's not fitting. It's not fitting to the plans of Allah.

And all that happened because we are disobedient to those people who know the plans and who tell us, 'Do this and do that. Turn this way, don't turn that way. This is wrong to you. It may look okay but down in the road it's not going to be. It looks an open road but down in the end it's a dead end road that you may not even make a U-turn from there.'

So if we want safety in this dunya and akhirat which, if you don't find safety

in dunya then you will not find safety in akhirat. You must look, you must run and you must prepare yourself for akhirat and even if you are passing through difficulties, because of your efforts, because of our efforts Allah subhana wa ta'ala inshaAllah will make it easier for us first in the Barzakh, in the grave world. We have so much difficulties in front of us. We don't have time to play around. And everyone today is saying, 'Enjoy yourself, I'm running, happy, fake happiness and enjoying, running', only foolish people, people without any responsibilities are running for that kind of actions. People with responsibilities that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is making us responsible, we must run to fulfill the orders of our Lord that He has given to us. If we do it then Allah is not going to win and if we don't do it Allah is not going to lose. If we do it then we are going to win and if we don't do it then we are going to lose.

So this is one life that Allah is giving to us. This is what the intelligence is ordering. This is what the schools are supposed to be teaching people. But forget about the schools. The schools are teaching, 'Don't believe! Don't believe in God. Believe in Nature.' Ya hu, where is this nature? Let me go find this nature and ask some things. Where is it? What kind of nature is this? Never having any mercy and everyone is running after this nature.

Even Imams today are saying, 'The disasters came from Nature.' Say, 'It came from Allah to disobedient children of Adam (as). The 21st Century disobedient ones are receiving the anger of Allah subhana wa ta'ala.' Say! They say, 'No, Allah is most merciful. He is always forgiving to you.' Are you not reading the Fatiha? Read the Fatiha. You must be reading it. If you are praying five times a day then you must be reading the Fatiha forty times. You are not understanding? They are not understanding because they became nature people. They didn't become the messengers of Allah, the ones who are trying to give the message to people and to themselves. No. Same thing with Imams, with Rabbis, with Priests, all are running in the same direction. And all is that dunya. Nothing else. Only dunya is stopping them from this. Nothing else. They have the knowledge but they think, 'If I say this they may stop my salary. They may change my position from this mosque to another mosque. Or they may kick me out.' Pray, it's better. You are using the religion of Allah to earn dunya? You think Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not going to send your Riziq? There is suspicion. Yes, suspicion.

Once upon a time Harun ar-Rashid, rightly guided Khalifa, rahmatullah alaih, coming to Bahlul Dana and saying, 'I heard that you have some debt. Tell me and I will pay.' He looked at him saying, 'Oh Khalifa, you have a debt on you and you are looking to pay my debt?' He said, 'You have one life that you have to give to Allah. You didn't give yet and you are looking to pay my debt?' And he was saying, 'If you are looking at the worldly debt, you think that Allah subhana wa ta'ala gave you open doors to endless treasures and He is going to forget about me? About my Riziq?' He said, 'Keep everything to yourself.' That kind of Imams we are looking for. They say about him 'Mahjub', it's okay. We need that kinds of mahjub in these days, we need that kind of people to stand up to say to the kings, to the presidents to remind this to them. Not going and bowing down, going all the way kissing their feet. The Imams and the Sheykhs, this is what they are doing today.

If you ask them they have their reasoning, of course. Endless reasoning they come with. Your position is not allowing you to do that! You are not for dunya.

You are for akhirat. Your duty is to remind people. It doesn't matter if they are good ones or bad ones, it doesn't matter if they are small figures or big figures, it doesn't matter if they have titles in this world or they don't have it. This is the duty. But because of dunya again they are bowing down saying, 'Harm may come or they may stop us. They may push us around.' Allah is saying, 'The world is big. Make Hijrat if they are pushing.' You don't know. Allah knows. If something is coming to you, Allah is saying, 'If it's good coming to you know that it is a favor to you from your Lord. If it's something bad happening to you know that it happens to you because of yourself, because of your ego, because of your wrong actions.' Allah is reminding us.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending 124,000 prophets to remind us saying, 'Oh people, you are not for this dunya. You are for akhirat.' And intelligence is ordering you to work for akhirat. If we are working for akhirat then we are the winners of dunya and akhirat. If we are working for dunya then we are the losers of akhirat and dunya.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

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BELIEVE IN ALLAH, OBEY ALLAH AND BELIVE IN AKHIRAT

Juma Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. Must be reminder to people in this khutba for fourteen hundred years. Anywhere khutba is going on, there must be reminder to people to obey Allah and to fear Allah. Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent 104 books to this world, not to the animals, not to the trees, not to the jinns but to the humans, the mankind. And in all that 104 books the main invitation to them is calling the children of Adam to believe and to obey Allah and to believe in the Akhirat life, to believe in the hereafter life. The 21st century people are doing everything except that.

They say, 'We believe.'

And how do you live? Are you living the way you believe? No. Your faith is not complete. That faith will not bring you to the good place in Akhirat. That kind of faith is only enough to bring trouble to you as it is giving trouble to you in Dunya. The belief, faith must make your life easy, as the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The believer's today has to be better than yesterday and tomorrow must be better than today.' Check, check it out, check yourself, check to see how it is daily, weekly, monthly and yearly.

Worrying about taxes so much. Yes, everyone is worrying about taxes. Or, 'My bills! How am I going to pay the loan for my car?' Who says to you to go get a car with a loan like that? The Prophet (sws)? No. Yahudi. Not Prophet (sws). The Prophet (sws) is saying to believers, 'Don't go getting a loan to buy something. It's not necessary. If you have your money then go and buy if it's necessary. If it's not then don't.'

Eh, what happened?

The Yahudi is giving us credit cards.

Hmm. So you are no longer a servant to Allah. You must be working 12 hours, 13 hours, 14 hours a day to pay the credit cards. I don't think then you are going to call yourself, 'I'm a believer, I am a full-time believer.' No. You cannot be a full-time believer. You cannot be full-time believing in Akhirat. Part-time believing in Akhirat, full-time believing in Dunya because Dunya is keeping you busy. Eh, we are seeing the experience here too. 80-years-old is worrying, 'How am I going to pay my taxes?'

Eh, if you cannot pay it then the government will pay for it. What's the worry? Government is paying for it anyway. Are you worrying how you are paying your taxes to Allah? No. So, you are breaking the laws of those 104 books. Take any one of them you want. Every one of them is giving the same message. Quran, Injil, Tawrat, Zabur and all other books that came to prophets, their main message is the same. Obey Allah and have fear from Allah. Believe in Allah and believe in Akhirat. That's the message.

Two doors are waiting in front of us. We entered through one and now we have to go out from one of them. The door of Rahmat or the door of Zahmat. Are we going to go out from the door of Rahmat? Or are we going to go out from the door of the curse. As soon as that door is opening, the curse starts raining on you. Check yourself where you are standing now. Don't think that, 'At the last minute I'm going to reach to that door.' You are already on the road reaching to the doors. Check yourself, check to see where that road is leading you. How are we going to check? Check it out as the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Check your daily life, your weekly, monthly and yearly. Sit down and think on it a little bit.' Everyone is saying after coming to tariqat, 'I'm making Rabuta.'

Rabuta to what? Where are you making Rabuta? You want to fly? First sit over there one hour a day. Sit down and think. Say for one hour. Put yourself over there, sit down and think, 'What did I do today? All day long.' 23 hours, how did I spend? Did I work for Allah or did I work for Sheytan? Did I work for Akhirat or did I work for Dunya. If you worked only for Dunya then you lost. The day is gone and Dunya is gone. If you worked for Akhirat then you already won the Dunya too. You must be comfortable.

Eh, I'm asking, 'How are you?'

'I'm tired. I'm fed up. I'm bored.'

'MashaAllah. You are bored?'

'Yes.'

'Go dive into the ocean.'

That's what you are doing now. Running towards endless oceans. Children of Adam today are running, running to bring more problems to themselves. Don't run around. Sit down and think a little bit and say, 'Who am I? Where I have come from? What is it that I have to do in this world? Did I come to this world to get loans, to become a slave to others?' If you sit down for one hour, not two, sincerely for one hour in all your life and think on that part then you will find by yourself. You won't need anybody to tell you anything then. You are going to see what is necessary and what is not.

And you don't jump into the wagon that everyone is jumping in America that Sheytan is fooling everyone saying, 'You are free. We give you everything. Enjoy your life.' You are coming to this world to enjoy your life? Foolish people say that. People who have no minds say that. 'Enjoying life'. What's to enjoy in that life? If you are not living like a human, which you are not. If you are not believing in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and if you are not putting His laws on you then you are not living like a human. You are living according to your ego and your ego has the characteristics of animals. So if you are not living according to what Allah has sent to you then you cannot enjoy the life and you cannot expect to enjoy Akhirat.

So these words are for you and for me. For fourteen hundred years Khutba is being given to this Nation of Muhammad (sws) everywhere and people are coming to masjids, entering in, sitting, some are sleeping, some are waiting, checking their time to see when this Khutba is going to finish for me to run back to slavery. Think any way you want. Today must be the holy day of Muslims. Muslims. Muslims must keep this day holy. Muslims must keep this day. Allah is honoring this day. You must keep this day too. You must put it up. So if you are putting it down, Allah is putting you down. So the whole nation of Islam is down. It cannot move.

Yes, now I'm watching everywhere, screaming, 'We are making protest against Yahudi that are slaughtering the Palestinians.' Saying, 'Come to the streets. Let's walk.' You are not tired and fed up of walking? One hundred years you are walking, it's not enough? It's not. Eh, worse is coming for people who say, 'I'm a believer' and they are living a different lifestyle. What happened to one and a half billion Muslims that three million is finishing them up? What happened to one and a half billion? It's because one and a half billion became selfish to themselves. And on one side they are walking in the streets protesting, the next day they go being slaves to the Yahudi. Yes. Check yourselves up, check your jobs, look what you do and you know what I'm saying then, you'll understand what I'm saying then.

Say, 'Let's not buy these products', the Muslims countries. Yeah, don't buy them. Eat the stones. You didn't build anything to your own selves. So we are sitting and waiting. That's right. So now in this way with this mind you cannot rise. Only when you are going to hold on tightly to Allah and His Prophet (sws), then you will be able to stand up first. First the Muslims have to know where you have fallen down. Yes, one and a half billion Muslims, that's true. But where have you fallen down? Once upon a time you were standing, standing high. What happened? Now three million is shaking us from the foundation.

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Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

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OBEY ALLAH, HIS PROPHET (SWS) AND BE THANKFUL SERVANTS

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving order to us saying, 'Obey Allah, obey His Prophet (sws) and obey those ones who are in authority, rightly guided that they are keeping the orders of Allah and His Prophet (sws).'

That's obligation now to every one of us. To believers at least. To those who believes in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and to those who believe that they are going to die, they are going to be buried and they are going to get up for the Judgment Day, they are going to get up for the Judgment Day for accounting for whatever they did in this world. And not only the actions but the intentions of the actions we are going to be questioned for. And according to that questioning either we will find our real home in Paradise and we'll go there for eternity. If we're falling short then the fire is waiting for those. Those who are not keeping the orders of Allah and His Prophet (sws), they must be preparing for this.

That's what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying. 'Run and do whatever you want. Commit as much sins as you can bear the fire.' That's what he's saying to us. 'You have the right to commit the wrongdoings as much as you can bear the fire.' And you know and I know how much we can bear the fire.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is Merciful. He has created us, He gave us life, He sent us to this world and continuously, non-stop, twenty-four hours a day He is sending His Rahmat to us, His mercy to us. And the only thing He wants in return is, He's saying, 'Be thankful servants. Be a thankful servant to Me.' Nothing else. Somebody gives you a cup of water and you go out of your ten times to say 'thank you, thank you, thank you.' Today's squarehead people lost their minds. The people living on the face of the earth today lost their direction. They lost their minds because they don't know who to thank. Police stops them on the road and gives them a ticket. It's a punishment. They bow down to the police saying, 'Thank you, thank you.' Eh, you think Allah is not watching that? That action Allah is not watching? He is saying, 'You are thanking so many other than Me and you are not thanking Me that I'm giving you everything? Continuously I'm still giving to you. Maybe you'll wake up. I'll give you chance until your last breath. But when the angel of death comes in the last breath and he has not asked for forgiveness, after that don't ask because you finished your time.'

So Allah subhana wa t'ala is sending mercy through every way. And He's sending mercy to us through the holy days and the holy months saying, 'If you're missing something on the other days you may catch up in these days because these days and these months I'm keeping holy, I'm keeping extraordinary, I'm keeping higher than other days. All you have to do is show a little bit more proper respect to those days, those months and I will give you more than you can carry then.'

Everyone's running to get the world. You cannot. You cannot get the world. But if you get Allah, the world comes free. Everything in it comes free. If you're running to the world, either you're going to leave that world one day or the world is going to leave you. No other way. Things that you love so much, you cannot take it with you. The only thing you can take is a three meters long white cloth. So many in these days are not having that too because it's another punishment for the Children of Adam in these days, they are not dying in their beds.

So many unusual things are happening in this century. It wasn't happening before. Now it's happening. Unusual things happen and their body disappears. It's not something that shows that the person is already honorable, no. It's a sign showing.

So we have to think and we have to look at ourselves. We entered through one door in this world and we're going to go out through another door. Everyday that is passing, everyday that is approaching is not bringing a new day to us but it's bringing us one more step closer to our grave, to our death. It's taking one more day away from our lives. We have to look at yesterday. How did we live yesterday? What did we do yesterday? Did we live for Allah's sake or we ran only for ourselves, for our ego? If we lived for Allah's sake then definitely today has to be better than yesterday. Has to be! If you're living today for Allah's sake then tomorrow must be better than today. It cannot be any other way because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'Your Akhir is better than what's before when you're holding tightly to the orders of Allah.' Later what it's bringing to you is even better. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The believer who's keeping the orders of Allah and His Prophet (sws), his today is better than yesterday and tomorrow must be better than today.'

We must check. Check yourselves, what you do and why you do? Is it better? If it's better then be happy. You have to be happy anyway. Nobody has to tell you. You are happy. If it's not better then be sad to yourself. Nobody did it. You did it to yourself because it's there and the Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering, 'If you keep this way it's going to be better. If you don't then it's going to be worse. Everyday is going to become worse to you.'

That's what's happening to 21st Century people. Complaints non-stop, twenty-four hours a day. Before it was daytime, now nighttime too. Midnight, morning, early morning. We say, 'Get up at midnight. Allah is watching. Go to Sejdah instead of complaining.'

'No let me watch television.'

Hmm. Sheytan is calling saying, 'Come to me. I'll keep you busy more.' Leave those things. The angels of death is breathing the air right on your neck. When you're sleeping the angel of death is right under your pillow. When you're waking up he's standing right in front of you. You don't know when he's going to strike. You don't know when you're going to go out. When he strikes, you won't have time to call the doctors.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala has granted us this holy month that we are finishing. The month of Hajj. And right after that we have a month coming, another holy month, Muharram. The New Year of Muslims in their calendar. New Calendar, New Year. Muslims' New Year is coming to One thousand four hundred and thirty years. One thousand four hundred and thirty years ago our Holy Prophet (sws) immigrated from Makkah to Madinah. That is the beginning of the calendar of the Muslims. Worldwide! But every Muslim today, every Muslim countries are celebrating the Kafir calendar, the unbelievers' calendar, the

imaginary calendar. They imagined something saying, 'Oh Jesus was born this day.' Imagined! Imaginary calendar but the Muslims are running to follow. The Muslims, individuals, groups, nations are keeping that calendar. It's not something that is a secular calendar to them too. No. They turned it into secular. But according to them it's their belief. It's a Christian calendar. It's not a Muslim calendar. The Muslims are keeping that calendar. MashaAllah. They are not even knowing what is their New Year.

Eh, if you don't know then inshaAllah it will be on the 29th of December. It's fitting. Now Allah's bringing it together slowly to see what they are going to do. Are they going to celebrate Christmas or the Muharram New Year? But the Muslims are preparing now to celebrate Christmas. They are preparing to put threes in their houses. They are preparing to fool each other just like the other ones. Wake up to yourselves. If you wake up then you will win for yourselves. If not then if today is worse, tomorrow is bringing worse. If today is bad then tomorrow is going to come worse than today. If we wake up today then tomorrow may become better to us. If we wake up today and ask forgiveness, this new year of Islam may bring more safety and more peace to us.

If we keep these words we may win for ourselves. If not, Allah subhana wa ta'ala put us through one door and we are going to go out through the other door. No one can escape from that. Every body that has been given life is going to taste death. Allah is saying that. We are going to. And it's a reminder to us, we must remember, we must remember that the ground we are standing on, the earth we are standing on may swallow us by tonight and we will be underneath by tomorrow by morning, we may be underneath by next day, by next week, by next year. You may prepare wedding parties but you may have death parties. This is the reality of this world. You may prepare a gravesite for an old man or an old woman who's ready to die but the grandson may die. This is the reality that we are facing. And if we keep this alive in our own self then we question our own self and then we appreciate what Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given to us.

We don't see anything to be from ourselves because we understand that we are weak servants, and we will be thankful servants to Him. And when we will be thankful servants to our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala, He is increasing His favors to us in Dunya and Akhirat. He will give us the worldly favors and He will give us the peace and enjoyment with it and He will give us the peace of Akhirat that we will not get stuck in this world. If we don't appreciate His favors then more may come to you but more you will suffer then. The more you will feel lonely and the more you will run away from people because you will think everyone out there is to cheat you and to fool you. And then you will be disconnected from the Akhirat.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

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KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO ALLAH AND YOUR REASON OF CREATION

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Shukr, shukr Ya Rabbi. Astaghfirullah. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us only for His service. He is saying, 'I have created man and jinn only to worship Me.' Today in the 21st Century people are high advanced. They are educated, educated in the Yahudi schools. They have big diplomas. Muslims, I am not talking about the Jews. Muslims, in Muslimsschools they are giving secular diplomas to Muslims saying, 'You are very highly educated now. You don't need anything else. You don't need anything.' But Allah is saying otherwise. He is saying, 'Your reason of creation is to worship Me. Nothing else.' If a man doesn't do anything else and only worships Allah sincerely, he doesn't worry for anything. The whole world runs after him because Allah has ordered this world saying, 'Anyone who's running after you, run away from them. Anyone who's leaving you and running to Me, run after them, give your favors to them. Even if they don't want it, surround them. All the favors, give it to them.'

So yes, the 21st Century people are doing everything except worshipping to their Lord, the first reason of creation. And everyone is also saying in these days, 'I keep my word. I keep my promise. I don't break my promise for anything.' You have promised one promise to Allah, no one else. Look at that promise. If you are breaking that promise then you are a liar. You can call yourself whatever you want, you are a liar because we have promised to Allah subhana wa ta'ala in the Day of Creation when He said, 'Who's your Lord?' We said, 'You are Ya Rabbi.'

'Who do you worship and who do you ask help from?'

'You Ya Rabbi.'

We said, 'You.'

And we promised saying, 'We worship You. Nothing else. We ask help from You only.' And Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent us to this world to see which one of us will keep that promise. If you are keeping that promise alive while you are entering to this world and going out from this world with that promise then you are a winner. If you don't keep that promise then even if you become the king of the world, you are a loser. You lost. Firaun was the ruler of the world once upon a time. He lost it. Namrud was the ruler of the world. He lost it. But so many slaves came to the Prophet (sws). Millions of Muslims don't even know their names. They don't know how they existed but they are the winners. They won because they ran after the Prophet (sws), held tightly to the Prophet (sws), to his words and to his orders and they became winners, the winners of this dunya and the winners of Akhirat.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has written their names with golden letters everywhere, in the books of believers and in the books of unbelievers too. Unbelievers have to put their names too. Bilal-e Habashi (ra) was a slave. Then he came to the Prophet (sws). He was not known by anyone. And he was ready to give his life for the sake of the Prophet (sws). And Allah accepted his sincerity. He was among the Sahaba-e Kiram. And his name is mentioned for fourteen hundred years. Everywhere you can see his name. So many kings came after that to this world. Go and search. You cannot find it in the history books. That one was just a slave. And Allah kept that one's name up. The believers and unbelievers must keep it up. They must remember. The unbelievers remember too. Everywhere you go in their libraries you see their names. Not only Bilal (ra) but so many of them. And so many people that came after the Prophet (sws) and they kept their promise to Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

Allah is saying to us, 'Keep your promise', and He is sending us a helper saying, 'Follow this one. Follow this Prophet that I sent to you. He will make it easy for you to keep your promise to Me.' And the Holy Prophet (sws) came reminding fourteen hundred years ago until now and if this world is going to stay for another billion years, no more prophet is coming. He is the last prophet and he is enough for whoever came and whoever is going to come. The message he brought is enough. It's open.

We have to look to ourselves now. Don't get fooled by yourself to yourself, 'Oh, I'm a believer.' What is the value of the faith? Check your faith to see if that faith is going to be making you to go out from this world together or you're just going to lose it. If you're not giving care for the faith, if you're not running to support your faith with the orders, with the obligations that Allah put on you, if we're not running to keep the orders of the Holy Prophet (sws) then there's a big question mark that we may go out from this world without faith. So many people came and so many did the same way too, but they went out from this world losing everything at the last breath. The tricks and the traps are too many. If we hold on tightly to the guide who's leading us then we don't fall into the wrong roads, we don't fall into the wrong sides. It's ordered to us to follow the footsteps of our guide.

Who's our guide? It's the Holy Prophet (sws). Those who came after holding tightly and who are living now that are holding tightly to the Prophet's (sws) orders, you must keep them as guides. If you don't keep them as your guide then Sheytan is more clever than you. Don't think that you're going to have diplomas from universities and you're going to think that you are going to find a way out from this. No. Sheytan is the one who's printing those diplomas. That's why he's making everybody to become clowns, maskara. At the end of the year wearing that black clothe and wearing an antique hat on their heads, everyone, saying 'I must have this. I must be put in that book showing that I have the diploma from this place.'

So wake up. That kind of knowledge, if you know the whole world's knowledge through that way, it's only temporary and it's only staying in this world. It's not going beyond that. You may know the whole knowledge in the world, if it's not showing you the road to Akhirat, if it's not teaching you how to go to Akhirat, if it's not preparing you how to go from this world to your grave then that knowledge is not knowledge. That knowledge is not good knowledge. That knowledge is only temporary up till the grave maybe. So many loses it before that. Some Allah lets them keep it in their hand and as soon as the angel of death comes, that knowledge finishes, everything finishes, they have nothing to go with and they go empty-handed.

The life that Allah has given to us is in our body now. Think on it. One day it's not going to be in this body. One day it's going to be separated. You are going to be separated from your body. Now you may have authority on your body. You may say, 'Turn left, turn right, run here, run there' but one day you are not going to have authority on your body. Your spirit is going to leave your body and you are going to be separated from that body. You are not going to be able to get up from your place. Not one person, maybe four people are going to be needed to pick you up then because as soon as the spirit goes out you become like a donkey. You cannot move anymore. The man is 300 pounds. You grab him and you pick him up, it's easy. As soon as he dies four people underneath going, 'Ah... ah' and they cannot carry. The spirit is the one that's giving you the lightness. And today's people are very heavy because their spirits are in jail. They keep their spirits in jail. So they are heavy.

'I don't feel like doing anything.'

True. You don't feel like doing anything because your spirit is in jail. Only you are running to dunya but the pleasures of dunya is very temporary. It's passing. You know that too and that heaviness is coming on you. Plus you are running on the wrong side. Now there's a rain of Rahmat and there's a rain of curse, raining down. Because you are standing on the wrong side, the rain of curse is raining on you. Now because the rain of curse is raining on you the physical body is getting sick too, all kinds of sicknesses are coming from every side because you are standing under the rain of curse. If you are standing under the rain of Rahmat then even if sicknesses will come to you,

Allah subhana wa ta'ala gives you the energy and the power to fight it back. And it doesn't feel anything then.

So the 21st Century people lost big time and we are concentrating on this because in the old days there were just some tribes or some people. Now east, west, north and south, the whole globe, whole nations, Muslim nations. The Muslim nations lost worse than the other ones. They are running toward the wrong things as Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'In Akhir Zaman my nation is going to follow the footsteps of the Yahudi and the Christians. Whatever they do, they are going to run after them to do it. If they enter to the hole of the porsuk, the ground hog, if they enter to that hole, my nation is going to follow them, they are going to enter into that hole.'

And it's coming to me now that one reason of the sign of entering through that hole is because that animal is only of meat and blood. So it makes the hole very small and enters inside. This way the other animals don't enter to bother him. So it squeezes itself inside like that and I'm watching saying, 'There must be some other things I must pick up from this because Holy Prophet (sws) is saying the Muslims are going to enter through that hole.' And I'm watching, yeah, today's Muslims are entering through that hole differently. They are wearing those tight pants, tight things on their bodies because their Christian and Jewish brothers, not the Hassidic Jews of course, but the secular Jews and the Christians, not the real Christians but the secular ones, running to take everything tight to their bodies and the Muslims are doing the same thing today. Muslim women, Muslim men, it doesn't matter, they are wearing it.

It is haram to show your body! It is haram for a man and for a woman to show the parts of their body! The women are covered but the men when they go to masjid, the Imams go to masjid with pants, they are bowing down and they are showing all parts of their body. Later they don't like Islamic clothes saying, 'These are ugly clothes. This is too elegant. This is no good for us. We have to follow the steps of those ones, the unbelievers.' This is what they are doing.

So, this is what the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, this is what's going to happen in the Akhir Zaman. And he said, 'In Akhir Zaman, the trustworthy ones are going to be declared as betrayers and the betrayers are going to be declared as trustworthy ones.' This is what's happening today. We must wake up to our own selves and to those that your words may reach. If you can reach to somebody with your words, it's okay. If not, keep yourself to yourself and we reached to the end of the times.

InshaAllah we are entering to the month of Muharram. We don't know what this month of Muharram, this new year is brining to this world but definitely it's not something good waiting for the Children of Adam through this new year because so many events has to happen before good things start happening again. Anybody wants safety from among the Muslims must have Sejdah. If Muslims are not having Sejdah, there is no safety for them from what's coming ahead.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending His mercy to us, He is reminding us, He is sending messages to us, saying to us, 'This is what I have created you for. I have created you for My service. You are doing everything other than My service. If you ask forgiveness, turn back to Me, go to Sejdah and you will find Me forgiving you. If not then you are preparing punishment to yourselves.'

This much should be enough for every one of us if we are going to understand something. We entered to this world through one door and we are going to enter through another door. There are two doors going out. One is the right door and the other one is the wrong door. The man is choosing that door according to his lifestyle. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'The way you live, that's how you will die. The way you will die that's how you will rise to the Judgment Day.' So if we are believing in Islam then we have to live Islam. We cannot live some other kind of lifestyle.

'The way you believe that's the way you must live', the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us. We are believing the Shahadat, we are believing in Islam, we are believing in the Akhirat life, we must concentrate on the Akhirat life. We must not concentrate on this Dunya only. If we are concentrating on that then the Dunya is coming with it and the pleasure of Akhirat comes into our heart. Then whatever trouble you are in, because the love of Akhirat is in your heart, you will find everything easy, everything comes easy to you. If the love of Akhirat is not in your heart then you can have anything you want in this Dunya but every single day that is passing, every single day that you are getting older, you are going to get more suffering. If you don't have the Akhirat in your heart then everyday that is coming closer to death, the man is going to suffer more.

This much should be enough for us.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

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SEND YOUR RIZIQ AHEAD

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Alhamdulillah, alhamudilllah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah,
astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is
saying, 'If you are doing any good in this world, it is for you. If
you are doing any bad, it is for you again.' Whatever you do. Whatever
man does, the result, the reward or the heaviness or punishment or
pain or suffering is for you. Nobody else. Holy Prophet (sws) is
saying, 'Send your Riziq before you go. Send it to Akhirat before you
go out from this world.' You are going to need it there. And whatever
you are going to send, that's what you are going to find.

This ayat and that hadith is showing to us that 'Yes, if you are doing
good deeds the reward is written in your book on the other side and
that's what you will find.' If you are doing bad deeds, pain,
suffering and punishment is in your book on the other side. That's
what you are going to find. Not to expect anything else. According to
the way you live, what you do and why you do it. You are doing
something, but why you are doing it, what's the intention? Are you
thinking that 'Yes, this is for the sake of Allah. That's what I am
doing'. If that is then it has to be a good work. Man cannot do a bad
work for the sake of Allah. Man cannot run around to make confusion
for the sake of Allah. Impossible. It is forbidden. It is banned.
Allah is saying to us, 'We have created you in Ahsani Taqweem. We have
created you as the most perfect creatures and We are expecting only
good from you. But if you are following that Sheytan and only doing
bad then that's where you are going.'

And he is still insisting. He came out from Paradise. First you have
to know your enemy. Who's the enemy? Sheytan was living in Paradise.
He was like the king of Paradise. He had the power in Paradise. He had
the knowledge in Paradise. He had everything. He became disobedient to
Allah. Allah gave warning to him, 'Leave the disobedience. Make
Sejdah. I am the Creator, not you. You are under the authority and
order to obey My orders. Make Sejdah. Don't look at 'This one is that
one, this one is higher or this one is lower'. It's not for you to
decide. It's for Me to decide. And I decide that you are going to make
Sejdah to this one. Make Sejdah.' Insisted arrogantly and stubbornly
saying, 'No, I'm not making Sejdah.'

'Make Sejdah before I kick you out from here. I have all the power in
My hand. You have nothing. Make the Sejdah.'

He says, 'No.' Still insisting.

And Allah is saying to him, 'Get lost from here.' Saying to angels,
'Kick him out from Paradise.'

So he was coming out from the most beautiful place and he was losing

every beauty that was given to him. He turned into a very ugly looking creature. He was one of the most beautiful appearance creatures in the Paradise. He turned into the worst ugly creature. He has been sent down to earth and still insisting on that wrong thing. And preparing something for himself in the hereafter too. Because that's what he is going to find. Whatever he has prepared that's what he is going to find because Allah is saying, 'Every Nafs that We created, that one also, whatever you do good that's what you are going to find, whatever you send bad that's what you are going to find. So prepare yourself.'

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Oh Children of Adam, prepare yourselves. Prepare yourselves for what is coming ahead, what is in front of you because tomorrow in the Judgment Day Allah subhana wa ta'ala will take you in His Presence and He will question you, 'Didn't you have my prophets coming and giving you the messages?' And you will know. You cannot lie and you cannot hide. And you look left, you look right, you see emptiness. You look left and you see emptiness. You look in front of you and you only see Jahannam in front of you then. Nothing else.' That is for those who are insisting in this world running to do wrong things and insisting on those wrong things.

So the Holy Prophet (sws) is worrying for us and saying to us, 'Oh my nation, even if it is with one date, save yourself from that hellfire. Even by giving one date to somebody, save yourself from the hellfire. Be generous servants, be generous ones to your Lord. When you are being generous, Allah likes it and Allah's help will reach to you one day even if you are in the wrong areas.'

So this is for us because we are still in this world. We didn't close our page yet. The spirit is still in our body. The book is open, time is clicking, life is going. Look what you passed your life with yesterday. Did you live for Allah's sake. If you did, if you are saying, 'Yes, I did for Allah's sake' then look at what you did, what you said, what you spoke, where you went, why you went, why you said, was it good that you said or was it bad that you said, whatever you did, check it out and you will find by yourself, you don't need any accountant. There will be accountants there too. The angels are writing, keeping notes, not only the notes but they are keeping the videos, non-stop, twenty-four hours action, they are keeping everything.

But the children of Adam are heedless. They are not aware of it. They are falling into that heedlessness and Sheytan is sitting on their neck and they are not waking up to say, 'What am I doing?' And so many are coming to make Sejdah but Sheytan is still sitting on their necks. Heedlessly, they are doing everything heedlessly. And heedlessness is not accepted. Ghaflat is not accepted. When man is in ghaflat there's a big possibility that he may lose his faith in the last breath.

So alhamdulillah, we have passed the Ramazan and now we are approaching the Kurban. Do good deeds. Run to do good deeds. Don't look at what others do. Look at what you do. Look at what is for you. Look at what Allah subhana wa ta'ala puts for you everyday. Run to do that. Not to think, 'I am this one or I am that one'. Everyday your

identity comes with what you are doing, what is in front of you and how you are treating what Allah subhana wa ta'ala has prepared for you. What he has prepared for you, if you treat it properly then you will be the winner. If you are not treating it properly then you are going to be the loser.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-44

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THERE CANNOT BE TWO LOVE IN ONE HEART

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhumdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. We are asking our Lord to forgive us. Eh, what are we good for? 'We are good people'. Thuuh! To everyone in this world today. Exception those people who are running to be a servant to Allah. But the other ones are running to bring them down from that station too. Because Sheytan is thinking that he is going to finish building his kingdom. He is thinking that he made these Children of Adam to move out from the road and he is thinking that he is going to touch the last spot. But he is not. But all those who are helping Sheytan definitely are going to be severely punished. Not easily, severely punished they are going to be. Who is saying this? Allah (swt) is saying and His prophet (sws) is saying. So, check yourself. Are you the helper of Sheytan or are you the helper of Rahman? Don't lie and cheat yourself to say, 'I am'. Watch your activities, watch your speeches, watch your intentions, watch how you are looking at the other people, watch how you are trying to change yourself. Look at it, you will understand.

So, Ramazan passed, it's not even one month. It's supposed to be giving believers a boost for months until the next Ramazan. But the believers as soon as the Ramazan finished they turned back to the same heedless, headless and egoistic actions. So this is the sign showing us these are the last days. Because in the early days at least people they were living a very foolish lifestyle and when Ramazan coming, they were running to correct themselves and after Ramazan finishing, they were not going back to their arrogance and stupid way of life. But today, today is not like that. Today those who are thinking that they are living a very good life, they are living Allah's way's life, before Ramazan finishing they are boiling up the world. Yes, we are talking to Muslims. We are not talking to Christians and Jews. They are already coming two steps behind. The Muslims thinking that they are forward but it's not. Because the Muslims don't know who's their enemy and the Muslims don't know what to love and the Muslims have fallen in love with the wrong things. And they are running for their ego only. That's not the way of Islam. That's not the way that Allah ordered us to live. That's not the way that Allah sent prophets to us to show us to live.

Who has ever seen a prophet living a luxury life? Kingdom life? Nice comfortable life? No prophet ever lived like that. Why Allah made them to live like that? For us to take some example. But we say that we love the prophets, and as soon as something touches us, oh we burn the whole world. You are not a Muslim then. You are following your ego way. Your ego, you are worshipping your ego then. Yes, Allah (swt) is saying to us, we are going to test you. And we are asking you to keep patience. He is giving warnings to us. He is testing us and saying, 'Yes, We are going to test you', and the best way to come out from that test is to be patient, to ask Allah to give you to grant you to be patient. Eh, today, no patience. Believers have no patience. Believers open their mouth or any incident that happens, right away they run to fix it the way they like it. Actually that's the way that it has to come. And they are running saying, 'I don't like it this way'. That's right because you are worshipping to your ego and your ego wants it the other way. Not the way that Allah is putting in front of you and saying, 'I am testing you with this to see what you are going to do? What is your behavior is going to be on this? How you are going to react to this?'

So this is what we have lost today. But don't forget, there is one door entering to this world and there are doors coming up. Either you choose the right side or you choose left side. The right side door is leading you to Paradise and the left side door is leading you to hell. That's for everyone. Do you know which side? Do you know how you are going out? No. You are not even thinking that you are going to go because if you think at least one time a day, if you think, 'I'm going to die', if you keep that alive in yourself one time a day then believers will not be in this heedless station. It is impossible to be in this heedless station.

But when they are reminded of death you are putting block into their

ears, not wanting to hear. Eh, I understand seven or eight years old kids. What about forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety? What happened? Big planning for Dunya, Dunya. So that shows Hubbuh Dunya, the love of Dunya is holding you in this world and that love is going to burn you. That is the fire that is going to burn you. The love of Dunya.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, 'There cannot be two love in one heart.' Either you'll have the love of Dunya or you'll have Allah's love, the Akhirat love, the Prophet's (sws) love, the Awliya's love. If you have the love of Dunya in your heart then you are going to love Sheytan too. That means you are supporting your ego then. You are becoming very good buddy with Sheytan.

'Eh, we're not!'

Of course you are. As soon something touches you, you are boiling. That's enough sign showing that Sheytan is there.

Yes, we have entered into this Dunya. We didn't ask to enter. Allah put us. And He's saying to us, He's reminding us, saying to us, 'You are weak creatures. I have prepared something better for you, better than this Dunya. If you are a disobedient one then you are falling into that fire and you cannot carry it.'

So the choice is ours. The choice is in our hands. We cannot blame Allah and His Prophets. Allah sent prophets, Allah sent books. 21st Century people may say, 'I didn't have a Prophet, I didn't see.' It doesn't matter. The prophets left their inheritors to this world.

'I don't like it's that one.'

Too bad. You are going to like it. Not liking those is not liking Allah and His Prophet (sws). Definitely when you are finding yourself disobedient to those ones who are representing the Holy Prophet (sws), that's enough sign showing to you that if the Prophet (sws) stood in front of you you'd be disobedient to that one too. Yes. That's exactly what the Abu Jahils did.

Do you think the Sahabis had a too good life? They had a good life before Islam. They had the luxury life. They gave up from that life and they turned to the Prophet (sws). Whatever the Prophet (sws) said to them they did. They didn't question him. And one day the Holy Prophet (sws) was taking them somewhere and they were passing by a dumpster, garbage area. He was saying to them, 'Look, look at your Dunya. This is your world. This is the world. And these people are falling in love with this dumpster, this garbage.' He was saying to them, 'You see there are certain materials there. Some clothes that people used to wear and they used to make show with. There are some wood there from which they had their nice furniture, some bones are there, their leftovers. This is Dunya.' And anyone who believes that are reaching to higher stations. Anyone who believes that must be tested. And when a Sahabi came to the Holy Prophet (sws) saying, 'Ya

Rasulullah, I have started loving you more than anything else.' He said, 'Then prepare yourself for a heavy test. If that is the sign then prepare yourself for a heavy test that is coming to you.' Yes, it will be very easy with the love of the Prophet (sws), it is impossible with the love of ego. Today's people claim that they love the Prophet (sws) and they love Allah, but they love them and nothing else.

So if we don't turn that, from Dunya to Mawla then nothing would change. And the believers think that they have a certain routine lifestyle just like the unbelievers. They are living that routine lifestyle not thinking that the angel of death will appear and one day the angel of death appears in front of them and Dunya and Akhirat finishes. Not only Dunya, the Akhirat too. And they will be the worst ones because the angels will be putting curses on them saying, 'Allah subhana wa ta'ala granted you to be from the believers, opened the door to you, you were making Sejdah and you were worshipping to your egos. Thuuh to you!' Punishment begins after that.

The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Give good news to people.' The 21st Century people, this is what they need because the 21st century people made everything sweet to themselves, even their food, even their medicine, everything they made sweet to themselves and they don't want to remember anything. They don't want to remember nothing of pain but the pain is very severe. If we take that, if we apply to our lives and if we think on it then we don't go through that pain. If not, this is waiting for us.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-45

5/30/08

Love of this world is mother of all sins.

Sohbet from Seyh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi Hz.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet ya Seyyidi Sultan el Evliya Medet.

Tarikatuna Sohbet vel Khayri fil Jamia.

Ashadu an-la ilaha il Allah, ve Ashadu anna Muhammadan Abduh ve Rasuluhu. Salallahu Ta'ala Alayhi ve ala Alihi ve Sahbihi ve Sallim.

Living for the Shahadat

We are living for this. We must be living for this. I don't know if we are living, if you are living, but you must be living for this Shahadat. Believers must be living for Shahadat, must be living according to Shahadat, and must be passing away from this world with that Shahadat. As Holy Prophet saying (AS), "The way you live, that's how you will die." So if you are living according to the laws and the rules of Shahadat you will go out inshaAllah from this world with that Shahadat. If not, if not living according to that, you must be very nervous now. You should be. If you still not be nervous, then your faith is very very very low level. And that faith is not going to make you to pass beyond the Sirat. If the man is not living for the Shahadat, he is living for this dunya, for this world. And that is forbidden for a believer. Believer should live for Allah and for His Prophet. Believer should live in this world to run to make that Shahadat to grow, to go more deep parts of the world. That's what the believer's aim should be. And that time, nothing should stop the believer from that work. No wife. No children. No wealth. No nothing. You have to use everything for that way.

Eh, then, according to that now, we don't have too much believers in the world any more. Because people they are almost worshipping today to their wealth, or to their wives. Or, if the wives 'worshipping' to mans it's ok, it's good. But if the man starts worshipping to the woman, then it's the end of the world, we reached to that. Because the reason of creation of a woman to serve the husband. The reason of creation of man to serve Allah. And if the man is leaving the service of Allah and turning the other side he lost everything that time too. He's going to lose. If he didn't lose he's going to lose it too.

Sahaba-e-Kiram ran after Holy Prophet (AS)

From where we taking this, how we are knowing? Are we making this up? Very simple. Turn back and look at the life of Sahaba-e-Kiram. Everyone is reading. Read any books. Where you find that the Sahabi did not left everything and running after Prophet (AS). They left their belongings, they left their house, they left their wealth, they left their families. Running after the Prophet. What they were longing for? Their life, so many of them, their life was good, they were not slave. Their worldly life was good. They choose to give up that life and to run after the Prophet (AS). Because just like now they were not happy. They had everything. As today's people they have everything. But one thing is not there. No peace. There is not going to be peace as long as the man is facing toward dunya, this world. The biggest problem for a man, the love of this dunya. The love of Akhirat, love of Allah, and love of His Prophet must be more, has to be more heavier in the heart of a believer. That time, slowly, start becoming a believer that is awakening station. And as Holy Prophet saying (AS), believer looks with the Noor of Allah. He is looking, it is for hikmet, to take something. To take something to apply to his life to become better. His words, it is also for that, giving something to people. For them to find ways. If they're lost, he knows what to say to them, to pull them back to the right road.

Mankind is in Heedlessness

So today, mankind is suffering, everywhere. Not only in non-Muslim countries, in Muslim countries, because Muslim countries they running top speed to imitate the Western countries. No exception anymore. Everywhere. Don't look at from outside some governments they putting certain laws saying this is Shariat. That's not a Shariat that they are putting. That's law that is according to their own head again. It is not according to the laws of Islam. So...But the time is clicking. From the minute that we came in here, 7:30, 8 o'clock, now it's almost 9. One hour is gone. If you have not one thousand dollar, if you have one million dollars, you cannot bring that time back. It is taking off from your life, it is taking off from our life. Now we got to watch, what did we spend that hour with? How did we spend? Where did we spend? That's the most important thing that we have to watch. We spent it in the wrong area, wrong place, doing wrong things? Then we have to wake up. We have to wake up, but it's another big sickness for 21st centuries people, heedlessness. That he's not waking up.

It's like taking drinking and nonstop, drinking, not waking up. Shaytan is putting that morphine from left and right, not only taking drugs to the body, but that heedlessness, it is the worst thing that the man can be in that state. Forbidden to drink liquor. Not water, we can drink water as much as we want. But forbidden to drink liquor. Forbidden to drink anything that is going to make you to lose your own self. That you are not going to be able to control yourself. Holy Prophet saying liquid or powder, dry, anything that is going to make you to lose yourself it's forbidden. It's haram for a man to use. But at least if you are using liquor you drink today, tonight you get drunk, you not knowing what to do maybe, tomorrow morning you wake up and you may understand, you may say, well, I just woke up, I did wrong last night. But the heedlessness is worse than that because the man is

not waking up because the man is taking one routine lifestyle, that is heedlessness. He doesn't want to move from that lifestyle. Doesn't matter it's right or wrong, doesn't fit to my ego now, it's ok. It's not ok. You got to check, you got to look what you are doing, we got to look what we are doing, and what we are doing, why we are doing. What is the purpose, what is the reason behind.

Love of Allah and love of His Prophet (AS) giving energy

Early ages it is okay, people they are young, maybe they have so many different ideas in their life. But slowly when the age is going up, reaching top top top, reaching forty, now there is no uphill anymore, now you going to go down the other side. Ha, now today's world, not forty, thirty, today thirty year old man they not even counting them from the man's anymore, because everything finish. (Sheykh Efendi claps his hands together). Expire. That's true, yes. (Sheykh Efendi laughs). So many cases we are seeing, its expire. Ya Hu, you are full, you supposed to be full with energy. But the love of dunya is sucking that energy away from the man. The love of Allah and love of His Prophet is giving energy to you. It's giving to you that you wake up, you say, okay now I got this to do, I got one more step to make today, I have to go one more step ahead. Doesn't matter, I'm going to conquer this world. This is what your aim supposed to be. I'm going to conquer the world. I may not reach. It's okay. I did my step. The people who's going to come and is going to conquer one day they going to write you in that book saying this one was aiming there too, put him in that book too.

Everyone is going to be responsible what is giving to them

So Allah is looking. He is not looking how much we are doing. Don't think that some people is making some progress and start building certain things and world start coming to them and say I did it. You didn't do it. Some himmet have reached to you and you start going steps up. But when you go up what you are doing with it. That's the important part now. So if you making an effort to do something, small or big, in the presence of Allah, same. You are making effort according to the power and the knowledge that is giving to you. That's what you got to know. You not going to be responsible from what is giving to me. I'm not going to be responsible what is giving to my Sheykh. He is not going to be responsible what is giving to a Prophet. No. Everyone is going to be responsible what is giving to them. Did you do what is for you? Yes. You passed. So tomorrow in the Judgment Day who knows maybe the porter is going to pass but the king is not going to pass. The porter's job is just to go and to do his job correctly. That's it. And if he did it he may pass. But the king, the king's job he has to look out, he hast to watch the laws and everything that he puts there has to fit to the laws of Allah and His Prophet. Otherwise he's responsible. If he's still putting that and things is still not working, he's not responsible that time. He's enforcing the laws and it's not working, Allah wants to change something.

No Blessings since Khalifa removed

As happened over almost a century ago that Sultan, Sultan was doing correctly. Sultan was doing his lifestyle according to the ways of the Holy Prophet (AS). And his laws that he was putting it was fitting to that. But the people they have deviated from the ways of Islam and that time because they have deviated from Islam, Allah (SWT) has removed Sultan, has removed Khalifa. Since that time, no blessing; cursing raining on the people. And Muslim nations they still not waking up to say, whatever happened to us. They only know, well, time to time, they say, we were strong. We were good. We did this and we did that. What happened now. Why we are not doing that. Because we have falling into the traps of this dunya. The love of this dunya is taking hostage every one of us. Especially in America, I am watching, especially in America. Running top speed, males and females, say, where you going?

"I got to go to work."

Say, I look at it, you don't need too much money, you have everything, why you still running?

"I have a small house, I have to make it bigger. I have an old car; I got to get a Mercedes now. Or, what is the latest one, whatever, that's what I'm going to get. You have a good one- I got to get one for my wife too."

There is no end to that. And that is how unbelievers they live, not believers. (Sheykh Efendi laughs).

Believers they should be satisfied with little that it is in their hand and they should show value to the things they have in their hand. They should not just go spending throwing around like that just like unbelievers. No. You have something, you going to use it until the end. The fashion passed. Who

cares for the fashion, because yehudi is making fashion to sell his goods we going to run after. And later they blaming yehudi. Why you blaming yehudi for? Aren't we are the one who's buying their stuff? That's their job to put it out there for you. Everyday I'm watching people changing phones. Say, why you changing these phones? New technology. What are you going to do with new technology. You just need a phone to answer. You don't need anything else. (Sheykh Efendi laughs).

Muslims Ran to Conquer Istanbul

So now, that these are the simple things that we are saying because it became, this became so easy for people now, and it is very simple but it is enter into our life. And that time, yes we are running after this world. We looking back 555 years go, today. 555 years ago today, a man was just 23 years of age. He conquered Istanbul. Today, they say, he's a kid. He didn't grow up yet. Yes, he's afraid to go out in the dark. Muslim man who was not even 23 years of age he had conquered Istanbul. Istanbul is a city where Islam Bol became, Islam, where is the Islam was the great. He run after that, he didn't run after conquering the city. He run after that aim. What was the aim? Because Holy Prophet said, whoever is going to conquer this city he is the greatest general that ever came, his army is the greatest army. And, from the word that Holy Prophet said from that time, until reaching to his time, 1453, the Muslims they didn't sit. They didn't rest. They didn't relax. Because they said, yes we are living Islam, but there is something that we got to do beyond this. We are living Islam to our own self maybe, yes, they were living Islam for them self.

People Living Egoistic Lifestyle Today

They were not living egoistic lifestyle as we are doing today. Because today we are not even knowing who's dying, no family ties, everyone broke everything. Nobody knows anything about nobody. Just here, that this is supposed to be a Nakshibendi community, maybe you just come here once a week. You just sit. The Sheykh, the love of the Sheykh, this is what became too. Otherwise you don't see. You don't know what's happening. Disconnected. What are you doing whole week? Slave to the world. That's the reality. We can say, we can find not one excuse, you can find one thousand excuses. No excuse is good enough to make us to wake up. We have to wake up. We have to get rid of the excuses and we have to wake up to understand, yes, we are falling into heedless station, that is true. And we are following one routine lifestyle that we are not waking up from that routine lifestyle. We just wait looking at the government the days that the government is saying to us today is your holiday. So now, well today is my holiday, so in my holiday I'm not going to go to Dergah now, so I got to go to vacation with my wife. Or with my children. It's my time.

That City is going to be conquered one more time

So that man didn't think that way, who conquered Istanbul, that man we say, man, he was a man. Just we making it for you and for me to understand he was a man just like you and me. He was eating and drinking. He was feeling the pain. And he was enjoying things. He was a man. But he had an aim. And his aim was, I'm going to run to get this city. Even if I don't, at least I will be in that book too, that he tried. So, he did his best, and Allah (SWT)'s Rahmat and Mercy reached to him, and he conquered. And Holy Prophet saying, this city, Rome, Rum. It's not today's Rome, but this city's going to be conquered two times. So conquered one time. Now it's falling into the hands of unbelievers again. They are ruling in that city. Islam is not ruling in that city anymore. Unbelievers they ruling. That city is going to be conquered one more time. And it's about to happen.

Muslims of the past held to Islam tightly

Where you are? Where we are? Are we aiming to that? Are we thinking on it? Are we ready to give up from our luxury life? Are we ready to give up from our families, from our children? Check yourself up, check. And find yourself somewhere to say yes or no. If it's yes check yourself one more time. If it's no, sit and think. Yes, we look at the Sahaba-e-Kiram life, it was like that. We look at the Tabieen life they were like that. We look at the Tabieen they were like that. We look at the people who's coming all the way up till that century, they were like that. Except us, we are not like that. We, Islam have reached to us today. It didn't reach to us because of us, it reached to us because of them. Because they hold tightly to Islam. They put Islam up, they keep Islam up, so it reached to us. The way we are today, I don't think we have something to leave to our children. No, it's not. The way that Muslims today, the way they living today, the Muslims, they living today, the next generation is going to be more weaker, and more weaker, which is happening.

Muslims of today have left the prayers

And so many Muslims today, they left the prayer. Now we say first, we start the sohbet, we say Shahadat. That is the word that put us into the Islam. The borderlines, separating between believers and unbelievers now. What is it? The Shahadat. We just said the Shahadat. So now the believer has to be a little bit different than unbelievers. Not just saying the word. Trying to live that word. So the second step- five daily prayers. Today's people saying, I have no time. Don't worry. You have no time, you going to be bankrupt soon, you going to have all the time. You have no time to pray five times a day, you going to be bankrupt. Then you will have all the time to pray that time. But you not going to be able to make up those days that is lost. Because Allah (SWT) He is giving us this life, giving us a free life. (Sheykh Efendi takes breath). Free air. How much you pay for it? How much you think it's worth it? I tell you when it's going to make the value you going to understand that time when you start having problem breathing the air, they take you to hospital, they put all those machines on your face and they just pumping that air to you by force. How much you think you paying for that tank of air. You should ask doctors I don't know how much it's worth. It's not that free. They will not leave you free until they suck every money you have in the bank that time. Even if you die so many times, you go, don't bother him. What bother him, he's already dead. He says, don't you see his chest going up and down. Of course, you put that pump air in it going up and down, he's already dead. You not removing that because you know that he still have some money in the account. As soon as you empty the account you pull it out saying he's dead. That's true. Even doctors they don't believe what I say. Hmm. Go and check if you have eyes. You look and check. Not the eyes, not with those machines. This, here. (Sheykh Efendi points to heart). You got to look in there. But it's not working (Sheykh Efendi laughs). Stopped.

So what Holy Prophet saying? Be careful from the vision of a believer you cannot fool him, he looks with the Noor of Allah. You cannot fool that one. When he looks he knows what is alive and what is dead. When he looks he knows who has the faith and who doesn't have the faith. When he looks he understands, he knows, if you have the love of Allah in your heart or if you have the love of dunya in your heart. So this is what we have to look to our self, we have to check our self. So the second obligation in Islam, order, principles of Islam, which is five that you cannot take any one of them out. But today they want to make moderate Islam, moderation Islam is what is chopping everything out. Yes, you chop everything out, just like this, taking out the supports of this building. If you take that five support from Islam which today that is. You say Shahadat? Of course I did, one time in my life. Say again. Over and over, nonstop. Because we see that that seed is not opening. Over and over say, maybe that seed is going to open in the heart. And when the seed start opening, you need to put support around. Now you have to force yourself to pray. And one brings another one, one brings another one.

Keeping the five obligations makes you just become a simple believer

So you keep that five obligations of Islam to yourself. Do you think that the believer that time reach somewhere? You just became a simple believer. Keeping the obligations, five obligations of Islam, don't think that you became a saint. You just a normal believer that keeping the principles of Islam. So now we sit and think. If this world is keeping us away, if this world is pulling us away from what we are saying, it isn't worth it. Because when we are entering through that door (Sheykh Efendi points to men's door), and that one too (Sheykh Efendi points to women's door). Women's they not exception. There is angels over there. Who knows, maybe they writing that this one is not going out. Who knows, maybe they will put it in the book that he will not reach 24 hours later. That is for you and for me. To every person, every human that is living. Alhamdulillah that is a hidden that Allah (SWT) is putting that, hiding that. That you don't know when you going to do. We don't know when we going to die. Otherwise nobody will move from their place. Yes. So, Allah (SWT) is blessing us through that way, keeping that secret hidden, to give us the energy to start moving and to start living for the sake of Allah. If we are not living for the sake of Allah, if we are not living, running to have an aim to bring Islam up with our self, anything that Allah (SWT) has given to us, we have to share it with the believers. And we have to try to build, again.

Islam is standing up strong, only Muslims they falling down

Yes, the Muslim world has fallen down. Yes. Muslims they falling down. But it's not Islam. Islam is standing up very strong. Only Muslims they falling down. And because we are falling down because we are asking support and help and Medet from those ones who is trying to bring Islam down. And those ones they say to us, yes, we will help you, only thing you got to do, moderate Islam. Chop a little bit from here, chop a little bit from there. Cut this part, cut this part. Don't you know, we are living in 21st century. You got to fit yourself to 21st century. For mens, we not accepting beard or mustache, you got to get rid of this. You not going to look like a lion, we don't want you to look like a

lion. We want you to look like a cat. What's the third one? Sit and think. At least the cat has a mustache. Do you think the cat has a mustache? That's right. It's not a joke. This is the order of Allah to us. 124,000 Prophets, this is how they were living. Saying, Sheykh, is this in the Quran. No that is not in the Quran. That is in the lifestyle of 124,000 Prophets. You want something more than that? No, of course. What's stopping us? What's stopping us? The West? That's right. If you are living in the Muslim country and you know that they going to put in the payroll a little more money to you look how fast you going to leave the beard and the mustache that time. Be sincere with your own self. We have to be sincere with our own self.

Is that everything? No, it's just a beginning. It's just a step. We are putting identity out. And the Holy Prophet saying to us, spread Salam among you. Put your identity out, spread the Salam. Where the Salam, that's where the blessing coming. One coming after another. So one thing another what we miss and we lost, we lost the words of the Holy Prophet (AS). We speak about it, we read, but we don't take that to apply to our life. That is the time we are not living the way we are believing. We start believing the way we are living. And slowly we say this is not in Islam. And somewhere somehow one Imam comes out because he is on some other people's payroll saying "this is not in Islam!" The individual runs finding that one and saying this person said this. Say, why you are believing on that. There is 1400 years life that Holy Prophet (AS) from the time that he is coming showing to us and this is what we have to follow.

Five obligations are obligation

So the five principles of Islam, giving Shahadat, praying five times a day. Should we pray four times a day? It's not accepted. Five, the obligation. That order giving to a man. Who? That man that who is responsible. Allah saying, this is obligation to you when you reach to maturity age. If you think that you are in maturity age, it's obligation. No excuse that time. But you may find one thousand excuse. One thousand excuse is not going to make you or me to think that okay now because we have excuse we can escape. What is the reason of man of his creation? Allah saying to us again in the Holy Book, open! We have created the man and the jinns only to know Us and to worship Us. Nowhere in the Book saying we have created the man to run to work 24 hours. Is it obligation? Is it Farz to work? You read in the Book, saying it is Farz? It is Farz to those to run to make their sustenance. Not to go to ask something from anyone but to run to whatever Allah prepare for them to go and to find that where is it. But it is not an obligation for me to run to take aim somebody who is in the top levels that they are reached to say I am going to become like that one one day. What's the aim? Why you want to be like that? You cannot be like that anyway. If it's written for you it's going to come to you from every side. If it's not written for you only your Rizk is going to come to you again. If you work or you don't work it's still going to come to you.

So the obligation is more than 70 place in Quran, more than that. Allah is ordering, prayer, prayer, prayer, prayer, prayer, prayer. Today's Muslims they chopping off, cutting off, saying it's okay to cut off. It's not okay. Five daily prayer for a believers. For those who reach to maturity age, and the maturity age for boys is 16. For girls 13. After that, they are responsible from every day that is passing that they didn't pray. You are responsible and I am responsible. The unbelievers- unbelievers they responsible too. Because the Holy Word of the Holy Prophet (AS). Quran came 1400 years ago, Allah (SWT) saying, no more Book coming, no more Prophet coming. This is obligation to everyone. You accepting or not accepting. If they not accepting one step more behind. First they will be questioned why they didn't accept. What's the idea? It didn't fit to your ego. Anybody who doesn't accept the laws of Islam it doesn't fit to their ego. Not to their spirit. It fits everyone's spirit perfectly, 100%. But they not accepting because it doesn't fit to their ego.

Story of Ethiopian priests and Holy Prophet (AS)

As just like happened when the time that Holy Prophet (AS) he have sent messengers to Habashistan, Ethiopia. That King there, that time, he was a believer. He was believing Isa (AS). And he was believing that Isa (AS) saying that after me another Prophet is coming, he is the Seals of the Prophets. And he was waiting for that one. And when Holy Prophet sent the messages to them, he was showing a lot of respect to the priest that time because they were holy people. So he put his council together and saying to them, "We are waiting for another prophet to come, right?" They said yes. And he says, "Well I have just received a letter from somebody in the desert and he is claiming that he is that one. What you say? You are the scholars. Does it fit what he is saying? The way that he born, where he is, how he is doing, does it fit that the Isa (AS) what he left to us?"

Those priests they start thinking, and the head said, we need some time, O king. We need to take permission from you, we have to go to visit him, we have to go to see him, to watch him, his activities, and we will understand if he is a Prophet or not. And the king said, okay, I will come with you. They said to the king, no you have a very high station, you cannot just leave the station and go there. If he is a Prophet it is okay. What about if he is not a prophet. The king is going to the feet of somebody that who is lying. It doesn't fit. So let us go first, we check him out, we come back to you. If he is the one, we will let you know.

So then they start going, the king gave them permission. They selected so many intelligent ones. And the big priest on his horse, they going. And his brother traveling along his side. And something happened that his horse did some mistake and he almost fall down from the horse and he got pretty upset that brother that they were going to journey and that's why that happened. And he tried to say certain curse words and his brother closed his mouth and said don't say anything to that one. He looked at it and he says, "Oh my brother, why, why I cannot say anything to that one (about the Holy Prophet)." He says, "Don't you see, that is the one." He says, "You mean, that is the one that Isa (AS) gave us the news that the Seals of the Prophets?" He said "Yes, my idiot brother." He said, "Oh my brother, if that is the case, why didn't we take the king to bring him over there?" He said, "How fool you are, don't you see?" He said, "See what?" He said, "Don't you see where he is living? He is living in the desert. He is sitting on the floor. He is sitting and eating with the slaves."

"And what's wrong with that?" He said, "Don't you see what's wrong with it? Look at us. We are wearing golden necklace, golden canes. We have the power to bring down the king and put another king. Do you think I'm going to accept that one to give up from this world the position?" So his brother start thinking. So when they came to the Holy Prophet's presence, that one went to the Prophet and saying, we are accepting certain things from you, and let's make a treaty between you and us. And we are in our way and you continue in your way. And the Holy Prophet said to him, I am accepting what you are saying. And his brother jumped saying no I am not accepting. Saying, I am not accepting to go back with him. I am accepting to stay with you. And I am staying with you. I am giving up from all that power. Because this one is running for dunya. Dunya! He knows that you are the Prophet. And the Holy Prophet saying, he just lives according to his nature so you stay. So that one stayed being Sahabi, and he became a Sahaba-e-Kiram, and he relate this story what happened before. Why they didn't enter to Islam. Heh, the world. What is it? Dunya. The love of this world. That's why Holy Prophet saying (AS), love of this world, it is the mother of all sins.

We must renew our Shahadat

So if you start having love of this world in your heart, slowly the faith start moving away and the love of the world start entering to the heart. Only way to continuously to renew ourself, we must renew our Shahadat, we must continuously make Zikr of our Lord, we must continue to pray. So much temptation in this world. Doesn't matter how much temptation it is, it is not making us to escape from the Hell that time. We are entering to the Hell with that temptation. We going to run away. Whatever we do, we going to be in this world, we going to work in this world, we going to, everything is going to have around us, but we going to live for Allah's sake. We have to be able to easily to get rid of everything that we have, to leave the world the things here, to keep this body and to put it into the grave. That's what we have to prepare ourself. That's how we have to live. If we are living according to this, that time, we will have peace in our heart, and that peace that it comes in our heart, our faith start growing more, and more, and more, inshaAllah ar-Rahamn.

Wa minallahu Tawfiq.

Bi Hurmatil Habib.

Bi Hurmatil Fatiha.

This much should be enough for you and for me up till Judgment Day. We don't need another word. Because Shahadat is enough word.

Sohbet-46

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ASK HELP THROUGH PRAYER AND PATIENCE

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Ya Rabbi, that He has created us from the children of Adam (as) and not from monkey, donkey or from the animal world. Easily He can change it. Those who aren't happy that Allah created them and He is giving them the highest title of being human, and sending us to this world making us to be His representatives in this world. And if we are not carrying it then this is a very dangerous thing waiting for us. Our form is human. Our spirit must be human. Our actions must be human. Everything must be human. From where are we learning this? We have to take example. The Holy Prophet (sws). He came and he taught us how to live with our own selves, how to live with our community, how to live with the people. If we are not learning that then still we have long ways to go.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us in so many ayats. In so many ayats He is saying to us, 'Through patience and prayers, patience and prayers, patience and prayers', mentioning them together. And He is saying in one ayat in Surat-ul Baqara, 'Through patience and prayer ask help from your Lord.' Through patience, keeping the prayers and asking help. Who is it that we need to ask then? Whatever you need. Whatever is necessary that you are finding that, 'I am not getting rid of this wrong thing that I have, this wrong action that I have.' Through patience and prayers. Patience! Up till when? Up till the grave.

Don't think that the patience is something that when something happens, you are blowing up, you are showing your anger, you are putting fire out, later you are getting used to the situation and you are cooling down and you are calling that patience? That is not patience. Patience is to show how you are carrying it when the first initial is happening to you. How you are swallowing it. Why are you blowing up? It is not good for your ego. That's why. It is not the spirit. It is not good for the ego. Ego doesn't like it. Are you the servant of Allah or the servant of your ego? That action is showing. You can say as much as you want then. You can say, 'I am the servant of the Lord.' The action speaks.

So now the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us... now we are talking about only this world because today's man is only understanding this

world, worrying about this world, worrying, 'What am I going to eat today, what am I going to wear tomorrow, how am I going to be the next day, where am I going to enjoy myself?' This is it. This is the only worrying. East, west, north and south, exception is only a handful of people. This is the only worrying of the majority. They are going to masjids and this is what they are worrying, they are praying and this is what they are worrying.

This should be the last worry for the believers. The believers should have worry for Akhirat, not for Dunya, because this is only a temporary life. But we are not learning how to live in this temporary life. How are you going to put patience in you then? You are not accepting the reality that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is in control in everything. Yes, once you know that, once you submit yourself to that, the patience is going to come with it. You are going to think right away, 'In this situation that is happening, it is not my will, it is the will of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. If there is something wrong in it, it is my ego. I am putting my ego in it. I must pull myself, my ego out.' And that ego is the most dangerous thing, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'Anything that your ego desires and likes, that is a road to hell. That's enough to show to you that you are on the road going towards hell. Anything that your ego doesn't like, that it comes hard to you, that is the road to Paradise. Continue on that road.' So what are we understanding from this ayat now? One more. Jibreel (alayhi salam) asked Allah subhana wa ta'ala. He wanted to see Paradise, he wanted to see hell, he wanted to see everything. When he saw hell he said, 'Ya Rabbi, there's no single man who is going to enter into this hell.' When he saw the paradise he said, 'There is no single human who is not going to want to be in this Paradise. They are going to do whatever it takes to enter to this Paradise.' Then Allah is saying to Jibreel (as), 'Look at the road from Dunya reaching to Paradise.' When he looked at that road he said, 'Ya Rabbi, it is impossible for a man to pass through this difficult road to enter to Your Paradise.' He (swt) said, 'Look at the road entering to hell.' When he looked at it, he said, 'It is impossible for any man to escape himself. This road is going to lead them to hell.' Then Allah is saying, 'Except those that I protect. They are going to find that road and they are going to enter to that Paradise.'

So who are those ones? Those ones that Allah is saying in the ayat, 'Through patience and prayers they are asking help from their Lord.' First we have to learn how to ask help. Yes, today so many people are coming asking for help.

'Dua Sheykh!'

Eh, I don't know how much my dua is going to work. Sometimes maybe it's working, one says to the other ones and everyone is coming saying, 'Dua for me Sheykh, Dua for me.' I have not found one person yet, coming to me and say to me, 'Dua for me Sheykh for my Akhirat life. Pray for me for my Akhirat life.' Everyone is coming to me for

dua, 'Dunya, dunya, dunya, dunya.' Huh!

So now if we are so busy with this Dunya then how we are going to see the Akhirat? We are already in this Dunya. We are in it. This Dunya is occupying us twenty-four hours. You cannot escape. Let your spirit at least to be in Akhirat, to be longing to the Akhirat. If the person is twenty-years of age and he didn't understand, then at twenty-five years of age he at least has to understand that this Dunya is a trap. Whoever comes in it, one day he falls in that ambush and he falls down underneath. Don't you see? If you don't see then go to graves and you will see. You can walk around everywhere in the world. One day you are going to step somewhere underneath which is empty. You are going to go there. It is a trap! It is a trap to us.

And Allah subhana wa ta'ala who made this trap, He is giving us a warning, saying to us, 'This is a trap to you. And the only way to escape from this trap is to turn your face towards Me. Ask help from Me. And I am sending you a living guide. Look at that one how he was living. Then you will find safety from that trap. Put your life in alignment with that one, that Prophet (sws) who came to teach you.' Yes. 'And those ones that the Prophet (sws) left behind, hold on tightly to them. They will lead you there.'

So inshaAllah, this much should be enough for us if we don't hear anything. For believers, if we believe these words, should be enough for us until Judgment Day to shake ourselves to say, 'What is it that I'm doing?'

'Oh! When the Akhirat is going to be? It so long!'

What long? Maybe tomorrow. Maybe Azrail is preparing for tonight. Maybe Azrail is preparing for five minutes later.

'Sheykh ask for our young ones to have a nice life.'

He doesn't listen, young one, old one, sick one, cured one. Doesn't listen. The time comes, you go. When your name calls, you cannot say no. You can say no, screaming and saying as much as you want. Today's people are screaming, yes. As soon as something happens to them, running top-speed, twenty-four hours to the doctors. The second house is the hospital for them. They are thinking that there's going to be help reaching there when Azrail is coming. It cannot. It's not.

Don't think now that I am telling you, 'Don't go to hospitals.' So many people are weird these days. They are taking the words and changing to the other ways. If it's necessary then you are going to. But don't run to think that the hospital is going to give you life. Know that you may get cured from your sicknesses in the hospital and as soon as you come out from the hospital, if your time is up then Azrail is going to reach you there. Know that. Know that yes, you may have a heart attack and you may have so many doctors in these days and they may put you on the operation tables and when they are working on you don't depend on that doctor a hundred percent. If you do then he

may be the best doctor in this world but he may have a heart attack while he is doing a heart operation on you. He may.

So now we must put ourselves and we must wake up while good days are going, and to listen and to understand. And next time I am not going to say that again to you.

Astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih.
La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyil azim.

These words are for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-47

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ASK FORGIVENESS AND PREPARE FOR THE TEST

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Ya Rabbi. Ataghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih. We have entered to a month, the month of Rajab. As much forgiveness you ask, inshaAllah ar-Rahman, we will have the results in our lives because Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us for a reason and the main reason that He's saying to us is, 'We have created the man and the jinn only to know Us and to worship Us.' He sent us to this world saying it's 'Asfala Safileen', the lowest place, testing us. He sent a rope from Paradise down to this world saying to us, 'Hold on to this rope and come back to your home.'

The 21st Century people want to go more deep down. Allah sent us to the clean area on the earth. But the 21st Century people want to go into the sewers. The rats live down in the sewers, not humans. This is what's happening to mankind today. They're running top-speed to do wrong things, running top-speed to go away from the orders of Allah and the orders of His Prophet (sws). And Dunya is taking them hostage.

But this Dunya has no mercy. 100 times a day it's speaking to man, 'Oh children of Adam, you're walking on top of me with proudness.' Anyone who's not knowing their Lord, anyone who's not knowing their Prophet (sws), anyone who's not running to become a servant, they're proud. They can say whatever they want. They are showing or they are not showing, they are.

So the earth is speaking, saying 100 times a day, 'Children of Adam, you're walking on top of me with proudness but I'm going to pull you inside. One day you're going to come inside of me. I'm going to swallow you and I'm going to finish you. Your hands are not going to move anymore, your legs are not going to move, your eyes are not going to see. You're going to know everything but you're not going to be able to do anything. You're not going to be able to move your fingers.'

That's for us. That's what's waiting for us. Don't look at what the world is saying, what the world is promising, saying, 'Run here, run there, enjoy yourself, this is this and this is that.' Leave those. The intelligent man, those intelligent students who go to school, they are worrying to study and to give the exams. At the end of the year they get good grades. Intelligent students. The foolish ones go to school to run away from responsibilities but at the end of the session, finished. They come out with zero. They spent their time with nothing in the school too and they are wandering in this world with empty hands not knowing what to do.

We are the same in this world. We are students in this world. We have to learn. We have to learn what our Lord wants from us. What is it that we have to do in this world. Not learning only what kind of job you're going to have and how much money you're going to make and what kind of car, what kind of house you're going to buy. These are second class thinking. First the intelligent man is worrying, he's thinking, 'if Azrail comes to me today what did I sent to my grave for tomorrow?' What will I find there when I enter inside?' If you're happy with what you sent there then you are able to do all other things. Now you should be very happy. Run around empty then. It's okay if you're happy to see what you sent to the grave.

Which man is happy? Which man should be happy? If the prophets who have been sent to the world clean, they lived clean lives and they have not done anything other than what Allah wants them to do, they lived according to the laws of Allah, according to His plan, and the most beloved one in the Divine Presence is saying, 'Ya Rabbi, do not ask me to worship the way You deserve to be worshipped because I cannot do it and I will be perished.' So those are the most clean ones and they are worrying for their last days too, the prophets. What about us? Eh, ignorant man always looks brave. That's not braveness, that's stupidity. Intelligent man is he who knows, who prepares himself that he knows there's something waiting for him in front of him, and he prepares before he goes there to pass that test. Or if the man is preparing to go to a court, he has a big case against him, he must prepare himself to see what he is going to say, how he's going to come out from that mess that he got into.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent us to this world. We have no choice in it. He sent us here. And He's saying to us, 'We have sent you here for this reason. This is the reason, to know Us and to worship Us. Only to know Me and to worship Me. And this is not your home. This world is not your home. Don't make this world too luxurious for yourself because then you don't want to leave. But this is not your house. You must come back to your house. Your house is in Paradise. If you are not finding the road back to your house then you are going to find road back to the punishment place and you may have a house there forever for you.'

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is the one, He is the one who has created the sharr and the good, the good and the bad. He has left us in between saying to us, 'Now I am giving you intelligence. I am giving you a freewill. Choose what you want, what is good for you that you think, to go to the right way or to go to the left way, to live for your ego selfishly for a very short time in this life or to live according to the rules and the laws of your Lord and according to what your Prophet (sws) came to teach you, still have some pleasures in this world but stay in the borderlines. Don't go out because if you go out of the borderlines then you will be like the animals and We are going to need to put fences around the animals not to go to the other side. We didn't put a fence to you but this whole world is a fence to you. You cannot escape. You can go to sleep, then get up next day, everyday you can make intention, 'I'm going to go here, I'm going to go there, I'm going to enjoy myself this way, I'm going to run this way', but one day Azrail is going to reach to you, if sickness is not reaching to you before that, Azrail will reach to you.'

When Allah gives to a person power and energy, that is the time He wants His servants to run after His orders. Not at the time that they are falling down now, their bodies aren't holding, they cannot go to clubs to drink anymore, they cannot go to run around here and there. So the body is expired and so many turn at that time. Because Allah is merciful He is accepting that too but it doesn't have too much value. The value is when you are having the energy and power, and you are free, you have everything in your hand and you push everything aside and you are saying, 'Ya Rabbi, Your order is number one to me and I am going to run after Your orders. And I am going to pound non-stop to my ego to make my ego to stay on Your orders.'

If we do that then we will become the winners. If we leave that then we will be the losers. In any way we will be the losers then because the time that we are spending in wrong areas, wrongdoings, it will not be counted from our life that was lived for Allah but was lived for ego. But if we are spending our way in the way of Allah keeping His orders priority and trying to run for it, although we are very weak in this century, we have so much shortcomings, it's still okay.

So today's people are very weak. Weakness is coming from that ego now. The ego is making us to be very weak and very tired. The spirit wants to go to higher stations pulling us but the ego is pulling down. Any

little road that you open to the ego, it's going to knock you down.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala, as we said earlier, He has given us these special days and during these special days He is saying, 'Ask forgiveness. Ask. Show Me that you want to be a good servant. The way that I want you to be, I will make you.' We cannot make ourselves but all we have to do is we have to ask, we have to cry to our Lord. We have to ask to say our weakness. He knows our weakness but He wants us to admit it in front of Him to say, 'Ya Rabbi, I am your weak servant and I am asking help from You.' Then help will reach to us inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-48

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

PEOPLE ON EARTH ARE NOT RESPECTING HEAVENLY COMMAND

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May Allah forgive us. Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim. La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliiyyil azim. We are your weak servants and ignorant servants and zalim servants. Zalim servants. As-salamu alaykum. Welcome to you. We hope that soon there will be a big changing coming to the people living on earth.

We are saying, Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim. The first one or super troublemaker, who is that one? Super-super troublemaker. Sheytan. He even went, he entered, it was in his tricks to enter into Paradise. Entering into Paradise and looking where is Adam and Eve. Running to them. And Syidina Adam and Ummana Hawa, Adam and Eve they were happy. No trouble for them in Paradise. And the most jealous one, the most greedy one and the most terrible enemy for Adam and his generations, Sheytan, using its tricks and running in Paradise, looking where is Adam and Eve. And they were so happy and in peace enjoying through Eden Gardens.

Sheytan was saying, 'I must try to make their happiness and peace to be full with problems so that they are not going to taste anymore this

happiness and pleasure. I am running to do my best for them.' And it is not really the best. He was running to do his worst for Adam and Eve and their generations.

`Oh, what are you doing here?'

`Yes, we are happy. We are enjoying through Eden Gardens. Everywhere is all things for ourselves.'

`And anything else for you?'

`O our Lord's servant. You know that our Lord granted us Eden Gardens to enjoy in it everything. Only He is ordering to ourselves, `Eat and enjoy everywhere through this endless Eden Gardens as you like. Only that tree you must not approach. It is forbidden for you. I am making that forbidden because I am the Lord and you are servants. To be known that you are servants you must listen and obey your Lord's command. Must be clear. That is the first sign that you must keep, teaching you that you are servants for Me and I am the Lord. I may order as I like to order, I may order to you and your generations. Also I am that One who as your Lord may prevent something. You must be obedient. Obedience. You must be obedient servants. You must know that you are servants and I am teaching you how servanthood should be. I am ordering in all Paradise you may enjoy with everything except that one! I am the Lord! I am preventing! Don't approach!'

Asta'uzu billah. Trembling. Now people are thinking, all of them are taking a grant from Sheytan. Graduated, now whole mankind is graduated by Sheytan. Sheytan is saying, `You are free ones. No one can order to you. And if anyone is ordering to you, you must not listen or you must not obey.'

That is the lifestyle of mankind now. `We are not accepting anything heavenly!' Whole nations that they are assembling in New York, through the UN Center. I was there once. Some person was taking me to show that building. Building, I am not interested in any building. Only I am interested in some buildings that is just built for Allah. Buildings that are not built for Allah, I am not interested. If a building is not built for Allah then it's just built for Sheytan.

That one was taking me to show me the center of UN, United Nations. We were entering. They may go! I am swearing at them, those people that are in the UN! Because one group of us were getting in and some ones were going to pray Zuhur prayer. They asked me if they can pray Zuhur prayer. I said, `Take a corner to pray.' They were beginning to pray and I was looking. There were coming two or three like gigantic bears running on them.

`What are you doing? What are you doing? You can't pray! There is no Allah here! Go away!'

Thuu! Lanatullahi alaihi! Allah is cursing them. Whole nations including the Islamic world governments also. They are sending their

members to be represented. Dunya, people whom they are living on it, their characteristic is that. I am saying no need. You also must take it out. And asking one day that huge building comes on all of them and killing them.

That is their lifestyle, the living nations now. They are never interested in taking any care for heavenly command. Never believing and never respecting! Therefore nations through their schools, through their governments and counsels, everywhere they are saying that, 'We are free. We are not taking any care except what our ego is saying. We are doing it and we are free.' Now we are looking at what's happening to whole nations. To whole nations. And Allah Almighty is looking and His Divinely Anger is approaching. Approaching.

As Syaidina Ibrahim was saying to Nimrud when he was asking, 'Where is your Lord's army?' And he was saying, 'Just approaching. Just approaching.' And just appeared a black spot on the horizon. From the horizon up to that field that they were gathered, so so speedfully coming and their sound getting more, getting more, zzz... zzz... zzz... zzz...

What are your planes' sounds? Mosquitos, mosquitos were making the sound that was making their kharbat asabun, destroyed their minds. Allah!

The living people, all living people on earth now in the 21st Century, all of you just graduated from Sheytan that they are at the top point of the lowest, lowest level. All of them are just graduated by Sheytan and they are saying that they are so powerful.

'We are so powerful! No one can touch us.'

I am looking. I am looking. Oh our Lord, forgive us. Forgive us not to be from those foolish people who are looking and not seeing, listening not hearing, hearing not understanding. Keep us. We are running to you, Oh our Lord. Please give us from your Divinely shelter. Fatiha.

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BE HAPPY WITH ALLAH AND DO NOT COMPLAIN

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Alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. How much should we thank our Lord? Whatever you'll be thankful is not enough. If you are standing from the day you were born until the Judgment Day saying, 'Thank you, thank you Ya Rabbi, thank you', it's not enough. But the 21st Century's ignorant and arrogant people are complaining day and night, twenty-four hours. People in the old days used to complain in the daytime. At nighttime it was dark. So they weren't seeing each other. They weren't complaining. Now nighttime too. Twenty-four hours.

That shows, alhamdulillah, that we are reaching completely to the end, ahir of ahir that the Holy Prophet (sws) has advised us that we are going to reach to those days. 'And when you reach to those days, live a simple life. Run away from all those wrong activities. Keep yourself very simple. That way you'll be able to be thankful to your Lord.' He is watching. He is watching us, watching our activities twenty-four hours, asking His angels, "How's My servant?"

'Ohh, this servant is complaining.'

'Make it a little more harder then. Close more doors to that one who's complaining. Remove the doors that are easier for him, removes those doors away because he's complaining.'

'How's My servant?'

'Oh, that one is very happy with you Ya Rabbi.'

'All these difficulties I gave to him, all these troubles I gave to him, he's still happy?'

'Yes, Ya Rabbi. He's happy.'

'Good. Open his ways.'

This is the way it is. Man is doing everything to himself. He's not doing it to anybody. And man is earning his paradise or hell that is waiting. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is addressing us, saying to us, "We have not created you for hell. We have created you for Paradise. And you have to look at that door. You have to keep your prayers and you have to be patient." In over seventy different places Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering, "Keep your prayers and be patient, keep your prayers and be patient, keep your prayers and be patient."

When Adam (alayhi salam) was being sent out from Paradise to the earth, Jibreel (as) came and said to him, "Allah is sending three rewards that you should take with you. But you should take one of them. He is sending three. You should choose one and take one from those three. And go down to the earth with it." And Allah sent intelligence, faith and modesty, these three things to Adam (as). Adam (as) looked at it and said, 'I am choosing intelligence.' And as soon as he took the intelligence, Jibreel (as) said to the other ones, 'Allah is saying to you to go back to where you came from.' They said,

`No, we cannot go back.' He said, `Why is that?' They said, `Because Allah has given us order where the intelligence is that's where the faith is going to be and that's where the modesty is going to be.'

The animals don't have intelligence. They don't have modesty. Man is not responsible until he reaches to the maturity age, meaning, now he is able to use his intelligence. He is responsible for his actions, he knows what he's doing and he knows why he's doing it. Then he's responsible. And when you look at it through intelligence then Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "As much intelligence you have that much is your faith." As much as you are using your intelligence that much your faith is growing. The more your faith is growing, the more modesty you have then.

So now we must check ourselves. Complaining day and night. Check. Do you have intelligence? No. Completely zero. The man who's complaining has no intelligence. `But I'm not complaining through the tongue.' You are complaining through action. Say, you are not happy with your Lord. It's nothing else. Every situation that man is in happens with the order and with the will of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. He is putting you through that to see what you will do. That is the time for you to be tested and then millions of people are failing. Running nonstop in top-speed limit but when it comes to the test they fall down.

Intelligence is ordering us, yes, when we look around, why are we complaining? Complaint comes because we are too blind to see what's happening around us to other people. When you look at other people then you'll find enough to say, `Alhamdulillah Ya Rabbi!' If you are not finding any place to look then go to the hospitals. I say so many times. Go to hospitals and watch. Watch people how much they are suffering there and say to yourself, `That can be me.' And if it's not today then maybe tomorrow because the person who's not happy with himself, with his situation that Allah is putting him in, that's the end. Or go to the cemeteries. Sit and watch. But the 21st Century people are running away from cemeteries too. They are passing quickly next to the cemeteries. They are putting the cemeteries out of the town. They don't want to remember anything.

Go to jails and watch people there. Say to yourself, `Do I have something to complain?' Some other people are taking you, putting you in a small room and locking you there. You are guilty or not guilty, it doesn't matter. Lock that there. You like that situation? If you like that situation then continue complaining. If not then say, `Thank you Ya Rabbi! You are happy with me and I am happy with You. I am happy with You and you are happy with me.'

As Musa (as) was saying, "Ya Rabbi, when will you be happy with me?" He said, "It's very easy Ya Musa. When you are happy with me, I am happy with you." When you are complaining and when you are showing your sadness it's showing that you are not happy with your Lord. You are not happy with Allah? Hmm. If Allah is not happy with you then the whole world is going to crush on top of your head. Everywhere you turn, it's going to close the doors to you then. So be happy. Be happy

with Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Be happy with the situation that He is putting you in.

In reality He is not putting you in. You are putting yourself in that situation. If there are certain areas that you are passing through, you are the one who put yourself into that situation. Check the back, past times, which roads you entered and you'll understand how you entered into that road. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending us... because He is giving us the intelligence, then He is sending us His prophets, He sent us His Shariat, saying to us, "In order to protect that intelligence you have to use this Shariat, these laws that I'm putting on you. If you're not using these laws, if you're not living according to these laws, you're not going to be happy."

But you're looking to other people's side. Look. Just seeing on the television or in the streets, seeing 'Ha ha ha, Hee hee hee' seeing people laughing, smiling. You think they are happy? Go check them twenty-four hours. Look in their lives what's happening to them. Those people who are disconnected from Allah and His Prophet (sws), it is impossible for them to be happy. Those people who are disconnected from Allah, His Prophet (sws) and from His Awliya Allah, it's impossible for them to find the ways, find the way back to the road where we came from.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala didn't send us to this world to be worrying with the foolishness, with the stupidity of this world. He didn't send us to this world to be worrying about the material of this world. He didn't send us to this world to be worrying, 'Oh, I have lost my car' or 'I have lost my business' or 'I have lost my house.' You shouldn't be worrying with that. If you don't want to lose it then you have to think before. When Allah is giving to you something, you have to know how to hold onto it tightly. And the only way to be holding on tightly to that is when you are using it for the sake of Allah. If you are not using for the sake of Allah then it's going to go. It's going to go away. One day you're going to turn left and right and it's going to disappear from your hand. And that's another opening area for you to be able to understand to say, 'Thank you Ya Rabbi! You woke me up with this. You are taking this away from me. You woke me up from this.'

Otherwise, if the person then is not being thankful to his Lord, he's just being an arrogant and stubborn individual. So many Firauns came to this world and so many Firauns are gone. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given us intelligence. He is ordering us to be using that intelligence for keeping our faith, and keeping our faith for keeping our modesty, and for keeping our honor. The man who's not using his intelligence doesn't have faith, he doesn't have modesty and he doesn't have honor. He's worse than the animals. The animals don't have honor. If they have honor then they don't go around, in any area they see, giving out their waste or anywhere they are sleeping, eating and sitting in the same waste.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us in His own image, He's saying. He has honored the children of Adam (as). When He's honoring us with

that, if you're complaining, if you have any sign showing that you're complaining, you have no honor then. You are not keeping that honor that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving to you. He's making us to be His representative on the face of this earth and He's saying to us, "Keep the orders that I give to you. As soon as you enter to the other side you'll be Sultan on the other side."

These are to you, to me and to the whole mankind. It was like that, it is like that and it's going to be like that. It's never going to change. Don't think that this world is going crazy, people are going crazy running back and forth, running to change and something is going to change. Nothing is going to change. The laws are there. The prophets came. They did their job. Allah subhana wa ta'ala completed His orders through His prophets, completed His books, He's saying to us, "If you want safety, if you want peace then you must follow those books. You must follow those prophets. You must follow those ones who are following the footsteps of the prophets. If you are not following them, if you are not following their orders then you may be sleeping with them on the same bed, you are not going to be happy. Happiness is not going to reach to you. You may be sitting in the same place with them but you're not going to be happy. Happiness is not going to enter into you because you are building another world to your own self through your egoistic way again thinking, 'Ah, I'm living here but I'm thinking about this Dunya.'

Think of Dunya. Today I'm watching so many people who are the same way in the dergahs and tariqats. They are sitting in the dergah but they're worrying what's happening outside. Why are you worrying about outside? Go outside. Stay there. Sink in there and maybe one day you're going to understand, you're going to realize that, 'Yes, oh the dergah is a part of Paradise.' If the person is not happy in the Paradise then where's he going to be happy? Maybe in hell because he's not tasting the hell yet. Yes.

So in these days people in the east, west, north and south cannot sit in the masjids. Those who're praying are running last minute to the prayers, quickly they pray and they run outside. What's outside? What's there? Young and old everyone is running in the markets. Marketplaces are full with sheytans. Huh, that's why you're happy. You're happy with Sheytan then. Huh, you'll be going with Sheytan to that hell then.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us. Creating one or creating billions is the same to Him. It's no hard job to Him. His job is 'Kun Fa Yakun'. He says, 'Be' and it happens. We're appearing today. He may say, 'Disappear!' Everything in it and everything He has created may disappear. And He may create other worlds and other people. There's no law applying to Allah. To us, yes, but not to Him. He does as He likes. We're going to sit and think and we're going to understand then, yes, He has honored us. He has given us these orders. He has given us these orders to keep us on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. We are creatures that came from nothing. He has created us from nothing and He is honoring us. He is giving us these high stations, He is making

us to be His deputies on the face of this earth and He is preparing Paradise for us. He is preparing this life for us, He is giving the breath of life to us. Where will you find to complain then?

But man is not understanding. He's not thinking to understand how much this air is worth. This breath that you're taking in, how much it's worth. To so many people I say to go to hospitals to watch. So many people there laying on the bed. They have to put a hundred machines around him to pump that air in and to suck it out. That's not life. Pull it out. Let him go clean. But they don't because until they take that money away from him they are going to keep that air musk on his face.

So try to understand then, 'This air that I'm taking in, how much is it worth? Is it worth 10 stores or 50 stores? Or 50 billion dollars?' There was a man once who got stuck in the desert. He was a very wealthy man. He needed water. And another man was passing by. And that one had water. And he said to him, 'Give me some water.' He said, 'Of course, I'll give it to you. How much do you think this water is worth to you now? It's just water. So I'm going. If you think it means something then call me back.' He said, 'Yes, yes, come!' He said, 'How much will you give me?' He said, 'I'll give you this much.' He said, 'No. For this much water I want half of your wealth.' He's thinking now and he's dying from thirst. So he said, 'Okay, take it.' He drank, and now that he drank a little bit he became more thirsty. The man was trying to go away and he said to him, 'Give me some more.' He said, 'Give me the other half.' He took the other half.

So the whole wealth is only two sips of water. Think now. Think. We should think on it. This water also we're not showing respect to. This air we're not showing respect to. These lands we're not showing respect to. Yes, mankind must prepare themselves for the worst. No water is coming soon. Those who are not showing respect to water are not going to find water. They are going to die from thirst. Those who are not showing respect to the air, they are not going to breathe the air. They are going to die without breathing the air. Those days are approaching. If you think it's bad now then sit and wait. If you're happy with Allah then Allah is enough for you. He's able to save you everywhere. He's sending you special air and special water then.

Keep yourself that way, keep your faith that way and you'll find safety in Dunya and Akhirat. If you're not keeping that way then your problems are not ending. It's just beginning.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-50

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BLAME YOURSELF FOR YOUR WRONGS AND THINK GOOD ABOUT OTHERS

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La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah-il aliyyil azim

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Ash-hadu an-la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu sallallahu ta'ala alayhi wa alihi wa ashabih wa sallim.

Tariqatuna sohbet wa khayru fil jamiat. If we are building our building on the foundation of the Shahadat, keep the Shahadat under the foundation, if we are building the building on a strong foundation then it's going to stay. Whatever we are building on weak foundations is going to collapse. The Shahadat is the foundation for everything. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Renew your faith." Everytime remembering, we are renewing our faith, saying, 'Ash-hadu an-la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu.'

Now on this we may build what they are going to send to us to speak a couple of words for today's heedless and headless Muslims. All of us are in it because we have been just taken hostage to the hand of Sheytan. We are under the control of Sheytan. Sheytan is moving us left and right through our ego. If you're saying, 'No' then check yourself. We check ourselves to see how much orders of Allah we are keeping and how much we're leaving. How much orders of the Holy Prophet (sws) we're keeping, how much we're applying to our lives and how many of them we're putting aside.

With anything that we replace the hadith and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws), we're replacing with an innovation, with something that came later, Bid'at, wrong thinkings, wrong ways. That's why today the Muslims are praying five times a day, they go to Hajj, they give Zakat, they keep fasting but they're not comfortable, saying, 'I'm not feeling good. I have to go out a little bit.'

The problem is we're running to do the principles of Islam that Allah has ordered to us but we're disobeying the orders of Allah that are saying to us, 'Don't do!' Those actions that He has forbidden us. While we're doing the actions He has ordered to us, 'Do', we're running and doing those actions that He forbid us saying, 'Don't do.' So then we feel very uncomfortable. We're not feeling good. Then we're

supporting our ego and our ego is getting very strong. Yes, our head, the intelligence is working but when the intelligence falls into the hand of the ego then we become the most dangerous creatures on the face of the earth.

This is what happened to us today. This is what happened to the Muslim Nation today. We're talking to Muslims. We're not talking to other nations and other beliefs. We have nothing to do, we have nothing to say to them. We're only saying words to our own selves. And I'm speaking. If you like, say, 'He's speaking to himself. He's not speaking to me.' All those words that I'm saying apply to me.

So we're asking Allah subhana wa ta'ala to keep Sheytan away from our Majlis. When our majlis becomes a holy majlis then Sheytan cannot enter there. Of course. But some people take their Sheytan with them and they come. So we say, 'Leave it outside. Don't bring it inside.' Don't bring your sheytan here because he's not going to be comfortable and you're not going to be comfortable. So inshaAllah through sohbet we'll learn what is for us, what we're going to do and how we're going to do.

'Sheykh, don't we know how to live?'

Yes. From where did we learn? If you're not learning from the Holy Prophet (sws) then we're not knowing how to live. We're living according to our ego then. We're living according to what we've picked up here and there. Muslims are living according to whatever fits to their ego also and they take it and apply it to their lives. But Allah subhana wa ta'ala has sent us the Prophet, Holy Prophet (sws) and he stayed with mankind for 63 years. But after he was Prophet, when prophethood was given to him and he declared openly... he was the Prophet before that too but, so many didn't know and so many weren't accepting. It's okay. But when he declared the prophethood, 23 years he lived among the Sahaba-e Kiram. And through his lifestyle he showed them and he taught them how to live, how to eat, what is the manner, what is the manner according to Islam, not according to today's understanding. Today's understanding of manner is no manner. That's what it is.

So the Holy Prophet (sws) has been sent to us to teach us how to live and to teach us what is waiting for us in this Dunya, in this life, what is it that we have to prepare ourselves for and what should we do, how we're going to prepare ourselves for the hereafter life. So the most important thing for a believer, for the Muslims is we have to concentrate on the hereafter life. If we're concentrating on this life then we're going to lose because we're not going to be able to connect ourselves to the hereafter life. Then we're going to delay, saying, 'I'll do it later. Later, later, later, later.' Another trick of sheytan is to say, 'Delay. Later, later, later', then the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'If you're leaving today's job for tomorrow then you have perished, you have lost.' So we cannot delay anything that comes to us after we become matured, we enter to the maturity age, everyday is coming with that day's responsibilities. And the

responsibilities of those days are not only for us to go to schools to study, to learn and to say, 'I'm going to become a doctor, a lawyer or some high level job I'm going to have and I'm going to make this much money.'

The responsibility that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given to us as servants, how much we're keeping that. That's why today, what do we say? The Muslims are very uncomfortable. They're doing all this, praying and doing everything but still saying, 'I'm not comfortable. My spirit!' Yes, true. We cannot be comfortable because now we are not living according to the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws). We're not taking that very seriously to apply that to our lives. If we're doing that then we have to take some other lifestyle and whichever country we're living in at that time, we're going to pick up what is their lifestyle. And that's what's really happening to us.

Huh, do we have our countries anymore? Are there Muslim countries that are living according to the laws of Allah? No. Already that has changed too. So we have no role-model countries anymore. So what do we have to do? We have to run, we have to run to find... because Allah and His Prophet (sws) is promising us that there's always going to be people among you who are beloved to Allah and they are connected with the Holy Prophet (sws). Run to them, be with them, sit with them, talk with them, learn from them.

"Be with Saliheen", Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying. He's saying through that ayat and so many Muslims today, so many scholars today are saying, "Those Awliya were then. There's no more Awliya now." And Allah is saying to us something else in the Quran-e Karim. He's saying, "Be with Saliheen. Be with those righteous people." His word is living. It's going to live. It's going to live until the Judgment Day and beyond the Judgment Day. It's living.

So, the arrogance and stubbornness... because man today doesn't want to listen to anyone except himself, except his ego. At least in the old days people were saying, "Well, I'm very happy with my mind but I'll take some advice from the holy people too." Holy People. Today it doesn't matter how holy it is. Everyone is thinking of themselves and holier than the holiest. And today's people aren't thinking, 'I'm a servant'. Everyone wants to be treated as a Sultan. That is the biggest problem that we are facing.

So leave that out because now we know the problem. So leave. We have to take care of ourselves. Those people have to take care of themselves when they have realized it, when they have understood, 'Yes, I'm in trouble.' And? 'I need help.' And when you find the person or the people or the area that is going to help you, you have to run. You have to run there. We have to run there. And we cannot go there with our arrogance. We cannot be there to say, 'I know this. I already know this.' What you know just brought you there. Don't you see what you know brought you so much trouble in your life? Now something has to change. You have to change something in your life. You have to get rid of that wrong thinking. You have to make your

heart to start thinking right, not wrong anymore because we cannot afford it.

Every single day the day is rising and the day is setting. Now the day is ready to set. This morning it rose. Whatever we did all day long, that's what we're going to live with. When the nighttime is setting down, the angels are sealing that page and we cannot change anything until Judgment Day. And our Sheykh is saying, 'At least sit and make rabuta.' Meaning, sit and think early in the morning a little bit and when the sun is setting down a little bit. Not just to sit and think nothing. So many people are sitting and, 'What are you thinking?' They say, 'Nothing'. Think something. Think. Think about yourself. Yes. Think.

'What are you thinking?'

'I don't know.'

'What are you thinking?'

'I'm thinking how I'm going to fix my car.'

'I'm thinking what I'm going to eat today.'

'I'm thinking wrong thinking.'

These things are going to happen whether you think it or not. You're thinking or not thinking, it's going to happen. So you're occupying yourself with wrong thinking. We're occupying ourselves with wrong thinkings. That's why in Majlis like this, holy Majlis, yes, it shows, it's enough sign to you to show that it's a holy Majlis that there are fifty people but no sound is coming. There's only one speaking and the other ones are listening. It's not going crazy and wild. Hmm? Giving you peace, giving us peace. It shows that it's a holy Majlis. Right away we understand the feeling there. Sometimes some people don't even hear anything but they're feeling. Still, sit over there.

That's why Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "When you're passing through the gardens of paradises, sit there." And they said, "Ya Rasulullah, where are the gardens of paradises?" He said, "The Majlis. Those groups of people who are gathering together to remember Allah. That place becomes the garden of Paradise. If they get up from there and they are swearing, saying, 'I went to Paradise and I came back', they are not lying."

So how much are we believing on that now as Muslims? How many Muslims are believing on this? Don't you think that if all Muslims were believing in this way, if today on Thursday nights they left everything everywhere in the world and they gathered together to sit to remember Allah... because that's the tradition coming from the Holy Prophet (sws). Celebration. Celebration for Muslims that, 'Yes, we have entered to our holy day now. The sun is going down and we are entering to our holy day. And our holy day is not Sunday.' Sunday is given to the Christians. They invented actually. It's not Saturday.

Saturday is the holy day of the Jews.

Our holy day is Juma and we have to show value to that. And because we're not showing value to the things that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has granted us and Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, "You are the nation of witness. In the Judgment Day you are going to be witnessing other nations." And the Holy Prophet (sws) is the Prophet of all prophets too. He is Ashrafil Makhluqat that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created that one saying, 'If I had not created him I would not have created anything.'

So how much blessing has Allah subhana wa ta'ala given us just to be from his nation? Just to be accepting that Shahadat? Do you think you still have problem that you're going to complain? Your complaints would never end then until the grave and in the grave the angels look saying to you, 'You just entered through the left door. You entered to the trouble. You should've entered through the right door. But because you're not standing in the door of mercy and rahmat, not in the door of patience, not in the door of asking forgiveness and saying, "Ya Rabbi, whatever you have given to me, I know that I don't deserve it but it's coming to me with your mercy and with your Rahmat.'

'No, we don't like what we have.'

So because we don't like what we have, we're getting into troubles. And we're standing in the door of complaint. So if the angel of death comes to us during that time then we're entering through the left door, not through the right door. And if we're thinking, 'Oh, we have problem in Dunya', when you leave they'll say to you, 'What did you send to your grave?' Look what you sent. With all these complaints look what you have sent to your grave. And whatever we send, that's what we're going to find.

So if we keep ourselves busy, if we keep our life, our heart occupied with that thinking then do you think that we're going to have other foolish thinkings that are going to come around us? Do you think we're going to go around searching other people's mistakes to attack them? Although we're still continuously getting Nasihat from our Sheykh, saying, 'Don't attack, don't attack, don't attack', and we're still attacking? No, we cannot then. But they're taking themselves so much high that they're taking the Sheykh's words now and saying, 'The Sheykh is attacking.' Sheykh's job is to give warning to you and to himself. And he's giving warning, they're giving warning to us. We have to take it.

So, as we said earlier, the man is not seeing himself as a murid, the man is seeing himself as a Sultan. If you're seeing yourself as a Sultan then you say, 'I don't take anything from anyone.' It is wrong because Allah is saying to us, "Above every knower there's another knower.' And He's not pointing to you only one man. He's pointing to us that anywhere you're going and you're finding somebody in front of you saying one word to you, look at that word. Is that word Haqq, truth or not? If it's truth then take it and put it on top of your

head. 'But it's coming from the wrong person.' It doesn't matter. The truth is truth. Even if it's coming to you from Sheytan you have to take it. You have to use it but you have to think, 'Why this Sheytan is coming to me with a true word? He must be making some other plans for me.' So you have to be in a more awakening station.

As a Sahabi one day... this is just to show us where we are and where they were. The Sahabi-e Ikram one day was just late to get up for the Fajr prayer. Fajr prayer. He was late, not late that Fajr passed, but late because he couldn't run after the Prophet (sws) to the Masjid to pray. So he had to do it quickly before the sun is rising. And he punished himself saying to himself, 'O my ego, you fooled me huh? O Sheytan you fooled me huh? And I couldn't get up to run to the Masjid to pray with the Prophet (sws)? For that reason I'm punishing you for one year. For one year you're not going to sleep.' So the Sahabi was forcing himself every night and he wasn't sleeping. For one year he punished his ego.

Hmm. It's hard to believe for 21st Century people. True. It's very hard to do, yes, because it's so hard to go to the masjids anyway. They are living next to masjids, they are living in the same town but they come once a week, once a month, saying, 'Eh, we have problems.' Your problems never end. That's right.

So now the Sahabi one day, after punishing himself, he went to sleep again. And it just happened that he was going to lose again, and he was falling into sleep so deeply, Sheytan came and woke him up, saying, 'Wake up'. Sheytan woke him up. (I'm not Sheytan now. Sometimes some are saying to me that I'm Sheytan, I'm Dajjal, I'm this and I'm that but it's okay. I mean, you can say whatever you want. I'm just a servant. I'm just trying to be a servant). So Sheytan was saying, 'Wake up!' So the Sahabi got up and said, 'Oh Sheytan, you really woke me up for the prayer. I was going to sleep. But you are evil. You always do wrong things. You never do right things. And although you never do right things, it is right. You woke me up. But what is the evil thing behind there?'

He said, 'The last time when you got up late for one day, you regretted so much and you punished yourself so much, if you only saw how much reward has been written for you for those days. At least get up, go for prayer and get the small rewards now. Not the extra rewards. Because if you don't wake up then you're going to punish yourself again and then you're going to get lots of rewards again. So at least get the normal rewards. That's why I'm waking you up.'

So Haqq is Haqq. The truth is truth. Whatever is coming to you from truth is truth. You cannot change it. But it depends on how you're looking at it, with which eyes and with which heart, with which thinking. So now, the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "My Nation, there's one piece of meat in your body. If that piece is good then the whole body is good. If that piece is bad then the whole body is bad, the whole body is sick. That is the heart.' So you all know, we all know that when the heart is not good and the heart is sick physically,

the whole body is sick. That man is not good for anything really. Hmm? He cannot go to work. Even if he works he's very weak. Nothing comes out from that man because the heart is sick. But worse comes to worst he's going to die. The heart can be sick and he's going to die.

But if the heart is sick spiritually, that is the biggest problem. You're not only going to die. First you're going to carry all the burdens in the world because you're always going to think wrong. You're never going to think from the positive side. You're always going to think negative. Wrong. Hmm? Even if it's wrong, think good in it. You're not damaging anyone. You're giving rewards to your own self. Because you thought good, you're going to be rewarded.

But if you think bad about somebody and you're trying to say something about that person that he's not in that state, you may be punished for it, and in so many cases people are punished. Words come out from their mouth, they are not knowing what they are saying, they are not thinking. But down in the road some difficulties are waiting for them just because of that word because Allah is promising to us, saying, 'Don't touch My friends. I will declare war on you.' He says, 'The Friends of Allah, don't touch them. And don't go attacking the Friends of Allah.' If you say you're a Friend of Allah then you don't go attacking others. (Sheykh Efendi smiles). So the ones who are attacking are always wrong.

So what does that give to us now? Should we attack or should we defend ourselves? Don't do anything. Holy Prophet (sww) is saying, 'Turn your head to the other side.' He says, 'The answer to an idiot when he's attacking you, when he's saying words to you, the answer to that one is to keep silent, it is not even to look at that one, not to give answer to that one. That is enough answer for that idiot.'

So if you want to put yourself in the book of idiots then welcome. So many Muslims today are doing that too. But the damage is to yourself and nobody else. You cannot get away to think, 'Well, I'm connected to the Prophet (sww) and I'm going to ask the Prophet (sww) to punish you, and I'm going to ask this and that.' Who are you? Did you sit down to think to understand who you are? You are just partnering with Sheytan because Sheytan's job is to attack and Sheytan is not coming physically to attack. It is through other people. So you're just a tool.

So inshaAllah ar-Rahman, if we turn back to ourselves and if we search ourselves, 'Do I have that? Let me check it out. If I have it then I have to stop.' I heard these words now. I said the words and I heard them. I have to check it to see, 'Do I have it?' Don't just come to a conclusion right away to say, 'Oh, I don't have this.' Check yourself. Do you have it? Because that comes into every level now. Do you have it? 'Yes.' Then say, 'Thank you. You just reminded me something and I'm going to try to fix myself.' So the intention is good now. Right away you made a good intention. When your intention becomes good right away, right away the blessings start reaching to you. And because the blessings start coming, right away you'll be able to move yourself out from that wrong thinking. So the heart will not be burdened then.

People say, 'I'm not feeling comfortable. My spirit is very tight.'
True. Because the heart now is burdened. You're putting so much burden on the heart. Sheytans aren't supposed to be there. The heart is the throne of Allah. So if you are thinking all evil kinds of thinkings coming through, all wrong thinkings passing through your head, now you're giving invitation to Sheytan to come in. Sheytan is not slicking anymore. You're giving invitation, saying, 'Come inside.' And how are you going to say now, 'Well, Allah is in my heart too'? Allah is not there. Allah is saying to us, 'Clean your house first, then I come there. Your heart has to be clean. You have to clean your heart. Then I will come. You give invitation and then I will come. I will go inside there.'

So, how are we going to keep that? Very easily. If we remember that yesterday we were inside our mother's womb. And if we know that today we are above this ground, and if we keep it alive in our heart that tomorrow we may be down there, then we have enough worry. Then we have enough worry to say, 'At least let me fill up my grave with good things.' Then you will say, 'Let me have a better relationship with this person. Let me have a better relationship with this one. I don't know who he is. Maybe he'll pray for me when I die.' And if you didn't send anything there then maybe he'll have some people to pray for you and it will be just like putting water to the plant. So people will be sending to your grave then.

So it's up to us. It's up to us because Allah subhana wa ta'ala doesn't torture, doesn't punish His servants. He doesn't punish His creatures. The creatures go around punishing themselves. First being disobedient to Allah and then disobedient to His Holy Prophet (sws), disobedient to the holy ones, then who are you obedient to? Just to say, one person here and one person there? No. That's a lie. It's cheating. You have to have somebody to tell you, 'Do this and don't do that. Turn here and don't turn there.' You cannot just say, 'I'm connected to the Sultan directly.' Who are you? Carrying your ego on top of your head and you're entering into the palace? Did you ever see a man coming with his horse and entering into the palace where the King is sitting and he's entering into the room with his horse? Sitting on the horse? Maybe it's a possibility. And maybe that king is so good that he will forgive that one. Otherwise, the neck must go. Of course it's not a possibility because the guards are not going to let that one to come in. But maybe one possibility.

So when the man is carrying that kind of an ego, do you think you're reaching to Allah and you're not accepting anything else? You think worldly you have reached because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving you some high intelligence that you are using? It's not high intelligence that you used but the Awliya are looking at you. The Awliya Allah are praying for you and you reached somewhere, do you think it's you? That's another biggest mistake that the Muslims are doing today. They are not saying, 'This credit is not for me. If good words come out from me it's definitely not for me. It's from Sheykh Mevlana. It's not me. The credit has to go to him. I'm just a tool.'

So the same thing is true for worldly thinkings. If good things come out from your hand, don't think that you're alone. No. They are sending it to you. And they're sending it to you for a reason. You have to sit and think. So if we keep our Sheykh's order when he says to us, 'Early in the morning, sit and think a little bit. Meditate.' Think what?

'How much business I'm going to make'? Or 'How much money I'm going to make'?

To think, 'Why I begin today? Why have I been created again today? Why did I get up from death today again?' Sleeping is half death. 'Why I got up from death again? What is my purpose today in this life? What is it that I'm going to do?' If we think that then we'll be able to say, 'Well, let me just work a little bit more for Akhirat' and force ourselves. When the evening sets and we sit down and we look at the things that we didn't do, then we don't have the time to worry, 'How much money I made and I didn't make.' Then it's, 'I missed all this today. I missed all these rewards that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving. I missed it.' Yes. And then you don't worry about how much money you make and how much money you have, what is your worldly status then. No.

The worldly status is also moving, especially now, especially from now on it's going to move according to the way the believers are moving, coming closer to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Everything is being taken away from the hands of the unbelievers. They're going to lose it. Already the valves have been shut. If a little bit is still coming it's in the pipe from where the water is coming. But the valves are shut. No more is coming. No more is going to come to the unbelievers. We have just entered into the era that Islam is going to rise. And Islam is rising everywhere. And if we are thinking, 'Yes, we want to be in it. Yes, we want to be one of those ones', then we have to run and do certain good thinkings and good things. Not to think, 'Well, everyone has to die. And I'm going to be the only one. Only the young people are going to live and the rest has to die because they're all so dirty.'

That shows your dirtiness. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, 'If it's not for the little babies that just came out from their mothers, and if it's not for those little sheep, and if it's not for the old people who are sitting in prayers, I'll not send a drop of water to this world. And I will make everyone to die from thirst. But because of those old ones that they are holy ones, they are asking, they are continuously good with Me and they are asking, because of them I'll send it to you.'

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

If you want to, if we want to have some changes in our lives then we

have to take these words seriously. If not then, yes, there are so many people speaking everywhere and so many of them are saying good things, but if you're not taking it then you're not going to make progress. So many are saying bad things. If you're taking those bad things then you're going to make progress in the wrong way.

So first we have to know what is good and what is bad and what is it that we are earning. We have to choose our side and inshaAllah ar-Rahman then we'll become good servants to our Lord, good Nation of the Holy Prophet (sws) and good murids to our Sheykh.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-51

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LEARN ABOUT AKHIRAT AND LIVE FOR IT

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah. We are thanking our Lord that He has created us from the children of Adam (as) and He has granted us faith. How much should we thank? Non-stop. Non-stop we should be thanking. But Dunya is fooling us. This world. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us in one ayat, 'This Dunya life is only very temporary and very little enjoyment you are going to get out from it. It's only a game. The real life is the life of Akhirat. Hereafter. Prepare yourself for that.'

Today, from the kindergartens to the universities, from the workplaces to anywhere you go, Imams, masjids, mosques are concentrating people for Dunya, the world. 124,000 prophets came to the world. None of them came to the world to live in the world. None of them came to tell

people, 'Come to Dunya. Have better jobs. Have better education.' No. Education, studying and learning is obligation, it is farz in Islam. It is obligation to the boys and the girls. It is obligation for the child from seven-years-old up to seventy-years-old. From the crib to the grave, it is obligation to learn.

But to learn what? What is it that we have to learn? Are we going to learn this Dunya? This Dunya that Allah is saying to us, 'It's only temporary and there's only very little benefit in it'? Or should we concentrate on Akhirat? All prophets were coming to tell us, 'Turn your face'... face means, your love, your attachment, 'from this Dunya to Akhirat. From Dunya to Mawla. From this life to the Akhirat life. From this temporary life to the eternal life that is waiting for you.'

This is what we have to concentrate on. This is what we have to be busy with. This is what we have to sit and think all the time. 'How I did today? Today I got up again. Why did I get up? Did I get up for the sake of Allah, to live for Allah's sake or I got up for this Dunya?' If you're getting up for this Dunya then there's very little benefit, Allah is saying. If you're getting up for Allah's sake to live for Allah's sake then this Dunya is coming free with it because you're aiming for Akhirat life. It's just like a farmer who's planting grain. When he's planting the grain no farmer is planting grain to collect straw. Everyone's planting the grain to multiply the grain, to get more out from it. But the straw comes free. It grows with it and you take the straw free. This Dunya is just like that straw. The Akhirat life is just like that grain you're planting.

So the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'When the angel of death comes to you, three things go with you to the grave. Three things accompany you to your grave. One is your family, the other one is your wealth and the other one is your good deeds. Your good deeds, your good actions, your good way of lifestyle stays in the grave with you. Your family and your wealth turn back.' Huh, in the 21st Century not even your family comes to your grave anymore. As soon as you die they leave you over there and they don't bury you until they finish the fighting of Dunya.

So for what? For what all this? For a little bit of food that we're going to eat? Or to say, 'I'm going to leave it to my children'? Which children? Those children who are going to fight for who's going to take more and they're not going to even turn to look at you? Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving us a lesson, teaching us who we are and what we are. We're all like this. Yes. The children of Adam are all like that. Exceptions are those ones who turn around and take their ego under their control. And their mind, their faith and their spirit is ruling on their ego. If the man is saying, 'Yes, I'm that one', then that one must be aiming to Akhirat. If the man is saying, 'Yes, I'm controlling my ego, my ego is under my control, my faith is strong, I have high intelligence, my spirit is very happy', that one's aim is Akhirat. He's looking to Akhirat. He cannot look for Dunya. As soon as you turn and you look at Dunya, the burden starts, the heaviness starts.

So this is a lesson to us, to you and to me, to the whole mankind. Allah is speaking to us, saying to us who we are, what this world is, what is waiting for us on the other side and who is He and what is it that we have to do with that One. You may delay it. Delay as much as you want. The Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'If you're delaying today's job for tomorrow, you've already lost. You've already perished.' Do you know when the angel of death is going to come to you? Instantly. When you're making the corner, he's waiting. Sometimes we go through that and we're still not waking up to understand, 'Azrail was there.' You didn't see the figure, that's true. But all actions are showing that you were just a second away from death.

So you think you're brave then? Challenging? Challenging death? Challenging Akhirat when you're not ready for it? That is an ignorant man. Ignorant man is he who doesn't know he's challenging death. Yes, the ignorant man is that one who's sitting on two wheels, going on top-speed and he's giving his life to one little stone on the road. That one is ignorant. He's not knowing what's waiting for him there. There is no protection. Yes, you may say, you're standing here and the building may fall on top of your head. That is beyond your control. It's not in your hand. But certain things are in your hand, it is in our hand and we have to take control on that. And if we don't then we pay a price for that too.

So one day the Holy Prophet (sws) was passing through next to a wall and that wall was cracked. Anytime it may collapse. And when he came to that station near that level he started moving fast from there. He moved fast and after he passed that wall he slowed down. The Sahaba said, "Ya Rasulullah, are we running away from Qadar? From destiny?" He said, 'No, we're running away from the open signs of Qaza, accidents, to the destiny of Allah.' We're escaping from here. We don't know what's waiting for us on the other side. But Allah is showing us the danger there. So we should not play here. We should move. We should move from here fast to our destiny.

This is what we have to do. Death is waiting for us. We didn't taste the death yet. Everyone of us are going to. We cannot escape from it. No man is going to escape from it. There's only one man who escaped from it until now for over two thousand years. Isa (alayhi salam). He's coming back to the world to die. One of the biggest reasons that he's coming back to this world is to taste the death because he went up with his spirit and with his physique together and he's going to come back to this world to die, to give that spirit and that body will go under the ground to be prepared for the Judgment Day. No man is going to escape from that. We cannot.

Yesterday we were inside our mother's womb. Today we are standing on top of this ground. Tomorrow we are going to be in it. So as much benefit you're going to get from this Dunya, run to Dunya. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, 'As much as you're in need of this Dunya, run to this Dunya. As much as you're in need of Akhirat, run to Akhirat.'

So an intelligent man must sit and think, 'How much I need this Dunya and how much I need the Akhirat?' That is according to your faith.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-52

BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Medet

Sheykh Abdul Kerim (Hz.) is speaking about certain groups making confusion and attacks on the Osmanli Naksibendis.

Sohbet Transliteration – 6/6/08

Auzibillahi Min ash-Shaitani Rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya

We are asking help, support, from our Sheykh. Sahibul Makan, whoever is watching this place that is connected with our Sheykh, he may send to that one.

That one may send to us, and we may speak something that, insha'Allah, it will give benefit to us. All sohbet is for that reason, to make our life to progress, to become better servants to our lord, Allah (SWT). So Holy Prophet is saying even if it is taking milk from a one sheep, that long, if it is two persons, sit and talk to each other, so blessings coming that time. Meaning is however long it takes to take the sheep if you are expert. Now you can enter into that subject: Some people they take them ten minutes, some people they take them one minute, they are expert. So everything they have their expertise.

I usually don't understand, also, with this question that earlier came that, usually, the Wahhabis they are asking, saying, "Brother you are not, you're so fast brother, you should go slow." But meanwhile they don't make sunnat. They don't make sunnat. They just make the fard they ready to go out of the masjid. They watching one person that is doing fast sunnat and he goes, "Brother I was just watching you." "And?" "You were doing very fast. It's not right brother." (Sheykh Effendi laughs) It's not right, right, it's not that, what about yours? You're not following the sunnat, that's true. So don't give your mind to it, that's, put it out.

So Holy Prophet saying, (AS) "Either be a teacher, or a student." One teach, the other one listens and learns, students. "Or the third one, watches the teacher and the student talking, and likes it, listens, and the fourth one saying, likes those people, teacher, and student, and the other ones watching." He is not one of them, but he is liking the teacher and the student and the one that who's watching, he is liking them, so he says that is the fourth kind of people. He says "Don't be the fifth one, you will be perished." Says, "Either be teacher, a student, listener, or the one that who loves those ones, don't be the fifth one, you will be perished." Today, this is just what's happening in the world. Everyone speaks, yes, and we say: if you have one person that is listening to you, continue speaking and from that speech, if good things comes out continue doing. If it's a bad things happening, stop. Don't do it. Doesn't matter from where you hear. Hear directly from the Holy Prophet (as) and the Quran now, saying to us, "Speak the Knowledge that you know, don't speak the knowledge that you don't know."

So now, people running, in these days, to make trouble to themselves. As the Grandsheikh's saying, "When you see a group of people, and they are sitting, and they like one leader, leave them. They do it good or bad, don't interfere to them. Don't say nothing to them, it is not your business." He says, "Allah has created everyone in different state, in different stations, and they found each other, they like each other, so they will be in that community." If you interfere from outside, even if you have a power, you have to divide your power now to two sides so your power is going to become less. You not going to make those people to follow your way, they already following somebody. You just going to get their anger. You just going to get their curse on you so don't be that one: you will be under the curse as so many people doing in these days.

And I am saying this because in these days some Sheykh's murids with their Sheykh's pushings, taking from their Sheykh's sohbet and they thinking that they have the right to go and attack other groups of Sheykh Mevlana's groups – don't, because its no good for you. One day you going to stay with that burden and no one is going to lift it, not even your Sheykh is going to be lift it because that one is going to be under another burden, interfering into something that he has no authority to interfere. Sheykh Mevlana is the Grandsheikh; Sheykh Mevlana is the Sultanul Awliya. If we believe that sincerely, definitely, he is the Sultan, so around his counsel, he may have viziers. It's okay, we are not one of the viziers, maybe. Maybe we are one of the clown inside the palace that we're making Sheykh Mevlana to laugh. It's okay, we are happy, we are happy with that. We are not running to become viziers, we are not running to looking for his chair, that when he is going to die we are going to sit on that chair, we not. Those who is looking, they should look for a long time, because they must go before Sheykh Mevlana. This is our prayer.

So if you are going to attack, you going to lose everything that you have. You don't even have right to attack to the wrong ones, how you think you going to have right to attack to the right ones. Allah and His Prophet forbid us, Allah and His Prophet forbidding us, saying to us: don't argue, don't argue. With the things that you are *right*, don't argue, he forbid us, he forbid us from the arguments. Saying if you know something, and you think that is working for you keep it, work it on you, let people to see, maybe they follow you. That's exactly what Sheykh Mevlana did, that what he is doing. I've been with him - as of course they searching, and they slandering lying saying I just met Sheykh Mevlana yesterday; no I didn't. I born under his feet. My grandfather served Sheykh Mevlana, my father served him. I am serving him, my son serving him, and my grandson is serving him. So we are five generations. I don't think any one of those khalifas that they are saying that they are serving Sheykh Mevlana this five generations we are and none of us we did wrong to Sheykh

Mevlana and we are not intending to do wrong to Sheykh Mevlana. That's the last thing that we want and I'm asking Allah if I'm going to do, and I asked Sheykh Mevlana saying "Sheykh Mevlana, if I ever going to raise my head against to you, please pray for me that I go out from this world right now." He says to me, "You will not be, I need you, I need you because you have a work to do."

So now, we are not here of course to say this, but because some people are starting to put fitna and confusion from every side and we say, we not going to give an answer back, and we are not giving an answer back. We are just saying certain things for our people to understand where we are standing point because some coming to me saying "Sheykh, why you are not saying same thing to them, why you are not attacking?" I saying we are not going to attack, we would falling to same level. They can attack much as they want. We not going to attack back because we love Sheykh Mevlana and if it's necessary, we going to help them. When the time comes we going to help them, insha'Allah. Insha'Allah, we will find that in our heart to be able to reach to them to help them. But it's no good for anyone who is doing that, it's just only causing confusion.

East, West, North, South - there is two billion Muslims. How many from these 2 billion Muslims you think they are living Islam. If you cannot do nothing, just run to those ones. And make them to live if you think that you live correctly make them to live Islam the way that you think it is right. If you cannot work on them, if you are in America, this country has 300 million people sinking. Reach to one of them, don't spend your energy with me because you going to be losing, definitely, because I know why I am living for. I'm not living for promotion no one can give me anything, I'm not expecting anything. And I'm not planning to build palaces, I'm not planning to build houses, I'm not planning to build anything, I'm just planning to build my faith and those people that's around me, they have to follow the same way that I'm doing otherwise they can go to live their lives. Simple. It's simple. We not asking anybody to come follow us by force.

Anyone who's following our way, Osmanli Naksibendi Way. Yes, it looks like saying Naksibendi Hakkani we have deviated – we didn't. We got direct permission from Sheykh Mevlana to open this branch saying, Osmanli Naksibendi Hakkani, direct order. We have been given this flag to our dergah to me directly from Sheykh Mevlana. Once upon a time, there was a Sheykh who was attacking me nonstop and that time I was sitting in the Makam of Sheykh Abdullah in our dergah and my heart was hurting because I was getting so much attack. And that person was saying that I have been possessed by Sheytan and anyone who's around me they going to be possessed by Sheytan. And while that person was saying that, I just looked out in the pond and I see Allah's name writing through the snow and the Prophet's name is writing. Then that changing, turning the name to be Ali, and Abu Bakr and Omer, and all these names. And I say Alhamdulillah ya Rabbi. So Allah is putting his signature, I didn't put it there. Go to our website, see. We are not making commercials about, it is over 2002 so many years ago. We didn't make commercials to go around to give to people, "look what happened in our pond." Allah put His signature there. If you still going to attack you going to lose, definitely you will to be losing. Those that they going to attack us they going to lose because my intention as well as all those people that they are following me sincerely, I know their intention is to just to serving Allah and this cause. I know that, I have no doubt. Those that I have doubt I don't keep them around me for a long time. I make sure that they run away. (Sheykh Effendi speaking about specific murid.) Alhamdulillah, he's learning, we learning.

So doing that way is not going to give anything to anyone. You just going to cause confusion, you just going to get the anger and the curse of the people and sometimes some

peoples curse, it is very heavy, you cannot get up from it you cannot get up from underneath. So my advice to those who's doing it is do a favor to yourself, stop. Because you not going to be able to damage me, insha'Allah I am protected by Sheykh Mevlana and I am protected by Holy Prophet (AS). And I'm saying this: if you think that you are connected to Holy Prophet (AS) ask, say, "This person is following your orders? Or is following the orders of Sheytan?" Ask. If you think that you are that high level, ask directly from Holy Prophet (AS). If you think you have reached to Divine Presence, you should be watching down with Allah (SWT) together watching my heart to see the work that I am trying to do. So insha'Allah it is wrong, wrong is always wrong. We are not here to collect money. In our websites you don't see commercials saying donation, donation, donation brother. We have very little money, Alhamdulillah, and we manage to do. We don't accept donation from the people who doesn't believe us, who doesn't love us, and who is not one of our members. We don't accept donations from those ones. When they come to give to us, I say to them, don't give it to us, we don't take it. Go to give to Sheykh Mevlana or go to give to other Sheykhs. We don't take your donations.

So insha'Allah everyone knows what they doing and why they doing. And we are doing it sincerely for the sake of Allah that Sheykh Mevlana saying to me "My son, if you are able to reach to one person in America, it is better for you than all the wealth of America and everything in it." And that is my aim insha'Allah that's that was my aim, from the time that I came so many asking if I am a khalifa, if I am the khalifa of Sheykh Mevlana. Well, when I was 19 years old and Sheykh Mevlana sent me here, that's what he said to me, he said "Go and be my khalifa," I didn't even know what was the meaning of khalifa that time (Sheykh Effendi smiles), I didn't know what to do, and I came and I start doing things. And if they are still asking if I am one of is khalifas? Yes, I am one of his khalifas. I am one of his Sheykhs? Yes, I am one of his Sheykhs? I am one of his vekils? Yes, I am one of his vekils. I am one of his murid? I am one of his **best** murids, that I have never say word through a tongue to my Sheykh and I have never let my heart to have doubt what my Sheykh said in this 50 years time. 50 years.

So insha'Allah this much should be enough for you, for me, for everyone, that I am not going to make this repeating again to nobody, not to my people, not to the enemies. This is how it was, this is how it is insha'Allah, this is how its going to stay and every day yes, slowly, surely, we going to make one more step ahead, with the help of our Sheykh. If our Sheykh's hand lifted from us, I know that I cannot move my finger; that I know. If somebody thinking that I am doing something without the help of my Sheykh, that person must be idiot because the help is reaching to me through him, that's why I'm able to do. If he leaves me I cannot do nothing, and anything that is good that is coming through our hand we don't get the credit, credit goes to Sheykh Mevlana, not us; we don't deserve the credit, Sheykh Mevlana deserves the credit. We never let anyone openly or hiddenly anywhere, doesn't matter what is their status worldly, we were brave enough to stand front of the generals, front of the ambassadors, which some of you knows, some of the Sheykhs knows also, front of the presidents to say to them that they are wrong and Sheykh Mevlana is right. I am still saying it, announcing it to the world. They didn't have that much of guts to do, when other people attacking to Sheykh Mevlana and praising them, they staying quiet. You can praise me much as you want - if you are attacking Sheykh Mevlana, you are under the feet of the dog, you cannot give me nothing, the world is under my feet, I don't put the world in my pocket. You cannot put the world in my pocket. Definitely, you cannot put the world in my heart, so we put that out long time ago.

For their information, whatever we did, yes we did with the help of Sheykh Mevlana, I fooled them so many times I said to them say "Where did you find the money?", saying, "Sheykh Mevlana gave me an open check. 2 million dollars." They believe on that. Alhamdulillah up till today I have taking only 20 dollars from Sheykh Mevlana by money. I still save that money years, it is in my pocket. I never used that money, that's the blessing that's coming. Nonstop, Sheykh Mevlana through his blessings it's coming. We don't go to Cyprus to take money from Sheykh Mevlana, we go to Cyprus to bring money to him, and you all know how difficult we are here, Alhamdulillah. Anything that we are collecting, anyone here, if they thinking that they are giving donations to me, you are not. I am taking that little money that you putting, we bringing it to Sheykh Mevlana. He can distribute as he likes it, you will be blessed two times that time.

This is what's happening and as I say earlier because some people, they just not learning, and I don't think that they going to learn, and I'm not going to waste my voice with them, which I say to one of them one time I said to him, this is the first time and the last time I am explaining myself to you. I will never come to you to tell you why you saying this and why you doing that. I never did, and I never will. Every time I see them I show them the proper respect. Although that they are attacking they are saying the words that even the yahudis they didn't say about me. The Christians they don't say the words about what they are saying and, I am swallowing, Alhamdulillah. But we will find out what is riding ahead one day when the dust settles down if it is a horse or if it is donkey, everyone will find out who is riding ahead.

Wa minallahu tawfiq-----this much should be enough for you, for these people, for the video, for anyone who is going to listen. If you still have something to say, suit yourself; if you want to challenge me don't challenge, because challenges, I never take it easily, and if somebody challenges, I am challenging for my life. I am ready to give that but I have lots of things to do, so I'm not giving my life to you, my life is for Allah and His Prophet and for Sheykh Mevlana. Insha'Allah I am asking from Allah – (Sheykh Effendi directs to the listeners) in your presence also - that I will not deviate from this way of faith that I believe in Sheykh Mevlana. If I'm going to do I am asking right now for Allah to take my life, right now this minute. I'm not hesitating to say that, if I'm going to deviate one day, it is better for me to go away from this life right now. We minallahu tawfiq. Al Fatiha.

Sohbet-53

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SPECIAL NIGHTS IN THE COMING HOLY MONTHS

Juma Khutba by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Friday 23 Jumad al-Thani, 1429

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Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, shukr, shukr Ya Rabbi. Astaghfirullah. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord for our shortcomings, wrongdoings. He's saying, 'Ask forgiveness for the wrong things that you're doing, for your shortcomings, ask forgiveness for yourself and on behalf of your brothers and sisters.'

'Sheykh we're busy working. We don't have time.'

Yes. The 21st Century people aren't asking that too. So the Holy Prophet (sws) is giving another good news to mankind. Maybe, maybe, someday, one day, we will wake up. One day the Holy Prophet (sws) and the Sahaba-e Kiram were at war and their side was bringing in the prisoners of war. So many people were there and the Holy Prophet (sws) was watching them. And there was a lady also among those prisoners who lost her child and she was looking, running around, looking very nervous and as soon as she found her child, she grabbed the child and started crying. The Holy Prophet (sws) was very sad saying to the Sahaba, 'You see that lady? Do you think that she will put that child into the fire? They said, 'No, Ya Rasulullah. Impossible.' He said, 'Allah is more merciful than that lady there.'

The mankind is moving out from the orders of Allah to the wrong roads and Allah subhana wa ta'ala is creating days and nights, special days and nights just to forgive them. And there was a time when the Holy Prophet (sws) was also passing through a cemetery. He was very sad and he said to the Sahaba, 'Everyone in this cemetery is under the punishment until I asked forgiveness on their behalf and Allah forgave them and He moved the punishment from them.' He said, 'If these people would've showed (respect) to one night properly, to the night of Rajab, one night, one day fasting and one night standing and worshipping during the time of Rajab then they would not be in this punishment by this time.'

So alhamdulillah we're approaching the three months, the month of Allah, Rajab, the Holy Prophet's (sws) month Shaban, and the Nation of Muhammad's month Ramazan. It's coming. It's going to come and it's going to go. Whether we're in this world or not it's coming and it's going. As long as Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving date to this world and the world is going to continue, those days are going to come and go. But how is it going? How it's coming and how it's going? Are we showing the proper respect to these months? Are we showing proper care for these months? For instance, are you showing just that much importance that you're showing to this fake calendar's New Year? Everyone knows the New Year. Millions of Muslims don't know now that Rajab is coming. Not one, millions. But ask them, 'When's the New Year?' They already prepared everything. Millions of Muslims prepared, individuals, governments prepared for the celebrations.

So are we showing that much happiness that we're receiving the month of Rajab? If you do then you're a winner. If not, cry for yourself. If you're not showing any care, if you're not showing any importance, if your heart is not moving you when holy months like that is coming, then your faith is dying. That faith is very dim and it's finishing.

So during these months are the months that we may generate electricity to our faith and we may move again. We may start moving again during the month of Rajab. As a holy man said, 'The month of Rajab is the month of planting the seed. The month of Shaban is the month that the seed is growing and start giving the fruit. And the months of Ramazan is when you start collecting the fruit.

So, it's waiting for us. We're moving towards that. InshaAllah by next week this time we'll be in the month of Rajab. InshaAllah, I'm making intention, it's not obligation to you, making intention to be fasting those days. If you do then you'll win for yourself. If we show, as the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'If we show (respect to) only one night properly during that month then Allah subhana wa ta'ala removes the punishment from a person for one year.' He's making it so easy. We run to do so many wrong things. We force ourselves. We remove the barricades to do the sin, to do wrong things, and Allah subhana wa ta'ala opens doors to us. Anywhere near us He opens doors to us for safety again.

Don't complain about Allah saying, 'I'm in trouble. I have problems. Nothing is working for me.' It's not. It's not working because of you! It's not because of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. He's opening your way and you're closing the ways. Running toward wrong directions. It's about time for us to wake up. During these three months, as you know, so many things you know but still we have to say, that during this month we have the night of Raghaib in the first Juma, inshaAllah this first Juma that is coming. But also during these three months there are another three holy nights of Islam. Miraj, Bera'at, and Laylatul Qadr are during these months. Think a little bit. During these three months Allah subhana wa ta'ala put all those secret days.

So, we should be preparing ourselves for that and start worrying about the world a little bit less and submitting yourself more to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. When we submit ourselves then things are going to work. If we don't submit ourselves then not with the American dollar, if you have the whole world's money in your hand, you're still going to be in trouble. So many people are thinking, 'I have financial problem and I'm in trouble.' No it's not. You have problem, we have problems. Our problem is that we broke our relationship, we broke our friendship, we broke the hotlines between ourselves and our Lord. We pulled it and we ripped it off. That's what we did. We're running towards western lifestyle and we're running away from Islam. We're running away from the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws). The more we run away from the Holy Prophet's (sws) teachings, Holy Prophet's sunnat, and the Sahaba's sunnat, the more trouble we're getting into. The more we're running away the more deep trouble we're entering into. We're running to wrong directions. We must turn back. We must find that U-turn and go back to the road that we believe, that we're asking our Lord at least forty times a day, 'Put us in Sirat-ul Mustaqim.' Reciting Fatiha, if you pray five times a day with the sunnats then at least forty times a day you're asking, 'Put me in Sirat-ul Mustaqim.' And Allah isn't putting?

But the tongue is asking, the body is there but the heart and everything is in some other place. So we must put some more sincerity in ourselves. We must know and we must be aware that Allah is watching us. Allah was not only watching the people during the time of the Holy Prophet (sws). He's still watching today and knowing what's happening. Everything's happening under His authority.

He put two ways to us, saying to us, 'This road brings you to Me and this road leads you with Sheytan to Jahannam. Choose any side you want.' We're choosing a side. If we choose the Sirat-ul Mustaqim then we have to run to support that Sirat. That way our faith grows stronger. Every single day our faith must grow stronger. We must do one less wrong thing and we must do one better thing everyday. We must check ourselves during these months, the months that are making very easy for believers to put themselves away from the Sheytan way back to the Sirat-ul Mustaqim.

These months are giving us the chance, the power to start having control over our ego. During these months Sheytan will be put into chains. You cannot complain about Sheytan too. But the ego is planning so many tricks and traps. And if we're the servants of Allah then we must leave ego and we must run to look, 'Anything that I'm doing, what is the benefit in it for me, for the Nation and is it okay by my Lord or not?' Then inshaAllah we'll find the safety.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-54

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WHO DOES ALLAH SUBHANA WA TA'ALA LOVE

Juma Khutba by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr. We are thanking our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala that He has created us in Ahsani Taqweem, from the

children of Adam (as) and He has given us the permission to say the Shahadat. Is an intelligent man looking for anything more than this? If he is looking then he has no intelligence. So what's the reason of creation? Why He has created us? He is saying to us, "We have created the man and the jinn only to know Us and to worship Us."

In this exile place... this is a place where man has been exiled from Paradise because Sheytan ran after our grandfather non-stop and finally through finding his weakness, his weak side, he made him to become disobedient to one order of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Because of that he has been sent out from Paradise and send down to the earth. We have been born here. He had come down from Paradise. We have been born here in the exile land. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala's mercy reached to us and He sent prophets to us, sent books to us, sent guides to us, telling us what we have to do, what is the reason of our creation, what is it that we have to do. If He didn't send any of those, if He didn't send prophets or guides or books, the intelligence that He has given to us should be enough to understand why the man has been created.

So after all Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending guides, prophets, books and ways to us showing to us what we have to do and we are getting fooled again. This time we are getting fooled with the love of this Dunya. Dunya, Hubbuh Dunya, the love of Dunya is finishing the mankind. And the 21st Century people are declaring that they are the best among all the other ones among the children of Adam (as) that were created before. They say, 'We have reached to the peak of technology and everything' but they left everything. About believing now they say, 'What's to believe? We believe that we are monkeys.' That's the intelligence. That's where their intelligence is leading them.

So we are believers and we know the reason of our creation, why we have been created. Leave the other ones who don't know. But we know, and knowing why we have been created, what is it that we have to do in this world. While knowing all that and still running behind the monkeys, what the monkeys are showing to us, then it makes man to fall lower than that. A believer will fall lower than that then. You are running after a monkey minded people? Because this is what they are showing to you?

So once some Sahabi came to the Holy Prophet (sws) and asked, "Ya Rasulullah, who is the best one in the Divine Presence, in the Presense of Allah among the humans?" He said, "That is the best one that Allah loves who makes Jihad with his body and with his wealth." Not understanding Jihad now, taking guns, going around and killing people? No, that's not. That is the small Jihad. The big Jihad is man running to control himself, his ego.

The prophets have been sent to the world and they didn't have that problem. Allah subhana wa ta'ala lifted it from them and they didn't have to worry about getting into the tricks and traps of the ego. The Awliya Allah works hard and after some time Allah subhana wa ta'ala removes it away from them too keeping them on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim to be guiding other people to be saying, "Yes, this is the characteristic

of your ego. You must turn to this side. Sheytan is coming to you from this side, you must turn that side."

The ego is like an octopus. Every hand, every side that is coming is supporting the main body. You cut one side. It doesn't matter. The other one is going to grab you.

So who's that one? The beloved one in the presence of Allah subhana wa ta'ala? Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "That one who makes Jihad with his body and with his wealth." They said, "Ya Rasulullah, the second one?" He said, "The second one is that one who pulls himself out to the corners of the world and becomes busy with himself and with the worshipping to his Lord." Something to think now. Yes. To some people Allah subhana wa ta'ala is opening doors to this, the best way, and still the mind and heart is with Dunya thinking, "I have to do this and I have to do that."

Whatever is written for you is going to come. You cannot escape. Whatever is not for you, you can run twenty-four hours, you are not going to get it. This one thing man has to understand. If you understand this then the rest comes very easily. What will happen if you get it by chance? What will happen? What are you going to do then? You were looking for the peace of mind to worship? You are not going to have the peace of mind then. The worrying of Dunya is going to make you to be more nervous all the time. You are seeing the examples everywhere in the world.

So we must be very happy because Allah has granted to us the Shahadat, and for this life that He has granted to us, you should be very happy. Checking what Holy Prophet (sws) said fourteen hundred years ago, check and look to your life. If you are finding, 'It doesn't fit what Holy Prophet (sws) said. It doesn't fit to my life', run to Dunya then. I'm reading all these books all my life, I have never seen one hadith of the Holy Prophet (sws) or one ayat in the Quran or in any other book that is talking about Dunya, talking to people saying, 'Run after this Dunya. Run after the wealth of this Dunya.' But today's people are running after it differently saying, 'I need it.' They don't even know what they need.

People don't know what they need. What is needed for you, Allah is sending. Use it properly. Then you don't need to spend it on doctors because the majority of people are running, running, running and running, collecting Dunya, spending their youth time, their energy time after this Dunya, and as soon as they are sitting down they are getting sick, they are taking all the money and they are giving it to the doctors. Dunya is not any good for you. Dunys is not any good for us. You just have to know how to work in it. The main aim is we have to run to complete our promise to our Lord.

What is the promise that we have given to him? "We only worship You." And Allah sent us to this world saying, "Let's see how many of you are going to keep your promise. If you look at that, keep that alive from the beginning of your life until the end, to keep that in mind saying, 'My reason is to keep that promise to my Lord', then all the other

ones leave you and everyday you are getting up looking, 'What do I have to do today to keep my promise to my Lord?' That is the main concern a man, a believer should be busy with.

Other than that is malayani, nonsense that is keeping man away from his Lord, it's keeping man not to keep his promise to his Lord. So Sheytan is finding so many ways just like an Octopus, grabbing from this side, grabbing from that side, pulling from that side, once the man is following and he is finishing, (Sheytan) is saying, 'This one is mine. You are going with me.'

Don't forget. He challenged Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Sheytan challenged saying, 'I am going to fool those ones and I am going to take them with me to Jahannam.' And Allah said to him, 'As soon as they turn to Me and ask forgiveness, I am going to forgive them. If they are going to get fooled by you and you are going to take them with you then they are going to be severely punished just like you. This time I am not going to forgive them.'

The breath of life is given to us now. We are taking, we are giving. We don't know how much and for how long. It's another thing if you want to keep alive in yourself then your worrying goes away. The other worries go away. Keep the faith strong to know, 'Yes, we have not been created for this world. We have been created for the hereafter. Whatever is for me, my Lord has already prepared for me. It's going to come. My job is to look to keep my promise. Let the Lord to think what He is going to give to me.' Then you'll see the whole world running after you. But if we are leaving that promise a little bit crooked and we are running after this Dunya then slowly it's going to swallow us.

Today is Juma. East, west, north and south, millions of Muslims, two billion Muslims on the face of the earth. If they go just keeping this Juma, just this Juma, by next Juma their problems will be solved worldwide. But they are not keeping the Juma. What's keeping them away from Juma? Dunya. Running after this Dunya is keeping them away from this Juma. So those ones who are not keeping that seriously, they are under the curse of the Holy Prophet (sws). When he was giving the first Juma, he put a curse on those people saying, "When the Juma time is coming and those who are not going for the service of Allah subhana wa ta'ala, I am praying that they will never come together in this color of shirt. They will never come together.' Meaning, their worldly job is never going to be satisfied and they will never come together. They are going to run after this Dunay non-stop. That is the curse of the Holy Prophet (sws). If a man says, 'I am a believer and I am really believing in what Holy Prophet (sws) is saying', he must take that alive in himself.

So yes, the Muslims have lots of problems. They have lots of problems because they became heedless. Because the Muslims' role model is no longer their Prophet (sws). Their role model is no longer the Sahaba-e Kiram. Their role models became the Yahudis, the Christians and the Western world. We have to turn back if we want safety in Dunya and Akhirat. We have to turn back. Those who are in the way of Allah must

remove everything away from their heart. As they are keeping their bodies in the dergah, they must put their hearts into the dergah too. Otherwise, they are emptying out too. They are going. Fire is waiting. No one is going to be escaping from that.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to His Prophet (swws), "Give good news to My nation, My people. At the same time give them the warnings." Yes, giving good news, everyone knows the good news. In these days everyone is running after nonsense. We are just saying what is waiting for us. If we take it and apply to ourselves then we may shake ourselves to come out from that heedlessness. Otherwise, we can speak here until Judgment Day and you can listen until Judgment Day. If you don't move, if you don't move to remove that away from yourself then nothing is going to change.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-55

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE DOGS ARE GOING TO BARK BUT THE CARAVAN CONTINUES ITS JOURNEY

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Tariqatuna sohbet wa khayru fil jamiat. Our Sheykh is saying, "Even if it is for five minutes, two persons – two, three, four or five, however many we are, just one speaks and others listen. This way we will get the benefit of what comes out from those words inshaAllah and we will be blessed because the Holy Prophet (swws) is saying, "Din-i Nasihat." Din is advice. And Shah Naksibendi (qaddasallahu sirruh) is saying, "Our way continues through sohbet, through association." We are not in any level to make sohbet now. Just making a couple of words that maybe it will make us to wake up from the heedless station.

Sohbet is for people who are ready. Not for people whose physical body

is there but their spirit is circling in some other places, or escaping or running, like last minute running to come to sohbet. That's not sohbet. You cannot make sohbet that way. But because we're here now, inshaAllah, we'll see what the holy ones make us to say and those words are for me and for you. If you take and you apply to your life, you'll win. If not then you say, 'I listen to myself, my ego.'

That's exactly what Sheytan did. He didn't listen. He did not listen. When Allah gave him order, 'Make sejdah to Adam', means, now listen to Adam. From now on listen to him. He didn't listen because he listened to his ego saying, 'I'm better. So how can I listen to that one.' If he would've listened then the secret that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has planted into Adam (alayhi salam) would complete Sheytan's knowledge. But he didn't. Because he didn't listen he became disobedient.

The first disobedience in the Divine Presence, Sheytan. Second disobedience, the ego. If the person is saying, 'I'm a believer, I'm a Mu'min' then what is the sign? That means he listens to his Lord. Mu'min is that one who listens to his Lord. Listening to the Lord is not saying, 'I'm taking the Quran and reading.' No. Listening to the Prophet (sws). He's so far away from us now too. Eh, we have to find somebody that we say, 'Okay, I'm listening to this one. Anything that I want to do, I may consult with this one. I may ask what is benefiting me and what is not.'

Then even if that is a wrong one... because it's another sickness in today's people that they are running to test the teachers. How are you going to test the teacher? You're a student. How are you going to understand that one? So it's another sickness. Sheytan is fooling that way saying, "Well, there used to be good sheykhs in this world but there is no more now." That shows that that one is completely ignorant because until the Judgment Day that must continue. They say, "There used to be saints in this world but there aren't anymore saints." I'm hearing here and there. Completely ignorant and idiot! Not understanding anything. What makes that one to talk like that? His ego. His ego is saying, "Don't submit yourself anywhere. To me." Ego says, "You must listen to me. Nobody else. And when you listen to me then I'm happy. If you're not listening to me I'm not happy."

So the 21st century people in the east, west, north and south... you're living in America, don't think it's only in America, no. Not anymore. Before in some continents maybe but the majority of the people were staying on the right road. No more. Only a handful of people everywhere in the world are hiding themselves in the corners. The West is running top-speed for what? For Dunya. One of the biggest trick and trap of Sheytan is Dunya. Nothing else. If you're falling for that one, oh that means you give the leash to the hand of Sheytan.

So who's an unbeliever? Who's a Kafir? That one who listens to Sheytan. The believer is that one who listens to Allah and the unbeliever is that one, Kafir is that one who listens to Sheytan. Is he listening to Sheytan directly? No. He's listening to his ego and he doesn't want to hear anything from anyone. As to a seven-years-old kid

of today if you say, "Do this."

"No, I don't do."

Eh, what do you know? What is right and what is good for you? You don't know. You have to listen.

But the adults lost their direction. So they don't know how to teach their children the simple things. I was watching one man who went to a store with a little kid and there's a box there. So many different sandwiches and different things there and he was saying, "What do you like? Which one do you like?"

"Ah, I want that one."

He's choosing something that not even an adult can eat if he's not a hundred percent hungry. And the man said, "Yes, give this to him."

That kid doesn't know what he's going to eat and what he's going to choose. But the squarehead man is letting that kid because he doesn't understand and he doesn't know what he's going to give to the kid to eat and to drink.

So it is just a simple example that is daily a hundred percent in our lives. Saying, "What you like? What do you like honey? What you like?" Put it in front of him and say, "Eat this." Check out what is good for that one and say, "You must eat this." But leave that part. People are sick and their mothers and their fathers aren't putting in front of them the right thing too, saying, "I don't care."

Yes, you don't care. That's true because you've just fallen into the tricks and the traps of your ego. And (saying), "I'm trying my best." You're not trying your best. You didn't try your best. If you tried your best then something is going to work there. But you're not trying your best. That means either you are disconnected from Allah subhana wa ta'ala. If you are disconnected then you are connected to where? You must be having connection somewhere. To Sheytan. And Sheytan is putting laziness, Sheytan is making man to lose hope and Sheytan making man to think, "I did my best. So I don't care."

But from time to time I'm watching in the Janaza prayers all those people who are laughing and jumping up and down, one person is going in the front, thousands behind sometimes, I'm watching in the television but they are not jumping up and down anymore. So many of them aren't knowing that person. They're just in that crowd going. The heaviness of death makes everyone to become silent, sad and they start thinking, "It's coming to my way now." That's right.

So the believer is that one who keeps that alive in himself all the time, knowing and thinking, 'Azrail may come to me. If Azrail comes to me in this state, what's my state now? Where am I standing? Am I a believer or an unbeliever? Is the faith in my heart or is it out of my heart?' When once we are giving the Shahadat, the faith is in our

heart but when we start doing the forbidden things that Allah and His Prophet (sws) forbid us then the faith doesn't stay in the heart because the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "The faith and the kufr cannot stay in the same heart."

When you are preparing to do a wrong thing and you are coming and you start doing it, the faith comes out from your heart. Kufr is inside the heart now. Sheytan is ruling on you. You do that action and the faith circles around your head. If it's a small matter and later you realize it and say, 'Astaghfirullah' then the faith may come in. If it's not a small matter then you are going to need to consult with somebody, a holy person, to say, 'I did this action. This was a very bad action. I'm not comfortable anymore.' Yes, you're not going to be comfortable anymore. So many people that are comfortable now, a time will come when they're not going to be comfortable because that is not in your hand again. You cannot escape.

We cannot escape from the ruling of Allah subahna wa ta'ala on us. From time to time we're just moving out from the road this way and that way but we cannot escape. The rope is in His hand. If he doesn't permit us then we cannot breathe the air. So, "We live as we like." We don't. That's how it looks like that we do, but we don't. Down in the road they catch us. There are guards that are waiting and stopping, saying, "This is the area. You cannot pass beyond this. Let's see what you came here with."

So who's an intelligent man? An intelligent man is he who runs after his faith to protect his faith. That one is an intelligent man. And the intelligent man must have faith. Faith, intelligence. Faith, modesty. When Adam (as) was coming out from Paradise Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent Jibreel (as) to him saying, "Ask him to take one of these three as a present to him when he's going to Dunya." And Jibreel (as) came with intelligence, faith and modesty. And he said to Adam (as), "Allah subhana wa ta'ala is favoring you. Take one of them going down to Dunya. You are going to need it. You are only allowed to take one of them."

Adam (as) looked at it saying, "I'll take intelligence." And Jibreel (as) said to the other two, "Go back to your place." And faith said, "Oh, I cannot go back." He said, "Allah is ordering Adam to take one." It said, "Yes, but at the same time Allah subhana wa ta'ala has ordered me saying, 'Where's intelligence that's where you're supposed to be. Never separate from the side of intelligence.' And Jibreel (as) said to modesty, 'Go. You go.' It said, 'I cannot because Allah has ordered me where's intelligence and where's faith, I must accompany them. I cannot separate from those ones.' And he said, 'Take all and go down to the earth.'

And he came down. And with that intelligence, with that faith and with that modesty Adam (as) understood what he did. He came back to himself, he understood, he stood up and he started crying. He started showing his weakness saying, "Ya Rabbi, I'm your weak servant. If you close Your door to me then I have no place to go except to stand at

Your door and to cry. There's nothing else I can do. I cannot eat and I cannot drink and I am not going to move from here. I'm going to cry only because I'm a weak servant and you're a powerful King. King of kings. Sultan of sultans. And I'm asking forgiveness."

Three hundred years, not three days. Today's people not five minutes. Something happens to them, five minutes.

`Do. Continue.'

`I give up.'

You give up? Where are you going to go? Giving up means, `I'm turning my way back to hell now. The doors of hell opening and he's running. Don't give up. Sheytan is coming to make man to give up from his responsibilities. First from his intelligence. Intelligence is not working anymore. People lost their minds. They are drunk, running in the streets drunk.

We were not like this before. Especially, the Muslim people. Especially, the people who are coming from the eastern countries. You were not like that before, running in the streets. This was the style of the West once and the West is waking up. That is the style of the Capitalist countries. Their commercialism is making them to run back and forth to the stores. What is your business in the streets twenty-four hours? What is your business in the marketplaces twenty-four hours? What are you going to do? You don't need anything. It's because they cannot sit home. Yes.

`I cannot sit. I'm tired. I'm bored. You know I'm suffocating.'

If you're suffocating then go to the cemetery and watch. Maybe you'll feel good then. Go to the hospitals and watch how much people are suffocating. Look and say to your ego, `That one is you. That may come to you one day. If you don't put yourself on the straight road then that action may come to you.'

So the intelligent man keeps the straight way, the Prophet's (sws) way, keeps his modesty and doesn't interfere into anybody's business. He looks to perfect himself, to put protection, especially in these days. He doesn't open his mouth to speak nonsense.

Sin! What is one of the biggest sins? Committing adultery is between individuals and their Lord. That is a sin between the individual and the Lord. There are sins, forbidden actions that are between Allah and the individuals who are doing it. There are sins that are between Allah, the individual and the whole mankind. If you are sharing that sin it is very heavy. And one of that one, the biggest one, is backbiting, slandering, lying and cheating on other people. What is the Holy Prophet (sws) saying? "The believer will not cheat anyone and the believer will not be cheated by anyone." If he's a believer then he cannot cheat and he will not be cheated by anyone.

So we are watching today, it is a very sad thing to see that the world is running to hell, the mankind from the east, west, north and south, people are running into hell, Sheytan is driving them to hell. We say, 'Save, save yourself and save somebody with it.' If there's a big fire going on in this building, I hope it never happens, but if there is then what are you going to do? The first thing you have to think is, "Let me save myself out from this fire." If you are thinking and knowing that you are strong and you are going to be able to save yourself then the second thing you're going to think is, "Let me save some valuable stuff from here." This is what you're going to think. The whole mankind is running towards the hell side, Sheytan is dancing in front of them and everyone's running behind but not waking up to save themselves and at least to save somebody else.

Slandering, lying and backbiting are some of the biggest sicknesses of the Muslims today. In the old days people weren't daring, saying, 'This person is a Sheykh.' Even if he was a bad one no one was saying anything about that bad one because, 'Maybe he has some good connection and I'll be punished.' Today's people lost that faith. It's a sign that the faith is lost. There's no faith there. That is enough sign that, 'Yes, you lost that faith.'

Today you saw that person doing something wrong with your own eyes, let's say. Maybe tomorrow he has asked forgiveness and Allah subhana wa ta'ala has forgiven that one. What is your business to go opening that one up? It is a forbidden action. Allah forbid it, Alayhi salatu wa salam forbid it and the Awliya Allah are forbidding. Who's giving right to who? Sheytan must be.

So maybe people don't know the heaviness of that. I may say the heaviness. Those who are backbiting and slandering, these words are for those. Huh, if they are speaking the truth then they are not given the permission to speak the truth because Allah is saying, 'If I'm opening something wrong about that one to you, it is only for you to look at it, take lesson and to cover it and walk away. It's not your business to interfere what that one does and to go around making confusion.' Confusion is another biggest sin that man can do.

So the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'If it is a man who's backbiting and slandering, his sin is just like that man who's standing right in front of the Kaba and making adultery with his own mother.' Did you like that one now? Think on it. 'If it's a woman who's doing that it is just like that woman standing in front of the Kaba and making adultery with her father.' The heart must be shaking now. For people who have faith, their hearts must be shaking. And if I, you or anyone who's doing that, right away you must say, 'Astaghfirullah Ya Rabbi! And I'm not doing that anymore.' If the person thinks that he has the luxury to continue with that, mashaAllah. Ohho, Abu Jahil said so many things to the Prophet (sws) in front of him and behind him. It didn't give him high titles. It just put him through the lowest hells.

Did the Holy Prophet (sws) lose something? No. The more they said to him the more Allah subhana wa ta'ala praised him to higher stations.

That's how it was, that's how it is and that's how it's going to stay. Mu'min is that one who listens to the Lord's order, his Prophet's (sws) order, his Sheykh's order and runs to do good things to himself, to protect himself from the fire, tries to be a better one to work for his Sheykh to protect others. At least just to give something to others. At least to give their hand.

Yes, so many are fighting in these days, especially in our tariqat, about who's a wakil, who's a Sheykh and who's not. They are just tying the whole tariqat circling around two men. This tariqat didn't start yesterday. From the time of the Holy Prophet (sws) it's continuing. Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) took the secret from the Holy Prophet (sws). He had 124,000 Sahabis around him and every one of them took secrets from the Holy Prophet (sws). Hazrat Ali (ra) wasn't saying, "Ali is the only door going to the Prophet (sws) or going to Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra)" or "This one is the only door." Every Sahabi had their own secrets and Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving secrets to every creature. Every creature has its secrets.

So Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) when passing from this world passed the secret to Salman-e Farsi (ra). So many more people entered into Islam and so many more people started working for Islam, started working in that tariqat, spreading everything away. Coming down to this time when all tariqats must lead to one tariqat, all tariqats are leading to one tariqat and that tariqat is the Naksibendi Hakkani Way, all tariqat roads are entering into that main highway and some people are disconnecting, cutting everything off and saying, "We're just giving this title to two men."

Who's giving the titles? Who's the title giver? Sheykh Mevlana? He's such a great Sultanul Awliya, everyone's saying that he's such a great Sultanul Awliya, and he can only raise two persons? Two men as his door that he's reaching to the east, west, north, south and in the whole world? That is only ego. Nothing else. Those who're saying it are working for their ego and those who're accepting that are also working for their ego. Not only those ones who are saying but also those ones who are accepting, saying, "I am the only one", they are working for their ego also.

So what's Grandsheykh saying? What's Sheykh Mevlana saying? I'll tell you what's Sheykh Mevlana saying. Sheykh Mevlana is saying, he said it so many times in front of me, he said it so many times in front of other people, saying, "If a man can manage to bring forty people around him, if he's living on the other side of the world and he has never seen me and he accepted me through his heart, he's my wakil on those people. If they're accepting him and he's accepting them, then I'm accepting that one. He's my wakil.

Who's the wakil? Wakil is not that one who goes around backbiting, slandering and attacking other people. Wakil is that one who runs to do a work for his Sheykh, for his Prophet (sws), for Allah subhana wa ta'ala and for the whole mankind. That one is a wakil. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given a higher title than that to a wakil. Allah is

making man to be His Khalifah on the face of the earth. You want something higher than that? He's saying, "I have honored you to be the Khalifah on the earth." Khalifah not only to these people because everyone is one Khalifah. But mankind is not carrying their secrets that Allah has given to them. So they're not knowing what to do with it. Everything that Allah has created, everything that is in creation is under the authority of Insan-i Kamil, the Perfect Man that Allah is giving authority. Everything that He is creating is under the authority of that man.

So inshaAllah, this much should be enough for you and for me because I'm hearing back and forth, people are attacking back and forth, especially to our sites people are attacking, I'm hearing. We're not responding to them. We're not going to respond to them. Those people who are following the Osmanli Naksibendi Way, Osmanli Way is not just to go opening your mouth back and forth to fight. We're not responding to them. They can attack as much as they want. We are going to continue our journey. As another saint said once upon a time, "The dogs are always going to bark. The caravan is going to continue on its journey. That one is a fool who stops and starts barking back to the dogs." Don't bark to the dogs. The job of the dogs is to bark and the job of the wise man is to watch and not to get bitten by the dog and continue his journey.

We have a journey and we must make it before Azrail is reaching to us. We have so much work to do on our own selves, in our own families and in our own loved ones that are surrounding us. If we finish all that then ohh... if you're in America then America has 300 million people. Reach to them. Don't fight with each other. Saying, "One Sheykh in America? Not one Sheykh, 1000 Sheykhs are not enough for America. Not one thousand!" Hmm. Who's saying this? Grandsheykh said. I was present. That time some nonsense was going on again, saying, "One sheykh, one sheykh." He said, "What one sheykh?" We were getting out from the car trying to move to one place, before we were reaching from one house to another house twenty-four hours passed. He said, "Not one Sheykh, not 1000 sheykhs are enough for this country."

Yes, this is only in America. We are worldwide. At least accept to say that there are 124,000 Sahabis and there are 124,000 Wali who are representing those Sahabis. At least accept that part. No! The ego is saying, "Everything is for me. I want this and I want that one." What Allah is giving to you is yours. No one's going to take it away. What Allah is giving to that one, you cannot take it away.

In the army the Generals are giving the stars to some people. They pass their tests and they get their stars. The head, the Genel Kurmay, the head of the army, what do you call that one?

"The Chief of Staff."

Chief of Staff or whatever is passing from there, giving sign saying, "Now this one has three stars." The one who has three stars is trying to take that away or the one who has four stars. You cannot take that

away because you're not the one who's giving. The highest one is giving. You cannot even take from the one who has one stripe here. You have to show thousands of reasons before you are taking that stripe away. The Turks adapted themselves into tariqat very well because they have always been trained through the army way. And yes, most of the things in the army are just like working in the tariqat.

In these days, because there's so much weakness, we're not working that way. We're just working a little bit differently. So because of that so many dogs are barking. We must continue in our journey. Work on our websites, do things, spread whatever you can spread. Permission is given. If you think that you are sincere to spread, to put words to people, open up a site and spread it. Even if you're putting your own pictures in it, it's okay. Put a picture and spread the word, spread the word to other people. Try to reach to other people. You'll be rewarded for that. One day that man may wake up and say, "What am I doing? Why am I doing it in this egoistic way? Let me do it in the right way again." And according to the person's intention Allah subhana wa ta'ala is going to direct that one to the right way. The Awliya Allah are watching, they are watching our activities what we are doing and how we are doing and that's how we're going to be rewarded inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

This much should be enough for you and for me. We are not going to attack those ones who are attacking us. And as a matter of fact I have news also that some people, as they did it before, they entered to our websites, our groups and this and that, spying, taking words, taking people's email addresses, attacking them, writing to them and saying bad things to them. It is easy to find them out and to kick them out. We are not kicking them out. They are going to stay in our sites unless they take themselves out. They are going to learn some manners. They are going to learn some manners because most likely the areas that they are following have no manners. So they don't learn manners that way. They may learn manners. We don't attack them. They can come to our dergah, they can sleep, they can eat, they can sleep, they don't have to do anything else. Only thing is they just have to be under the authority.

Welcome to those who comes.

Farewell to those who leaves.

That goes to you, to me and to every one of us.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah. Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah. In today's world, all of us here, billions are running top-speed to this world. Morning, noon-time, nighttime, midnight, twenty-four hours they are concentrating only on this Dunya. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, "This Dunya is only a game. It is only a place for you for a very short time that you are coming and going out. Anything you are earning and building just makes you to be talking to each other and being more proud from things." So this Dunya is a trap to man. How Muslims have fallen into this foolishness?

Muslims were not like this. Muslims left everything. They left their belongings, they left their homes, they left everything in Mecca and they emigrated to Madina. They didn't take anything with them. The only thing they were looking at was the Prophet (sws) and they were running after his words. Whatever he was saying, they were running, they were taking and putting his words on top of their heads and living according to those words. And in a very short time Allah subhana wa ta'ala tested them. When He tested them and He looked at their faith that, 'Yes, they are strong in what they are believing', He gave them the Dunya too. They left everything in Mecca, they came back to Madina and in a very short time a handful of people who were slaves, they turned and they started ruling the world. When the Holy Prophet (sws) was giving his message, in twenty-three years time his message reached everywhere, east, west, north and south. When Islam reached fifty years of age, Islam was ruling all the way from China to North Africa. How these people did it? And up till the last century that's how it was.

Only one way. They kept Allah and His Prophet (sws) priority. They kept Dunya second class. Because of that Allah gave them the authority of the Dunya also. In the last 100 years the Muslims have fallen into heedlessness, big heedlessness, not half of the day and not only in the nighttime. Believers should not be in heedlessness even when they are sleeping. Believers should be in an awakening station. Believers should not be heedless when he is sleeping. Today's people are

twenty-four hours heedless. We are falling into that because we are not living the way we are believing. We are following some other guides and our guides have become computers, televisions, internets and all other things that are in our lives today.

If we continue like this then we have nothing to leave to our children and to our grandchildren. Nothing. They left us Islam. We have nothing to leave to them. Islam is going to rise but we are going to be questioned because we didn't leave anything to them, because we are not keeping the correct lifestyle of Islam, how are you going to leave anything else to somebody coming behind? Everything is showing today anyway, the lifestyle that the Muslims are living and how their children are living. It's showing. I don't need to tell you anything. Check in your houses, look and understand. "Does this fit to the Holy Prophet's (sws) time? Does this fit to the time of the Sahaba? My actions and everything I am doing, does it fit that I can present it to the Holy Prophet (sws)?" It doesn't. If you are finding that it does then let me know. It doesn't.

Today is a date for a people, a handful of people. Don't think that Islam was so powerful everywhere physically. No. But the spirit that they were carrying, there was no boundary that they accepted. Because of one word of the Holy Prophet (sws)... he said, "Istanbul, Constantin, Rome is going to be conquered. The one who is going to conquer that, that General is the highest General and his army is the best of armies." From the time that the Holy Prophet (sws) said that word up till the time that Sultan Mehmet Khan who is given the title 'Fatih', the Conqueror, from that time until his time twenty-three times Islam, its soldiers were coming in front of Istanbul with all its power but it was not being successful. And then only a handful of people were coming, believing in something and aiming. And to what they were aiming they said, "There is no turning back. Either we are here to live our life here and go clean from this world to the other side or we are going to conquer this." Because of the faith that they were carrying, Allah subhana wa ta'ala's favor reached to them and they have conquered.

Conquering! Don't compare in today's world that America is going to Iraq and conquering, or Afghanistan. No. Just like Iraq coming and conquering America. Compare that. So far distance, and it has nothing. Muslims today don't even dream on that. They can't even dream on it. And when we are saying, 'Yes, Istanbul is going to be conquered one more time,' the Muslims are laughing. The ones who are not smiling, inside they are laughing saying, 'What a joke is he saying!' That's true for you because you are heedless! Because your faith is not moving you anymore. The faith is not moving you. Only you think your mind is moving you but through mind you are stuck in this world too. You can't use that mind. Stuck twenty-four hours.

Istanbul is going to be conquered again. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Rome is going to be conquered a second time.' Yes, Rome means Rum. Istanbul. It's going to be conquered a second time. This time it is in the hands of unbelievers. They are ruling. It's going to be

conquered. What is your work in it? Do you know? Do you know what kind of work you are going to do in it? Are you preparing yourself for that or are you living lifestyle heedlessly and daydreaming and night-dreaming and daydreaming and night-dreaming?

Wake up! We must wake up to our own selves. The first thing is we have to live Islam on ourselves. Then we have to run after rising Islam up. Islam is up. We have to put the support underneath. Today's Muslims, no, they are not doing it because they are running to live for themselves. But they are not even living for themselves, let alone Islam. Those people lived for Islam. They left everything, they left their children, their families, whatever they owned, they left it when they were going for the sake of Allah. They didn't make plans for turning back. They made plans thinking, 'I will become a martyr in this war.' That's how they went.

Oh Muslims! Check yourselves. Don't wait for me to say anything to you. Check your own selves and you will find out with this tester where we are standing and stop fooling your own selves. We should stop fooling our own selves. Islam is going to take over but the Muslims if they are heedless then Allah is not in need of us. He says, 'I will create new nations and I will give to them.' As He did. When we became heedless He took it from us and He gave the power to other nations. If they wake up, they wake up. If they don't then He will take it from them and He will give it to other nations. This is going to rise. It is the Holy Prophet's (sws) order. It is going to come up. It is impossible to go down. We have to look what we are doing in it, how we are preparing ourselves and how we are making ourselves ready in that way. Not to be heedless twenty-four hours, yes.

Everyone is waiting for Mahdi (alayhi salam). But twenty-four hours people are heedless. Do you think when Mahdi is coming he is going to come to tell us, 'Oh your Highness, I am here. You want to join me? You want to help my work?' If that is what you are thinking then you are going to think until Judgment Day. You are going to think until Azrail is coming and you are going to find yourself on the opposite side when Mahdi is coming. Heedlessness is not accepted for believers. The believers cannot be heedless all the time. From time to time Sheytan may fool but you have to wake up yourself. If necessary you have to punch yourself, you have to punish your own self to wake up from that heedlessness. It doesn't matter what is your age, it doesn't matter how tired you are, you have to be in an awakening station. You have to be like that ant at least...

When they put the fire of Ibrahim (alayhi salam) and they were going to burn Ibrahim (as) in that fire, all animals were not comfortable but they didn't know what to do. One ant with a broken leg taking a drop of water from Central Turkey started going down, going where Ibrahim (as) was, all the way down to the south where the fire was. And the angels asked him saying, "Where do you think you are going? What are you going to do?" He said, "I am going to turn off the fire of Ibrahim (as)." They said, "Do you know that fire, how it is? Not you but billions like you cannot even come near it. What are you going

to do with that drop of water?" He said, "This is the water I am going to use. If Allah wants He can turn this water into oceans. If He doesn't then at least I will die in that way. Walking that way at least I will die."

Oh believers! If you are not going to help in that work then at least die in that way. And that way we will be honored and we will come to the Judgment Place clean, inshaAllah.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-57

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

READ THE QURAN TO GAIN ALLAH'S FAVOR

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Ya Rabbi. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, "Those who reads the book of Allah, who keeps their five daily prayers and who shares from the favors that He has given to them openly and secretly with others, they should expect and wait for good result for them because Allah subhana wa ta'ala does not let anything to go to waste." These are such good things to do for man. Even if Allah is not sending a book or anything to remind us, it is the best thing that man can do. What's preventing us from this? What's preventing the mankind? Dunya. This world. The love of this Dunya. If a man has the love of Dunya in his heart he cannot say, 'Yes, I am one of those ones that Allah is saying there', because when you are taking the book of Allah and you are reading continuously...

Muslims today don't read anymore. They are on the internet talking back and forth. They all became scholars teaching each other but they are not reading anything anymore. They are not taking the book of Allah to read and to say, "Well, Allah has spoken and there are words in it for me. He is mentioning also me in that book. Let me look in that book to see which part is talking about me." Yes, Allah is

speaking to the whole mankind in that book and sometime it takes the whole lifetime for a man to find what is there. That's why it is an obligation to believers to recite everyday, for murids to recite one Ju'z of Quran everyday. Eh, you don't know how to recite the Quran. At least recite 100 Ikhlas a day. No, they are not doing it because if you are reading 100 Ikhlas a day then your action and everything is going to change. Everything is going to change.

You go to a doctor, you get sick, doctor gives you one paper saying, 'Read this. Go bring it to the pharmacy and read it. Do according to this paper.' And everyone is running top-speed to do that. But Allah is saying, "Read this book. It is a cure to you also. It has secrets in it that when you are reading you will find cure to your sicknesses." The sick ones aren't reading it and the cured ones aren't reading it. Everyone is talking in these days. Just talking nonsense. Talking back and forth. One says one word and the other one replaces it with ten. The other one doesn't think to say, 'Well, maybe this person is right. Let me just stop.' No. 'He said ten words? I am going to give back a hundred.'

That's the instruction coming from Sheytan. Sheytan is saying that, 'You must. Don't stand at the bottom of this. Don't sit to say this. Who's that one to say? Give answer back. You have time. You are free.' (Sheykh Efendi smiles mockingly).

So then it's showing that the man is stuck with this Dunya. Anyone who is stuck with this Dunya is suffering. He is going to suffer. The Dunya is not a place for a man to find enjoyment and running around thinking that, "I am going to have this and I am going to have that. I am going to earn this and I am going to be getting this and I am going to have..." No. It's not going to be. Maybe the more that you are earning, in that ayat Allah is saying, "If you are earning and you are not sharing with others then it's going to become more burden to you."

So we have two roads. Either we follow the direction that the ego is showing to us or we follow the order that our Lord is ordering to us. If we are following that order then it looks in the beginning pretty hard but it's the easiest way. The other way is the hardest way. It's always. And it's always going to become harder, harder and harder. Never is it going to become easier. Every single day that is passing it's going to become harder. Every week that is passing it's going to become harder. Every month and every year. But the days and the weeks and the months and the years that are passing are not promising us another life. It's taking away from our life. And we are going down. We are expiring, finishing. It doesn't matter how much you think you say to yourself, "I feel like..."

Today people are 80 years old and they say, 'I feel like I'm 18.' Say that one more time. What did you do when you were 18 that you want to feel like 18 again? So you are admiring the wrong lifestyle. You have not woken up yet to say, "When I was 18 I was doing wrong. I was in the wrong road and I was living against the laws and rules of my Lord. So I have become in awakening station now. Oh Ya Rabbi! Don't make me

remember those days." Because if you are remembering, if you continue remembering then you are going to be questioned. If Allah erased it off from your mind He will erase it from other people's minds too. Then you come to the Judgment Place clean. So don't admire the wrong time that you were passing. No.

So the only way to find safety from the tricks and traps of Sheytan is the Book of Allah. The believers must hold that book with them always. Anytime they have they must open and they must read. They are making it easier for us saying, "Well, you may not understand from this book. Read hadith." If you are reading 3 hadith a day then your life is going to change, yes, your reading is not just to read. You are going to take it and apply to your life. Knowledge is to know. But why do you want to know? To learn how to read and write. For what? Why are you going to school to learn how to read and write? To understand, to read, to have knowledge. Why do you need the knowledge? To apply to our lives. Not to say, "I know this much and I know that much." The more that you know then and you are disconnected from Allah's way, that's what's going to happen. Anywhere you go you are going to open your mouth. You are going to think that you know only. Only you, nobody else. You are going to talk.

And in these days people don't have to go anywhere anymore. They don't go out from their rooms. They sit in front of their computers and talk to the whole world, giving advice to the whole world but meanwhile they are suffering in their own little rooms.

So if you want safety then that is what Allah is saying to us. This is safety to you. This is the way that you will find safety. This is the way that you will find peace, as He is saying to us, "If you are doing this then Allah is not going to waste your time. He is going to favor you." Favoring back to you, yes. Favor in Dunya and favor in Akhirat.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-58

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BE SERVANTS OF ALLAH (SWT) AND TURN TO THE SHAHADAT ROAD

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Ya Rabbi, astaghfirullah. Ash hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu salatu wa sallim. This word is enough to put the whole mankind back to the main road, straight road, road of safety, road of peace. So many ways. Only one way is going. All other ways are wrong ways or short ways. 124,000 prophets have been sent to the world to teach this way to the mankind. From the beginning of this Dunya that the children of Adam (as) were living in it, until the last prophet Muhammad (sws) have been sent, Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent 124,000 prophets to put people back to the road that they have lost, that they have deviated from.

Every time from the children of Adam (as) when people were falling short, when they were running after their ego and they were falling out from the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Then Allah was reminding them by sending another prophet, another prophet to another nation, another prophet to another nation, another group of people, another tribe. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, "We have not left any group of people that we have not sent any prophet." Everyone, every group have been sent a prophet and have been sent a reminder to show them the right way.

Today's people are running thinking that they are going to do something because they are thinking the world is offering something to them. Everyone is running top-speed for this Dunya. It's the wrong road. Wrong way. There's no way out. There's only one way and others are dead ends. No way out. You better turn back, back to that Shahadat road. The Shahadat you are supposed to be saying through the tongue, must be entering through the heart and the orders that come with the Shahadat must enter to your life, to our lives. We must take and we must put the work in our lives. Otherwise, just by saying the Shahadat, it's staying and Sheytan is fooling the man and putting them out of the road again.

There might be safety in the end but the man suffers a lot in this Dunya, he may suffer in the Qabir, in the grave, he may suffer in the Judgment Day and he may suffer after Judgment Day. It depends on whatever is given to you in this lifetime. What is the duty that's given to you? That's what you have to know. And have you completed that duty when you are going out from this world? That's what the man has to look.

"What duty? Don't you see me working every day? Eh, we are not even making enough money to live on it."

And complaining morning, noontime, nighttime, daytime, midnight. Huh, that's enough sign showing that you have been out of the line. You are not on the main road because that Shahadat is enough to give happiness

and peace in your heart and the complain goes away then. You will not have any complaint because the value of Shahadat is so big that it is enough for you. Just sitting and thinking for two minutes, one minute and making proper Rabuta. People are making all these exaggerations, "I am making Rabuta like this and like that, like Yogis, sitting like Boddhis, Buddhas." Sit. Pull yourself out from the public. Connect yourself with your Lord and think a little bit. Say, "Why am I here? What am I doing? What have I been created for?" If you ask the donkey what it has been created for, the donkey knows. He is going to tell you, "I have been created for the service of man." If you ask the cat, he knows. If you ask the dog, it knows. All animals know.

Man is not knowing. Man is thinking that he is going to go to work, earn, eat, drink and 'Enjoy Myself'. Another big sickness of the 21st Century. Enjoyment. Everyone is running to enjoy. That's why everyone is unhappy. Anyone who is running after that saying, 'I am going to enjoy my life' they are not going to find happiness. It is impossible because you have not been created to sit and enjoy in the time that is given to you. You have been created to be in the service of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and to be doing the work of this Dunya that is put on our shoulders. Then you will not have time to complain. Then you will appreciate everything that is coming to you. Then you will understand the value that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given to you. You will understand, when you look at the animals you will understand, you will know, saying, 'I could have been different. Maybe I would have been the donkey and the donkey could have been in my place.' Yes.

Isn't that enough to say, 'Alhamdulillah Ya Rabbi, thank you'? Thank you! And if you want to make that 'thank you' complete then get up midnight, after midnight, for five minutes. Everyone of today's people are busy saying, 'I'm busy.' Busy doing what? Becoming slaves of this world, being under the slavery of this world and being under the authority of Sheytan. Sheytan is putting the chain around the neck saying, 'You are the slave for this Dunya but in reality you are under my authority.' If you want to cut that chain away then you have to get up, saying, 'Ya Rabbi! I am a weak servant. You have created me and I am just asking You. Help me.' Look how much is going to reach to you and how fast it's going to reach to you. Try. It's free. Nobody's going to put a gun or put a chain around your neck to pull you. Already the chain is on the neck. Sheytan is holding. Break that chain and get up! And put your forehead on Sejdah when everyone is sleeping. Say, 'I am just a weak servant.' Nothing else. You don't have to do anything. Look how fast the help is going to reach to you then.

But we are not doing it. Don't say, 'I'm doing it.' You are not doing it. If you are doing it then the complain goes away. Happiness comes to your heart. It doesn't matter what difficulties of life is reaching to you then. That five minutes gives enough enjoyment to your heart that you can move the whole world then. That day Allah is sending you special for that day and you get up that day saying, 'Oh, something is different today. I am not accepting any difficulties in front of me.'

So all these are happening to us because we are saying that Shahadat

through the tongue and the Shahadat is not reaching to our heart. When the Shahadat is not reaching deep into the heart, it's like water is not reaching to that seed and the seed is out there. You didn't plant it inside the dirt. You have to plant it first and then you have to continuously give the water and look how fast that seed is going to open up and you are going to find out, 'Yes, what am I good for? What has Allah created me for?'

There are so many kinds of seeds. As soon as you put them in the ground, when they open up, that is the time you understand what is that seed good for, what it gives to you, what it gives to man. Man is like that. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting that seed. It is up to us now to continuously give water, to grow and to become a good servant to our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

If you are looking for the enjoyment in this world then you are in the wrong place. This is not a place for enjoyment. This is a place for a man to be becoming a real servant to his Lord, doing the work of this world to maintain his life and continuously to be servant to his Lord. Enjoyment is in the hereafter. Those who are passing the test, they are going to enter the place of enjoyment. The place of enjoyment is the Paradise. It's not the Dunya.

"Eh, we are looking for it in Dunya, we are running and we are not finding it. So we are going to go here and there and enjoy ourselves."

The more you are running the more far distance you are falling from Paradise. Then as we said earlier, you fall into trouble. You are already in trouble in Dunya. No peace. It is impossible for you to find peace. Not a poor man, not a rich man, not a President and not a King. It doesn't matter what they are. No peace. And if you are running more to this Dunya then you are getting more into the trouble when you are entering into the Beka world, the world of the grave. Then you have no freewill anymore. You cannot escape anymore. The angels say, "Oh, you lived in this world this many years and you have not come here with an ID card saying you are the servant of Allah? We will teach you here now how to be a servant of Allah."

Man should not fall into that trouble. That is a big trouble. Big trouble means there's a big curse there. We are above the ground today. We don't know what will happen by tomorrow. So many people last night made plans to get up this morning. But they didn't make it. They didn't. So many people got up this morning, they are making plans for tonight, but they are not going to make it. That can be us. And it's happening in our community everyday too. We are not aware of it but it's happening. It's happening to someone, somewhere, somehow but we are too disconnected from each other too. Sitting next to each other but we are too disconnected. We are not knowing anything about our own selves and about the ones who are sitting next to us.

Is that the way the Muslims live? No! Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering saying, 'The Nation, this Ummat is just like a body, one body. When one part of that body is hurting, the whole body is feeling the pain.'

Yes, that's the way we are supposed to be. When one believer is hurting, when one believer is in trouble, the whole body must be feeling that pain. We are too far away from it too. Today's people, today's Muslims lost that feeling. They lost that feeling because they lost the main road and everyone is busy, 'Dunya, dunya, dunya.' Nothing else.

So inshaAllah, we are asking for our Lord to make our way come back to the main road again.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-59

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THERE ARE ONLY THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah. Shukr Ya Rabbi, astaghfirullah. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "My nation, renew your faith." The most important thing for believers is to follow the orders of the Holy Prophet (sws). Eh, what happens if you don't follow the Prophet (sws)? You follow Sheytan, you become Sheytan, you think like Sheytan and you live like Sheytan.

Three kinds. Either the believers. The believers are full in their hearts with Akhirat life. This is what they are watching. They are not giving any value to this world. There is no value. If there would be value in this world then Allah subhana wa ta'ala would tell us. But He is saying to us that He has created us and we have to run to earn Riziq, Halal Riziq. So we have to work to earn our Riziq. We have to earn the Dunya because one way of Islam is that you have to have money, financial things in your hand to be able to help others. Not for yourself, not for your ego. No. So the love inside of you, while you are busy with Dunya, your heart must be busy with Allah. Your

heart must be busy with Akhirat. If you are not busy with it then eh, you are living in America. Look. You don't have to go to any other place. The majority, not the majority, almost everyone coming, especially from the eastern countries, from Saudi and from everywhere, everyone is moving to America.

(We are saying,) "For what? Are you running there to find your religion?"

"No. I am running to find Dunya."

Yes, the love of Dunya is bringing people to this country. And they are running top-speed behind this world and before they are reaching, Azrail is waiting saying, "Out, out from this world." None of them have reached, not even Firaun. No Namruds have reached because they all had other aims. Namrud finished the Dunya. He was looking to the skies saying, "I am going to conquer the skies." How many Namruds are in this time now? In that time there was one. Now everywhere is full with Namruds.

So either you are a believer and the believer's aim is Akhirat, not Dunya. Or, you are a Kafir, an unbeliever whose aim is Dunya. Or, you are a Munafiq that you make it look like your aim is Akhirat but your aim is Dunya. You are full with Dunya love. So you are a Munafiq. Three kinds.

So one word of the Holy Prophet (sws) is enough to bring safety to the whole mankind. "Oh, Jaddudul Imanikum. Renew your faith. Renew your faith." While you are renewing your faith, the love of Akhirat enters in your heart. The love of Allah enters in your heart. The love of the Prophet (sws) is entering in your heart. The love of Awliya is entering into your heart. When those love are in your heart, you will find comfort. Wherever you are, whatever you do, you will find comfort.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering us to run after this world for Halal Riziq. Otherwise, no Mu'min will turn to look at this world one time in their life. Real Mu'mins we are talking about. Not today's foolish ones. No. Believers! Those who are running after their belief, their faith and they are taking that faith and they are applying to their life.

So, since the children of Adam mankind has separated. One is continuing on that faith road and the other one is running for the wrong things, wrong ideas. Dunya only. They are going to lose. They are losing it and they are going to lose. We are not in the beginning. We are in the end. The end nations. Ahir Zaman. We are in the end of the times. Everyone is worrying for their tomorrow. What's going to happen tomorrow?

"Uff, what am I going to do? I don't have this and I don't have that. What's going to happen to me?"

Did you think what's going to happen to you if Azrail is coming now? Did you think? If you think for just a split second then you will not

worry for this Dunya. You will run after what Holy Prophet (sws) has ordered because you want it or not, we want it or not, we are running towards that, everyone of us. Believers and unbelievers. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given a date to this world when it's going to end. He has given a time limit for everything He has created, for you, for me, for everyone. Everything looks like it's changing everyday. Something new. But two things are not changing. Two realities are not changing. The Lutf of Allah, He is looking at His servants with Rahmat and Mercy. And the Qahr of Allah. The Qahr is the tajalli that is coming from Allah subhana wa ta'ala that is vanishing, destroying. These two things are on everyone. Whichever side you are running to. If you are running to the Lutf of Allah, that's what you are going to find. You are going to wait on that door. You are going to be patient sitting and waiting on that door.

124,000 prophets came to this world to give us warning for Akhirat, not for this Dunya. No prophet ever came to tell people, "Oh people, worry about your tomorrow for this Dunya." Every prophet was coming saying to everyone, "Worry about your tomorrow for Judgment Day." Prophets themselves were worrying. Billions of Awliya Allah came. They were worrying for themselves. What happened to today's ignorant people? The 21st Century arrogant, ignorant and stubborn ones. What happened? Do you think you reached somewhere because like a cockroach you are jumping from here to the moon and jumping from there? You are not knowing what Allah has created. That's why you think you have built something. That's what man is thinking. He is so ignorant and blind to see the creation of Allah subhana wa ta'ala to understand where he is. With Allah subhana wa ta'ala you may conquer everything. Without Him, nothing. You are nothing.

So there is a big end being prepared for today's arrogant, stubborn and ignorant people. Don't be one of them. Some are running to kill themselves. Run and hang yourselves. Look what will happen to you right after that minute when you hang yourself. Kill yourself. Take your life that Allah has given to you. Go ahead. Run. Run to do it. Look what will happen to you right after that minute. You think that you are finishing the problems? No. You are entering into endless problems. The fire is there. While you are doing it put your hand into the fire like that and do it. Not five minutes, two minutes. Put your hand on that fire for two minutes, then say, "I am going to kill myself." MashaAllah to you then. That means you are completely an empty-head. You have nothing in there. That means the fire isn't working too.

Running for what? What's making you people to become depressed? Akhirat? About Akhirat life the more you think the more enjoyment comes to your heart. "Oh, I cannot wait. I cannot wait to go to Akhirat. I cannot wait for my Lord to say, 'My servant's time is up. Take that one to Akhirat.'" The believers. That's how the believers are supposed to be. That's how they have to be. So, what's making us to worry? Dunya. Depression? The world. Problems? The world. How are you going to come out from it?

"Oh I entered from one side and I am going to come out from the other side."

No. You entered into those problems because you didn't have guides. You cannot come out from those problems without a guide. You are going deeper because if you don't have a guide then your guide is Sheytan. That's why Sheytan led you to that door. You didn't have a guide. If you have a guide, if you are sincere with your faith to say, "I believe in Allah", that's enough for you. Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel. But you are not sincere with that word. If you are sincere with loving Holy Prophet (swws), that should be enough for you. You will not enter through that door. But you didn't. That means you were not sincere there too. Your faith was shaky. If you are sincere with the Awliya Allah then it is impossible for you to stand in front of that door. But you are not sincere.

If you are not sincere then what are you? Hypocrite. Munafiq. Aha. Check yourself. All these words that I am saying apply to me and apply to those people who hears them. Check yourself. Find a place for you and say, "Am I a hypocrite or not?" It doesn't matter. Be sincere with yourself. Leave everything else. Be sincere with yourself to say, "Which category am I in now?" Then you will find out by yourself and then you will be entering into that shocked station understanding, "That's what I am doing." Yes, if it's still not waking you up then put your hand to that fire because that fire is not going to have mercy on the other side. Here you may run around but on the other side you are not going to.

So, whatever you are doing is for you. If you are living in the way of Allah, it's for you. If you are living in the way of Sheytan then you only make Sheytan happy. Nobody else. So Sheytan also runs away from you on the Judgment day saying, "This one is worse than me. I became disobedient one time. I made this one to be disobedient so many times." Ha, yes sir.

Sheytan was kicked away from Paradise. He was kicked out from Paradise but he is still living. He is not thinking to commit suicide. Haha. You don't think he doesn't know the ways? Of course he does. He does. But he is a little bit smarter than that. Running and whispering to mankind. He is not the enemy of the donkeys. He is not the enemy of the animals. He is the enemy of man because man became reason for that one to come out from Paradise. So he is aiming at man. You want to give credit to him? One more credit, run. This world has six and a half billion people. Don't forget that you are one of them. Nobody is going to miss you. Those who know you are going to cry one day, two days, the next day they are going to jump up and down in their lives.

It just happened. It happened in our life. Yes. Allah is showing everything to those people who is following this way. It happened. Somebody also jumped down from the eleventh floor killing himself. He loved his wife so much, his wife loving him so much. Who knows where his wife is now. Don't look for it. You are not going to find them. Yes sir.

If you are a believer then live like a believer. If you are an unbeliever then run for this world because you don't have too much time left. Azrail is preparing to knock you out. And the world finishes and Akhirat finishes. Don't be a Munafiq spending time among the believers. No. Run for Dunya. Catch the Dunya. Then at least you will say, "I ran after complete emptiness."

So, the Holy Prophet (sws) came and 124,000 prophets came to show us the way, to be guides in front of us, to show us the right way. Only one way, not two. There aren't 124,000 ways. Only one way. Every one of them came showing that road to the people. Showing to us, "Enter through this door. Don't enter through the other door." Where are those prophets? You are stepping on them. They are under that ground. 124,000 of them. They are laying under the ground. If you have a split second of thinking and when you meditate and you walk on the face of the earth, that should be enough for you to understand, "Yes, I am stepping. They are under the ground. Prophets, Awliya Allah, Firauns, Namruds, they are under that ground." We are above today. We don't know what will happen by tonight. We don't know what will happen by tomorrow. We don't know what will happen by next week, by next year.

But we don't have too much. Not us and not this world because this is Ahir Zaman and whatever Allah subhana wa ta'ala has promised through His prophets, through His holy books, that's what this world is running to top-speed. Running top-speed going to that destiny. It cannot change. Impossible. If you are finding your way that it's the wrong way, it's never too late as long as you are breathing the air, say `astaghfirullah ya Rabbi', go to Sejdah, run after somebody that is going to hold you. You cannot hold yourself. If you got tricked by this world one time, by Sheytan one time, it's going to fool you again. The net is around your neck. It's going to pull you easy. Run for someone who is holding higher hands, higher hands and higher hands reaching to the Holy Prophet (sws). Otherwise, no safety.

All these words are for you and for me. If you like, take, if you don't like then live as you like and wait for Azrail. That's what I am waiting for and that's what everyone is waiting for. Wait for Azrail's coming.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-60

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BELIEF AND FAITH GIVES HONOR TO MAN

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. We have reached to Ahir Zaman, the end of the times and the 21st century people became completely disobedient to their Lord, to their Creator thinking that they have some power, thinking that they are good for something, thinking that they are building planes and computers and studying, going to schools. Studying what? Nothing. They are thinking that they are something but Allah subhana wa ta'ala is showing to us saying, "You are a prisoner, prisoner between two breathes." And man is forgetting himself, forgetting that reality and forgetting his Creator, forgetting the source of his life.

So Holy Prophet (sws) is advising us, saying to us, "In Ahir Zaman, my nation is going to deviate into seventy-three different roads, different ways. One is going to be staying on Sirat-ul Mustaqim. The other seventy-two will be falling into the wrong roads." And he is saying, "Those are the ones who are following my sunnat and the sunnat of my Sahaba, the sunnat of those people who are following my sunnat." And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us in another ayat in Surat-ul Ale Imran, "Say to them". He is saying to His Prophet (sws), "Say to them", to us, to the whole mankind that is coming, "If you love Allah, follow me. Say to them, if they love Allah then they must follow you, Ya Muhammad."

And that ayat is continuing and saying, "If they love Allah and they are following you, then Allah is Ghafur and Rahim. He will forgive their mistakes." Just by following the Holy Prophet (sws), He will forgive them. And again, "Say to them, 'Obey me.'" This is another ayat coming right after that ayat saying, "Say to them, 'Now you must obey me. You must obey Allah and me. Obey Allah and His Prophet (sws).' If they turn away from you then say to them that Allah doesn't love disobedient ones."

So these ayats and hadith of the Holy Prophet (sws) is showing to us something, that the first sin, the biggest sin that was committed in the Divine Presence is disobedience. So the whole mankind today is falling into that sickness. Disobedience. But man is in need of obeying something. So if the man is not obeying Allah and His Prophet (sws) then he is going to obey something else, his ego, his Sheytan. So it's not only that the man is disobedient, he is disobedient to

Allah and His Prophet (sws) but he is obedient to Sheytan.

So we are the nations that have reached completely to the end. And before Judgment Day, between us and the Judgment Day there isn't too much time left. As we like again, we can run as much as we want, we can believe or we don't believe. Some are not even believing. They say, "I don't believe in anything." We say, "MashaAllah, now we must give you a big medallion around your neck to go around saying that you reached the topmost of the donkey level because you are not believing in anything now." Yes, they want reward. That's the reward. Put one golden mark around their neck saying, 'Top Donkey.' If you say to the donkey in front of that one, 'This one is a donkey', the donkey is not going to accept too because the donkey says, "I am believing and I am doing what I have been created for."

So belief and faith gives honor to man. If the man has no belief and no faith then his honor is only worldly, only some people are giving him, they are cheering him as long as they are in need of him. As soon as he is falling from that position everyone leaves him, especially in the hospital corners in these days. They are not going to visit them anymore. This is not what we have been created for. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us and has sent us to this world to know Him and to worship Him.

This is the priority for a man. If the man is running after this then everything around him is going to run after him. If man is leaving that, for some short time they may reach to having the values of this world and the authority of this world in their hands, but it's only temporary. It's going. And even during that time you can see it, we can see it, that they are not having any peace. No peace inside because peace is not coming with the worldly wealth or worldly authority. Peace is coming from inside of you. As long as your connection is good with your Lord, peace will come to your heart. When the heart is good, the heart is peaceful, it's affecting the whole body. You become a good servant.

We are watching from the first man Adam (alayhi salam) until now. Whatever is happening to the mankind, wrong actions and sufferings that are happening to them is just because of disobedience. It's nothing else. And through that disobedience man is running and committing everyday the biggest sins, the bigger wrong actions that Allah subhana wa ta'ala and His prophets have forbidden us.

We are not alone in this world. It looks like we are alone. It looks like we do whatever we want but we are not alone. We are not doing whatever we want. We think that we do whatever we want. But in reality when you sit down and think for just a split second, (you realize that) without his permission you cannot move your finger. And with all this knowledge that man is running and thinking that he has built something, he cannot even escape from the germs that he cannot even see with his own eyes. It's knocking him down.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is showing us how weak we are alone. And

with our Lord, He is showing us how powerful we can get. And the blessings in it and Allah subhana wa ta'ala's wanting from His servants is obeying Him and following His orders. And not only Him, because man may say, 'I follow Allah. It's okay.' No. He is saying to us, 'I am sending you a Prophet. Obey that one. Follow that one.' Obeying that Prophet is not just reading a couple of words, saying 'okay' and then going and doing whatever you want.

Allah kept that Prophet (sws) among us, among the Sahaba-e Kiram for twenty-three years and for twenty-three years they were watching that Prophet. Whatever he was doing, however he was living and however his actions were, they were copying him, they were applying to their lives and those people who were once the worst, doing so much crimes, they turned around and by following that Prophet (sws) they reached to the highest station that no man ever is going to reach in Dunya and Akhirat.

It is known that in Dunya they have reached to that station and in Akhirat they have reached to that station because most of those people who were following the Holy Prophet (sws) were slaves. In front of the other ones they had no value. Their value was that they were buying them and they were selling them. Their name is written everywhere with golden alphabet. Everywhere. In Muslim countries and in non-Muslim countries. In every library you go you find their names. It is written there. No one can take them out. The more the ignorant people are attacking them, the more Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting them in higher stations. It is only in Dunya. Take it! (Saying to) those people who are not believing, take away their names! Impossible. As long as the world is living their names are going to be standing very high.

So many rulers came after them. So many tyrants came after them. They forced people to remember their names. Even recently. From that time fourteen hundred years ago up till now so many tyrants are coming everywhere in the world and they are forcing people. They are putting laws to keep their names. They are putting their statues in every corner. Now they want to put statues in every house. They are putting statues in every business place. If they cannot put statues then they are putting their pictures saying, 'It is an order by the government that you have to put his picture up there.' Like Buddha. It doesn't matter. You can fill everywhere in the world with his statues but he is under the feet. Those ones who are disobedient to Allah and His Prophet (sws) are under the feet.

So there are two kinds of people who are going to be remembered in the world always. The obedient ones and the disobedient ones. So the obedient ones that we are remembering, it doesn't matter if they were kings (because among them there were kings who came and they were obedient to their Lord. Their names are also up there), or they were servants, slaves. Their names are up there too. Obedient servants. And all obedient servants in this world are praying for them. They are sending salawat and good tidings for them.

But to all those disobedients, curse is reaching to them. It doesn't

matter if there are ten people, fifteen people, a hundred people, by force they go in front of their statues or they salute to them or they write in their books, 'You are the greatest'. While they are writing in that book they are cursing those ones inside of them saying, 'What a curse you came to us with, that we are forced to come here. I had some business to take care of. Now I have to be here.' Haha...yes. And that one is screaming, saying to them, 'Go away from here! The more you are coming, the more fire is coming to me, you squareheads! I was a foolish one and you are becoming more foolish? Go away!'

Like that one now every nation has. The top one is in Turkey. The rest from Egypt, from Iran, from Iraq, to everywhere there are tyrants like that because the Holy Prophet (sws) said, "In Ahir Zaman the tyrants are going to come. They are going to rule. If you are reaching to those days, separate yourselves from them. If you cannot change anything through your hands, try to change through your tongue. If you cannot change anything through your tongue too, turn to your Lord and say, 'Ya Rabbi, we are not from among them. We are not accepting anything what they are saying. We are not approving anything what they are saying. We are your servants.'" InshaAllah ar-Rahman through that way we may also reach to our stations and go out from this world as servants of the Lord.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-61

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Who is Following the Footsteps of Prophet (saw)?

And anyone who knows our master, right away their heart is satisfied with that. They say, "Okay, this is the one." Even if they see hundreds of masters later... it cannot be a hundred, it's one. But because the groups like these, so many followers, they love their master so much; they want to put that master very high. But that doesn't mean that that master is in that level. But we have seen so many different miracles, so many different; we say "keramet," from our master. That is the one. That is the one that who is holding that place for the Prophet aleyhis salatu wasselam for this time. Alhamdulillah we are lucky people following his way, following the way that he's teaching us. Because the Prophet aleyhis salatu wasselam, he said in one hadis that, "In the last days, my nation is going to go separate in 73 different roads." And he said, "Only one of them, only one of them they are in the straight path: Ahli sunnat wal jama'at. Those ones who's following me. The other ones they are all going to be

in the wrong road. 72 of them they [are] going to be in the wrong road."

So now we are watching which one is the carrying the sunnat of the Prophet aleyhis salatu wassalam very strictly. And we [are] finding our master. We don't find other than that. When we find other people that who's really following the sunnat of the Prophet, when we start searching, he is the murid of our master. So now that shows, that proves [to] us who is that. Because the Prophet aleyhis salatu wassalam has also given us the... how you going to recognize that person and he said to us what is the specialty that they had. He said one of the most important things, "They going to carry my sunnat, my way of dressing, my way of talking, my way of doing things all the time in their life time." Not doing it now and later going outside and becoming regular person again. No. They [are] going to carry that all the time until they die.

And that's what we are seeing today. We go to the mosque. We see [the] imam, [he] goes up to the Hutba. He gives [the] Hutba, he wears white clothes, he wears something on his head. But [as] soon as he comes out from the mosque, he wears [a] nice suit and tie and now he disappears in this jungle. When you see him in the street, you don't recognize him from the unbeliever. And that is not the way that [the] Prophet aleyhis salatu wassalam teach us. Because he said to us also... he said to us that, "Don't wear and don't act like [the] Jews and the Christians." He said, "Don't be like them, from your outside form too." We are wearing this. We are wearing baggy clothes. We are wearing this. We are wearing the turban.

[Somebody enters, Sheykh greets them.]

So now we are seeing. And...we say, "Okay. This is what [the] Prophet aleyhis salatu wassalam had given us [as an] example. This is the values that this people they [are] going to have." So then, look if they have this or not. They don't have that, they [are] going to come to you with so many excuses but the excuse does not make you clean again. Because the excuse is... you have to, you [are] going to find [an] excuse. People, when they do wrong things, they always find [an] excuse. "I did this because of that." Leave "because of." That means you don't have trust in Allah 100%. Because you said "because of this." Because if you have trust in Allah 100%, then you must follow what the Prophet aleyhis salatu wassalam have teach you. How you [are] going to follow? If you don't follow that way, then you don't have the right to go up there and to claim that you are the one.

And that's what is happening today. Some people, they think they have. And some, they think they have too many followers, too many people. They still say, "We are the ones." But no, that's not what the Prophet said to us, aleyhis salatu wassalam. He didn't said to us, "Look at those people, how many... look at the quantity, how many they are." No. He said, "Look [at] how they are behaving." That is the most important. Not thousands or hundreds of thousands. It can be millions. Millions of them, they are following the Christianity. Millions of people they are following the Judaism. Millions of people, they are

following the Hinduism. Or all other kinds of religions. That makes them to become right? No, because that was in the past. What they were doing is in the past.

Now, it's a new law came. After the Prophet came, aleyhis salatu wasselam, 1400 years ago he came and he bring to the humanity a new law, saying, "Leave everything now what you was following, and follow this. Because I am bringing you [a] new law." So those people, some they accepted it, some didn't. And they continue on their own way but that does not make them to be the right ones. All the evidence, everything is here. You want to talk? Come, sit. We show you where you are mistaken. But now when that comes to that, they move themselves out. So now we say, "Okay, they don't want to know the truth." Anybody who doesn't want to know the truth, it is up to them. It is not our problem. It is their problem.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq.

Al Fathiha

Sohbet-62

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE HONOR GRANTED TO THE CHILDREN OF ADAM

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Ya Rabbi. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, "Wa laqad karramna bani adam. We are giving honor to the children of Adam. We have given them high honor. We have made them the most perfect creatures in creation." The children of Adam. These words are for the children of Adam, not for the people who are claiming that they are coming from monkeys. If you are saying, "Yes, I am from the children of Adam", then you must be an honorable one. Allah is giving (that honor). You cannot get that from the supermarkets, you cannot get it in the universities, you cannot get it with the clothes you are wearing, you cannot get it with the worldly titles that you have. It's given, given by Allah subhana wa ta'ala to His servants.

What is for us? To keep it. He has given that honor. It is for you to keep that honor. How are we keeping that honor? Going around saying, "I am. I am the most honorable one"? No. He has turned around sending

124,000 prophets to us, warning us, showing us the ways, saying to us, sending us books, saying, "If you keep the orders of these books then you keep your honor up. Remember Me. Be with Me. Then your honor is up. If you are forgetting Me then your honor is down." We must check ourselves how much we are remembering our Lord. Daily, count it, how much (you are) remembering. Not to take the tasbeeh sitting over there, shaking it, sleeping, not realizing what you are doing. Becoming more heedless, on the one side saying, 'Allah, Allah, Allah, Allah' but not being with Allah! Not remembering Allah! Hmm.

So this Sheytan must be coming to fool us that way too. Shake yourselves up. Wake up. Yes, we must wake up. If we don't wake up then what happens? Nar is waiting for people. Ahle Nur and Ahle Nar. People of Paradise and people of Hell. Allah is not putting you to hell. He is not putting us to hell. No. He has given us honor and said to us, "Keep that honor. With that honor you are entering to My Paradise." He is saying, "That Nafs, that ego, that Nafs that is pleased with his Lord and his Lord is pleased with him, enter to My Paradise." This is what we have to look. 124,000 prophets came to teach us how to take this Nur out from the fire, how to take the sprit out from the fire. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving that secret and (He is) saying, "Until you separate the Nur from the Nar, you are not even going out from this world." Don't look to say, "Oh, we are strong. Our hands are working, holding, running." Look how many people are lying in the bed not dying for years. Why is it happening? What's happening? Why is it not dying? If it's necessary for Allah subhana wa ta'ala to take the Nur that He has given to that servant, He will keep that servant in that situation for one thousand years. He will create time inside time and place inside place. It will look to you from the outside that it's just happening instantly but it's not happening like that.

So the freedom. Yes, we are free. We are given free choice. Free choice is not to say, "I do as I like." Free choice is to say, "I do what my Lord wants me to do. And He has given me this will power that He has not given to any other creature. He has given it to Me and I must use this will power on my ego to direct my ego from the wrong side to the right side, to be that ego that Allah is saying about it, "He is pleased with his Lord and his Lord is pleased with him. Enter to My Paradise." Six thousand six hundred and sixty-six ayats of the Quran is teaching this to a man, how to move from Dunya to Akhirat and how to leave the slavery of this Dunya to become a servant to the Lord.

Yes, one day the Holy Prophet (sws) was bringing the Sahaba-e Kiram, teaching them, teaching them to teach us. Just one instant look at that Prophet (sws) was enough for them. Nothing else. But it took twenty-three years time of work and the Prophet (sws) worked with them for twenty-three years. And in twenty-three years time every incident that happened, the Prophet (sws) showed the answers through teaching the Sahaba-e Kiram, teaching us. We are the last nation on this earth. No more is coming. And we are the last group of people on this earth, not only the last nation but the last group that came. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "This world is one and a half day after me. There's only one and a half day left to this world after I came."

Calculate. Look. We are reaching to fifteen hundred years almost.

Holy Prophet (sws) bringing the Sahaba-e Kiram to a dumpster site. In the old days they were opening big holes and throwing every garbage in there. And when that fills up they were covering it and opening another one. Not like today's people. They waste the whole world too. Wasting. If the whole world was using the same things that America is using then you cannot live in this world for another ten years. In ten years time it will be finished. The wasting that the Americans are doing... the most spoiled nation on the face of the earth! Yes. The most spoiled one.

Holy Prophet (sws) was bringing them to the dumpster and saying to them, "Look here. Look. This is Dunya." And what was that? Garbage. Dumpster. Saying, "You see that there are some bones there, some clothes there, some material there, some equipment and some leftovers there?" Some people were not even being buried. They were taking them and throwing them in that dumpster. "See those bones? They are the leftovers of some people, or they are the leftovers of some animals. You see those pieces of clothes? They are the clothes that they were wearing nicely on top of them thinking that they were having honor with it. You see those leftover materials there? They are the furniture that they were using. All came to garbage."

Eh, what gives value to a man? What gives us value? The spirit. If the spirit is not in that body, you fall down. They don't leave you there for twenty-four hours. It doesn't matter. They quickly pick you up and they bury you under the ground. They don't keep you up. No value. No value to this body. The value comes with that spirit. The spirit gives value to the body. The more you use that spirit in the correct way your body becomes valuable too because now you have forbidden this body from wrong actions, wrong ways and wrong doings.

So 124,000 prophets came to teach what to people? Leave Dunya and turn to Mawla. Turn your face from this Dunya to your Lord. Don't run for the titles of this Dunya. Run for the titles of Akhirat. And the only title for Akhirat is one, not two. One. Servant. Servanthood. Run to get that. As soon as the man goes out from this world, the first question (is), "Is it the servant of his Lord or is it the slave of Sheytan, ego or Dunya?" `Servant of his Lord'. Pass. `Slave of his Ego'. Stop here now. Now is a big process beginning. Uff, uff, uff. Who knows how many years, how many thousands of years (it will take). Still now from the children of Adam who have been buried there thousands of years ago, still process is going on for so many of them. It's not finished yet.

This will come to us too. This end is waiting for us. We didn't finish this life yet. Run to finish this life correctly. 124,000 prophets came to teach man how to live. Injil-e Sharif, Tawrat, Zabur and all other books that were sent to other prophets and the Quran-e Karim with six thousand six hundred and sixty-six ayats, came to teach man how to live. And the whole key is to know yourself and to know your Lord. To know your ego, to know where your ego is going to fool you,

where it's going to pull you to the wrong direction.

Not to say, "I am in safety now, I reached to safety." No. You didn't reach to safety. You have not reached to safety. We have not reached to safety yet. Look at the last breath, the word of Akhir, the last breath that is coming out, how it's coming out, how we are brining that word out. This is what we have to be busy with. Otherwise, you can go to Hajj ten times and come back or you can go and sit inside the Kaba, it's not going to change anything. It's just going to make the man become more Firaun saying, "I did this much of this and I did that. And I am so important." Yes, that's what everyone is running to say, "I am so important. I am very important."

Yes, you are important. Allah subhana wa ta'ala created only you in that form. No other creature. But your importance comes as much as you obey Allah and His Prophet (sws). That much importance we have. And Allah is saying, "If you are not asking from your Lord, what do you think is your value? What's your value?"

"I am doing this today."

Tomorrow you must do it again. Next day again and the next day again until the grave. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "For believers, today has to be better than yesterday. Tomorrow has to be better than today." If you are falling into the heedless station then you cannot be better tomorrow. You are not better today than yesterday. You are heedless. You are in Ghaflat, sleeping. Not sleeping and resting the body. No. You need to sleep to rest the body to get up and have energy to worship. You need to eat to give energy to the body to be able to stand up in the Divine Presence. Not like the unbelievers running to eat to fill up the toilets for enjoyment. No. Believers don't live like that. Believers know exactly what they are doing, why they are doing and what is the intention. They must check in the beginning, "I did this and the end, the result, where I reached is here. Did I win or lose? I did. I won. Thank you Ya Rabbi. Give me power to do it better tomorrow." If you see that you lost then don't even sleep that night because you have another day to catch. You lost that day. You didn't enter the book that says, "Servant of the Lord."

Leave all these shows to say, "I am this one and I am that one." Look at everyday that is passing, every page that is coming to the Judgment Place. Everyday there are twenty-four drawers. In twenty-four hours what you are doing, what you did and who did you live for? Twenty-four hours. Every action that you did, what was the intention behind it? This is what's important. This is what the prophets came to teach us and this is what Islam is ordering to us. The 500 good deeds that Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering us to keep, this is what it's teaching us. And the 800 forbidden deeds that are keeping us away from becoming better servants of our Lord and supporting our ego.

He has created us, He sent us to this world and He is continuously sending us whatever our need is. Only thing that we have to do is to turn back to say, "Oh Ya Rabbi, You created me and You gave me all

this. You love me and I love You back." That's all. That's what man has to do. And if you cannot do that too, thuu... you are a cursed one. Not to say that you have honor. You have no honor. Your honor belongs only to the toilet, to sit on the toilet bowl and to say, "I am the most honorable."

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given the honor to the children of Adam and He is ordering us to keep that honor and He is teaching us how we are going to keep that honor. Not to go around to say, "I am wearing this clothe. Look I am wearing this kind of turban. Look I am wearing this." No. No! The unbelievers are running with one foolishness and the believers are running with another foolishness. Yes. Leave this. This is not giving anything. Just taking away, taking away from your values. Become a valuable one. If you are looking for safety in Dunya and Akhirat then this is what we must be busy with. Otherwise, you can bring not one thousand books but one hundred thousand books, it's not going to help you.

The Hajj session finished. Millions went to Hajj and came back. So many came back empty-handed and so many as soon as they moved from there Sheytan put his rope around their necks right away saying, "Come back to me. You cannot run." Run to escape from that slavery. Run to the servanthood of Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman we are entering... in some more days we are entering the holy month of Muharram. The New Year of the Muslims, not the New Year of the pagans that people were worshipping (other than Allah). The New Year of the Muslims. Muharram is coming. We are entering in it. Prepare yourselves for that. As everyone is running to copy saying, "What is your New Years Resolution? What are you going to do? What is the intention you made that you are going to change this year?"

"Yes, I am going to become more donkey."

That's what they do. They are running at midnight in the streets. Eh, if you are running at midnight in the streets then you are becoming the nominee to become another donkey for that whole year. No honor. The honor is not in the streets, to drink and to lay down in the corners of the streets and not even knowing where your house is. That's not an honor. New Year is coming, yes. Make to your own self saying, "Ya Rabbi, I am making intention to become a better servant to You this year. I am a weak servant. Help me." Say 'Help me' sincerely and look how fast help is going to reach to you. It's not far. Very near.

Once the Sahaba-e Kiram were making du'a very loudly. The Holy Prophet (sws) came to them saying, "You are not asking someone who is far from you. He is very near to you. He is nearer to you than your jugular vein."

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-63

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

MUHARRAM IS THE NEW YEAR OF THE MUSLIMS

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr, shukr Allah, astaghfirullah.

Thanking, thanking to our Lord and asking forgiveness for our shortcomings in the Ahir Zaman that is coming with all kinds of confusion and all kinds of nonsense celebrations. People are running wild left, right, east, west, north and south, males, females, young and old, everyone is saying, "I do as I like." It is one of the biggest sicknesses for this century. Everyone is thinking that they are going to do as they like. But we cannot do as we like because we are under the authority, under the order, under the command of our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Whatever He orders, that's what's going to happen and He ordered to us saying, "Be servants." That's the highest degree, highest station, the biggest honor. Looking for honor? That is honor to be a servant to Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

Then He is saying to us, to the Nation of Muhammad (sws), "We have created you a nation, a witness nation, you are going to be a witnessing nation on the Judgment Day and you are the nation that speaks the truth and forbids the wrong things." This is also what Allah has given to us. But the situation that mankind, the Muslims have fallen into today, it's nowhere near that because the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Ahir Zaman is the worst time, the end of the times near the Judgment Day. My nation is going to lose their head. They are going to become headless. And they are not going to order and do the Truth, the Haqq, Amri bil Maruf, they are going to stop it. And Nahi an al Munkar, they are going to stop also stopping the wrong things, wrong activities, wrong thinking, wrong ways and wrong actions." This is the time. But the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "When you will stop showing proper respect to your holy ones, when adults stop showing proper care and love for their children and when my nation will stop Amri bil Maruf wa Nahi an al Munkar, when they stop that, those people are not from us." Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "They are not from my nation."

So now we must think. We must sit and think. When? "Tomorrow". No! Now. Because the days are passing. Every day we are getting one more day closer, closer to our end, to our eternal life. Sheytan is fooling the whole mankind saying, "It's okay. Take your time. Everything is okay. Tomorrow. Tomorrow. Do this tomorrow. Do this, this and this tomorrow. This action tomorrow. That tomorrow. Tomorrow." No tomorrow! Today! Right now we must make the intention and we must move according to that intention.

The Muslims world is preparing in the east, west, north and south. The Muslims are preparing now to celebrate something that is not in the calendar of Islam. Some already celebrated Christmas. Now they are preparing to celebrate the New Year. New Year! Nations stopping the life. Life stops. They close the lights, they do all kinds of evil and foolish actions that night saying, "It's free. Free to do." Just like the bats they close the lights and it turns into darkness. They want to stay in that darkness the whole year but they are getting up the next day saying, "How are we going to wait until the next year?"

"Make it everyday."

"We cannot. We have to have that holy day. Very special day. We are keeping it once a year."

Squarehead Muslims are running top-speed. That's what the Holy Prophet (sws) said. He is saying, "When the traditions are going to be mixed up with religion, when my nation is going to start cursing to my Sahaba, when you are going to stop Amri bil Maruf wa Nahi an al Munkar, Allah subhana wa ta'ala will chose the worst ones among you. He will let them to be your leaders and they will drag you directly to Jahannam." Are we in it now? Sit and look. Yes, we are in it. This is the time that we are in. That's why now in this time there is no delaying anymore. Shake yourselves up and wake up. Wake up and come back to your own selves because (we are) watching (and finding that) no one is happy with their lives. Muslims are supposed to be happy with their lives. They are not happy. They have everything. They are not happy. They are running to make their lives disaster. Yes.

With the males one foolishness and with the females another foolishness. Females have nice houses, everything is nice and comfortable with children and husband, they are waiting, husband bringing home food but, "No, I have to go to work." To what? You have been created to serve to your husband and to your children, not to the strangers in the street. That's not the reason of your creation. But as I said, Sheytan is saying, "Come, you are very important. Enter into this factory. Become worker. I am going to make you become the boss of this factory, patron of this factory." Whatever you are becoming, if you are losing the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws) then you lost. You lost Dunya and you lost Akhirat. Those people who have fallen into that mistake, they are trying to come out. Sometimes it's very hard because the system that they built for the last 100 years now, everyone ran to support that system and now people are

realizing, 'What an evil system is this! Let's go out', but they are not finding a way out. Don't enter in oh young generation. Not only the young generation but the parents of the young generation.

"My daughter has to study."

"Study for what? To become what?"

"She has to work. Has to earn her money."

To do what with that? What is she going to do with it? She is just going to become another Firaun. That's what they are becoming. Watch. Bring another one in front of me and I will show you.

So this time is the worst time that we are living in. MashaAllah to people if they can pull themselves out from the wrong system and keep on the Sirat-ul Mustakim, and the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "In order for you to do that in Ahir Zaman, pull yourselves out, pull yourselves into the suburban areas, to the mountain sides. Keep simple life. Don't run to have everything. Just have things that are necessary for you. Don't run making debts." Another big sickness. People's credit cards. Credit cards here, credit cards there, building debts to themselves and later they can't sleep comfortably, they can't sit comfortably, they cannot sit together with their families to talk, to eat and to say what? Amri bil Maruf wa Nahi an al Munkar. The parents cannot say that to their children anymore. Leave the stranger whom you are going to go and say outside.

And yes, that is obligation. That is Farz for believers to do Amri bil Maruf. That's why this Christian world under the name of dialogue is trying to stop Muslims from making Amri bil Maruf, saying, "Leave everybody as they like." This is a big sickness taught in the schools. The school is saying, "Only listen to us. Listen what we say to you because we are poisoning you with something that you are not going to wake up until you are in front of the doors of Jahannam."

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us to be His servants. The one reason and only reason. Nothing else. "We have created you and the Jinns only to know us and to worship us." This is the main reason of creation for a man. And this is what we have to check ourselves with everyday to see, "Am I in that road? Am I being a servant to my Lord? Am I keeping His orders?"

"Yes, I am."

Sheytan is coming and saying, "Yes you are."

No you are not! Are you following the orders of the Holy Prophet (sws)? Are you knowing his orders? Are you taking orders from someone? Are you listening to someone?

"No. I am listening only to the Prophet (sws)."

You are a liar if you are saying that! You don't know the Prophet (sws). You don't know what Prophet (sws) has ordered to you. Do you think taking the Book of Quran, just reading and giving explanation according to your head, according to your ego (is enough for you to) think that you are living Islam? Your Islam is only that much, as much as you understand. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given order to His Prophet (sws), put protocol and sent His Prophet (sws) to us. He could have sent one book to everyone. As you have millions of factories printing, (like that) raining down from sky one book, one booklet to everyone, "Take this book and walk". That's not what He did, that's not how He did it. The first ayat of the Quran was coming to the Holy Prophet (sws) and the Holy Prophet (sws) didn't know. He was Ummi. (Allah subhana wa ta'ala) was saying to him, "Iqra, read." Jibreel (alayhi salam) came. He said, "I don't know." He said, "I don't know. I don't know what to read and how to read. I don't know."

"Read. Read yourself. Read what Allah has put in you."

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala then started sending the ayats of the Quran. Twenty-three years time. He completed it in 23 years time. Why do you think it took twenty-three years? He couldn't have just printed it in his heart? It was already there. He's showing to us that step by step, in every age, in every step something else is standing in front of you.

And through the traditions the Holy Prophet (sws) was showing to his Sahaba. The Sahaba were listening, listening to the ayats of the Quran coming directly from the Prophet (sws). No doubt at all. They were getting mixed up, not understanding.

"What is that Ya Rasulullah?"

And the Prophet (sws) started giving explanations to them about those ayats through his hadith.

So now today we became complete ignorant. We are saying that if you are taking only the Quran then you are completely ignorant. If you are taking only the Prophet (sws), you are ignorant. You must find someone to hold on tightly, to listen, to understand and to live according to that. You must find those who are giving invitation not to Dunya but to Akhirat. They are giving you warning all the time. As soon as you make one wrong move they say, "Oop, stop here! Wrong side. Back to the road." Whatever it takes, they warn you with it. Run after those. You will run to safety then.

These words are for us to find the right road, Sirat-ul Mustakim, to live on it and to finish our journey from this Dunya. We came to this Dunya and we are travelers in this Dunya. Passing from one side, one door, and we are going to come out from another exit. Traveling on that highway you enter from one entrance and you are going to go out from one exit. We don't even know in which exit we are going out. Instantly they are going to pull us out from that main road saying, "Out. This is the exit from where you are going."

We must prepare ourselves. We are preparing to go to school, "Oh my schoolbag, my this and my that." All kinds of foolishness today anyway. Going to school they are not preparing to go to school. They are preparing for how to show themselves in the school. Young boys and young girls, that's what they are running for. That's why everyone is running to school saying, "I have to go to school." Running, running. What's the...? `There are boys in the school.' Or for the boys, `The girls are in the school'. Separate them. Look how many are going to run to go to school then. Yes, this is the reality. All those who are running with that and all those who are supporting that, they must wake up to themselves. That is not the order from Allah. That is not the order from His Prophet (sws). That is the order from Sheytan. Sheytan's direction.

Yes, knowledge is for everyone. Knowledge is for males and females, knowledge if for young and old. Knowledge is from the baby crib to the grave. We need that knowledge. What knowledge is that? Which one? The knowledge that is teaching you your ego? That's not the knowledge. The knowledge to know yourself and to know your Lord, to prepare yourself everyday to become better servants to your Lord, to do better things everyday. That is knowledge. InshaAllah ar-Rahman, may Allah wake us up in these holy days. This month is passing and inshaAllah we are entering into...

Muslims now, majority they know, ask the Muslims today, say to them, "When is the New Year?" They are going to tell you exactly when the New Year is. They prepare. Ask the Muslims today, "When is your New Year? The Muslims New Year?"

"What's that?"

Haha. Yes, that's right. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is preparing, showing to us again. Now right after this made-up, not true New Year, the New Year that they made up, the false one, fake New Year, right after this fake New Year that is finishing, the Muslims' New Year is coming. Right on the same month. Muharram. Muharram is the New Year of the Muslims. That's what we have to concentrate on, the beginning of the year, and not running around putting trees in the house and putting presents underneath it, but running to fast for those days, to prepare ourselves to become better servants to our Lord. That's the celebration we should make.

So we should live the way we believe. If we don't live the way we believe then one day we are going to start believing the way we live. What are you taking as important? The New Year. You are going to start believing in this New Year that is the holiest day for you. Yes. But it's not. They fooled these Christians also thinking that this is New Year, the coming of Jesus, his being born, this and that. No. False. But the Muslims have fallen into that foolishness too. We must wake up. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving us these holy days and holy nights to prepare ourselves to become better servants and to catch up with the loss that we have made down in the road.

If we do then we will win for our own selves. If we don't then don't claim you love your children and this and that. Don't claim, because then you are only going to be seeing them in this Dunya. Eternal separation is going to be happening in the hereafter life. Those who are not preparing themselves for Allah and His Prophet (sws), for the Paradise, there's going to be eternal separation and in the Judgment Day the parents and children are going to run away from each other and they are going to run to see, "What right do I have on this one? Let me take it", because it's going to be a very, very, very, very, very hard day for everyone.

That day is still standing in front of us. It didn't pass yet. We cannot live heedlessly, we cannot run heedlessly. We must think and we must run, we must aim correctly and we must do our planning correctly, inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-64

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ALLAH CREATED LIFE AND DEATH TO TEST US

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Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness for our shortcomings and thanking our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala that He has created us from mankind and He has granted us faith and He has made us from the nation of Muhammad (sws). What else do you want? More complaints. Yes. 21st century's ignorant, arrogant and stubborn mankind is complaining non-stop. Are you understanding the value that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is granting you just with that Shahadat? If you are understanding then you never complaint. You are always happy.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us in Surat-ul Mulk, "We have

created the life and the death just to test you to see which one of you is going to do better deeds and to know that your Lord is the Most Forgiving, Most Generous and Most Powerful." So from one side He is turning around and saying to us what is the reason of life, why He has created us and from the other side He is making us understand the value of the Shahadat, that when you have the Shahadat what you are expecting and what is it that you are preparing to go. If a man understands that then twenty-four hours a day he will be thankful to his Lord.

"But I am thankful."

What are the signs of your thankfulness? Just through the word? Who are the thankful ones? Those ones who keep the orders of their Lord. The first thankfulness is saying the Shahadat because he is giving us the invitation. He says, "Say. Believe. Believe in My prophets and believe that it's only Me who has created you. And as soon as you believe, come to My Presence five times a day. Five times a day I am giving you invitation. Come. Come to My Presence. I will take the burden away from you. I will put that peace and whatever you are looking for in your heart, and what is good for you. And during one year time, keep yourselves away from eating and drinking in the month of Ramazan. Fix your body, adjust your body, tune up your body", in the language of today's peoples' understanding. If you are using a car, you are bringing it to the mechanic every three months. Every three thousand miles you are changing the oil and checking it up. Check up for your body, for that physical form is necessary too. "Fast. Fast during the month of Ramazan. I will send more blessings, more Rahmat, more energy, more power and more beauty to your body. And there are other people looking. I am giving you wealth where there are other peoples' rights in it. Look after them. Take care of them. Give them their rights. And it is My right on you to come to visit My house." Not to think that Allah is sitting inside that house [Kabba] but He is saying to us, "Through the spiritual meaning, that is My house." Baytullah. Allah's house. "Come. East and west, north and south, wherever you are, come to visit My house there."

And Alhamdulillah, these days are the days that so many people went there and some are preparing to go there. But preparing to go there on the one side and (people) are not leaving the slavery of the world on the other. Ya hu, you have three days or four days left to go. Leave the slavery of the world. Prepare yourself. Prepare. Sit down and think a little bit, "What am I going to do there? How am I going to do?" This is not a vacation you are going there for, saying, "Eh, I am going to come back and say this, this and this." Whatever you are getting there, that's what it is. I am watching so many going there and saying, "Ah, I wish I didn't go this time."

"Where did you wish to go?"

"I wish I went to Paris first to visit."

Hmm. Never mind then whether your Hajj has been accepted but you are

going to be punished for that. You are wishing something other than what Allah is ordering to you and Allah made it easy for you?

All this happens because people are not preparing themselves for that and they are getting into that excitement wagon saying, "I am going to go there" and running around like idiots again left and right. Allah is teaching patience there saying, "Come, be patient, look what's happening and enter into that white clothe. Think and remember that you are entering into that grave and you are getting up for the Judgment Day. Eh, if you leave the slavery of the world then you are going to understand something there.

So these are the first principles that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering to us, saying to us, "If you are doing these then you will become a thankful servant to Me. And because you are a thankful servant, then I will love you. You are returning My orders to you, you are responding to that order, you are showing sign that you are caring for Me. Then I will love you." That's the meaning. Then through other voluntary worship that you are doing and you are running, you will come closer to Me. Then I will grant you so many other secrets."

So where are we? How are we? Where is our thankfulness? Read the ayat of the Quran to understand when Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to Ibrahim (as), "Keep your promise." And he knew what he promised. He promised if he has a son then to slaughter him for the sake of Allah. But the love and attachment was so hard. It came to his dream one time, two times, three times and now he knows that it's order from Allah subhana wa ta'ala. "What can I do? I have to do it." And he brought his son, saying to him, "Ya Ismail, this is the story, this is what happened and Allah is ordering me to slaughter you." He was very happy. Ismail (as) was happier than his father and that gave energy to his father. He said, "O my father, why did it take you such a long time to say this to me? It is such a grant to me from my Lord." Allah, Allah.

Hmm. Mankind is only thinking from his way. He is never thinking the way that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is controlling everything. He is thinking how the kid is going to take it and how the other one is going to take it. Leave that thinking to him. Think for yourself to see what you are doing. This is mentioned in the Quran. He was saying, "My father, I will tell you a couple of things. Do those and this way you will find me patient, inshaAllah. This is a heavy test but you will find me patient. The first thing is, close my eyes. Don't look into my eyes because then the love of fatherhood may come over and something may come wrong in your heart. Tie my hands and my feet. This way I won't kick around. Take out my shirt and give it to my mother. Let her smell my shirt and not to worry for me." He was giving advice to his father. Allah is mentioning this in the Quran. Open, read and understand.

So now, why is Allah mentioning this to us? For us to understand the mercy of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and what Ibrahim (as) is running to do and what Ismail (as) is accepting, both of them. Then Allah subhana

wa ta'ala's mercy is reaching and He is sending down the ram saying to that one, "Now, slaughter this animal and know that your Lord is the Most Merciful and never promise something to your Lord that you are not going to be able to do. And Allah is forbidding you from this kind of action, you and all your generation coming up till the Judgment Day. Don't pass your limits even in worship."

So it is Allah subhana wa ta'ala's mercy to us through Ibrahim (as). Ibrahim alayhi salam's submission and Ismail alayhi salam's submission to Allah subhana wa ta'ala has reached to us. If Allah didn't change, would not send the ram and he had to slaughter Ismail (as)... nothing is changing in the Divine Presence, this way or that day one day we are all going to die. So if he slaughtered him then that one would come clean. That's what Ismail (as) was saying. "What a blessing my Lord is giving to me, my father, and you are not saying to me quickly? What a blessing is that, that I am going to be killed in His way and go to His Paradise quickly without any questions asked." He is teaching a lesson to us. He was a little kid at that time. He is teaching a lesson to the generations coming after. And what happened then? Because of their submission and Allah's sending the ram, now He forbade us. He banned us. If He didn't send the ram then today it would be the sunnat of Ibrahim (as) at least, if it is not obligation, (to say) that we are following the sunnat of Ibrahim (as) every father and every mother was supposed to be slaughtering their first son.

What do you think on it? Do you sit and think to understand the mercy to be thankful? Or are you just being arrogant and stubborn, passing, saying, "Eh, I do as I like." Yes, you do as you like. That's right. Because you are not even an animal. Those who are saying that are not even animals. Allah is saying that the animals have been created for a reason and they are doing that. "I have created man in Ahsani Taqweem, the most perfect one and you have to do what I order you to do." And in another ayat He is saying to us, "If you do as you like then you are not an animal but you are worse than the animals. Yes, you are worse than the animals. Those are the worst creatures that I have created on the face of the earth that they are not keeping their responsibilities for them. They are worse than any creature. They are deaf and they are blind." This is the ayat that Allah is saying, that they are those who are not keeping their promise to Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

But it became a fashion for everyone to run after the unbelievers, to run after then signs of the unbelievers to say, "The whole world is doing like this. So it must be right." If it will be the whole world doing like that and you are the only person left in this world, the Shahadat should be enough for you to bring you to safety. Not running after the unbelievers, running after those people who are completely disobedient to their Lord and taking them as role models. Take those ones as role models who became beloved to their Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. So if we take those as role models then our complaining will finish because we understand the ayat then that "We have created the life and death for you to test you to see what you are going to do, to see which one of you is going to do better deeds in the way of Allah

subhana wa ta'ala." Then we understand the ayat and we run to live according to the ayat.

Leave those words to me now. Later people are saying, "Ah, we have to work, we have to do this." Of course, you have to work. Allah has prepared twenty-four hours for you to prepare your sustenance to eat. That's why you are not a Sheykh or a Prophet to sit and think only religion twenty-four hours a day. You will lose your mind. So it is to keep yourself busy working in this world a little bit to stop that thinking a little bit and to earn your sustenance. But He didn't prepare the world for you to run twenty-four hours and later to say, "Eh, working is also worship." This is also another sickness coming in this Muslim Ummat saying, "Working is also worship." Yes, working is worship for those people who are keeping their obligations to their Lord and Allah is saying, "If you are keeping the obligations, the orders that I put on you then I will count your going out to work as worship. If you are sleeping I will count it for you as worship. If you are eating and drinking I will count it for you as worship. If you are having a good time with your families I will count it as worship. Then it becomes worship. Not to leave all the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and later to say, "Well, at this time I cannot do it." Yes, at this time you are not a servant to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. You just became a slave to Sheytan, a slave to your ego and a slave to this Dunya. Nothing else.

But you are forgetting that you are a prisoner between two breathes. You are running after this world, not dropping anything for this world and at the last minute running saying, "I have things to do. I gotta run here, I gotta run there." But you are forgetting that you are a prisoner between two breathes. The angel of death may come to you. If you are running to make a deal that is going to earn you a billion dollars, before you put that signature who knows the angel of death may be hitting you and you are coming out from this world. Or as soon as you put that signature that you became so happy, "I made this much money", and the angel of death hits you, coming out from this world.

Alhamdulillah, that not only the sick ones die. Then we will look at it and say, "The man is healthy. He is not going to die."
Alhamdulillah, the angel of death is catching everyone, especially those heedless ones, suddenly just coming like that. That's the worst death that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying may reach to you. And be careful. Prepare yourselves. Prepare yourselves for the Akhirat life. The most important life is the Akhirat life. You have not been created for the world's life. We have been created for the Akhirat life, for the hereafter life.

If you are taking these words and applying to yourselves then you may find something and it may change you. And if you are not taking it... this is the Juma khutba. We are speaking on behalf of the Holy Prophet (sws) and all those people, the real ones who are representing the Holy Prophet (sws). He is the first one who stood up like this giving khutba to the mankind. And although we are not worthy of that but Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting us here to speak. I am responsible

for what I say and you are responsible for what you are hearing.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim

GET RID OF THE HEAVY LOADS YOU ARE CARRYING

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Alhamdulillah, shukr Allah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord. He has created us in Ahsani Taqweem, sent us to this world and is asking one thing from us, "Be My servant." That's the only thing He is asking. Don't let Sheytan fool you to say, "I have this, I have that, I am so much big". No. "Be My servant and I am providing everything for you."

When you go to work if somebody tells you, "How do you like it? You are going to be standing in front of the door everyday. As I am coming in, you are just going to salute me and I am going to give you food, your Riziq, everything you need and on top of it I am going to give you whatever you want." Which one is going to say, 'No'. That's what you are doing. That's what man is doing. Running to serve other than Allah.

"I have work. I don't have time. I am very busy."

If you are going to say that when Azrail is coming then say it now. If you are not able to say that when Azrail is coming then don't say it now. Look to become a servant because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is telling us about Jahannam, what is it, how Jahannam is working and what kind of fuel Jahannam is taking to work. He says, "Only humans and jinns are there. That's the fuel. But We are not putting you in Jahannam. You are insisting to enter there, forcing yourself to enter." And Allah is saying, "We are opening doors to you on every side to escape. But as long as you are running for this Dunya there is no way out." There are two roads. One is going to Mawla and the other

one is going to Dunya. If you are standing on the road to Dunya then the end of the road is bringing you to the fire. You cannot escape. We cannot escape. Those people who are insisting to be the servant of Dunya are the servant of Ego and the slave of Sheytan. Nothing else.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is making it easy for us in every way as He is saying, "Say the Shahadat. Keep your Shahadat strongly, keep your prayers, keep one month of Ramazan, give Zakat and go to Hajj." All these principles of Islam are to make us strong in our faith. Faith is through the tongue first. Through the tongue and through the inside. You say, "I believe." Eh, how are you supporting that belief? Then Allah is saying to us, "I am putting the other principles surrounding it so that you will keep your Shahadat strongly. If you don't keep the other ones then Sheytan is going to fool you. You are going to say the Shahadat on the one side and you are going to run to the other side. Sheytan has so many ways. He aimed, he promised and he declared war to Allah saying, "I am going to run after them and I am going to fool them." And if you get fooled by Sheytan going out from this world then you will be punished two times, not one time. Allah is supporting you and you are falling into the hand of Sheytan?

"Ah, I don't have power."

You have power. Allah has given enough power to His servants. He is Just. He says, "I will not give you a burden that you cannot carry. It is very easy. If I let Sheytan run after you, I also show you the ways out. Only one thing you have to do. Say, 'Oh my Lord, I am trying to escape.' And escape to Me."

Sheytan is coming to you with these worldly nonsense always, saying, "What about this and what about that? What's going to happen tomorrow? Do you know what's going to happen tomorrow? How are you going to do this and how are you going to do that?" If you turn back and you look at what happened yesterday and the day before, you will be alright. Look. Did you live yesterday?

"Yes."

"The day before?"

"Yes."

If you think, "I lived because of myself", then you are already in Shirk. Allah is saying to us, "I have created your Riziq before I have created you. Everything is going to come to you. If you are becoming a beloved servant to Me then I am going to make everything run to you. Everything is going to be around you."

So, inshaAllah we just entered into another holy month, the month of Hajj that people, those people who are committing sins left and right all the time, Allah is making it easy for us saying, "Come to Hajj. Perform your Hajj. During that time don't say anything wrong, don't do anything wrong, don't interfere into anything, keep yourself with Me,

watch My favors to you and if you finish your Hajj correctly then you will come out from Hajj as you were born from your mother clean." Everything, all the things that you did is taken away.

But again mankind today found something else. That ayat is there, hadith is there. It's not changing. Go and look what's happening there. They are kicking each other, biting each other and cursing to each other like it is normal. Normal like we are walking in the streets of New York or other cities.

"Push each other. It's okay."

It's not okay. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is testing you, He is testing us. We have to watch. You have to watch where you are looking, you have to watch where you are stepping, you have to watch what you are thinking, you have to get rid of the loads you have that you are carrying with you. What are the loads? All the arrogance, all the wrong thinking about other people, all the things that people did to you, you have to forgive, you have to get rid of it. Then you will be light. Yeah.

People today are walking around under very heavy loads. Why don't you throw that away?

"I am very heavy."

"Yeah, you are heavy. Why are you carrying?"

Today's people are like those ones who carry bags of potatoes in their hands, on their necks carrying those potatoes and if you don't put it aside then sometime later those potatoes turn bad and start smelling. They are still carrying it. That's what today's people are doing.

"How are we doing that?"

By having envy and jealousy in your heart for others. Having wrong thinking inside your heart for others.

"This one did this to me. Ahh! Wait to see what I am going to do if I get him one day."

No. Get rid of it. You are just like that donkey who is carrying the bag of potatoes. But the donkey has been created for that. You have not been created for that. And the heart belongs to Allah. You cannot keep two things in the heart. You cannot keep envy, jealousy, arrogance and stubbornness in the heart and at the same time to say, "Allah is in my heart too." You cannot. You cannot keep other loves in the heart to say, "Allah is in my heart." You cannot. You cannot keep the love of Dunya in your heart to say, "Allah is in my heart." You cannot. You are a liar then. Allah is saying to us, "You are a liar. The heart belongs to Me. Keep Me in there and I will make you an individual that anything you say to happen, it happens. Look. If it's happening then you are keeping Allah correctly. If it is not happening

then something is wrong. Get rid of it.

This is not for one person but Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying this for the whole mankind. He is enough. He is enough for everyone. He is saying to us, "This is what you have to do. Get rid of it. Put out the wrong things. Keep Me in your heart." If you keep Allah subhana wa ta'ala in the heart then your nights turn into days. Darkness goes away. Everything goes away and light enters into your heart. Then you like yourself, other people like you and everything around you likes you. The people who don't like you will like you. The people who don't love you will run to be around you. Yes, they have to because they are fed something through you. Something is coming to them. They may still carry some arrogance and stubbornness. It's okay. They have to be there.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent His Prophet (sws). This is what he is teaching us and this is what he is ordering us. We may keep our obligations on the road, praying, keeping the fasting, going to Hajj, giving Zakat, giving Shahadat, but if you are keeping the other ones in it too then it's eating them. As fire eats the wood, that's how it is. You do good deeds on one side and on the other side it burns and goes away. These words are for you and for me.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq
Bihurmatil Habib Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-66

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ALLAH IS ASKING ASK US TO KEEP OUR PROMISE

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, shukr Allah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying in Surat-ul Bakara that He does not burden His servant with something that the servant cannot do. And the servant is saying, "Oh our Lord, don't burden us with things that we cannot do and don't burden us with the things that You have burdened other nations." So this nation, the nation of Muhammad (sws), has it more easy than all the other nations too. But Allah subhana wa ta'ala has never burdened His servants with something that the servant cannot do and He will not question them for that which He didn't

burden them with. Some people are running to take some burden on their neck thinking that they are going to carry it for a long time and they are dropping it.

So what is the burden? What is it that Allah wants from us? What is it that today's people, especially 21ST century people, male and female, so educated people are saying, 'I cannot do'? What you cannot do?

'I cannot do what Allah is ordering. It's very difficult'.

Of course. When you are running after your ego twenty-four hours, how are you going to do? Not all but not even one you can do because you are becoming a slave to sheytan and dunya. How are you going to keep your promise? What is that? Yeah, one promise. One promise that we gave to Allah subhana wa ta'ala, this is what Allah is saying to us to keep. He is not burdening and He is not saying anything. He is (only) saying to us, "On the day of creation, day of promises you have promised Me one thing. You said to Me, 'You are our Lord and we only worship You.' That's what I am asking. Keep your promise." And that one who is not keeping his promise should not expect anything from Allah. But Allah is still giving. Allah is making it so easy by sending prophets, sending messengers, sending Saliheen, righteous people, sending books, sending reminders and if nothing is working then everyday He is sending something to mankind to remind them individually showing something on their road, on their way. If they still insist on going to the wrong sides then sometimes little incidents happen to them to wake them up.

No... nothing is waking up today's heedless, headless, arrogant and stubborn people. The world has never seen such a thing like that before, never and ever. It's going to enter into the history books, "The worst arrogant creatures that lived on the face of the earth. Eating and drinking their Lord's favors, twenty-four hours they are in need of their Lord and twenty-four hours they are rebellious to their Lord." This is what's entering. And the angels are putting curses on those. All other creatures that are being servants to Allah subhana wa ta'ala are putting curses saying, "You are the Ahsani Taqweem, the most perfect ones that have been created, knowing all this you are running after your ego in the very short time that Allah has given to you in this dunya? Changing the eternal life for this couple of days of life? Curses to you." Animals are putting curses, the water is putting curse. Everything that is serving the man is saying, "Haram olsun. It is forbidden for you to eat from me. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has ordered me to serve you with my favors but it is forbidden to your from me. On the Judgment Day I will ask my rights."

Yes, if Allah didn't send books, if Allah didn't send prophets, if Allah subhana wa ta'ala didn't send anything to man and if He only sent one ayat saying to us, "I have created you and on the day of promises you have promised Me that you are going to keep your promise, your servanthood to Me." And that should be enough for the mankind. Nothing else. Nothing else. It should be enough because Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given intelligence. When it comes to you, to your egos,

`Ah, I don't like this. This is not good for me. This man is trying to fool me or that one is running after me.' You know all this. You know what is good for you and what is bad for you. You know what is favoring to you and what is not favoring to you. And you are not knowing that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not happy? You know how to complain when your children are not obedient to you. You know. You get very sad, hmm? So many they pass out of their limits. They even go punishing them saying, "I cannot take this." They commit suicide. You know how to do that. You know.

Eh, in Turkish they say, `Etma bulma dunyasin.' Don't do and you will not find. Whatever you plant that's what you are going to find. If you will be a good servant to Allah subhana wa ta'ala then even if they are not good ones to you, you will still be happy because you are a servant. You will say, "Eh, You chose to give this one to me. It is Your servant. It is not mine. It just happened that I put that one into this world but it is a disobedient one. Don't make me to be disobedient", and you run after your Lord. Nothing bothers you then. But if a man is disobedient to his Lord then everything around him is going to be disobedient to him. If the man is obedient to his Lord then everything around is going to be obedient to him. Even those who are disobedient to Him, they have to work for that one's order. No other way.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is favoring us and saying to us, "I have created you for My service. For nothing else. I have created all this that is surrounding you, that you are looking around and seeing, for your service. But I have created you for My service. And if you are not under My service, if you are not keeping My service then everything is going to complaint from you." Yes. And if a man is living on the face of the earth, eating and drinking the favors of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and in twenty-four hours he is not having one Sejdah then that one is a cursed one. Even just one Sejdah. Allah is ordering five times, not one time, five. Allah has ordered fifty times, not five, fifty. With His generosity and with the generosity of the Rasulullah (salatu wa sallim)... he was going back to Miraj saying, "Ya Rabbi, I think this will be too much for my nation Ya Rabbi. Put it down a little bit." And down and down and it came to five times prayer.

And all those of today's intelligent squareheads who are saying, "I cannot do. I don't have time", that five times prayer, if you put it all together you will not occupy one hour of your life in twenty-four hours, not one hour. And you are living twenty-four hours on the face of the earth, you are eating and drinking the favors of Allah subhana wa ta'al and you are not saving one hour for your Lord? You must be the cursed one. Yeah. What are you doing? Preparing the world? For what are you preparing it? Hmm? Whatever you prepare you are going to leave and go.

And Allah is saying to us, "Nothing is beloved to Me more than what obligations I gave to you. My servant becomes beloved to Me when he is keeping My orders." Allah, Allah. He is giving orders that you have no

choice and you have to keep, and He is saying, "I will love you if you keep My orders." Yes. "If you don't keep my orders then you will not become beloved to Me. But I will still serve you. I will still give to you." All those that are surrounding you, we are looking at it, they are eating more than others too, drinking more than others, using the favors of this world more than others but not giving one Sejdah to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Shame on them. There must be shame.

And oh children of Adam, you must wake up to turn back before it's too late because Allah subhana wa ta'ala has patience. He is patient with us, saying to us, "I am giving you life in this world and I am keeping My promise. When I gave you life in this world, as long as you live in this world, I am going to send to you. No matter how disobedient you are to Me, I am still going to send to you. But as soon as the angel of death is coming to you, then your book is finished. Don't ask any help or mercy on the other side because you are preparing it to your own self. I am giving you the breath of life twenty-four hours a day. You must remember Me, you must live for Me."

If somebody just does you a favor, a little favor, every time you see that person, "Oh, thank you. Thank you, Sir. Thank you. Thank you this and thank you that." You know how to say 'thank you' thousands of times for just a little bit of worldly thing that he gives to you. Some go out of their way to bow down to that one thinking, "I may get some more." Just make one Sejdah to your Lord and look how things start changing. Sejdah, real Sejdah. Not when you are going to Sejdah your head is on Sejdah but your heart is in some other place. No. Sejdah to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Say, "I am Your servant Ya Rabbi, a weak one, but I am trying to be Your servant. I am trying to keep Your orders. Help me Ya Rabbi." When we go out from this world this is what the angels are going to ask, "Did he pass? Did he come to this world with the card saying, 'Pass' or 'Fail'? What is it saying on your ID card, 'Servant of the Lord' or 'Servant of his ego and slave to Sheytan'? The one who is servant to his ego is a slave to sheytan. Servant to his ego is a slave to dunya, running after dunya non-stop.

What are you going to do with dunya? Dunya came to the end too. It's completely in the end. You are not realizing? You are not realizing that you are living in this dunya for this many years and it didn't pass a day that any of us, I am not knowing almost any person in this century that went to bed with hunger. Huh? If he really went to bed with hunger then he is completely an empty-head. The governments are offering everything too, saying, "Come to me, apply with a couple of papers and we give you housing, we give you food, food-stamps and this and that." MashaAllah. If you are finding yourself to be falling into that situation then go and run for that too. If Allah is giving you hands, legs and intelligence and you are not using it then go for that and look, Allah is serving you again.

But be a servant, a good one. When you are being a good one to your own self then slowly you are going to start thinking, "I should be a good one, a real good one to my Lord. I should be running to help others. I should be doing something that is going to be benefiting and

that is going to make my Lord happy." If we think that way everyday then our way is going to open up and we are going to have a bright future waiting in front of us. The older we get the brighter future is waiting. What is that? Akhirat. If you are not thinking that way then the older you get the more darkness you will be finding in front of you because now you are cut off from the hands and from the legs. Once upon a time you thought that you were running around and doing things. Later when you are knocked out on the floor then Allah is still serving you through other people's hand but your hope is lost, everything is finishing and the darkness is waiting in front of you.

Don't enter into that darkness. Allah subhana wa ta'la is asking us to enter into the road that has Nur, not the fire. "Follow the road of Nur. I sent you that Prophet (sws) and that Prophet (sws) left Nur everywhere. Follow the road that has difficulties. Don't follow the roads where there are going to be so much hyenas, wolves and all kinds of creatures waiting to rip you off. Eh, whichever road we are going to put ourselves that's what we are going to find. Intelligent man is that one who runs to keep his word, his promise to his Lord first. If you say, 'I have intelligence' then you must run, you must put everything aside as second and first you must keep your Lord's orders. You have to run to make Allah happy. Leave making everybody else happy. Run to make Allah happy first. When you make Allah happy, everyone who is happy with Allah will be happy with you. Everyone who is not happy with Allah, they will be slaves to you. They will be under your authority then. Allah puts them under your authority.

This much is enough for those people who want to change and who want to correct themselves. We don't have too much time left in this world, not living by age but even if you are going to live for another two-hundred years, if you think life is going to be given to you for another two hundred years, I don't think this world is going to survive for another two hundred years. We are the nations that reached to the last periods of this world. We must prepare ourselves. Heavy tests and heavy questioning is waiting for us ahead.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-67

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BELIEVERS ARE LIKE BRICKS OF A BUILDING

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Allah, hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel. Believers must say at least 100 times a day, "Hasibnallah wa ni'mal wakeel." The more we say the more we start believing, inshaAllah ar-Rahman. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, "Hold on to the rope of Allah altogether and do not separate." Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "The believers, Mu'mins are like bricks of a building. They are all connected into each other." Now we are saying this and looking at this Ummat, how far distant are we from this ayat and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws). All this happened to the believers, to the Muslims, the Nation of Muslims because we left the way of the Holy Prophet (sws).

When Allah is saying, "Hold on to the rope of Allah altogether", some Muslims are looking up to the sky thinking that a rope is going to come down to them to hold. "Hold on to the rope of Allah." Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending His Prophet (sws) to us saying, "Hold on tightly to that one." When Holy Prophet (sws) came, he declared. Two people, three people, five people, ten people, small groups of people came around the Holy Prophet (sws). They held on tightly. How tightly? They were ready to give their lives. Is it more than that? They gave their wealth, they gave their health and they gave their life. This is what Allah is ordering to us by saying, "Hold on tightly." Hold on tightly means, "We are going to test you in so many ways but hold on tightly. Do not separate." Do not separate, meaning, if you have separated yourself then you are falling out.

This is what happened to today's Muslims, especially in this century, and the Muslims like to be individual Muslims. They like to be by themselves, they like to do things by themselves, eat by themselves, sleep by themselves and live by themselves. This is the trick and trap of Sheytan. This is what Sheytan is ordering to mankind, saying, "Separate. Separate. This one said one word to you. Don't swallow. Separate yourself from that one. Now that one is saying. Separate, separate." We are Muslims. What kind of Muslims? Muslims that you invented? Or Sheytan? Of course, Sheytan's way, not Allah's way because Allah's way is open. He is saying to us, "Come together around one." Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "Even if you are a handful of people, it doesn't matter. Come together and Allah will protect you." A handful of Muslims came together, believers, surrounding the Holy Prophet (sws). Big, giant, powerful, hungry and angry nations were standing in front of them. From the Byzantines to the Persians to the Egyptians, everyone was surrounding them. Allah was with them and they won. Every single day that was passing, they were moving ahead, they moved ahead.

And alhamdulillah, up to the beginning of this century, up to the end of the 19th century they were all around one. This one hundred years

now, the nations separated, Jamats separated, brothers and sisters separated, everyone separated and everyone is running top-speed on that saying, "I want to go here, I want to do this, I want to do that." What is in it for you? Did you think properly that the action you are going to do, is it pleasing Allah and His Prophet (sws) or not? But as we said earlier, Muslims became selfish Muslims. Before they do anything they only think about themselves, their ego only. Never thinking. Leave others, they are not even thinking about Allah and His Prophet (sws). If they are thinking about Allah and His Prophet (sws) then they cannot come to that decision. Impossible. Because Allah and His Prophet (sws) is ordering something else and the Muslims are living differently today.

Wake up O Muslims, you must wake up. Last call is knocking on the door. These are the last days now. We have no more excuses to escape around anymore. If you are still running to this world that means you have learned nothing from Islam, that means you have learned nothing from all these teachings up till now because only counted days are left to this world too, not only to our life but to the whole world, everything that Allah created. He is saying, "Judgment Day is near." Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Between me and the Judgment Day there's only one and a half day left." He is talking from the heavenly numbers, saying, "One day is one thousand years." Half a day is five hundred years. "If you are going straight then Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving you one day", he is saying. "If you are breaking down, getting crooked, then you have half a day left." Anywhere you look, there are so many hadiths where Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing, saying to us how much we have left in this world.

What should we do? Should we sit and wait to die? No. Believers never sit and wait. The believers every single day run to make progress to themselves, to their brothers and sisters, to their community. They must. This is order. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering to us, saying to us, "If you know that tomorrow is the Judgment Day, do your job today. Whatever is given to you, you must complete it today. You must finish it today." And you know for sure that tomorrow is the Judgment Day. It doesn't matter.

One Bedouin came and he asked saying to the Holy Prophet (sws), "When is the Judgment Day? Since it is so near, I am thinking to stop working." Holy Prophet (sws) said to him, "That date tree, go and plant it. If you know that it's tomorrow, plant that date tree today." Date trees take fifty years to grow and another twenty years maybe to give fruit. He is saying to him, "Plant that today if you know that tomorrow is the Judgment Day." So believers, Muslims fell into another trick and trap of Sheytan in another way saying, "The world is going to come to an end. We don't have to do anything." We have to do everything. Everything that is given to us worldly we must do. When the call comes to us we must leave everything there and go. The world doesn't belong to us. It belongs to Allah. We don't belong to ourselves. We belong to Allah. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is keeping us here for a period of time and He is taking us from this world. Whatever we do in this world, that's what we are going to earn in the

hereafter. Whatever we are planting here, that's what we are going to get on the other side. If you are in the field and you have the seeds and everything but if you are not planting then you are a complete empty-head.

That's how it is with today's Muslims. They are running to Islam and they are not planting. They are sitting in the field, they have the seed in their hand and they are not planting. Ya hu, at least they didn't come to the field yet. Anytime something is said, you are comparing yourself with the unbelievers? Don't compare yourself with the unbelievers. Believers must compare themselves with the Sahaba-e Ikram, taking them as role-models, saying, "Can I do what they did? How much can I do of what they did?" This is how the believers should be comparing themselves. And if we just take the ayat and the hadith of the Holy Prophet (sws), "Hold on tightly to the rope of Allah and do not separate", then you will find the way how to live and that way definitely is going to lead us to Islam. Islam is the way of life. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering to us, "Live in this Dunya through the way of Islam." That's the order to us. If we live the way that Allah and the Prophet (sws) has ordered to us then we will be going to the other side clean, inshaAllah ar-Rahman, to your house that is waiting.

So holding on tightly to the rope of Allah is holding on tightly to the Quran, holding on tightly to the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws), holding on tightly to the Sahaba-e Ikram as role models, holding on tightly to the Awliya Allah, holding on tightly to our Sheykh, to our masters who are showing us the way. If you are doing that then you are finding safety. If you are not doing that then there are thousands of roads. You may get lost.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-68

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

OUR JOURNEY IS BETWEEN THE TWO DOORS OF THIS WORLD

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Allah. We are living the last days of this world. Man may try and run as much as he wants to build the world but the end came to this world and to everything that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created. He has put time, limit, for everything He has created. Everything that is in creation must come to an end. He has created us, the Mankind, not for this world but for Akhirat, and He has sent us here as He is saying, "I have created you in Ahsani Taqweem and I have sent you to Asfala Safileen, the lowest place."

For what reason has man been created? This is what man has to look at first in the world. This is what he has to learn first. "What is the reason for my being in this world?" They didn't teach you in school, or your parents, or in the workplace, it doesn't matter. One day that question must come to you, to say to you, why are you in this world, what is your reason of existence and why are you occupying this space? Nothing in this world is there without any reason, as you can see it from the mosquito to the galaxies. Everything has a reason. What is your reason that you have control of this world and everything in it? It's not enough, now (they are) trying to go up and trying to go down. Ya hu, fix what is at the bottom first and later you will go up or down. But man is greedy. Man has this greediness that he is thinking he is never going to go out from this world. But there are two doors. You enter from one door and going out from the other door, and every one of us here, (if you don't know), we have made halfway of the road or we are close to the doortside to go out to the other side.

The bottom point is, from the day that you know this world... they are teaching you in schools that for this many years, this many centuries and this many millenniums this world is existing. It doesn't matter. We know one thing, that your life and my life in this world is not passing seventy years. So what is it that you have to do in this world? You are running after the world to build the world. But it's not for you. You are going to leave it for somebody who is coming behind. So what's the idea behind this? What are you earning from this? If it is not for the sake of Allah then nothing. If it is not for the sake of Allah then punishment, because Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given us intelligence and He has sent prophets to us to warn us and to say to us, "Your reason of creation is to know Me and to worship Me." And if man is not knowing his Lord and he is not running to worship his Lord then who is he knowing? Knowing his ego. If anybody is touching, he is saying, "Don't touch me. I am this one and I am that one."

You are no one. If Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not permitting then you cannot move your finger. You will become less than the mosquito. Yes, that mosquito action, you cannot do. You need thousands of machines to fly in the air. So man must look and understand.

And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "My nation is going to divide in seventy-three different divisions. One of them is standing on Sirat-ul Mustaqim. The other ones are falling short, going out of the road."

And he is saying to us, "Watch that one (group). They are the ones who are running holding very tightly to my Sunnat and the Sunnats, the traditions that my Sahabis left to them. They will still be living in this world but they will not be going out of the way. Sheytan cannot fool them."

Check yourself. Don't wait for anybody to say, "You are this one and you are that one." Check yourself sincerely, "Both my actions and my intentions, does it fit to what Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering? Does it fit to me? Today I am in this situation. Tomorrow the wealth of this world may be given to my hand. Would I do the same thing or am I just going to go out of the road?" Test yourselves. You know the answer by yourselves. No need for anybody to say anything to you.

Eh, I am finding some people getting a couple of dollars in their hands and they are dancing. Allah, Allah. Eh, if Allah gives the authority of this world early in the morning including all wealth in it, all gold, think whatever, it is yours, you should not be happy. The believer, believer is that one who has a strong faith inside, should not be happy for that worldly nonsense because his aim is not Dunya. His aim is Akhirat, Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Huh, if Allah is taking that away from you by the evening time you should not be sad because Allah is the Provider. He has provided you when you were a little child and He is providing you now that you are a disobedient creature. He is still providing while you are in this world. So you should not be happy and you should not be sad because that is taken away from you. If you are finding that your heart is moving with the worldly matters then understand that you put something else in that heart other than Allah. It's because maybe you have no choice now, those people who are running after Islam now, maybe they have not choice, that's why they are doing that maybe. But when the world is coming to them then look. The test time is at that time.

So you have a cup. The cup is your heart. One cup. It has to be filled either with water or milk or vinegar. You cannot fill the same cup with water and milk together. It cannot be filled up with milk and with water. It has to be filled with milk only or it has to be water only. If you are mixing up milk and vinegar then...ohh. Today's people did it worse. They mixed it up with sewer, sewerage things in it. Get rid of it! Don't think, "Oh, who is he saying that to?" To you and to me! Clean your heart from the dirtiness, from the wrong ideas and put Allah in it. Not by word. Say, "Ya Rabbi, I am your servant. I am trying to be Your servant Ya Rabbi. Open Your door to me." Get rid of it! Clean it first and then look how fast it will come to you. And look at the value of this world then. You have to look with those eyes. That is the time you will understand what I am saying. It's sewer, worse than the sewerage.

This Dunya, yes. If you don't believe me then look at the food that you are eating, how beautiful it is. How delicately you go preparing them. Some people are so proud that if one fly comes and fall inside they are throwing the whole bucket into the garbage saying, "Fly touched it." Don't worry. As soon as it touches your stomach you are

going to make it worse than that. Don't worry. Hmm. Understanding your value? Understanding what you are? If you didn't get rid of that sewer there, then don't run to clean it outside so much. You have to clean it inside first. Once you clean the inside, outside is very easy, one, two, three to wash it up.

So Islam came to make us to be clean, to be clean from every wrong idea and to enter into Paradise. Paradise is for the people who are clean. It's not for the people who are dirty. No. Paradise belongs to clean people. And anybody who claims, "I am clean", must be following the orders of the Holy Prophet (sws). That kind of cleanness Allah is asking from us. Not to say, "I am washing everyday, I am taking shower everyday, new clothes everyday, I am putting nice perfumes." But the smell that is coming from your ego, if Allah opens it to the world and the people smell it, they will fall down and die. So that is important. You must get rid of that smell. You must get rid the inside dirtiness. That's why Islam came, to get rid of the characteristics of the ego. And if you are not getting rid of the characteristics of the ego then your actions may be this today but tomorrow if anybody says to you, "Come this way. Look, I have better things to offer to you", you are going to run to that side. Check yourself. If you have the love of Dunya in your heart then that's what's going to happen. If somebody comes and offers you this Dunya then you will run after it. Then you have a price.

So we are in this world and we know one thing. We entered through one door and we are going to go out from the other door. That's the journey we are making. The intelligent man never runs to carry that much burden on his neck while he is traveling. Today they say 'Light travelers'. Turks are always going with ten baggages everywhere. Moving from here to there they are carrying ten baggages. Before you know they are going to rent the whole plane. They don't need it. Eh, it's just a show. But Americans learned a little bit. They go around with one baggage, pulling it. They are not even carrying it. They are learning a little bit. Light travelers, easy travelers, yes. You are a traveler in this world. You are entering through one door and you are going out through the other and as soon as you go out through the other door they are not accepting even your clothes, saying, "This is too heavy. We are not accepting these clothes on the other side. Get rid of it." The way that you were born from your mother, that's what you are going to go back with to the Divine Presence. You are not bringing anything from this world.

So this world is a big trick and trap for the whole world. It is okay for unbelievers to fall for this world. It may be okay for the Christians and the Jews but it's not okay for the Muslims because Holy Prophet (sws) came not to teach us to run after this world but he came to teach us to run after Mawla, to our Lord and to the hereafter life. And he is saying to us, "As much as you need this world, work that much. As much as you are going to live in it, work that much for this world. As much as you need Akhirat and as much as you are going to live in Akhirat, work that much for Akhirat." So think.

"Eh, I am not believing in Akhirat."

Who cares? Your believing or not is not changing it. You are going. One thing you are believing, that you are going to enter into the grave. Beyond that there is another life. You are not believing because you are drunk with this world. You have just got drunk with the world. That's why you are not thinking to believe. You are not using your intelligence that Allah has given to you. That's why you are not believing. If you think, if you use that intelligence then definitely you will believe. And if you are believing, you are saying that you are believing and you are still running to collect the garbage, then you have no intelligence. The one who is not intelligent is not entering to Paradise again.

"He lost his mind."

Eh, then he is in the...'Mental Institution'? Crazy. They are saying 'Crazy'. Yes, He is not entering into Paradise. He will be standing between hells and paradises and both sides will be taking that one as an example, "He lost his mind." Don't lose your mind. Don't run to lose your mind. Dunya will make people to lose their minds. Towards Mawla, the older you get the wiser you get. You don't lose your mind then.

So get rid of the wrong things in your heart and put Allah subhana wa ta'ala in it. It will be very easy for you and for me to say, "Yes, we are from that one division that the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying." No, it's not only, "I have a beard, a turban and a jubbah" and the women saying, "I am wearing a hijab." Eh, what? The Christian nuns are also wearing hijabs, covering themselves. So, Muslims? Eh, the Orthodox priests are also wearing beards, head-covers and everything. Check this here (Sheykh Efendi pointing to the heart). Is it following the Holy Prophet (sws) or not. That's what is important, inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala in one ayat is making it easy for us, how we are going to know that, saying, "Obey Allah, obey your Prophet (sws) and obey your leaders." Obey your leaders is not when they say to you something that fits to your ego you say, 'Yes' and when something doesn't fit to your ego you say, 'No, I do as I like.' That is the time you are going to obey because what you like, what your ego likes, that is what's not good for you and one day that is going put you in big trouble. You are going to enter into a hole from where no one is going to be able to pull you out then. You are going to stay in that hole until Judgment Day, in Dunya and Akhirat. While you are in Dunya if Allah puts you in prison in this Dunya then you are going to run around but you are going to be in that hole. No one is going to touch you. No one will have permission to touch you then.

So we must wake up to our own selves. The days are approaching faster and more openly. We are watching that the whole world is falling into that dumpster. You must try to move out and stay out. Allah subhana wa ta'ala has blessed us. He made us to understand some things from what

is good and what is bad for us, what is for our benefit and what is not. We must run to fulfill that order. Not to stay on that road, on that side but not doing anything again.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-69

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ALLAH IS SAYING TO US TO LISTEN AND OBEY

Juma khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih. "Hear and obey", Allah is saying to us. Listen and obey. Obey Allah, obey your Prophet (sws) and obey your leaders. If you are not doing that then you are obeying your Sheytan. We are praying. Are we obeying Sheytan? If you are not taking the orders of those who are there to train you then you are obeying your Nafs, your ego and your Sheytan. And what's the reason for being in the world? Pleasing Allah. Pleasing Allah with what? Allah is saying to us, "We have created you to know Us and to worship Us." This is the only reason. No other reason. All other things come on the side. If man is not aiming to that every day, if he has a different plan every day, then he is not a servant. He is not a good servant to the Lord of the Heavens and there is a big problem then whether that one is going to make it out from this world clean or not because if you are not at least standing on that cleaning road then you are not going to be able to reach to your destiny and you are entering through one door of this world and going out through the other.

"When are we going?"

Maybe tonight. Maybe one hour later. Have you prepared yourself? Have you fulfilled the orders given to you up till this age? Or do you have plans for your ego. If you have plans for your ego then change it. Run to change it. Make intention to change it.

"I am a very weak one."

Definitely. All creatures that Allah subhana wa ta'ala created are very weak. He is saying, "With Me you will become strong. Turn your way to Me. Put one step forward to Me and I will make ten steps forward to you. Walk to Me and I will run to you." Say, HasbinAllah wa ni'mal wakeel 100 times a day at least. That gives you power to understand what you are living for in this world and everything that you look at and everything that you see, you make your planning according to that then. Otherwise, your planning is according to your ego and your ego's direction is to the Fire, it's dragging you with it. As I said, we are praying. Eh, that's how ego is fooling the person saying, "Look, all this world is not praying. They are doing all this wrong things and you are praying. You are okay."

No. You are not okay. You know yourself when you are okay. You don't need anybody to tell you that you are okay. You know yourself you are okay. When you are taking a liftoff, when you are entering to that rocket and you know that you entered to that rocket and it's going to liftoff, then you understand that you are okay. Otherwise, if you are still lovely to this world, if you love this world so much and you are attached to this world and you are not preparing to take off, you are not okay. You have problems and you must run to fix it. Intelligent man is that one who runs to fix his problems.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given intelligence. To anybody you say, "Are you intelligent?"

"What do you think? Of course I am."

"How much intelligence do you have? Let's test you. Let's put a test to you. Are you letting the prayer time pass?"

"Yes."

Then you don't have that much intelligence because Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering us saying to us, 'At every prayer time pray as if it is your last prayer, as if you are not reaching to the next prayer. Pray as if you are not going to be reaching to the next prayer.' If you are going to be praying the Fajr prayer with that awakening station then you will not be coming to Juma at the last minute. You will be in awakening station saying, 'Oh, today is Juma. I must run to Juma.' And Allah and His Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Anybody who comes to Juma first, they will be written as the first ones. Angels are writing, sitting at the doors of the Juma places and they are registering those people, 'This one came. This one came first, so put him at the top of the list. This one came second, so second. Third, fourth, fifth, sixth.' Check yourself.

"Eh, we are in the mountains. It's okay."

It's not because in these mountains you have nothing else to do. In the city you have so many sheytans holding you back. But in the

mountain if you are still being held back then something is wrong with you. Something is wrong with your faith. Something is wrong with your love to Allah and to His Prophet (sws), to the way that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is ordering. Something is wrong there. That means the love inside your heart is not moving you.

"Ya hu, we are hearing the same thing every day."

It doesn't matter. Our duty is to go to the masjid, to sit there and to pray there. Even if we hear nothing, your duty is that. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, "Come to the masjids of Allah. Prepare yourself early. Come and sit. Be with your Lord." Outside you are being with Sheytan. Sheytan is saying, "No. Stay far a little more. You are going to go anyway. Wait, wait, wait until the last minute and when you reach there at the last minute, as soon as you sit, ohh, there are so many things in your mind, eh, go to sleep now. No need to listen to anything. Go to sleep, sleep, sleep. Later, it's finished, now run back to me." Then you will wake up. Dunya is waiting. So, something is wrong with your faith then. Check it out. If you go out with that faith then there are lots of questionings we have to face.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us how it's going to be in the Ahir Zaman. We reached to those days. He is saying that just like when you are entering into a city or a town, you see in far distance lights, in the road on the way billboards, some stores here and there, hmm, that means there is a city, a town coming ahead. He said that when Ahir Zaman is coming and the End of Times is going to reach to people, there's going to be so much activities in the world, everyone running around and busy twenty-four hours. Pull yourselves out from those activities. You are entering into a big mess then. And if you are entering into that mess, don't expect safety then because safety comes according to your faith, and if you are in that mess and you are disconnected from there, then the safety is not going to reach to you. If you have nothing to do there then don't enter there. Don't enter into that mess. No safety is going to reach to you. Anyone who is reaching, who is going into those areas during these times now, Ahir Zaman, the end of the Ahir Zaman, they are going with a big support. Big support is surrounding them. Anything may happen. (Be prepared to) take a liftoff from there right away because this mess is not going to stop.

So in Ahir Zaman, don't be heedless. Wake up to yourselves. Don't say, "I am this one and I am that one. I am doing this and I am doing that." You are just another servant. Not obedient yet because obedient servant is that one who runs twenty-four hours to look, "What is the service of the Lord that is given to me to do? What do I have to do?" And he runs to do something that is going to give him benefit. Not selling himself for a couple of dollars of this dunya, selling his religion, selling his way that he is learning and going, no. If that is the case then run quickly. You don't have too much time to collect anymore. Anything that you collect, don't save it. Eat and enjoy because you don't have time that you are going to enjoy it too.

Eh, what happened? Why are you thinking like that? Because you are getting into the wagon of those unbelievers. Unbelievers are those ones about whom Allah is saying that they are not keeping their prayers. They are not keeping their orders that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving to them. And our Sheykh is saying, "Don't have friendship with those ones who are not keeping their prayers. Say, 'Selam aleykum' and walk away. Don't sit with them, don't eat with them and don't take anything what they say to you because that is poison. It's going to enter in your heart. Once you put that poison in your heart, slowly it's going to start eating you and then one day you are going to say, "Eh, it's okay. What he is doing is okay. It's okay. You think my doing is okay? I am thinking still, I am thinking what we are gaining from all this time that we are going up and down?" I am hearing words from the hearts now, not from the tongue. Some people are going to Sejdah and on the Sejdah that's how he is thinking. Some people are saying, 'How foolish are you. So many things are waiting for you outside and you are here.'

Wake up to yourselves. We entered through one door of this world and we are going out we don't know when. You can earn the whole world but you are going to leave it here. You cannot take anything. The only thing that you are going to be able to take with you is your faith. And if you are not practicing on that faith, if you are not practicing on that Shahadat everyday, when the angel of death is going to come, there is a possibility that you are going to forget about it because you are going to run to have hope, "Oh, ambulance! Please!" You are going to look at that one thinking that is going to help you and you are going to forget the Shahadat. You are going to go out from this world without that. And then they will put one 'X' to your book saying that all things that you did in your book has no value. The last words going out from this world is not with Allah. That means being with Allah all that time in the world was fake.

Wake up to yourselves from that fake station to the real. This is reality. Here, there or anywhere. It doesn't matter. If you are not in the way of Allah... the way of Allah is not the way that you prepare but the way that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has prepared for us. And He is saying to us, "These are the orders that I want. These are the conditions that I put for you. You are going to live according to these conditions. Any day that I am keeping high and showing value you are also going to keep it high and show value. Anything that I am ordering you to do, you are going to run to do. Anything that I am ordering you to stop from, you are going to run to stop from it. If you do it then you are going to win for your own self."

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-70

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

EID IS THE DAY TO CELEBRATE AND TO FORGIVE

Eid Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, alhamdulillahi Rabbil alameen.
Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih.
Tauba Ya Rabbi, astaghfirullah. We are asking forgiveness from You Ya Rabbi, our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Forgive our shortcomings Ya Rabbi. We are the weakest from the weakest ones Ya Rabbi. Accept all things we are doing wrongly in Your Presence Ya Rabbi. Give us the understanding to do better for Your sake, to live for You and to die for You Ya Rabbi.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "When you are seeing the crescent of Ramazan, start fasting. When you see Shawwal entering, stop fasting. If the skies are closed and cloudy then make it up to thirty days and then stop fasting." Alhamdulillah, we are following that sunnat. The skies are closed. We made it up to thirty days, we are breaking the fast and we are celebrating the Eid. Muslims, whose names are Muslims in these days and not the actions, are fighting everywhere in the world, left, right, front and back, among brothers and communities non-stop. Sheytan is running to make them fight. They are not finding anything else now and they are fighting on this saying, "It's not today but tomorrow, it's not tomorrow but yesterday, it's not today but tomorrow, tomorrow, the next day, three days, four days later." Allah is making it easy for us through the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws). If we are following his teachings then we will find that everything is easy.

21st century Muslims are not following the Holy Prophet (sws). For that everything is becoming hard and harder and harder and harder. It's because you are making it harder. They are making it harder for themselves and then they say, "I cannot do this, I cannot do that, I cannot turn here, I cannot turn there." What can you do? What are your reasons for being in this world? You cannot fast, you cannot pray, you cannot celebrate the Eid, what are you here for? For what reason are you in this world? What is the reason of your creation? Man has to know that first. And we lost all this. We have to turn back. We have to turn back to our traditions. There is no other way. Safety is coming only with that because Allah subhana wa ta'ala selected some days, He sent us messages through His prophets, He sent us messages

through His books saying, "Take these days holy. Show proper respect to these days. Don't put me in second class. I will put you in second class."

The Ummat today is putting Allah second class, saying, "It doesn't fit to me today to go to celebrate Eid. So the organizations, so many of them, they know that Eid is today but they say, "Tomorrow. It fits tomorrow because tomorrow is the Jewish holiday. So nobody is going to work." Allah subhana wa ta'ala is testing this Nation, this Ummat every year with something. Last Ramazan was fitting to the holidays of everyone, the Christians, Jews and everyone. The masjids were packed. This time now the masjids are empty again. Yes, it is a test coming to us from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Nothing is a coincidence. Everything has reasons.

So alhamdulillah. A couple of words for this because we have so many better things to speak but the Nation is fighting back and forth, Jamats are fighting inside, murids are fighting inside, saying, "Is this the order from Sheykh? Is this the order from the Prophet (sws)? Is this the order from Allah?" If you know that much then you won't ask anyway. Just follow sincerely and you will find out then. Yes.

So, alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Those people who kept the whole month of Ramazan, they kept their Tarawih prayers, they gave their Sadaqas, they gave their Zakats, yes, they should celebrate Eid. They should give everything to celebrate. They have two Eids to celebrate. One in this dunya and one in the hereafter. Those who are keeping the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. And the orders that are coming from Allah subhana wa ta'ala are coming with conditions attached, that is, the orders of the Holy Prophet (sws). If we are keeping the orders of the Holy Prophet (sws) then we are keeping the orders of our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

Eid is the day to celebrate, Eid is the day to forgive, Eid is the day to put the differences aside, to turn back to the original road, Eid is the day that the person is separating himself, saving himself from that fire, from the threat and treatment of the fire. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is granting us, saying to us, "Run to that." And those who are finding, yes, those who are finding space to put it and they are running for that, they are keeping their Lord priority. Allah keeps them priority. No one is claiming in this time, in this century that the things that we are doing are worthy to address, to give to the Divine Presence. We know that we are very weak and we are doing very weak service. At least man must try. He must try and he must be sincere with himself. He must know that he is a weak creature and he must know that his Lord is the most strong and the only one.

So the Eid is for an individual, for a believer to understand what is faith and what is Kufr and to celebrate on it. Eid is for believers to separate themselves from unbelievers and to start celebrating. Yes, in this dunya if we are finding, if we are understanding and if we are following then inshaAllah ar-Rahman in Akhirat Allah subhana wa ta'ala will save us and will put us in protected area. That message is given

to the whole mankind. No one can say, "Why are you separating?" There is no separation coming from our side. There is no separation coming from Allah's side. Separation is coming from those who are not believing and who are running for their ego. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, "We have created you from one male and one female. We have created you for Our service. We have created you to know yourselves and to know Us. To know Us and to worship. We have created you for this reason."

And all these orders of Islam, do's and don't's, is to teach us, to prepare us to become better servants to our Lord. If we are following, if we are taking, if we are applying it to our life then we will be able to see every day that is passing, "Yes, we are becoming better. Every month and every year that is passing, yes we are becoming better." Check yourself. If every day that is passing, every month and every year that is passing, if you are becoming better then be happy and run more to do it better. If you are not becoming better then say to yourself, "There is something wrong with me. I did something wrong somewhere. I must change it. I must turn around quickly. I don't have the luxury to play around with my life." The angel of death is at work. He is working. He doesn't care for Eid or Juma or yesterday or today or tomorrow. He is working and one day he is going to reach to us. And that one day may be today. Maybe that one day is five minutes later. Don't make too long term plans. Too long term plans are not for us. It's not for believers. It is for those people who are making long term plans thinking that they are going to live in this dunya for a very long time.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us again, "Prepare yourselves. Run for this dunya as much as you are going to live in it. Prepare yourselves for akhirat as much as you are going to live there." You know and I know, everyone knows in this world what is the approximate time that they are going to live in this world. We should not fall into that illusion and delusion states. When we are reaching to become older we should become wiser and we should be running to do things for the sake of Allah faster before somebody tells us. We should be in awakening station watching whatever is necessary and run to do it for the sake of Allah. We have lost enough time from our lives. Yes, we did. We have lost enough time when the reason of our creation is to know Allah and to worship Allah.

Every individual is responsible from the time that he reaches to maturity age. And the maturity, just from the calculation, is coming to girls at 13-years-old and to boys at 16-years-old. Calculate. We must calculate for ourselves, "Did we do everything according to that age? After that age, did we do according to what was our responsibility?" If you did then be happy. Don't run around making show to say, "I am better than anybody." Then you may be knocked down again. Be happy from the inside and run to do it more. If you didn't then you missed a lot of time. Try to catch it. There is no time to spend anymore with nonsense. Not in this world and not in the hereafter.

This world also now entered into the era that so many things are going

to change. So many things are about to change. Believers must wake up, those who believe. The believers are those who believe in Allah and His Prophet (sws), those who keep their daily prayers, one month Ramazan and they are believing in the Judgment Day. They are believing in the Judgment Day that after death they are going to be raised and they are going to be questioned. They are going to be questioned for the things that they did right in their life. They are going to be punished for the things that they did wrong. They might not be questioned for that. What you are earning Halal, what you have earned from your working properly in the way that Allah has ordered to you and the Prophet (sws) also has ordered, we are going to be questioned for that, how we earned and where we spent it. If we didn't earn from the right way then we are going to be punished for that.

So, the life is given to us and Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, "I am a Forgiving One. Ask and I will forgive." The whole month of Ramazan passed. If you treated the month properly, there were so many prayers that you should have made and asked from your Lord, and I believe that those who did will be forgiven. If you didn't then you should be very sad. Yes, you should be very sad. You should run faster now. You don't have the luxury to slow down anymore. You should run faster. Every opportunity that is coming in front of your way, you must grab it, you must say, "Astaghfirullah Ya Rabbi. At this time I dropped this. I am trying to do this Ya Rabbi." This is how we should live in these days. And inshaAllah ar-Rahman, Shawwal has entered and the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "If you are keeping six days during the month of Shawwal then you will be counted as if you have fasted the whole year. You will be rewarded in the Judgment Day as if you have fasted the whole year."

InshaAllah ar-Rahman, we are making intention according to the traditions of our Sheykh and the Holy Prophet (sws). We don't know the Holy Prophet (sws) that much. We know what our Sheykh is doing and our Sheykh usually keeps this [Eid] day breaking the fast and tomorrow he starts fasting again for six days non-stop. My advice to myself is this: so many times people say, "Well, it's voluntary. So I will fast one day and I won't fast the next day. The next day I will fast and for one week I won't fast." I am watching that so many times people are not making up those six days. If we do, if we make up these six days then it is a big reward for us inshaAllah ar-Rahman, that the things that we have missed during the Ramazan time, it will be covered up and we will be rewarded for that, inshaAllah ar-Rahman. We will be rewarded just because we are trying to follow the sunnat of Rasulullah (sws).

The sunnat is very important in our lives. When we are dropping the sunnat, the traditions of the Holy Prophet (sws) and when we say, "I am keeping only the Farz", then it will be very easy. Next you will drop the Farzes. That's what we are seeing worldwide today. Muslims dropped everything. Their names are Muslim but their actions are not. The names in the passports are saying Muslim names but the lifestyle of so many are not. As I always say, there are exceptions. If you are one of the exceptions then never mind the words that I am saying. If

you are not one of the exceptions and you are finding that you are living a western lifestyle then change it. Run to change it because Islam is a lifestyle. Holy Prophet (sws) came to teach us how to live in this world. People were living at that time too. Before Islam they were living in so many ways. They left the ways of the prophets and they deviated into so many different roads. The Prophet (sws) came and put them back to the main road and the Holy Prophet (sws) has been sent to put us into that road. And inshaAllah what he left to us is enough for us to hold on tightly and to bring us to safety.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman, my traditions, my sunnats are going to be lost. If you are keeping one of my sunnats then in the Judgment Day you will be getting the rewards of a hundred martyrs." One sunnat. So now I think any sunnat that comes in our way we must try to grab it. Each sunnat that we are following we will be getting the rewards of a hundred martyrs. And I believe that's the only way we will be finding safety then because today our prayers and everything that we are doing is very weak and it may not have been accepted in the Divine Presence.

The holy day, the Eid is a day to celebrate inshaAllah ar-Rahman. When you are celebrating, don't forget the Ummat. Don't forget that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not too happy with us. Don't forget that the Holy Prophet (sws) is also not too much happy with us. Don't forget that the Awliya Allah are not too happy with us. Who is happy with us? Sheytan. So run to make it better on this day. Don't make Sheytan happy. Make each other happy and reach to your family members. You have problems with them, it doesn't matter. Today is the day to pick up the phone to say, "Selam aleykum mother, Selam aleykum father. I am just calling you to celebrate with you the Eid." Whatever they say, it's okay. You do your part. When you do your part you will be rewarded for that. They will be rewarded for that. Allah subhana wa ta'ala will put mercy into their hearts inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

It is for you and for me. This is the advice coming to us from the Holy Prophet (sws). If we keep it, it is good for us. If we drop it then it is not giving too much benefit to us.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-71

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WE ARE CREATED TO KNOW ALLAH AND TO WORSHIP HIM

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Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is speaking to us saying, "I have created the humans and the jinns to know Me and to worship Me." If a man knows this and keeps it alive in himself all the time, he will not have any trouble. Man knows this but he is not caring. Now it's trouble. It's trouble to him in dunya and in akhirat because now he is living not according to his creation but he is trying to live according the way that his ego wants. And Allah doesn't like it. Allah doesn't want it. For that in dunya he will not have peace and in akhirat disaster.

So Allah is saying to us this ayat. He is not leaving us with this ayat. If he would have left us with that ayat only, just that one ayat, from Adam (alayhi salam) until Judgment Day just that ayat and nothing else, it should be enough for a man, intelligent man who is thinking saying, "This is what my Lord wants from me. So let me run to do." But Allah subhana wa ta'ala sent so many other books to mankind and He sent the last book the Quran containing six thousand six hundred and sixty-six ayats in it. Then He sent prophets non-stop reminding mankind. When a prophet was going away He was sending another one. Always somebody was staying reminding people about this, that the whole key is to know Allah and to worship Allah.

The 21st Century people, this is the only thing they don't do. All other things they do top-speed. For what is that? Dunya. And Allah is saying to us in another ayat, "So little time left for Judgment Day and the Mankind is still heedless." He is giving us another warning there that, "Wake up to yourselves." Don't take Allah's orders, Allah's words as if your buddy is saying something to you and later you are going to say,

"Okay, do you forgive me?"

"Okay, I forgive you."

Allah is forgiving now. He is forgiving as long as you have the breath of life. As soon as you remember sincerely, you turn around sincerely asking from your Lord, asking from our Lord safety, protection and forgiveness. It will reach. But not asking one day and the next day turning back to the same arrogant road. No. Allah is sending to us the Prophet (sws), sending the ayats and sending hundreds of thousands of Waliullah to remind us this, to keep this in ourselves alive.

I am finding people everywhere getting up, going to work quickly, not missing one minute, even going before. What are you going to earn? Allah is saying that something very little you are going to earn from

this world and whatever you are earning you are leaving it in the world.

So first we have to know that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us for His service. And this we have to keep in our life, in our mind alive all the time, twenty-four hours a day. If we keep that alive in ourselves twenty-four hours a day then every situation that we enter into, we will look at it and we will try to understand according to that, that our reason of creation is to know Allah and to worship Allah. If we keep that then in every situation, everywhere we go, we look according to that. Then nothing can keep us away from Allah and His Prophet (sww). Those people who are not keeping that, the first thing is that they are liars because in Qalun Bala, on the Day of Promises, that's exactly what we said to our Lord, "We only know You and we only worship You. We only ask help from You." This is what we have promised. And He sent us to this world saying to us, "This is a test field for you. Let's see how many of you are going to keep your promise. If you are keeping your promise then I have a better place for you. I am preparing a better home for you. If you are not keeping your promise then you are preparing the worst place for you in Jahannam."

So He left us between these two. He gave us intelligence and He gave us freewill and said to us, "Know one thing, that your rope is in My hand. When I say, 'Die and come!' you cannot resist. You cannot fight back. You are going to come. No one is going to be rebellious to that. So I am giving you some time in this world. Choose to yourselves. Whichever you want, run to that side. But My rope is very strong. You cannot cut it and you cannot go anywhere. When I say, 'Die and come!' you will. And then if you are a servant to Me then you will enter the paradises that I have prepared for you. If you are a servant to your ego then you are entering to the hell that you are building to your own selves."

Intelligence is there and Allah's order is there. Anyone can live as they like again. But Allah is saying to us, "You don't have too much time left in this world. Not you and not the world itself. Everything is ready." Especially the people of Ahir Zaman, we reached completely to the end. If it were the people in the beginning then maybe I understand a little. But now it's completely the end. It's like afternoon is coming, Asr prayer is finishing. Holy Prophet (sww) is saying, "Between me and the Judgment Day is like between Asr prayer and Maghrib prayer. Whatever is left for the sun to go down, that much time, I came when there was that much time."

From that time until now over fourteen hundred years passed. What is left? You think on it. If we think on it then we should run. If we are going in the right direction then we should run top-speed to catch up the things we have lost. If we are going to the wrong direction then we should turn back to that road, to the main road and no more resting. Leave laziness and resting now. Run in the way of Allah to catch up what you have left behind. If you do this then it's good for you. If you don't then live as you like and go anywhere as you like.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha

Sohbet-72

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE CLOUDS OF CANAKKALE

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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[After the Juma prayer someone asked Sheykh Efendi about the Canakkale War of 1915 saying, "Many are now saying that the clouds that appeared in Canakkale taking in British soldiers and disappearing, it's just a story. Is it true?"]

Sheykh Efendi: Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim.

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Millions today are making jokes about how the cloud appeared in Canakkale and took one group of British and just disappeared and still their bodies are not known anywhere. Now they are making stories. But people from that time believed because they saw and they witnessed. After them their children, they are also not believing because it's something extraordinary. It's showing (to the non-Muslim forces that came against the Ottoman Empire) that the God that you are worshipping is helping these people and it's not helping you. So it's not such a good position that you want to be in, right? How are you going to say, "The side that we were fighting against, they were right and the Lord helped them by sending clouds and everyone disappeared in it." It wasn't just ten people in it.

Not only that but so many other unusual things happened there. Who was in Canakkale? Our Grandsheykh (Abdullah Daghestani QS). So is it so hard for us to understand who is making all these things? Heh, there was a General who didn't like the Grandsheykh. And a bomb flew and fell into the area where the Grandsheykh and everyone were in. Almost everybody died or became wounded. Where Grandsheykh was, where it fell, it just became a big hole and Grandsheykh was sitting and praying there. The General was shocked and he came down to the Grandsheykh. He kissed his hand and said, "I didn't believe in God. I didn't believe in anything but I believe you from now on because I have seen with my eyes what had happened." He said, "You are a different individual from everything else." And that General started following the Grandsheykh.

Not only Grandsheikh but so many other sheykhhs and saints entered into that war. 250,000 people died. It's not 250. Two hundred and fifty thousand people died there in that short time. Only from the Turks. Almost 300,000 died from the other side. Over 300,000 people. You are talking about more than half a million people dying in those waters and in those lands there. Everywhere you are stepping on there are bodies underneath it.

I spent three nights there and early in the morning when I was calling the Azan... I was calling the Azan very strongly early in the morning, (there was one tomb, that of Suleyman Pasha, he did great things there too) near his tomb and I was going there for prayer and you can see in far distance the lights of the Greek islands there, right on the border. People came from the other side. In the morning when I was calling the Azan right before dawn, things were setting down and I was seeing all these beautiful rains of light coming down. Like rain drops light was coming down and with that different smells were coming. And there was a voice speaking to me saying that all those drops are representing all those soldiers, and everyone has a different smell. So everywhere I was walking I was seeing different lights. I was walking, passing through their tomb sites and you would think that there are so many tombs there but it's not. In the mountains and everywhere you see that light connection coming from the Paradise to there, from their tombs going up.

That's why people who don't have strong spirituality cannot live around there. It's pretty heavy for them. People who have high spirituality want to live there all the time but they don't leave them too because you discover so many secrets there. It opens up. Unless you are keeping the secrets, then they keep you there for some time. Otherwise (they don't). You can see that all those areas are not packed up with things. Everywhere is almost empty. In the villages, you see the people, you look at their faces, no arguments, just peace coming from their faces and they are always walking, going back and forth but no talking. No sound. It's like a dead valley. No sound. It's like a different world that you are living in. Even just an ordinary person can feel that right away and understands that it's completely different here now.

Huh, all those soldiers, British, ANZAC, all those are very happy to be buried there. They are saying, "Mistakenly we have fallen into Paradise." (Sheykh Efendi smiles). Everything smells different. The flowers smell different there, the mountain flowers, they all have different smells and different colors. You can see that heavenly look on everything there. All the stones they put there are symbolic. They are not underneath there. They just carried so many of them and they buried them in mass graves and they put those stones there. But there are special places where special incidents happened. Those areas are completely different. You see how it is there. But you can see it on the stones. Every stone that you pass, the age that all died were 19, 20, 21.

Did you see the trench? The war trench behind which they were hiding?
You didn't go there?

`X': No, I didn't.

Then you didn't see anything what the soldiers the built. Do you know how close they came to each other? From here to there where `Y' is sitting [approx. 10 meters]. The world has never seen a war like that before. Never. No way that it can get that close. You have trenches here and you have trenches there [Sheykh Efendi pointing to the two opposite walls of the dergah and the distance between them is about 30 ft.]. That's how close they got. Everything was so close there. The fear and the smell of death and the smell of the love of Paradise that kept those people keep on coming and going. People without faith cannot stand there. The other ones had no choice because they were dumped there with ships. So they had no place to go now. So many were brought from the Subcontinent countries. They were Muslims. Afghanis and [today's] Pakistanis. So many were put in ships and brought there [by the British] to fight the Khalifah's soldiers. Khalifah's soldiers! They didn't know. They tried to give up but they [the British] said, "You cannot go anywhere. We will shoot you down into the water." So they were fighting.

People are having everything easy now, everybody speaks on everything and Islam became a game to everybody. A game. Nothing but a game. Not accepting anything. People gave lives! Not life. Lives! One house giving three, four sons to die in that war. Can you imagine? Four sons, five sons died in that war. Three sons died and the husband died. I met a lady. Looking at her face is like looking at a heavenly person, as if heaven appeared through her face. It is not sad and it is not khek khek khek. It is a beauty that is appearing. So beautiful and calm. She was talking, she was praying and she was saying to me what happened. The husband died and three sons died. And she was saying, "Alhamdulillah. I hope I didn't make a mistake. But I have no regret. If I had ten sons then I will give again. But I am looking at the situation of this country now and I am very sad. I think those ones will be sad too." Looking at her face, (I saw) Paradise coming out from her face. And she said that she didn't cry. She cried from the pain but she didn't cry for anything and she was very happy with what Allah did. Then she was living all these years after that by herself. She had another daughter and she died too after some time. And she is still living. Allahu Akbar! People going through all that pain, do you think it's easy? Think on it. Just to think on it. So many people I say these to, they say `Eh.' I say, "Compare, just compare with yourself and look what happens." No comparison. Impossible to compare. They were believing. That's all. They were believing in what they were doing. They were sincere with what they were doing.

I met another lady. She fixed the whole village with her father's death money that was coming. The government was not taking care of the tombs of the people, okay? And he was one of the persons who died in Canakkale and it's near the village there. So they brought him to the

village and they put him there and at that time the government put money out saying they have to take care of those areas. They did it. Then [later] everything was falling down. So she was showing me the tomb site that she fixed and she was saying to me, "He fixed it himself." I said, "How it happened?" She goes, "Everything was falling down and the little money that they were giving me from the government for my father's death, I saved little for me for whatever was necessary for me to live on, and the rest to this village. He is in the grave and with his money we are still living. He is in the grave. With his money we are still living. The village is still living with the money that is coming because of him. And they are fixing his tomb with his money." Allah, Allah. Unusual things are happening around there.

Astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-73

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

INTELLIGENT ONES MUST KEEP THE RESPECT OF RAMAZAN

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Auzu billahi man ash-sheytanir rajim

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Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa atubu ilaih. We are asking forgiveness from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala. We are not keeping up His orders. The reason of our creation is to be knowing Allah subhana wa ta'ala and to be worshipping. The 21st century people, especially, are completely off from that road. We are asking forgiveness. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is creating reasons to forgive His servants. Man is running top-speed away from that.

He (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying in one ayat, "We have sent this book of Quran to you to read and to understand for those who have some intelligence to take some lessons to themselves." Everything is mentioned in it and this month is the holy month of Ramazan in which Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent the book of Quran from Him to Jibreel (as) coming down to Lawh-e Mahfuz. Then during the Ramazan time it first started coming down to the Holy Prophet (sws), sending it in twenty-three years time to the whole mankind. From that time until Judgment Day whoever came and whoever is going to come are responsible.

"I accept" or "I don't accept". Who cares what you accept? If you have a little bit of intelligence then first you will say, "Did I create myself?"

"No. Somebody else has authority on me. I must run. I must look."

And Allah is saying there that anyone who has a little intelligence will take something from there. When you start reading that properly then you understand, "Yes, this is my Lord speaking to me."

Who are responsible? People with intelligence. People with intelligence are responsible. Who are not responsible? The animals are not responsible. The crazies who lost their minds are not responsible. Children are not responsible. The rest are responsible. Anyone who is saying, "I know" when asked, "What is your name?" or "What is your address?" or saying, "I know how to read and how to write" is responsible. Today everyone is trying to run away but no one can escape from it.

So the blessing is coming during this month. MashaAllah to those who are running to catch those blessings. It is enough curse to those ones who are leaving this month anyway. Anyone who is leaving this month and is not showing proper respect to this month, by this time next year their lives are going to turn a little bit more upside down. Those who are not fasting during this month, by next year this time they are going to need to run more to the hospitals. Some other sicknesses are going to come to them. During this month if you are not feeding somebody, if you have and you are not giving something to somebody, you are not sharing, during this month if you are not giving your Zakat, during this month if you are not giving your Sadaqa-e-Fitr, during this month if you are not looking after somebody who is in need then by next year you might be in need. By next year this time you might lose everything.

As you like. People are thinking, "I am not accepting the orders of Allah" and they think that they are running away from them. It's like in the world, saying, "I am not accepting here. I go to any other place." It's okay. You can go but you cannot run away from Allah's orders. You cannot run away from what kind of orders He has put on your shoulders. You have to carry it. Here in America, can we do it? Of course. This is the land of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. In Russia you can do it, in China, everywhere, everywhere in this world, on this globe. If you find some place that you are going to go away from this globe too, there also you are responsible because the Quran came here, to you, to these people, to the people on earth. They are trying to find other places to go. If they find other places that they are going, the Quran is there also. The responsibilities of the Quran is there too.

So the holy month of Ramazan is a blessing, it is a blessing to the believers. Yes, it is a curse to the unbelievers, separating, separating between believers and unbelievers. Allah subhana wa ta'ala's Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "The beginning of the

month is Rahmat, the middle of the month is Maghfirat and the end of the month is escaping, opening door and escaping from Jahannam, safety from Jahannam." What else is man looking for? Firstly, man has to know what he is looking for. What are you looking for? Are you looking for Mawla or are you looking for Dunya? Are you looking for Allah subhana wa ta'ala or are you looking to satisfy your ego? Anybody who is running to satisfy their ego, ohh in this month they are running top-speed more, saying, "No!" Ego is saying, "Run more, run because the little bit of respect that you are going to show to this month, don't do that too. So completely you will be with me."

There's a very well-known story. Once upon a time in a Muslim country, in Baghdad area, there were some Majusi, people who were worshipping fire, near Iran. A man whom everyone knew to be a fire-worshipper, one Waliullah during that time was seeing that he passed away. And he was seeing him in the Paradise going around freely. He said to him, "Hey, come! How did you enter to this Paradise? All your life you were worshipping fire. How did you find the entrance of Paradise? The key to Paradise is to say, 'Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu.' How did you enter to this Paradise?" He said, "Oh, one thing, one small thing that I did, I never knew [the truth], I worshipped fire all my life and I suffered, but for that small thing that I did, the Rahmat, the Maghfirat and the safety from fire have reached to me."

"What did you do?"

He said, "It was during the month of Ramazan. We were living in an area where other Muslims were living surrounding us. I have a small kid, a son and one day I came home, he was sitting right in front of the door, he had a little piece of bread in his hand and he was eating, chewing that."

"And?"

He said, "I grabbed him by the ear and said, 'Come inside! Quickly! Don't you feel ashamed of yourself? You little kid, six years of age! Don't you feel ashamed of yourself? You know that the Muslims are fasting and you are showing disrespect to that? And you are eating in front of them?' And I smacked him one time to teach him some lesson. Because I showed that strong attitude to my son, at the last breath of my life the Holy Prophet (sws) came to me."

"And?"

"The Holy Prophet (sws) said to me, 'Your Lord is happy with that action you did, that you showed proper respect to this month. Because of that He is cleaning every wrong thing you did and I am giving you Shafa'at. Say, 'Ash-hadu an la ilaha wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu' and enter into Paradise.' Then Azrail came, took my life through the hand of the Prophet (sws) and I entered into Paradise."

Allahu Akbar! This is a Majusi. Today go to Muslim countries. Not Majusis, I don't know what to call those ones, they are calling themselves Muslims but non-stop in television and newspapers attacking those who are fasting and praising those ones who are not fasting, saying, "They are taking our rights. We go to the restaurants and this restaurant owner is a backward man, he is a religious man and he is not giving anything to us to eat and to drink." Yes, Jahannam is waiting for those ones. Not showing proper respect to that month.

So it is not only in that country but everywhere in the world. We are responsible to keep that month, we are responsible to show proper respect to that month. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is blessing us, blessing the Ummati Muhammad with that month. During that month there is one night, Laylatul Qadr, that is one of the holiest nights in Islam. Holy Prophet (sws) was sad and worrying, looking back at all the times that people were living long lives and standing in worship for long lives, and he was looking at his nation knowing that his Ummat, his nation's age is sixty to seventy years old and he was worrying. And one day he was talking to the Sahaba-e Kiram and saying to them, "There were prophets from the Bani Israil, the Children of Israil who worshipped non-stop for eighty years to Allah subhana wa ta'ala." The Sahaba were also sad saying, "We don't have too much time to worship our Lord like those people who came before." And Jibreel (as) came down saying, "Ya Muhammad, Allah subhana wa ta'ala is blessing you and your nation with one night that He has not given to any other nation. That is the night of Qadr. And anyone who keeps that night properly will be rewarded with more than eighty years of worship's reward.

Look at the mercy that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending to you, Ey Muslims! Sleeping Muslims! Look! Look at this month and what Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving you during that night. He is saying, "If you are keeping that night properly, it is better than one thousand months where there is no Laylatul Qadr inside." Imagine what will happen if you keep it for twenty years in your life. Where? Where are the people to think? Where? No thinking anymore. Empty.

"I am busy."

"With what?"

"Working. My business."

"Be bankrupt! Lose your job! You are leaving Allah's way? Allah is preparing, giving something special to you, giving something special to this nation and you are not taking care of that? You must lose everything, yes.

Saying, "I want to fix my schedule for vacation in other than that month. This way I can go to Hawaii."

"Go and don't come back! Stay there!"

Muslims? Is this the mentality of believers? This is how the believers are living. At least fix your timing during that month and say, "I am not working because during the day time I am fasting and in the nighttime I must be making some extra worshipping. I must have some time to read, to sit and recite some Quran." Another blessing is coming with that. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "In the Judgment Day the Ramazan is coming and asking Allah subhana wa ta'ala, `Ya Rabbi, I am here to give Shafa'at to those people who kept me properly. They showed me proper respect." During the daytime Ramazan is saying, "I am giving Shafa'at to those who are fasting. If you are worshipping at nighttime then that one is saying, "I am showing respect and asking safety and Shafa'at for those who are keeping this night properly."

And Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "At least do that much." I am watching that so many people in Turkey, they are not worshipping, they are not going to masjid in all other months and days but I am watching them that at least during the nighttime they are going to the Tarawih prayer. During the daytime they are fasting and at nighttime they are running to the masjids. Most of them. They have a little bit intelligence up there. More than the other ones too. I am watching. Because I am watching that everywhere they are dropping all that. But at least those ones are living eleven months like animals and the one month of Ramazan they are fasting, so many of them, and going to masjids for Tarawih prayer. Intelligent ones. They are intelligent. Don't think that there's stupidity there. No. You know that the Laylatul Qadr is inside the month of Ramazan. It's hidden in that. It may be the first day or it may be the last day. Any day. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Anyone who goes to Isha prayer and prays Isha with the Jamat and stays with that Jamat (meaning, prays Tarawih with that Jamat too), they are considered to have reached the night of Qadr." If they go the whole month, the thirty days, it will be enough for them to be written in that book that they have reached it and they have showed proper respect to that month.

Think on it now. "Did I do it?"

"No, I am busy. During this month I am very busy."

Very busy. In this month everyone becomes very busy. Sheykh is saying, "Come, come to the prayer. Come to Tarawih, come to Iftar, come." No, one to this side, one to that side. That is showing proper respect to this month? If that is your understanding then sit and wait what is coming ahead then. These are the words that no one can change. These are the words of the Holy Prophet (sws). If you like it, take it. If you don't like it then say, "I am busy, busy, busy" and Azrail is going to get you when you are busy. You are not going to be able to finish the business. No way. Nobody has been able to finish it. You are not going to. You are not going to be filling up the banks and enjoy the money you are collecting. Of course, it's another curse to 21st century people. They work so much but they cannot put anything anywhere too. It's showing that the Barakat is taken away too. Nothing is for the 21st century people.

If you are keeping these words, Ey Jamat, you will win for yourselves.
If not, then live as you like.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-74

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

PREPARE YOUR RIZIQ FOR THE AKHIRAT JOURNEY

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Alhamdulillah, shukr Allah, astaghfirullah. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah al-Azim wa atubu ilaih. We are thanking our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala and asking forgiveness from all shortcomings that we are doing in this Ahir Zaman. He is ordering us saying, "We have given the fasting to other nations also as an obligation and We have given it to you as an obligation also." Those people who are keeping these obligations, they are keeping one more obligation of Islam. The five principles. If you keep this then you are keeping one more obligation, one more pillar and one more power is coming to you. If you are not keeping, then one more pillar you are breaking down and one more time you are becoming disobedient to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Shame to those people that they are living where Allah subhana wa ta'ala created them and created a place for them and they are living according to their ego taking direction from Sheytan. Shame to them in dunya. In akhirat disaster is waiting for them.

One more day is passing. These are counted days. One more day passed. We almost reached to the half of Ramazan. Man is not losing something from himself but he is gaining. Everyday he is keeping the orders of his Lord and he is gaining more in dunya and akhirat. He is preparing Riziq as Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Prepare your Riziq for the akhirat journey, for the journey that is waiting for you in the hereafter." Dying, going, finishing is nothing. There is a big journey waiting for mankind. This is just a period of time here, a station, a waiting station. We didn't start the journey yet. So the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Send Riziq from this dunya to the akhirat journey,

that you are going to have a big journey." By keeping the obligations that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has ordered, man is sending what is for him on the other side so that he may find and continue on that journey making it easy for himself reaching to his paradises. If he is not sending anything then,

"What did you send?"

"Air. I didn't send anything."

Hmph! You are going to harvest tornado and disaster on the other side. Every time when people are planting something they are expecting the plants to grow to harvest something.

"So what are you doing? What are you doing in this world?"

"I am busy."

"What are you doing? What's the business?"

"I am busy with myself, with my ego, with dunya."

This is not the reason of creation. The reason of creation for a man is to be busy with his Lord, to be busy with what Allah subhana wa ta'ala has ordered to him and to keep that obligation. That is a proper manner for a believer and the highest station for a believer, running to keep the orders of his Lord, to fulfill his duties clean and good and to go out from this world clean and good.

As we said, the days are counted. Whatever Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us (to do) in this world, it's passing. The month of Ramazan is passing and our life is passing. These days are counted but the akhirat days are not counted. Whichever side you are going, whatever you prepared to yourself, who knows maybe you will stay there forever. If you are preparing akhirat to yourself then you are staying in it forever. If you are preparing fire to yourself, those who have faith will stay for some time there. But the good manner for a believer is not to enter there too because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not being happy with that one. Why is the man falling into that disaster? Because he is not keeping the order of his Lord, he is not keeping the order of his Prophet (sws) and he is not keeping the warnings that are coming to him from those who are connected with the Prophet (sws).

Intelligence is ordering to keep that. If you are keeping that then you find safety, you prepare good journey to yourself in the akhirat life. If you are not keeping it then in this world people may run to help each other, but there nobody is running to help each other. Everyone is going to get what they put there and continue.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-75

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

NAR-UL HASARAT – THE FIRE OF REGRET

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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`X' asked after the Juma prayer: How many times Farz is counted, the obligatory salats are counted during Ramadan?

Sheykh Efendi: Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim. Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya Medet.

Obligatory is already obligatory. It's obligation. You want to get that extra too? You know what's counted during Ramazan time? The most important that gives endless rewards? Giving out, Sadaka, money, feeding people. Alhamdulillah. So obligations are obligations. You are doing it anyway. You have to do it. It's not voluntary worship. It's obligation. And Allah is giving reward for it. Subhanallah. What a boss is that. Boss is saying, "Work, you are getting this much pay", and on top of it He gives you reward.

Narul Hasarat is going to burn those who are not taking Allah's orders seriously. He is not taking them to His Presence, saying, "Didn't I deserve to be worshipped? I gave you everything and you ran away for your ego? Didn't I send you a message saying your ego is your enemy and Sheytan is your enemy? And you became ally with Sheytan against Me that I have created you and given you everything? Go!" Awliya Allah are saying that, that person wishes saying, "I hope that the Lord of the Heavens puts me through every hell to burn forever not to speak to me like that." That time he wakes up. But it's too late. It's too late. Narul Hasarat starts burning from the inside then. The loneliness of separation, feeling the separation from his Lord, that fire starts from the inside and starts burning inside. At that time the outside hell is nothing.

These little creatures, little humans, little shrimps-kind, little worms, you know worms? Ants. The ants are keeping their Lord's orders. Man created in Ahsani Taqweem is finding thousands of reasons, believers, believers are finding thousands of reasons not to keep it. Unbelievers are already unbelievers. Hmm.

So what is your power, what is your authority? Nothing. Prisoner between two breaths. Man is left alone and he is thinking that he has created this world. "I do as I like." Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given permission to the unbelievers to control this world for one

hundred years and now in that time the believers are also running top-speed after the unbelievers saying, "They are doing it. We have to do it too." It's only a short time that Allah has given.

In Cyprus up till the 1930's, up till the 1940's as a matter of fact, the second world war, it was under the British Law. And during the month of Ramazan you couldn't eat anything in the street. The Police will take you and arrest you, put you in jail for one month, keep you in jail for one month during the month of Ramazan. If you didn't have enough excuse, they take you, they put you to the court, they bring you in front of the Judge and the Judge has next to him a religious man who knows the authorities, who knows what laws apply to people and he is asking, "What is your excuse that you are not holding fasting?" It's coming from the Ottoman times and continuing. "And you are not only breaking the fast but you are walking around and tempting people by eating. What is your excuse? Are you sick? Are you this or are you that?"

"No."

"One month in jail until Ramazan ends. You have no place among people."

Subhanallah. (Sheykh Efendi laughs). It doesn't matter which police catches you. British Police, the Greek Police, Turkish Police. How's that part? Today's Muslims, they say,

"I do as I like. I don't fast. You got a problem?"

Oh, you got problem. Nobody else. But you have a problem. Definitely you have a problem that no one is going to be able to solve.

Sometimes anything I say, people get upset. Such soft-hearted people. To the horse you have to show the whip.

"Oh, what tyrants! Tyrants!"

Tyrants? If that horse doesn't see the whip, it will never obey you. Once it's seeing the whip it's saying, "Yes sir, as you like." Then you are putting that metal thing around its mouth. They say, "What a cruelty!" Of course. That's the only language Allah put for that animal and that language it understands perfectly and it does what is necessary for that animal to do at that time. Otherwise, how are you going to control a two thousand pounds animal? Hmm?

If Allah would have given to that animal just the action that a cat does freely, man will not be able to walk in the streets then. He is going to run. If Allah set them free saying, "No fear for you. Go among the humans too." How are you going to control them then? But Allah is setting laws. That's why we say that the western ideas, the western understanding is bringing weakness to people and when that weakness is entering then slowly they start taking out the laws saying, "This is cruel. Take it out. This is not human-like. Take it out. This is not this. This is not that", and then they say, "We make

religion as we like. We are going to live like worse than animals. We are free. We have to do what we want."

And Allah is saying to Shariat, to the Law and the law-makers saying, "Keep the sword out and keep the sticks in the water for Falaka." When the sword was out and the sticks were ready for Falaka then you found people doing everything 100% correctly, running. No one was running to break the laws of Allah then, at least not openly. If they were going to break it, they were doing it hiddenly watching one million times, saying, "Oh, if we get caught then this is what is going to happen to us."

So yes, the ego has the characteristics of animals. I am saying, "Go and pet the lion saying, 'Oh, baby cat. Pisi pisi.'" But the man goes in there with a whip in his hand, the trainer, hmm? The lion goes, "Arghh", he is raising his hand like this, he doesn't even hit the animal. He knows where he is going to hit and so the animal pulls back. It's a huge animal, huh? If it smacks you one time, finished. You will never see the sun again after that. The man with a whip or stick in his hand, knowing what he is doing, enters into that cage and trains that animal. Later he makes that animal like a pussy cat. Or the horse or any other animal. If it's not that stick, if it's not that trainer's tool (It's a tool for training), if it's not that then that animal is not going to be trained. Then that animal is going to be eating you and mankind. You will be running away.

So now people became too soft saying, "Ah! This is wrong. That is wrong." Wrong? For what? Your ego is the same way. If it's not whipping then never accepting. But the whipping is coming differently now to mankind too. Some people are arrogant and stubborn, not accepting. They say, "Don't worry. There will be ways. It's very easy. You don't like the easy way. Okay." Once you start falling and you have no power anymore, then they make you understand also, "You are getting this because of that." Then you will be trained easily. Say, why is there cruelty from Allah subhana wa ta'ala (Hasha astaghfirullah) giving all these sicknesses and pain to man. Isn't it? Hmm? Once you keep yourself in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, on the right way, that never reaches to your sight. That kind of treatments will never reach to you. If Allah is going to test you then He puts that sickness on you but He removes the pain away from you. So you will be happy with your Lord again.

So Shariat, Law, it means Law, Law without the sword is not working. Look, the man goes out doing so many foolish things, they are catching him and putting him in jail. Now he knows, "I am going to come out. So let me rest here a little bit, eat nice and comfortably, let these fools to help me and feed me, and then I go out again." They come out again, they do again, again and again. Although I don't like so much what's happening in Saudi Arabia and other countries where they are calling it Shariat, but at least...Go and check the crime rates there. Or if anybody is falling into jail one time, are they going to want to go back to jail again. Why is that? Because they don't say to them, "Oh, your highness" or when the prisoner goes inside and the guardian

is trying to say something he goes, "Don't touch me! Don't touch me! I'll sue you!" Sue you? You are in jail re, fool. Don't touch you? Then they say, "Come, don't touch you. We put you under the Falaka."

They get a little Falaka, starts screaming and later these westerners say, "What a cruelty!" (Sheykh Efendi smiles). You are dropping bombs on people's head, you are burning them alive, babies, old, young, sick, it doesn't matter, hospitals, everything, everything, burning them alive and you are calling that Falaka cruelty? You see? And the foolish Muslims are running after that thing saying, "Yes, our brother westerners are so nice. We have to become with them." Yes? They are not dropping rainbows on top of you. Fire. And Allah is saying, "Only Allah reserves the right to punish people through fire. Nobody else." Mashallah, astaghfirullah. On their own kinds too, it doesn't matter whether Muslims or not. Don't think that I am talking only about Muslims. It's like the wild kingdom out there. Whichever country is more powerful is running and attacking the other ones, eating them alive, hum, hum, hum.

Islam! In Islam it never happened like that. Foolish Muslims fall into that kind of category today because Islam is not ruling today. Today's ruling is given in the hands of unbelievers. They are ruling, not the believers. But news to everyone, it's coming. You are escaping now but you are not going to be able to escape then. You are not going to be able to say, "I do as I like." You are not going to. So it's better now for you names to enter into that book saying, "Obedient Servants." If you are entering into the book, "Disobedient Servants" then they will fix those who are disobedient. Disobedience to Allah and His Prophet (sws) is not accepted. Anyone who is doing that are punishing themselves. Allah is not punishing them. They are punishing themselves.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us, He has given us this life, He is giving us the breath of life continuously, from water to air to food, anything and everything is coming from Him. All He is asking from us is saying, "Be a thankful servant." And being a thankful servant is, during these times you do this and during these times you do that. One month Ramazan is for you. Keep your engines shut down. Otherwise you are going to burn it. For one month clean yourselves. Come out from that heedless station. Become awakening individuals.

Eh, everything is for us again, not for Allah subhana wa ta'ala. And He is giving us all this treatments and He is saying to us that on top of it He is going to reward us for it. But now today's squareheads are not running to do them because it's Allah's order but are running to say, "Ah, how much reward am I getting for this?" Are you asking how much punishment you are getting for things that you are not doing? Why not? Ask that. Firstly, that is important, the most important. How much punishment am I going to get when I am coming late to prayers. Something to think about now. Yes.

"Oh, as I like I go." "I couldn't make it."

That's right. As you like. But Allah is saying that it's obligation to

make it in Jamat. To go on time is Allah's order. Not your time. So when it comes to that they are not asking. They are only asking, "How much reward am I getting." First you have to ask me that part and later this. Then I give you both sides.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-76

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BELIEVERS KEEP THEIR PROMISE AND ARE PATIENT

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah, astaghfirullah, shukr Allah. Ya Rabbi, shukr. Shukr. Believers must be standing at that door of thankfulness. Always asking for forgiveness and being at the door saying, "Thank you Ya Rabbi for the favors that you have granted to us." Especially in this Ahir Zaman, the Last Days that east, west, north, south, believers and unbelievers are running for their ego top-speed. Those who are finding even a little bit escape from the hand of the ego must be sitting and thanking, asking for forgiveness and asking Allah subhana wa ta'ala to close those doors to them. If you ask then you will find. If you don't ask then you are just going to find what you are expecting.

The month of Ramazan is coming with its blessings. Lots of blessings are coming during this month for those people who are keeping this month high, holy and respected. Those who are not keeping the month high, holy and respected should not expect anything good. They should prepare themselves for worse because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying in one ayat, "For those who are keeping their Nafs, their ego, desires, the need of their ego, stopping the need of their ego with patience, Allah subhana wa ta'ala will not question them on the Judgment Day and He will have endless rewards for them." And Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "For every deed you may get ten rewards. But for Ramazan fasting, Allah knows only, I don't know. He didn't show it to me." And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving the rewards of Ramazan to people endlessly. In another hadith Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "During the Ramazan time the doors of hell will be closed. The doors of Paradise will be opened. The Sheytans will be put in chains and one

announcer will be saying, 'Where are those people who want to do good deeds? We will count endless rewards for them. And those who want to do bad deeds have no place.'"

Understand the meaning now. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying, "Now you have no place on earth or anywhere." Severe punishment is coming to that one who is not taking Allah's orders seriously. From the first man Adam (as), first prophet, up till the last prophet, our prophet Muhammad (salatu wa salam), Allah subhana wa ta'ala has ordered fasting to the whole mankind, from the Children of Adam (as) coming down. Almost every religion after a while put that aside (saying), "It's too difficult. It's too hard." Yahudis have forty days. The Christians are the same. All the other beliefs put it aside. Islam is separating between believers and unbelievers. This fasting is also putting separation between believers and unbelievers. We must keep it holy.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving this month to the believers saying, "This is for you. Your month. It's resting time for you. Resting from eating, drinking, running and foolish activities. Put that aside." You are reaching to this month and if you keep the fasting properly then you will be reaching to the level of angels. Very little eating. You are keeping the control of your ego in your hand, wanting to eat and drink but you are saying, "No!" And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is saying to us, "You may reach higher than the angels" because the angels are not given that desire but the man has it. When the man is given that and he is trying to keep himself only because it's the order of Allah subhana wa ta'ala and it's not because you are stuck somewhere and you are not eating and drinking. That's not counted for fasting.

That's why it's also important to make the intention. Without the intention you are not getting that much. Of course, because the whole month is obligation to the believers, if they do the intention one day when they are getting up for Sahur to eat a little bit, that's considered as intention because it's obligation to us to keep this month. During this month, every day, the whole month of Ramazan we must be fasting. Congratulations to those who are making the intention and keeping it. Sadness is coming to those who are not keeping that month, who are not keeping the fasting. Why are you not fasting? Do you have any excuse? Not the excuse that your ego says, the excuse that Allah and His Prophet (sws) is saying. If you are fitting to one of those categories then you should not fast. But if not...

"Ah, I couldn't. My stomach was bubbling."

Or, "My stomach was speaking to me. So I needed to drink some water."

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Take a glass of poison and drink. It's better for you." During the month of Ramazan anyone who is eating and drinking, it is better for them to drink glasses of poison all the time because during that year there must be some punishment coming to them. If it's not that year then down in the road. Until they go out from this world they have to pay for it. Out of this world, worse is

waiting. They are going to bring fireballs to them in the grave. Fireballs. The angels will say, "Take this and eat. This is when you were eating in the Ramazan time, and drinking."

So this is very serious for believers, for those who believe in Allah, His Prophet (sws) and in the Judgment Day. For those who have no intelligence up there (saying), "Eh, I don't hold the fasting. What happens?" Check yourself. Before the year ends, before Ramazan, before the next Ramazan is coming, you are running to doctors. That's early warning to you, coming. You go to a doctor, you are screaming and your voice is being heard all the way to Sidrat-ul Muntaha. But they are not giving any cure to you.

"My stomach! Ah! I have stomach pain!"

Must be. No cure to that one. Understand that that one is eating in Ramazan. In the Ramazan time he is chewing. Hmm. You are chewing in Ramazan time what Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving as Riziq to you. What will you do if He stops it? Nothing comes out. What will you do then? By force? No. By force you are not a believer. If it was by force then no need for you to be in this world. Allah subhana wa ta'ala is testing us through will. He has given us a will power and He has given us the orders, do's and don't's and He left us between these saying, "Choose whichever side you like. I have set some timing to you. During that time you are going to live in this world and after that you are going out from this world. Whatever you did during that time, do's and don't's, whatever I have ordered to you, if you kept it holy and high, and whatever I have forbidden you from, if you stopped from it then expect and prepare yourself for a better life. If you didn't keep this and you are just being arrogant to your own self, tyrant to your own self, then you are already making punishment to your own self. Nobody is punishing you."

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is separating us from the angels and from the animals. He created us between these two creatures. He has given us freewill and He has given us an intelligence to think. He has sent books to us and He has sent prophets to us to give us the warnings and to give us the good news. If you want better life for our own selves in this Dunya and Akhirat then you must run to keep the orders of Allah subhana wa ta'ala strongly and holy. Don't say, "I cannot." Yes, you can. If Allah is saying, "You can", then you can. But your ego never wants to give up. Your ego is always saying, "Yes, you cannot."

The animals, tie them over there. If you don't give them food, one day, two days they are screaming and then they stop. They are waiting. If you give them then they eat. If you don't give them then they wait. They have no choice. Allah subhana wa ta'ala could have done the same thing to us. He didn't. He left us alone in this world and He said to us, "That is an honor to you. I am giving the highest station to man. I have created you in Ahsani Taqweem and I am giving you freewill. With that freewill you are choosing. You are choosing where you want to go. I have prepared Paradise for you. My wish, My will, My desire for you is to enter to that Paradise. But if you are running away from

that Paradise then I have prepared the fire. You are running into that fire.

If we take these words...it's for you and for me, for every believer. No believer can escape from these words. These are the words coming from the Holy Book of Quran and through the Holy Prophet (sws). If we take it seriously then we will win Dunya and Akhirat. If we don't then we will lose Dunya and Akhirat. Believers are those who keep their promise to Allah subhana wa ta'ala and they are being patient always until the angel of death will reach to them.

Wa min Allah tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-77

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Sohbet from Mevlana Seyh M. Nazim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi Hazretleri

7 Ramadan 1428 (September 17, 2007)

As-salamu alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuh.

Be active! Don't be like me... like old donkey, young donkey...

Alhamdulillah! Ya Rabbi, Shukr! Ya Rabbi, Shukr! Thanks to Allah, whole thanks and praising for Allah, that we are going, coming, eating, drinking, sleeping, and healthy, Alhamdulillah!

I heard that half (of) Africa (is) in flood, thousands of people (have) no home, everything (is) in (the) flood... taking away, carrying! I am looking cars, cars like this... running through flood... Alhamdulillah, we are in Paradise here!... But you must not trust, if nothing (is) coming on this island or in Turkey or in Near-East countries - for every country (is) just prepared something. Something...! May Allah forgive us!

Welcome to you and thanks for Allah Almighty. If He asking to punish His servants, nothing or no one (is) preventing Him, no. Faalun lima yurid; He can do everything, as He likes, no on (is) preventing Him.

Audhu bi-llahi mina shaitani rajim

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Say: O our Lord, we are sinners!

If one sin that happened from (the) first man (was) making (the) first couple to be thrown away from Paradise, one sin, what do you think that we are doing daily hundreds of sins! But He is Halim, He is not hurry to punish His servants, no, any time He may punish them! He is Halim, who He is patient, never getting hurry for punishing His servants. But this, you must not be cheated that punishment (is) not coming so quickly. You must not be in trust what Shaytan is saying! Don't trust Shaytan and

shaytan people! Don't believe what Shaytan (is) putting through your heart, some wrong ideas, that he is urging people to do bad things. Urging Shaytan people that they may do everything freely, saying: "Don't worry, don't fear, don't fear, it is okay, you make yourself to enjoy, as you like, and don't believe that some people saying: O people, don't do this, don't do that, but do as you like, live, as you like... "

Meded, ya Sultanu-l Awliya!
Meded, ya Rijalallah!

You must try to have such a pillar that may take your life up, as a pillar (that is) keeping a tent up. But if it is not (an) enough powerful pillar, (the tent) may fall down.

You must ask rukn shadid for your life, man must ask rukn shadid. That means, (someone, who) may carry (the) whole world on his shoulders and (who is) never getting to be tired.

But people, they are not asking... That is a teaching to whole mankind: O people, you are doing so many bad things and you are thinking that: It is okay, I may do, I am free to do everything, but it is not true! Whole nations now (are) never asking (a) rajulun rashid, a perfect man, that his conscience (is) in a best form and his mind (is) excellent and his connection with Heavenly Positions (is) perfect!

That, as through airports they have control power; if (the) pilot (is) not getting in connection with that person, (the airplane) may fall down, and (may) burn (the) plane and everyone in it, including (the) pilots! That flight, he is in need to have a connection with someone that may show to them which way is save for landing or departing or reaching.

People, they are looking (to the) Holy Quran as an ordinary book! Hasha! (The) Quran Karim (is) to show (the) safe way for nations, not to touch them anything from troubles here and punishment here and Hereafter.

Therefore, Allah Almighty (is) teaching (in the) Holy Quran: O people, when you are ordering for something, you must look (for) a perfect man who his conscience (is) just in connection, in a full connection, with Heavenly Beings, (so) that he may show you, what is good for you, better for you, which one is safety for you here and Hereafter!

Now people they are not asking. Everyone (is) saying: We know, everyone (is) saying: We know, we are not in need to be in connection through spirituality, as you are saying. We are not understanding from spirituality; we are only - looks like four legs animals - our importance (is) only our eating, drinking and dressing and enjoying with our females... nothing else! That is (the) life routine, (the) life-style of 21st century people!

Alaysa fikum rajulun rashid?

O people, you reached to a point that your knowledge it is not enough to save you from that dangerous position, but yet you are trying to find a way with your mindly productions and you are not asking (for someone), who may be a perfect man that he is in connection with spirituality, with Heavenly Beings!

That is important now! People, till they are looking and asking a perfect man... (and to be) perfect is not only with your physical body, no, (a) perfect one (is he,) who is in full connection through his physical being to Heavens!

What we are in need now, (the) whole world?

May be there seven billion people, they (are) never knowing which way is good or best for them. They

are saying: This party is best for us, that style of democracy may save ourselves. Ya Hu, leave these foolish ideas, foolish, fully foolish democracy that (is) bringing whole cursing on people! Because they are only asking among themselves a way to get out, and it is impossible! As democracy, as...

When Allah Almighty (was) imprisoning the Children of Israel through (the) desert of Ti, they were insisting, insisting to get out from (the) crisis that they fell in it, troubles and problems, and with them there was Moses - alayhi salam. They are... every day they are saying: Even we are in (the) desert and Moses (is) saying - alayhi salam - that we should be here, but... they are looking (that there is) no any patrol around, it is a free desert... why we are going to sit here? We must use our minds and we must get out from this desert! Eh.

And they are beginning; every day (they are) beginning and marching, walking, to find a way to get out, but when they are reaching to (the) darkness of maghrib, they are finding themselves on (the) same point... We must use another way! And 40 years they were imprisoned through that desert and every day they were getting up and running to find a way through their minds and it was impossible!

They are running (after) what our people (are) using now, they are saying: Every problem or every troubles or every chaos may be solved by democracy. Eh. Ja, come and make a solution! Every day they are fighting to reach the point of power, everywhere, but (it is always the) same position, never changing, they are in same point.

And 21st century people, they are trusting on their mindly productions, (they are) not asking (a) rajulun rashid, a perfect person, who his connection is, his connection (is) with Heavenly Stations... Til 40 years (the) whole (of) the Children of Israel that they were getting against (the) Holy Law from Heavens that Moses (was) bringing, passed away and (it was) remaining (only) young ones... Moses also passed (away) with those people... and (it was) coming young ones... Sayyidina Yusha... Young ones (were) coming and joining to him and they are saying: You only, who had been sent from Heavens, (are the) Heavenly rajulun rashid! You are (that one), we are following you! Come in front of us and we are after you, we are following you! Then they (were) saved...(they) had been saved...

Now people, democracy, (are the) same. They can't get out from problems and they can't be able to reach to a new situation. They can't be able to save themselves from problems and miseries and sufferings; they can't be able!

70 times they may do elections, (but the) same mentality (is) coming, nothing happened. And Allah Almighty (is) saying: Alaysa fikum rajulun Rashid? O people, you are not looking (for) a perfect mind people? A perfect mind people means (someone,) who is going to be in connection with Heavenly Stations. You must look such a person! If you are not looking such a person, you are going to finish, as the Children of Israel just finished and a new generation, that they are asking rajulun rashid, a perfect man, that he is in connection with Heavenly Station, they should be saved!

Now whole people should die... only (a) handful (of) people (are) going to stay... (those,) whom they are running to a rajulun rashid, a perfect one...

First Mehdi - alayhi salam - (is) coming...

(It is) impossible without asking a perfect man! A perfect man, who is (in) full connection with Heavenly Stations. If you are not asking such a person, you should be finished.

May Allah forgive us! O people, look after such a person!... They are hidden now, but if you are asking and saying: Come, we are following you!, they may come! As long as people (are) not asking about them, they are saying nothing... They are sitting and (they are) hidden...

May Allah forgive us and send us (a) rajulun rashid, a perfect one, who is in perfect connection with Heavenly Stations!

For the honour of (the) most honoured one, Sayyidina Muhammad sallallahu alayhi wa sallam - in (the) Divine Presence,

Fatiha.

Sohbet-78

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AHIR ZAMAN PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

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[After the Juma prayer someone asked Sheykh Abdul Kerim Efendi:
"Sheykh, please pray for the Ummat."]

Sheykh Efendi: Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim. Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

There are hadiths for Ahir Zaman, for this time. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "You have to know what you are asking and for whom you are asking, on whose behalf you are asking." Today's Muslims, mashaAllah. No prayer will help them unless they help themselves. Today's Muslims left the main safe road and they entered into the jungle road. And warning is coming day and night but they are still going in the jungle world. No prayer can reach. Prayer is only going to reach when they are making a sincere intention to understand what the mistake they did and turn back. That is the only time the forgiveness is given to this nation.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "When you reach to those times in Ahir Zaman, there is going to be curse coming everywhere", and the signs of curse we are seeing now. It is not a blessing of course when the planes are running over countries and dropping bombs, huh? It's a curse. Or everywhere when something is blowing up. You can say whatever you want. It's happening there. Why is it happening? What is the reason and purpose, we have to know. Are we living on the road that the Holy Prophet (sws) left to us or have we deviated from that road? We have deviated from the road. The first thing, for the help to reach to us, we have to turn back to that road again. It is easy for Allah but it is not easy for us. Allah is looking at our sincerity. Allah is looking at us and saying to us, "When you turn yourself to me, your way back to me sincerely, I make the long distances very short. I can turn all this upside down again the other way."

NO REVENGE IN ISLAM AND NO JIHAD WITHOUT KHALIFAH

So now the Muslim nations first have to know, "What is our mistake? Where have we fallen?" The problem is that the Muslim nations and the Muslim Ummat are not looking to understand to say, "Where have we fallen?" They are only running to get revenge, nothing else. And that is not accepted in Islam. The Sahaba-e Kiram fought, they pulled the sword and they fought for the sake of Allah. They didn't fight to get revenge. They fought because they were tyrannizing them and they were not even letting them to continue with that Shahadat. And order came to them to fight only then. When power reached to the hands of the Muslims and the Muslims came back to Makkah with a big army, what did the Prophet (sws) do? He took revenge from them? Or did he forgive every one of them?

This is what happened to us. Today's Muslims, today's Ummat that we are talking about, the ones who are taking the gun and fighting saying, "We are making Jihad", their mind is not with them. That mind is not controlling them. They lost their mind. Without a Khalifah you cannot declare Jihad. Where in Islam are you finding that Jihad is being declared without a Khalifah? Who are you to declare Jihad? You are just another individual. Are you heavenly supported? No. Because you are not heavenly supported, you are under the tyranny of tyrants. They are also the servants of Allah subahana wa ta'ala. There are good servants and there are bad servants. It doesn't matter. Sheytan is a servant of Allah also. We cannot say in our prayers, "Remove this Sheytan from this world." Can we make that prayer? No. He put the Sheytan. So Sheytan is coming and whispering. Sheytan is not committing the wrongdoing, the man is the one who is doing it. Sheytan is doing his duty. Sheytan's job is to come and whisper wrong things to man and if man follows that wrong thing, he will become the tool of Sheytan. And if he does the wrong thing, it is not Sheytan but the man is doing it. If the man is doing right and he is following the order of his Lord and his Prophet (sws), he becomes a tool of the Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala and Allah does good through his hands.

So there are two kinds of people now. Now leave Ummat. Now, especially now because Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Ahir Zaman is completely going to be different. You are going to have nations that will declare that they have faith but when you search them you are not going to find a drop of faith in them." And there are going to be nations who are going to be called unbelievers, kafirs, but so many of them are going to be faithful ones. This is it now.

So now if a person comes to you as an individual asking for prayers, for that one's behalf you may ask saying, "Ya Rabbi, You are the one who sent this person to me to ask on his behalf."

[The questioner says: "I am asking your prayer for myself."]

Sheykh Efendi: Ah, for yourself. That we pray. For the Ummat we pray differently. We pray differently for this Ummat to turn back, to ask

forgiveness and to say, "Ya Rabbi, we did wrong. Now we realize it. We are turning back to Your door." Then as Ali (ra) is saying in his prayer, "If You close your door to me, I have no place to go but come back to You again because there is no other door." He said, "I am not a perfect one." He was a perfect one, he was a Murshid, he was perfect. But he said, "I am not a perfect one but I am not the worst one also from the ones that are doing the wrong things. I am not the worst one among them. I am a weak servant, I have my weaknesses and I am asking for Your forgiveness." Any person today in this world sincerely taking this prayer, sincerely believing on it and asking, instantly the message is coming back to them saying, "I accept your prayer."

HOW DID THE UMMAT SEPARATE INTO NATIONS?

Muslims don't do prayer. Muslims don't do worship anymore. They don't pray. Pray means they don't make Salat. But Salat is a worship that you are doing. Asking prayers, asking du'a on your behalf and for the nations, Muslims don't do that anymore. They know how to scream and cry going to doctors, going here, going there and I say, "How many times a day do you sit somewhere, you open your hand and you ask your Lord saying, "I am a weak servant. You are giving this to me but I cannot carry it. Please help me." How many minutes a day the Muslims are doing this? If they do it sincerely then we are going to see that the help is going to reach because Allah is nearer to you than your own self. But man is not asking today. They only know how to ask from doctors. The doctor needs a doctor. The doctor needs another doctor.

So we have fallen because our faith has fallen. So we have to turn back to that faith again, to strong faith. We have to make our faith to grow first. And the only way to do that is, we have to take the examples of our role-models the Sahaba-e Kiram. We have to look at them, we have to see how they lived, what was their behavior and how did they act in every situation. Then we may turn back to our own origin.

Once upon a time, it's not centuries ago, it's not even a century ago. Up till 1923, hmm? The Muslim nations, the Muslim Ummat was under one ruling. Now how many rulings? How many nations of Muslims? We say, "Muslim Ummat." How many nations this Ummat became? Who put them in separation like that? Who made that separation? Islam or the Christian world? They say, "We are following the footsteps of the Christian world." Then we turn around and instead of running to the masjids of Allah to ask forgiveness, we run in front of the United Nations or the embassies saying, "Help us! Our rights are taken away!" Or going to Europe, to European countries complaining saying, "We want our rights!" Your rights? You are running to a wolf saying, "We want our rights"? (Sheykh Efendi smiles). They are prepared to finish these nations. That's what their aim is. You are running to ask help from them? How heedless these Muslims are becoming. They became real heedless because they left the way, the traditions of the prophets.

NO GENERAL PRAYER ON BEHALF OF NATIONS

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "When those nations leave the ways of the prophets and they leave according to their ego again, don't ask general prayer for their behalf. Ask for yourself and for those who are running to become obedient to their Lord. Ask for their behalf. Otherwise, you will be responsible for interfering in the work of Allah then." These are dangerous times. When we check all traditions and Islam, we are seeing that we are coming almost to the end. Still these nations are sleeping. They are finding some heedless ways and running. Supermarkets and markets are full, keeping people busy that way. That's not the way that the Muslims should do. Muslims are under this curse because they left their faith. Islam is a lifestyle. Islam is not only a couple of words. Islam teaches man how to live, how to eat, how to sleep, how to work, where to work, when to work, where is woman's right, where is man's right, where is children's right, where is adult's right, where is elderly's right, Islam is teaching all this to us. We lost all this and because we lost, warnings are coming back and forth to us. We are still not waking up. We are picking up this wrong lifestyle and continuing to go on that lifestyle. We say, "Enough! It's enough! Are you waiting until you are going to fall down from the cliff? Stop! At least stop on that road. Sit and think a little bit. When you sit and think you are going to come back to your own senses saying, 'Oh, I am doing wrong.'"

WE HAVE SEPARATED AND WE HAVE FALLEN

So when the Muslims and Muslims nations sit and think what they are doing wrong, they are going to see and they are going to understand, "Where have we fallen?" That we have to understand first. Now we are weak. One and a half billions Muslims are weak. But they have everything. They have all the money in the world and they can get anything they want too. But they are weak again because we have been separated. (Sheykh Efendi holds up the palm of his right hand with his fingers spread out). It is easy to break this finger now. When you are separated into small nations then it's easy. They are attacking one, they are finishing that one. They are attacking the other one and they are finishing that one, slowly. When they come together, it becomes strong. (Sheykh Efendi puts his fingers together into a fist). A fist is not that easy to bring down.

Muslims left Islam. The name of Islam (only remains). Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman, their masjids are going to be very beautifully designed but you are not going to find believers among them inside the masjids." The name of Islam is going to stay (only). People they are going to recite the Quran but the Quran that they are reciting is not going to enter into their hearts. The masjids that are going to be so beautiful are going to be empty." Is that the time we are in? Tell me. Tell me. Of course we are. Go everywhere and look. They are building, they are running saying, "Help the masjid brother, help the masjid." At every Juma, "Help the masjid. Money, money, money, help the masjid." They are building masjids. What are you using

the masjids for? Not even a social gathering anymore. At least if it was a social gathering and some activities happened, people would at least be praying there too. They say, "No, you cannot do this, you cannot do that." No social gathering too and so the masjids turned into empty places. No life inside. In the masjids there aren't any people with authority to speak to people because people are now saying, "You cannot tell me this. I paid this much money for the masjid." (Sheykh Efendi smiles).

So everyone is thinking. It became like Christian ways now. Christians go to churches once every Sunday now. Other than that it's empty. Muslims, eh, so many are not even going to Juma now. No Juma. Allah is saying, "This is a holy day for you. The holiest day! Leave everything. It will become haram to you." They say, "I am busy. I am working." So now I don't think that at that time we can pray. We can pray for the Savior, for those who are going to change the way, to come quickly inshaAllah. Otherwise, the way that it is going, the patent that the Western countries put into our countries, the way that they are doing it in Pakistan now, twenty years from now, the way that it's going, you will be finding Pakistan like another European country. Shutting down so many places, this is what Musharraf is doing too, running and shutting down the Quran recitations and everything because Western countries are ordering, western countries are saying, "Don't teach them Quran now. No need for them to learn." So they are going and they are burning the masjids, those squarehead Imams are fighting with the government, the masjids are burned, people are burned and everything is burned. This is not Islam. Who are you fighting for? (Sheykh Efendi smiles).

WE HAVE LOST THE GUIDES, NOT THE QURAN

So, all this happened because we left, not the Quran, they claim that they have the Quran but they don't have a guide to show them the Quran. People they lost the guide and they think that they are going to find ways. It's impossible. Allah is giving us to understand saying to us, "Read and understand." But reading and understanding is not for everybody. There are fifty people here for instance. If you read something, from that fifty people maybe three of them are going to put it together to summarize. The rest are going to forget the beginning, middle and they cannot put it together. So reading is something else, reading and understanding is something else, reading, understanding and living according to that understanding is something else. So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting guides to us saying, "Those ones read, they understand and they live according to that, they apply it to their lives. So they turn around and they bring it down for you, for you to easily understand.

Opening the Quran is the Surah Fatiha. You make the opening. Right after the opening, "BismillahirRahmanirRahim. Alif, Lam, Mim." How many Muslims are sitting to think, "As soon as we are opening, Allah locked us with these alphabets. Why is He putting these alphabets to us? What is the meaning of these alphabets now?" They are not

considering that and they are diving inside thinking they are going to take something. You are going to take something according to your ego, according to your ego means according to your level of understanding. Your level of understanding! You cannot give explanation of the Quran according to your level of understanding. Quran is speaking the past, the present and the future. Now what is for you there you may take it to yourself. But there are so many ayats there that are not applying to you. It's applying to these nations, it's applying to these leaders and it's applying to these people that are saying they are the nation, the Ummat. So then when you take that according to your understanding and you have power in your hand, like some figures in Islam, they have money-power and they have gun-power in their hand, they read the Quran and they say, "Oh, this is the meaning." That is your meaning, for you. You cannot take that meaning and apply to whole nations to say, "Follow me, we are making Jihad." Huh? This is what happened today.

DON'T ASK PRAYERS FOR THE TYRANTS

Now Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "If the Nation, Muslims nations, this Ummat, stays without a Khalifah for three days, Islam is no longer ruling." These nations are without a Khalifah for almost a century now. And never mind about them even to think, "How we can fix this?" They are standing in front of it. They are standing and saying, "What you are doing doesn't fit to Western ideas. We must get rid of it." And this is what's happening in Muslim nations. And if we pray for the Ummat then we will be praying for all wrongdoers too. Then we will be sharing their wrongdoings too. We are asking safety from that. Ask for yourself and for your family members. If they are tyrants then don't ask. Check it out. If they are tyrants then don't ask because if you are asking safety on behalf of a tyrant then the fire of that tyrant is going to reach to you too. And tyrants come in so many different categories.

InshaAllah this Nation will wake up before it's too late. But we are reaching to those last days that the Holy Prophet (sws) promised us and we have very heavy, loaded, painful and difficult days waiting in front of us. We did not finish it yet, we are just entering into that era, the time of Dajjal, when the confusion is everywhere. Nobody is listening to anybody anymore. Everyone is very happy with their mind, with what they know only, but with what they know they cannot even move from here to short places. Kids know, adults know, men know, males know, females know, everyone is knowing. If you say something saying, "This is from the Prophet (sws)", they say, "It doesn't fit for this time." (Sheykh Efendi laughs). It doesn't fit?

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-79

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

"I WAS A HIDDEN TREASURE AND I WANTED TO BE KNOWN"

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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[After the nightly silent zikir a sohbet of Sheykh Mevlana Nazim (qs) was read where Grandsheykh is saying that Allah subhana wa ta'ala was a hidden treasure. He wanted to be known. So He created everything.]

Sheykh Efendi:

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim.

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Allah created what? The man. To know what? What is the Sohbet's summary, university professor?

A murid: Allah was a hidden treasure and He wanted to be known. So He created the creation.

Sheykh Efendi: Huh! He wanted to be known and He created us, the creation. Now we know Him. We know. He wanted to be known. We are never going to know him in His own form. It is impossible for a man to know. But just a little bit of knowledge, He has created man for man to know that there is a Lord. Not to discover the Lord. That is what mankind is running to discover. Impossible.

That's why anyone who is running to discover that hidden treasure, he is going to fall into the wrong roads someday somehow later. As the Christians, what they did? They turned around and they said, "Jesus must be God." Running to find God. Man is running to find God as one of his own kind.

(Man is saying,) "Similar to me a little bit. Has to be similar."

That's why the majority of men are also thinking about Allah subhana wa ta'ala (in a physical way), a big sickness, the Wahhabis are thinking about it as though Allah has a form like a man. But Allah created us to be known. If He didn't create us, if He didn't create anything else, He (still) knows Himself. He is known to Himself. But nothing is there to know Him. He created the angels, He created the Jinns and He created us. Especially man, He created man, gave us intelligence, He has given the ego, He has given the spirit, He has offered faith and He has given freewill.

So man is responsible because he has freewill. If he didn't have freewill then he will not be responsible for anything he is doing. The angels are not responsible. They are carrying their responsibilities with their actions. They don't have choice. Whatever they have been created for, that's what they are doing. They will never get tired, they will never become rebellious, they will never eat, they will never drink, they will never be male or female angels. It's completely different. Now you cannot even understand how angels look like because it's not male and it's not female. But if you are asking, in America especially, "How do angels look like?" They say, "Charlie's Angels." A couple of naked women. That is the idea that they are putting in the minds of people. That's why they are always making angels as women, with appearances of women.

You go to the churches and they have that. Look how foolishly the main structure is thinking too. They are building, they are the heads of the religion and they are making angels, figures of angels with women's faces. But the angels are completely different from man and woman. Don't think that what you are seeing in the pictures, there is such a thing like that. No. It's completely different. It's man's imagination. What he is putting out there is only what man is imagining. Nothing with reality.

So we have so much things to discover before we understand from the drops of oceans of knowledge that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is sending to us to know our self, to know our destiny, to know where we are, where we came from, where we are going to go, to our beginning, the day of creation, the day of promises, that's important. That's what we have to concentrate on and all these sohgets, all this worship that we are doing is for us to be able to know ourselves. Otherwise, we just know ourselves by looking at mirrors saying, "This is me." Looking at that picture saying, "Yes, that's me." When they ask, "Do you know that person?" You say, "Yeah, I know because I have seen it before."

Now you know because you have all this knowledge, you know the pictures, you know cameras and you know everything. But how are you going to know if you fall down to some island that is not discovered yet, which there are some places that they didn't discover yet. Don't believe these liars that they discovered everything and they are discovering the moon. No. (Sheykh Efendi laughs). There are places that they didn't discover yet. As a matter of fact, ten years ago there was one place they discovered that they have never known before. But there are places that they didn't yet discover.

For instance, if you fall there, somewhere there with your wife, and you are living there. Sometime later you have a child and the child is growing up. There is nothing, there are no pictures, nothing that the child has access to. He is not knowing anything about himself. He has never seen his portrait anywhere. If you take one picture with this digital camera from a far distance, you go to that person and say, "Who is in this picture?" That individual is not going to tell you, "That's me", because he has never seen himself anywhere.

We know ourselves now because we are seeing ourselves in a mirror or in a picture. What do we know? We just know that appearance, nothing else. If they put you to sleep and put operation on you that you don't feel any pain at all, which they have too, and you think, "Oh, I just slept more than eight hours today." That's what you are going to feel when you wake up. And they just make operation on your face, you are not feeling any pain, anything, the pain is gone, if you are walking somewhere and now you are looking at the mirror, you are going to be shocked. Isn't it? Hmm? Saying, "Who is this person?" You are going to be afraid looking at it now thinking, "Is this me? No that's not me." You are going to take out your picture looking, "This is me. That is not there. So I am changing." That's not imagination, that's happening right now. It's real. So many people they go, especially the agents. CIA, FBI agents are discovered by some other people sometimes. So they have to go through face operations that they should not be known. Or they are going to be (assassinated). Understanding `X'? You don't have that problem.

`X': So far.

Sheykh Efendi laughs saying, "So far."

`X': Alhamdulillah.

Sheykh Efendi: It's a very expensive job. You have to pay at least half a million dollar then. Ohh! Big trouble.

So we know. We know what? We just know these appearances. We don't even know our own selves. If you know yourself then say where you came from? How you just appeared in this world? "My mother, my father"? How you came there? Who sent you here? Why are you going out? Don't you like this world? It's so good. There's so much in it. You have to leave. You have to go. It's a temporary house for us. We have to pass, we have to go. And all these orders of religion to do is just to make us to pass from this imagination world to the reality, to the real world because now this (physical) figure is also imaginary. It looks real but it's not real because it's going to disappear fifty years from now. Under the ground it's going to disappear too, finished. It's like you never existed.

So is it imagination? It is. It is not real, it is not appearing. Your reality is in the Paradise and that reality is reflecting to this world. These are appearances, the reality is in the Paradise. Whatever you do in this world, the good deeds and the bad deeds, either beauty shines from your figure in Paradise or ugliness shines from that one, depending on what you do in this world. Or, dirty smell comes out from that one. It reaches to a point that angels are given order saying, "Cover that body." And the angels take some tarp paper covering that body up (kind of tarp, not like the blue tarp paper) and that body does not appear anymore to other angelic worlds because they are not feeling good about it by looking at it. That person now is disconnected from the heavenly stations completely. So if he dies in

that situation then it is a big trouble to that man. So it is our duty everyday to build that relationship with our reality, with that light, with that connection, with that spirit that is passing from there to come to here and every action that we are doing we are sending messages back to that one up there. So the next day it's preparing to send on us a different light.

If we do that then we are winners in dunya and akhirat. If we don't do that then in dunya you may get a couple of chances here and there, some cars, some houses, but it's only junk then, the angel of death comes and you go into your grave, if you get a grave because in these days so many are not going to graves too. If we go to the grave then it's another blessing. So many are not entering to graves from the 21st century man because they went out of their way so much, another punishment has come and they cannot enter to their graves. That's another punishment for man because he is not resting anymore.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving us this breath of life to use it wisely on His way and if you are using it wisely on His way, He is giving us the world too and we are enjoying in it. But we know that it is temporary. We are going to go. We don't get stuck with that world. If something happens to the world that we are having, we don't kill ourselves because the material is lost. We continue in our life. If we build ourselves on that foundation we will be the winners and anywhere that we go, anywhere you go, you will be able to give peace and happiness to people that are around you.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-80

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

KNOWLEDGE IS ENDLESS

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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After reading from the Sohbet of Sheykh Mevlana Nazim al-Hakkani Hazratleri, a murid asked Sheykh Abdul Kerim Efendi the following question:

"Is the Space really empty as they say?"

Sheykh Efendi:

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

The Space as well as everything in creation, everything you see and you don't see, you know and you don't know has been created by Allah. Everything, living or dead, dry or wet, has life or has no life, it's a creature that Allah has created; even one piece of sand; from the sea to the galaxies, to every orbit, to space, to the galaxies, to emptiness and to darkness. Darkness is a creation of Allah too. Light is a creature. Everything.

Nothing is empty. It may look empty but nothing is empty. If it's looking empty then there must be a reason in it, there must be another secret in it. There is no emptiness. What is emptiness? Find, what is empty?

Murid: It's just an idea that there's nothing there.

Sheykh Efendi: There's nothing there. But is there something where there is nothing there? We are sitting here, we are holding the space here, but this here (around us) looks empty. Is it empty? It's full with air for one thing. What's inside the air? When you go deep down into those understandings and you enter into that knowledge, looking at those little atoms, what's inside those atoms, you get dizzy. That's the greatness of Allah subhana wa ta'ala that there is no end to the smallest particle that's going down and there is no end for the biggest galaxies that He can create. They are both the same to Him.

So man's understanding stops somewhere. Your understanding, man's understanding stops. For instance, hours, minutes, seconds, and you go down a little bit more, little bit, little bit more and it stops. But it doesn't stop there in reality. One piece of hair. How big is a piece of hair? With the knowledge that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving, the Awliya Allah can divide it into a hundred pieces, a hundred separations inside.

"Ah! How can it be?"

Yeah. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala is putting into this body veins thinner than the hair and blood is flowing inside those veins, going up and down, running top-speed. You cannot even think to see. You cannot really see it. You need to put big microscopes to see it. But that blood is flowing, running inside, circling inside. And if you are taking those hair-thin veins and you are tying them next to each other, you can circle this whole globe ten times maybe. Maybe you can make a road from here to the moon, to the sun. It's there. How man is going to understand? It's there in you. You cannot deny that reality but you cannot even understand how all these things are running. But it's working, right now that we are talking. That's the greatness of Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

Subhanallah that He can do anything and everything! Nothing is limited to His power. Unlimited. There is no limitation. You cannot put limitations to the smallest particle. Your knowledge, our knowledge is up to the smallest atom. But it's not Allah's knowledge and when that Divine knowledge is opening to you then who knows maybe you are seeing that little atom like a giant galaxy in that real world.

That's why Sheykh Mevlana is saying, "You cannot learn this knowledge through reading books." It's not possible. That knowledge cannot be contained into the books. You cannot put it into pen and paper. Pen becomes Ajis, hopeless to write that knowledge. When Allah said to the pen, "Write", it said, "What to write Ya Rabbi?" He said, "Write BismillahirRahmanirRahim." For seven hundred thousand years the pen wrote it. Then it stopped saying, "What to write?" "Write!" again and again and again. What kind of pen is this that Allah is talking about? The pen that we have in our hands writing? Of course it's not. (Sheykh Efendi smiles).

So that kind of knowledge we cannot learn through books. We need to experience it through the sohbet of the Awliya Allah and through the sohbet, if you give your heart in it, slowly it may open up to your heart. If you are trying to understand through the mind then you are not going to, it's not working. You may be accepting what is said there but you are never going to understand. You cannot deny that reality. Once it's coming from the real world and they are saying to you, they are putting the evidence right in front of you, you cannot deny it but you still don't understand.

It's like in the beginning when a man said that the world is a globe, it's like an egg, who first punished that man?

Murid: The Catholic Church.

Sheykh Efendi: Catholic Church. The religious figures said, "How foolish you are that you are saying such a thing like that?" That shows that the religion that they were following, the kind of beliefs that they were following, it was a blindfold to them that they have not seen that reality. They only made the world according to their understanding, a flat world. But in reality it was like that (as the man said). Did the world change since that time up till now? No. It was like this. But today it's very simple for everyone to understand that this world is round because that knowledge is spread and open everywhere now. There is no hidden knowledge in it. It's everywhere in front of people's eyes. So, if somebody comes and says to you in this time now, "The world is flat", you are going to say, "Are you crazy, you idiot? Get out of here." You are not even going to spend time on that one now to say, "Put him in jail." Hmm? If any Christian comes out and says now, "The world is a straight land", the Vatican should put them in jail again now and declare them crazy. Don't you think so? Why are you declaring the man crazy when he said that it's round and now the opposite? (Sheykh Efendi laughs).

So that knowledge is stale. They are going through that knowledge, that book knowledge that is stale and they are stuck there. They couldn't even understand the knowledge, the real knowledge in that book anyway. The evidence is showing, as you said. Who is that one (who punished the man)? It's not an ordinary man, it's not the secular people and it's not the people who say, "We don't believe in God." It's the people who are declaring that they are the best believers in God. And they are doing such a thing like that.

So definitely there are so many things we don't understand now and who knows maybe fifty years from now it's going to be common knowledge to everybody. It's going to open up to everybody maybe, that knowledge. So, is knowledge going to end there? It's endless.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-81

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

DON'T BE LIKE THE FISH IN THE SEA

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Did you ever find a fish in the ocean questioning the ocean? Did you ever hear any fish questioning the ocean to see how big it is, how deep it is and what is in it? Is it questioning that? Do you think in your own mind, in your proper mind, do you think that the fish will question that? No. What does fish do? All day long and all night long running for food in the ocean. Nothing else.

Today's people became worse than the fishes. We are not living inside the water. We are living inside this atmosphere, this air, the oxygen and the carbons that are in it are giving us the life like that fish. Mankind is running top-speed only thinking about their materialistic beings. Nothing else. Physical beings. "What we are going to eat and what we are going to drink? What we are going to wear and what we are going to drive?" This is not the reason of creation for a man. Man has been created in Ahsani Taqweem and that man who is not going to carry that, it's suffering in Dunya and it's going to suffer in Akhirat. All

Shariats, all tariqats, all teachings in Islam, not only in Islam but in every religion that came, is to teach man to know himself and to know his Lord. To know himself and to know his Lord. To know two things. To know himself and to know Him, to know his Lord.

The whole key starts with knowing yourself. If you are not knowing yourself then you can claim that you know the Lord but it's impossible to know. So you have to know yourself. Knowing yourself is not to say, "Eh, my name is this, my birthday is this..." That's not your identity, that's not even your real name. You have a heavenly name that is given. Knowing yourself is starting to know that first. Now, we must turn around from this because we got hooked up in the wrong areas, following the wrong directions and sometimes you enter into the wrong highways and Sheykh says to you, "Come out, this is the exit, make a U-turn." You must make a U-turn to go back and take another highway. That period of time you lost on that road, you lost it. It's lost time. But don't go all the way down to the end because the end is disaster.

So many people lost the road. Wrong directions. Going toward wrong directions. Not so many but billions, and billions are not going to be saved because they are going so much towards wrong direction that they have already passed the safety area. They entered the forest area, dangerous area that there is no way out for them and they are going to pay with their lives. What is coming ahead now, not only Islam is saying but all religions are talking about the Armageddon that is going to happen, this big holy war that is happening now, the whole mankind is preparing that and it's going to take away billions of people. And we must prepare ourselves not to fall into that. And all this preparations are for that. Not to think that, "Oh, we have already reached to safety." No.

And to know yourself you must know your ego, you must know where and how the tricks and traps of the ego is going to fool you. It's not coming to say to you, "I am here to fool you." It's coming with so many ways. But I am watching all the time so many people are falling in it, into the tricks and the traps of the ego. And if at that time the angel of death is coming, Azrail is coming when you are falling into the hands of the ego, now the ego is ruling. Where the ego is that's where Sheytan is and Allah and His Prophet (sws) is not there. They are out.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "Faith and sin cannot stay in the same heart. When you are committing the wrongdoings, the wrong actions that are forbidden, faith comes out from your heart." While you are committing that wrong thing, faith comes out from the heart and the faith circles around on top of your head. And you go and you do that wrong thing, that wrong action, (wrong, meaning, things that are against Islam, let's put it that way), when you do it, the faith is not in the heart. The faith is already out. Sheytan is overtaking the heart with the ego. You go and you do that. When you come to the realization that you did wrong and regret comes to your heart thinking, "I wish I didn't do it", then faith comes back into the

heart. Otherwise, faith is out, out of the heart. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "If you die during that time, if the angel of death reaches to you, you will die in Jahiliyya time." You will die as a person who has no faith in the heart. Everything you did up till that time will come to zero. You lose everything.

We don't have that luxury. An intelligent man will not take that chance because the angel of death, we don't know when he is going to come. That is one thing. The second thing is it's making your Prophet (sws) and Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) upset with you, angry with you, the anger. Then you have to do, ohh, days of work to fix that. Don't think that it's just going to happen like that.

So, not knowing the ego too now, because if you know the ego then you are not going to fall into the tricks and traps of the ego. So now you need somebody to tell you, "Turn this way, don't turn this way, enter into this road, don't enter into that road." As I am saying now, when Mahdi (as) is going to come out, Dajjal is going to come out too. Holy Prophet (sws) talked so much about the Dajjal and the danger of Dajjal that the Sahaba-e Ikram were saying, "We thought Dajjal was behind the date trees and he was going to come out as soon as the Prophet (sws) goes away." He didn't come out yet. Every century has one Dajjal preparing people for that big one. But the big one didn't come out yet.

When you are regretting from the wrong thing that you did, faith comes back into the heart. But the problem today is, people do things and they don't even regret saying, "I am sorry", at least to themselves and to their Lord. They say, "So what?" So what? It is a big what. It is a big problem. That time it shows that that faith is gone. There is no faith there. It's only make belief. There is no faith there. So with that kind of faith man cannot find safety. It's not possible.

So if we say today that yes Dajjal is coming out and Dajjal is given power, extraordinary power that he is going to show so many things that's not there but so many people are going to fall for it. How are we going to know? You are not knowing the world now. Do you think he is going to come out as everyone is talking, as that ugly creature? Prophet (sws) is giving description about it. Do you think that you are going to see that description with these eyes? That description can be only seen through the heart, not with these eyes. Through the outside eyes he is going to appear to you as some lovely creature.

So we have entered, not entering, we have already entered into that very dangerous era and believers must think two times now because we are not only believing in Dunya, we are believing in Dunya and Akhirat. We are believing that we are in this world to prepare ourselves for Akhirat, for hereafter life. We are not here in this Dunya only for this Dunya. We have everything we do in this Dunya too but we are preparing ourselves for the hereafter life. If we do that, if we take that seriously then we will feel comfortable in this world too and we prepare ourselves for an easy passage from this world to the other side. Otherwise, very hard days are waiting.

We must wake up. We must not live like fishes. Fishes are living in the ocean, they are never questioning, they are never looking and they are never understanding. The only thing they are understanding is a little piece of bread, food here food there, and running top-speed to get that. We are not fishes. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has provided. He is sending our provisions to us. If any man is worrying about his provisions then that one has no faith anyway. That one already lost the faith because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is guaranteeing our provision to us and we must not worry for that. We just have to work to earn it to see where He put our provision. To earn that but not to live to work.

This is what people are doing today. They are living to work. It's wrong. This is not Islam. Islam is teaching us to live for Akhirat, not for Dunya, to live for Allah, not for Dunya. The more we are attached to Dunya, we are going to lose the faith slowly inside of ourselves and that's what happened to so many who are saying, "So what? They are okay too. They are right. The Buddhists are right, the Christians are right, the Jews are right. Everyone is right. We are all the same." That's it. Goodbye (to faith). Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent them prophets for their times. They had to follow their prophets in their times. All prophets' times are finished now and the Seal of the Prophets has been sent and Allah is saying to us, "This is what you are going to follow." If we do then we will win for ourselves. If not, then we will have to wait and see. But it will be very late then. By waiting and seeing definitely we are going to find what we are just saying.

I hope we don't find the wrong things about which we are saying, we don't fall into that. And that is in our hand. Allah is Just. He is giving complete justice to everyone and He will not misdirect people. He will send guides to them in so many ways so many times to pull them back to the road again. We must wake up to our own selves.

Fatiha.

Sohbet-82

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BE LIKE SOLDIERS READY TO MOVE

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa shukr Allah. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has created us from among the believers, He counted us from the believers. It is enough for a man to be standing and thanking until Judgment Day. Just this, that He is accepting us to His Presence. But the 21st century people have lost their minds and twenty-four hours they are complaining, not five minutes.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun. We came from Allah and we are going back to Allah. The whole mankind is going back. They have been sent to this world and they are going back to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). No escape. But the whole key and secret is how you are going back. Are you going back with the promise that you have given to your Lord? Have you fulfilled the promise? Or are you going back as an arrogant individual that they are putting a chain around your neck and pulling you to the Judgment Place?

There are two kinds. Either you are going with that peace to the Judgment Place or they are dragging you there, pulling you there. Is it so hard to know? No. Look at your activities in the world, your actions and your intentions. Then you will know. You will know which side you are going to go. Don't say, "It is too early for me." No. A man went to bed. In the morning they said, "Oh! He died."

"What happened? Was he hungry?"

"No."

"Was he sick?"

"No."

"Was he old?"

"No. Young. All of a sudden he had a heart attack."

Hmm. Azrail put his hand there. Finished. No eating, no drinking, no sick or well, nothing. When the time is up, he is going.

So now we don't have that luxury to play around with this life and with this breath of life that Allah has given to us. We have promised and the one who is not keeping his promise lost his honor in Dunya and Akhirat. We must run to fulfill that promise to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala).

That's the reason of creation. We have not been created for this world and twenty-four hours now everyone is so busy and so much in problems from young to old. From seven years old to seventy. Not seventy, eighty, ninety. Ya hu, seventeen years olds have some plans. They are young. They are not thinking so much. It's understandable maybe. What is your problem, seventy, eighty years old? What are you thinking? What's the worrying? You have food, you have clothing and you have shelter. What is the problem? The problem is there is no peace inside

because (the person) has not entered into the book where it's written, "The Servant of Allah." If you enter into that book saying, "The Servant of Allah", peace comes into your heart. Then you submit yourself in every way to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). You move, you try but you know that with your moving and trying you are not going to be able to do anything. So you are saying, "Ya Rabbi, I am a weak one. I am a weak servant. I need your help." The help will reach then.

The help is not reaching to us because we are not keeping our promise. We are not keeping our promise to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). As soon as you keep the promise the help will reach instantly. Allah is saying to us in a Hadith-e Qudsi, "You are not keeping your promise to Me and I am not making it easy for you. Keep your promise to Me and everything will run to you. You don't have to run. Everything will run to you." I understand the unbelievers or people who are not doing anything in the way of Islam, I understand them suffering and having problems. How a believer praying five times a day, making zikir all the time, is going to suffer for these worldly problems? Huh, he may suffer looking at other people saying, "How arrogant and stubborn is this individual to His Lord." He may suffer because of that, worrying for them, not worrying for himself, for this Dunya. No.

But only a handful of people today are in that safety. The rest, east, west, north and south is suffering. They say, "We are living in the third world countries. We have problems. We have income problems. Let's go to America to fix it." They come to America and they become slave to the money. They become slave to Dunya. They are completely lost then. We must wake up before Azrail is coming. Azrail is not waiting for you to say, "Come, I am ready." He knows when he is going to come. Even if you know when he is going to come to you, every minute you have to be ready. Who says that Allah is not changing? If He likes He changes it right now. If you know that you are going to die ten years from now, if He wants He will change it saying to Azrail, "Go and take that one's life." What will we do? Yes.

So we have to be like the soldiers, ready, ready for the orders to move. Not to move to destroy. To move from this Dunya to Akhirat. If you are busy with complaining, if you are busy surrounded with Dunya twenty-four hours a day trying to finish the problems of Dunya, that you will never think of. And because you are not thinking of that, you are never going to finish the problems of Dunya. Allah put it there intentionally for us to see which one is going to be smart enough to say, "Oh, I didn't create this world. I didn't make these problems. Whatever is in it for me, I run to take and I leave the rest." Don't run for Dunya, run for Akhirat. Don't keep yourself busy with this world, with the love of the world. Keep yourself busy with the love of Allah. If the love of Allah enters in your heart, then you cannot wait for Azrail to come to take you. Then if the whole world is given to you, you kick it away. You don't want it. You wait, you wait patiently saying, "Ya Rabbi, I cannot wait. Send that one to me."

Because Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Don't ask for death", those ones, the holy ones are running to do good things on the way (of

Allah) more. If it was not for that, today you will find none of them. They would all be saying, "Take us from this world because we don't want to see this mess in the world." In the east, west, north and south, in every house and in every dergah, every masjid, every prayer place, every worship place turned upside down. Wake up to yourselves. We don't have too much time left. We don't have too much time in this Dunya. Don't get into illusions and delusions to yourselves to think, "I am the chosen one." No. Your chosen oneness is according to how much you are running to keep your promise to your Lord. If you are running to keep the promise to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) puts you up. What Allah puts up, no one can put down. What Allah is not putting up, no one can put it up. Worldly you may have some things but you will be down. And the only way of going up is Taqwa. Who has more Taqwa is that one who runs more to fulfill his promise to his Lord.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-83

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

NO SHAFAT AND NO PARADISE FOR FOUR CHARACTERISTICS

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

If a man is proud then the fire is going to touch that one. Then it's impossible for a man to escape because all this life is given to us to get rid of the wrong characteristics of our ego and to turn those wrong characteristics into good characteristics to be servants. And the servant has no right to be proud. The servant! Allah is the Creator and you are a creature. The creature has no right to be proud. Proudness is not accepted. Proudness is making man to fall to the lowest place, the lowest of the lowest.

So Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "If you are carrying any one of these four characteristics, no Shafa'at will be given to you." There cannot be Shafa'at for them. And if there is no Shafa'at then the person is entering into the fire. The first one (of the four characteristics) is anger. Who was the first angry one? The first one who got angry, who was that one? Sheytan. He got angry in the Divine Presence to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). The anger is the last station of a man, of a creature that is existing saying, "I am existing! You are not! I am!" That's what ego says, "You are there and I am here!" And Allah is saying, "Curse to that ego. Put him to the fire."

Anger and proudness. Sheytan was proud thinking, "I am doing all this worship, I am so big and high, you just created this mankind, Adam, and I am going to make Sejdah to this one? I am better." When he said, "I am better", he became a proud one. He said, "I am better", and instantly everything he did became zero. When he became proud he became angry to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). The proudness and anger came to him because he was jealous. He saw Adam (alayhi salam) and he looked at Maqam-e Mahmud. All this time that he was worshipping, he was worshipping to that Maqam. He looked at it saying, "This is not for the angels, this is not for other jinns and it is not for other creatures. So it must be for me." That was the highest station and he was worshipping to that.

When Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created Adam (alayhi salam), as soon as he looked at Adam, he looked at Maqam-e Mahmud saying, "This just fits to him. The throne is just for him. Not for me." He knew the knowledge right away. So he said, "All this time I have been worshipping with the aim of winning this and now it's coming to zero for this one?" He was keeping Hasad, he was jealous of Adam (as). Because he was jealous and proud he was angry. Proudness and jealousy made him to become angry and he committed the wrongdoing. Allah said, "Make Sejdah", he said, "No!" Allah said, "No?" And then he became stubborn. So now the stubbornness, anyone who is stubborn.

There are the four characteristics of Sheytan. If a man is carrying these four then he has inherited four secrets from Sheytan. His appearance is of human but his actions and everything is sheytanic. They are: Proudness, anger, stubbornness, envy / jealousy. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "There is no shafa'at for these four characteristics." And he said that every man in their nature, in the way they are born, they have them. Those are the characteristics of the ego. And you have to work on it, you have to pound on it, you have to knock it down to finish it. Otherwise, that overtakes you and when that overtakes you, under the name of worshipping Allah, you are worshipping your ego.

That is why the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Remove everything that you have built in your heart. La ilaha illallah. Remove all things that you have built in your heart, except Allah, illa Allah." And all that man is preparing, running and making all these planning and games thinking about Allah, it is only imaginary Allah that you are building for yourself. You cannot reach to that station. In order for you to

reach to that station you need the prophetic secret to reach there to understand. Otherwise, you are building in your own self, in your own mind different kinds of gods about which is said, "There is no god but Allah. La ilaha illallah. Remove all the gods." Because people at the time were building all kinds of gods, different kinds of ways that they were worshipping, not only small idols but they were worshipping to different things.

So unless the love of Allah and the love of His Prophet (sws) is stronger in our hearts, we cannot get rid of it. And the only way we can get rid of it is we have to have somebody showing us the way. We cannot just sit and say, "I know already." How do you know? If right now, in this century, you have a little child that was just born. Put him in an area, let's say jail where he has no pictures, no objects, no anything. He never saw himself. He never saw his picture. So you put that person somewhere that has no connection with anything, to any shiny object or anything, and he has never seen himself.

Today's people are saying, "Is it possible?" It's possible. It's a possibility. Maybe you just fall down from the plane in the Amazon, you were pregnant and you just gave birth to that child there. And that child has never seen any object or anything showing himself. Never seen any pictures. Sometimes later when he has reached to twenty years of age, take that camera, take his pictures, show it to him and ask, "Who is this one? Do you know this person?" He is going to say, "Who is that person? I don't know. I have never seen him." Now you know yourself because you are watching yourself everyday, huh? Even if in a picture. If you have never seen a picture of yourself then how are you going to know what you look like? So man needs a shiny object to show himself to himself and he is looking at that object saying, "Oh, I am so beautiful! I am so proud with myself!" O squarehead! If you don't have that mirror then you don't know how you look like. What are you proud of? Heh? This is the characteristic coming from Sheytan. Being proud.

So prophets came to teach people to show them who they are. Who we are? Allah is teaching us through the prophets who are we and who is He. Not only who are we but also who is He, who is Allah. The prophets came to teach us two things. One to teach us who are we. Then to teach us who is our Lord. Eh, you cannot know yourself if you didn't see your picture before, if you cannot know yourself then do you think you are just going to sit over there and think and see who you are? What you are? How are you going to find that out? Who are you?

I say, "Who are you? What are you?"

They don't know.

"What are you about?"

They don't know.

So many in the twentieth century, I am asking them their names saying,

"What is the meaning of your name?"

"I don't know."

It has a meaning.

"I don't know."

How old are you?

"Somebody told me that I was born on this day."

Allah, allah. If they didn't tell you, if they didn't register your birth date, you were not going to know. Is it not? So many people in the so-called 'third world countries'... in the first world countries they register everybody, they give them tax IDs as soon as they are born to collect money. In 'third world countries' they don't care. In the mountains they are giving birth everyday, ten or fifteen children, they are not registering them until they reach to fifteen years of age sometimes. When they need some papers they go to register and they are asked, "When were you born?"

"This day."

"We don't believe you. We register you for today."

(Sheykh Efendi laughs). To fifteen years old they give papers saying one year old.

So man doesn't even know that and he is being proud again. Again being proud. He is not knowing his existence, his reason of creation and what he has been created for, and he is being proud. So we need prophets to teach us who we are and who is our Lord. And prophets just came and left from this world and they left inheritors in this world. And they passed that prophetic secrets to them. If we run after them then we will find out who we are. If we leave it then you have to go to schools. The schools don't know why you have been born or why you have been created.

They say, "Read. Study."

Studying what?

"Be a doctor. You will make this much money. Be a liar."

Lawyer or liar? As much as they lie that much money they make.

So this is what the schools are teaching and everyone is saying, "My kid has to go to school, has to study." I say, "So what? What happens after he studies? Is he going to know himself?"

"No! He is going to become a liar (lawyer) and make money."

Haha! Okay. So you are worshipping to money now. The aim is money. Nothing else. No one is saying, "My kid has to learn to see who he is and who is his Lord." Later people are saying, "I am in trouble."

"What happened?"

"My son is not listening to me."

I say, "Really? That's surprising. Did you teach him about Allah when he was growing?"

"No!"

"Did you teach him about his prophet?"

"No!"

"Did you teach him about the fear of Allah?"

"No!"

"Did you teach him about the love of Allah?"

"No!"

"Did you teach him about Akhirat life? Jannat, Jahannam?"

"No!"

"What do you expect? You are lucky that they don't beat you up."
(Sheykh Efendi smiles).

21st century. This is what schools are teaching them saying, "If your parents are being hostile to you, come and report to us." So if the father is screaming a little bit to the son, the kid goes to school complaining. Before you know the swat team comes to your house with FBI together. (Sheykh Efendi laughs).

They say, "You are saying this, this and this to your son or your daughter."

You say, "Yes I do."

They say, "You cannot. We take them away."

This Sheytan is coming to fool us again. That's how Sheytan is fooling us. If it's otherwise then tell me, I listen to you now.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

So when man has these four characteristics, he is in big trouble. Man must get rid of these four characteristics. Proudness, envy and jealousy, anger, stubbornness. These are not accepted to enter to

Paradise. Those are the characteristics of the ego and if that ego is not becoming from bad ego to good ego, ego of Mutma'in (Submitted ego), he is not entering to Paradise.

Al-Fatiha

Sohbet-84

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KNOW YOUR PHYSICAL EXISTENCE

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Questioner: What does Sheykh Mevlana Nazim mean in the sohbet (April 29, 2007) that we just read where he is saying, "You must know your physical being"?

Sheykh Abdul Kerim Efendi:

Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim.

BismillahirRahmanirRahim.

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya Medet.

The whole world is still discovering that physical form. Physical being, yourself, your physical being, your appearances, your reality. "Man has been created in Ahsani Taqweem", Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying. He has created the man Ahsani Taqweem, the most perfect creature. How does it fit now? On one side Allah is saying "most perfect creature" and on the other side what man is doing not even an animal is doing. He is not saying, "Muslims". He says, "We have created man[kind] in Ahsani Taqweem."

Knowing yourself. What are we going to know about yourself? We are a creature that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created as maybe the weakest one among this creation. In this world among the animal world man is the weakest one because no animal needs to have clothes in the winter time and to take out his clothes in the summer time. As a being, as a physical being he is very weak. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has granted intelligence to man and will, freewill. Through that will, intelligence and faith man reaches to the highest station of his being that he has been created for. So the more man is looking to himself physically and discovering himself physically, more doors, more high stations open to him spiritually. The more man understands how weak he is, meaning, knowing yourself. "Know yourself." You don't have to put yourself into classes for that. Know yourself. Know your physical form, how weak it is, and come to the station of non-existence. In the

Divine Presence of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) when you are coming to understand that you are nothing, then the Divine clothes, the Haqqaniyat clothes will be dressed on you. So you will be living forever, dunya and akhirat.

Take off from yourself the clothing of saying, "I am existing." You are not existing, Allah is. If man is existing then take him to the gravesite, put him into the grave, open it 50 years later and you will find that there is nothing left from that body. Why the body disappears? Because that man was declaring that he was existing and Allah is sending that one to the non-existence world and he is disappearing under the ground. That's intelligence, that is knowledge. When man comes to the realization that he is knowing nothing and without his Lord he is not good for anything, and when man is X-ing himself to zero, then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) gives him life and with that life he will have Haqqaniyat body and with that Haqqaniyat body he will live. Open the grave of those ones that have been granted that body, they are living, look in the grave. They are not disappearing.

So knowing our form, understanding our physical form. On one side the whole world is trying to discover, understanding man's existence, how it's working and Sheykh Mevlana is trying to give you a sign there saying, "Look at the mosquito. Understand the mosquito first, its existence. Mosquito which is nothing." So he is giving us a sign saying to us to know ourselves. When we know ourselves, we know our Lord. Then we take out that dress of ego. Ego is claiming something. "I am existing. I am appearing." But in reality man is only one light through his reality from the heavens appearing here, and the man just appears. When that cuts off, the man disappears. Like a mirror shining down. Everyone's reality is in the Paradise. And the way that they do things in this world, that's how they are appearing in Paradise and that's how they are appearing in this dunya to the people of Paradise.

The people of Paradise are Ahl-e Haqq. The people of Haqq. The people of Haqq look at you with real eyes and you don't need to put make-ups or run around in jogging lines or here and there to put a form to yourself. You have a form. Your real form is appearing at that time. If your real form is not appearing, then the other form is very ugly. The other appearance is very ugly for the Ahl-e Haqq. For the Ahl-e Ego it's completely different.

Once Shah Bahaddin Naksibend (qaddasallahu sirruh) was passing by from somewhere and there was a good man doing things, living a good life but not carrying the orders of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). He looked at him, at the good man, he was doing good things but something was missing from him. And he smiled in his dream. In his dream he (the good man) is seeing him (Shah Naksibend) and saying, "What a beautiful man is this." So Shah Bahaddin Naksibend smiled to him, he came near him and he took a mirror and he said to him, "Look in here." So he looked into the mirror and he saw himself in the mirror. So ugly creature. He is seeing himself. He asked him, "Do you see what's in here?" The man said, "Yes, it's my self." He said, "Yes, that's how you are appearing in the Real world. So the angels are not looking at

you. They have covered you. Although you are doing good things but you are not keeping the laws of Allah, you are not keeping your prayers. So you are appearing very ugly." Shah Bahaddin walked away and he woke up from the dream. He was shivering, paranoid saying, "What an ugly creature I am. I always thought I was someone." He was looking at the mirror always but he saw his reality in the hand of the Awliya and he decided to be a good one.

He wrote down that dream somewhere. Seven years passed. Seven years later Shah Bahaddin Naksibend was passing through that village and now the man is sitting around with Ahl-e Haqq and he (the man) saw this big saint came. He was looking and thinking, "What a beautiful man. I know this man but I am not remembering anything." He wanted to invite him to his house and worrying whether he was going to accept or not. But as soon as he said it Shah Bahaddin Naksibend accepted. So they went to his house, with other people too, and Shah Bahaddin looked at him and said, "You are still thinking to remember me, where you have seen me. Take that book from the book-case and come here." He took the book. He said, "Open this page and read." When he opened the page he saw there it was the dream that he had seen which he wrote down. He said, "Oh, you are that one who showed yourself to me in the dream." He said, "Yes, but in that dream you were in that state. But now we are seeing that real state that you cannot recognize yourself from that time up to this time. Now do you want to see yourself? Look at this mirror." He looked at it and he said, "Ohhh, who is that one?" (Sheykh Efendi smiles).

So the appearance of man, the physical form is nothing. But in reality again that physical form is also reflecting from that reality and when that reality is reflecting to you then your real physical appearances, in worldly only, in worldly beauty it appears. And if you see yourself at that time in that real appearances, you fall down and you die. No man can understand, no man can bear who has not reached to that station of Ahl-e Haqq to be able to look at that because the light, the Nur is appearing from that man.

So about the physical appearances there (in Sheykh Mevlana's sohbet) he is telling us, "Try to understand. Try to understand your physical appearances that it's not good for anything and don't concentrate on it." Today's people 99.9.9 %... hmm? Is there such a thing like that? 99 point 9 point 9 percent. Must be. 99.9.9 % of mankind today, woman and man, are running only for physical appearances. Living only for that and nothing else. Muslims, non-Muslims, the whole mankind, young and old, running top-speed. So if you get stuck with that physical form then you are in trouble. So when you know yourself, when you know your physical self, that it is nothing, then you look for your own reality. And when you know your own reality then you know your Lord. When you know yourself you know your Lord.

So take it in any way. We give you so many ways. In any way take it. We can bring the other side, the man's physical (bodily) form. The physical form (even), nobody knows yet. Except the Ahl-e Haqq. The whole medicine world and all doctors are trying to discover. They are

not knowing anything really. A couple things they have discovered and every single day new things are appearing in front of them. Hmm? Can any doctor know how many hair you have on your body? Can they count that? Is that possible? Can they count to understand how many cells there are in your body? Theories only. They are Ahl-e Monkey [Darwinists]. How are they going to understand? Their studying, education and everything is based on evolution. How they ever are going to understand that physical form? Impossible. Because you need hidden knowledge, you need the knowledge that's coming from the prophets to be able to discover that physical form also.

So, man is busy with so many wrong things today in this world also. So he cannot discover himself and cannot discover his Lord. 21st century man is not knowing the reason of creation, why he has been created. Not knowing. And because he is not knowing he is not living according to that calendar. The most important. What is the most important thing in man's life? What is that man has to do? What is the aim? What's the aim? What's your aim in this life? If I ask here one by one I am going to have fifty different answers. What is the aim? What is your aim `X`?

"To worship Allah."

Worship, fasting, going to Hajj, giving Zakat, all these are tools for you. You need a plane to go from this point to let's say Mecca. You need the plane but the aim is not the plane. Worship, you need to worship, but the aim is not worshipping because in Akhirat there is no worshipping. (Sheykh Efendi smiles). All those who are being lazy in this world now, uff... those who are worshipping now are going to rest and they are going to look at them saying, "Oh donkey kinds. You didn't worship in Dunya and now you are suffering on the other side." Who knows what kind of worshipping they are going to do then (to make it up).

But again, the aim is what? That's what happens when you do things by force. Isn't the aim to get the Riza of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)? For Allah to be happy with us and us to be happy with Allah. All that prayers and everything we are doing, isn't that what to bring us to? Hmm? The Riza of Allah. How do you say `Riza' in English? Acceptance. For Allah to accept saying, "This is My servant. I like this one." (In the normal street-talk let's say) "I like this one." For Allah to point to His angels and to the others ones saying, "This one I like." That's it. Finished. Hmm. Yes sir.

Al-Fatiha.

Sohbet-85

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MUSLIMS BECAME HEADLESS, HEEDLESS AND FOOLED BY EVERYONE

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NO WAY WITHOUT TARIQAT ASSOCIATIONS

Tariqatuna sohbet wa khayru fil jamiat. Through this association believers, those who attend, those believers may find ways and live the way that Allah and the Holy Prophet (sws) brought to us. If there is no association then the Muslims don't know how to live. If Muslims say they know how to live then look at it. East and West, North and South, not America but look at Muslims countries and you will know whether they know how to live. They don't know how to live because the associations, the tariqats are banned. The Sheykhs are banned and new ideas and new ideologies came with this Wahhabi understanding. It's coming from the West, fitna coming inside and saying, "It's okay. Take the book and read. You will find the way."

No way. Impossible. If that was possible then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will not put a protocol to send 124,000 prophets to mankind. He is sending guides to them, saying to them, to us, to the past ones, to the present ones and to the ones who are coming in the future, saying to them, "If you are looking to find the way when you are fed up with this world, when you are understanding that this world is a dumpster, it is a very small benefit which you can get from this world, and when you understand with that high intelligence that I am giving to you as man, you must find the prophets, you must find the ways to show you where to go, which way to go and how to go, how to travel on that road." Otherwise, it is impossible for man to make it in the world, to live a peaceful life. Not peaceful life the way that your ego wants but peaceful life the way that it came down from Allah and through the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws).

THE WEST FOOLED THE MUSLIMS AND MADE THEM HEADLESS

Mankind lost (actually we should say Muslims). Muslims lost their head over a century ago and they became headless. Because they are headless they became heedless. Because they are heedless everyone is fooling them. The West, western people are fooling the Muslims. West understood one thing. They studied good and said, "These Muslims, as long as they hold on tightly to their Prophet, we are not going to be able to bring them down. As long as they hold on tightly to the orders of their Prophet, we are not going to be able to put them down." They knew that. They understood that. And they said, "As long as they are watching what is halal and what is haram, we cannot put them down." The West understood that.

And they said, "How are we going to enter? First we must get rid of their head, then we have to separate them, we have to say to them, 'You are Pakistani, you are Turk, you are Arab, you are Chinese, you are Boshnak, you are Goshnak'..." and now we have all kinds of nations. We don't have Islam. We have nations that are claiming Islam saying, 'Republic of Pakistan'. MashaAllah. 'Islamic Republic of Iran'. MashaAllah. Ey, either you are Republic or you are Islam. Islam has its own orders and laws how you are going to build a community and a nation. Never in history such a thing like this happened. But today Muslims are doing it because they are following the West. They are not following the Prophet (sws). By name, by tongue they are following. By heart and by action they are following the West.

West is the guide to us and who is the master of the West? Master key. Darwin Sheytan. The first one saying, "You must all follow me." The ones who are not following Darwin, they are saying, "It's okay, it's better. You are not a monkey too. Atheist. Just came, appeared and you are just going to disappear." All people with books are following that theory. Muslims top-speed saying, "Look, they may be better than you. Look. We are Muslims but we are very modernized. Modern Muslims we are, don't you see? Men shave the beard, shave the mustache and we are wearing three-piece suit now. Don't you see? Our women, we like them to be open. We have beauty pageant. We have it everywhere now."

In the streets also. You cannot make it in the streets in the West. The other day somebody showed me something saying, "Lebanon, they have a beauty pageant in the street." Allah, allah. Street? They are almost naked in the street and everyone is cheering. Lebanon. Hmm. You don't find that here in America, do you? I haven't found it here in America for thirty years. There you find it, mashaAllah. How foolish we became! How foolish Muslims became! Later, running in the street making demonstrations saying, "Yes, we want this, we don't want that." Ey, if you don't turn back to your Lord, not by word saying, "I believe in Allah", but by following His Prophet (sws). If you are not following His Prophet (sws) then it's not good for anything. One day Sheytan is going to fool you, Sheytan is fooling you.

LEAVE ARGUMENTS AND CELEBRATE THE HOLY PROPHET'S BIRTH

So, alhamdulillah rabbi alameen. Now we have entered to the Holy Month in which the Holy Prophet (sws) has been born. Everyone is fighting back and forth, saying, "Should we celebrate or not?" Leave those squareheads because that is another problem we have now with believers. They are arguing back and forth and they are spending their lives also with arguments. That's how Sheytan is fooling us. What do you believe? You believe this life?

"Yes."

Then follow. Leave everything else. Is that what the Holy Prophet (sws) said to us? Yes. He said, "In Ahir Zaman you are going to reach

to a time when you may know very little. Hold on tightly to those things and live according to that. Be sincere ones. You will find safety." It is not our duty to run around now to try to change this world. No. They don't want to change. We cannot go back and forth arguing with them. It is forbidden. Holy Prophet (sws) forbid us saying, "No arguments. Don't argue." They said, "Ya Rasulullah, even when we are right?" He said, "When you are right, don't argue. When you are wrong, run away completely from the arguments." When you are right, eh, if they are forcing you so much then say, "Lakum dinukum walia deen." Keep your religion the way you want.

THE HONOR OF BEING FROM THE NATION OF MUHAMMAD (SWS)

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created that Prophet and He is saying, "He is Ramatan-lil Alameen." He is a Rahmat to everything, Alams, all that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created, what you know, what we know and what we don't know." He is a Rahmat and a mercy. And now we are the nation of that Prophet (sws). When the prophets were knowing in the Day of Creation what was going to be given to that Prophet (sws), they didn't want to be prophets. They just wanted to be one from the nation of that Prophet (sws) like you and I. All prophets asked this. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) said to them, "No, I am pleased with I have given to you and My pleasure is in what I have given to the nation of that Prophet (sws). Keep what is for you. That is how you are going to be pleasing Me." And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) accepted one prophet, Isa (alayhi salam) to be the nation of that Prophet Muhammad (sws).

We are the nation. It is given to us for free, without any work, any trouble, any running around. Free. If we understand the value, if we understood the value of our Prophet (sws), then we will understand what has been given to us, and in months like this we will be busy sending Salawats to that Prophet (sws). We must be busy all the time but especially in months like this. Especially in months like this, yes, we need to celebrate. If we celebrate everyday it's not enough. Maybe two times a day.

When a man was wealthy and he wanted to make celebration for himself, for his daughter or for his son, in the old days they were making forty days celebration saying, "I am marrying my daughter. I am giving a feast for forty days." Today's people all became stingy. Rich and poor too. There is no more rich. They are wealthy but their heart is poor. Their hand is tight like this. They are not knowing how to use what Allah has given to them. At least those people in the old days knew how to use what they have been given, saying, "Oh, I need to celebrate with my son, with my daughter, with my family at least." Eh, they cannot celebrate alone. So they have to make the whole village, whole town to join in, slaughtering animals and giving feast to people.

You are celebrating. Today's Muslims are celebrating their birthdays, the majority.

Some say, "Well, I have some Christian family members."

I have to use hammer to them not to go in the Christmas time.

They say, "We have to go."

"No, you don't have to go in the Christmas time. Not on the Christmas day. The next day (you may go) or one day before, two days before, two days later but not that day."

I have to fight with them for them not to go.

When it comes saying, "Birth of the Prophet (sws). Come, we are celebrating."

"Eh, Sheykh, is it bidat or is it okay to do it?"

Mureeds asking this. Bidat.

"I heard that it is bidat."

Ey, you are sunk inside Bidats and you are asking whether it is Bidat? Your whole lifestyle, everything, from the dress code to everything, it is western ideas. You have replaced it with western ideas. You have sunk inside the Bidats and you are asking if it is a Bidat? If it is a Bidat then at least it's a good Bidat. Something good that you are doing for that Prophet (sws), hmm?

But the Muslims as we said, they became headless, then they turned around and became heedless. They took the head away because the head was sitting and from time to time was reminding people with a sword saying, "Shariat speaks." Now, everyone talks Shariat but when it comes to them, uff, no Shariat. We must put that in our own self. We must work the Shariat on ourselves. We must watch our activities, our actions, our daily life, how we are living, we must try to live according to the orders and the rules that the Holy Prophet (sws) brought to us.

COLLECT THE MERCIES WHEN NO ONE IS COLLECTING

Now is the time to collect the goodies. It's the time now. It's only a handful people that are running to follow the footsteps of the Prophet (sws) and the Sahaba-e Ikram because Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Follow my Sunnat and the Sunnat of my Sahaba." If he was going to continue saying he was going to say, "And the Sunnat of those who are following the Sunnat of the Sahaba." In another hadith which is similar to that he is saying, "Say this to the people. You are here. You may not be able to keep it. But those who are not here they may keep it better than you." So those people kept the message and they brought it to us.

We are the people of Ahir Zaman, the last nation and the last people

on the face of the earth. There isn't too much time left. We must run to collect. Billions of people are living on the face of the earth right now but those billions are running away from the mercy and Rahmat that Allah is providing them every single day. It's coming but they are running away. Muslims are running away. We must run to collect because when the angels are coming they are bringing those mercies, those rahmats, those presents and those nours that are coming with it, they are not taking it back. Allah is not taking it back. They say, "What should we do Ya Rabbi, with these?" He says, "Give it to those who are in presence." Fifteen million people in this city. The Rahmat that is coming down now is only for those people who are prepared for the sake of Allah and His Prophet (saws). It's not for the ones who are heedless. No. Now is the time to collect the goodies.

Everyone is looking and asking for Mahdi. When Mahdi (alayhi salam) is coming and taking the Takbir, everyone is going to get their share. Nobody is going to give their share to you. But all those heedless Muslims now are still running around saying, "What is right and what is wrong?" Run. I say, "Don't come. Run, because we are collecting your share, don't worry."

They say, "Brother, collect for me."

"Of course. I am collecting for you but it's for me. In the Judgment Day I will not give it to you." (Sheikh Efendi smiles). "You want to collect? Come. You don't want to collect, you don't believe. It's okay. You believe in what?"

"Dollar."

"Run for that dollar. Collect the dollars. How many hours do you work?"

"I work very hard Sheikh."

"How many?"

"Twenty hours."

"Good. Run that much and collect more because you are going to get sick later and you are going to need to pay all that money to the doctors. You need to collect, definitely."

Allah is my witness, I would not get up from the bed today if it was not for Juma. For a hundred thousand dollars business I would not come down here today. But I made intention. I said, "Ya Rabbi, I am living for You, I am trying to live for You, I cannot move in this bed, give me some energy to get up for Juma." Before I turned left and right, I was seeing that the sickness is leaving me alone. I got up and I went to Juma. Later testing me again, "Ah, you are hot, you are cold, don't go down (to the city) so much." Of course, ego is trying to fool saying, "What are you going to do? Lokman is there, somebody else is there, it's okay." It's not okay. I must go down. Alhamdulillah, we came down.

Eh, we are still alive. What would happen if we die? Good. We die in the way of Allah. You are not reading hadith? You must read hadith, yes. Tell the doctor to go home. We have a big doctor. We are asking and help is reaching. Help is going to reach then. If the believers are sincere then the help is going to reach to them. If you are not sincere then don't ask to sit and wait in the bed. No. You are going to die. Run to doctors then. Collect the dollars and later you need to go to the hospital to give it away. That's what happened. That's what happened to this mankind. That's what's happening every single day. Because you are not seeing, we are not seeing, don't think that it's some other way. No. That's the way it is. That's exactly how it's happening.

ALLAHU TA'ALA'S DESCRIPTION OF THE BELIEVERS

We must wake up. These days are not coming back. Every day that is passing is not coming back. Every hour that is passing is not coming back. We cannot bring it back for anything. We are believers. Believers are who? Allah is giving description. "Those who believe in Allah and His Prophet (sws), those who keep their prayers and who believe in the Judgment Day." Surat-ul Tawba. "They build and they maintain the house of Allah." He is giving some description who are the believers. Believers, we are believing in Allah and His Prophet (sws), we are running to keep our daily prayers, one month of Ramazan. "And they believe in the Judgment Day." Yes, that's important. And that has to be priority in our book. Everything we are doing daily, we have to check, "These daily activities that we are doing, does it fit to the Judgment Day?"

"No."

Leave it. If they give you the whole world, leave it. If it's not fitting then we are going to pay a lot of price for that in Dunya and Akhirat. We must leave that and we must put it aside.

"The whole mankind is living in a different direction."

Leave them. Leave them to live. Follow your way. You found your Sheykh?

"Yes."

Hold on tightly and follow. There is no other way. There is no other safety.

MURSHID IS THAT ONE WHO SEES AHEAD

There are two ways. People are traveling in the wrong direction and they are thinking that they are in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim but they are traveling in the wrong direction. And at the end of the road they are finding, "Oh, I came to the doorsteps of Jahannam." Yes. You have to

know the right direction to go. Now you have to have a guide in front of you. If you don't have a guide in front of you then you are going to lose the right direction. The guide is that one who sees. That's what Sheykh means. Sheykh is the one who sees ahead. It's not an ordinary person's seeing, no. If Sheykh has the ordinary vision too then it's no good. That is a jubbah sheykh, zikir sheykh but it's not a Murshid. Murshid is that one who knows when the road comes to fork, which way to turn. He sees the light going ahead and the Holy Prophet (sws) is holding that torch. Anyone who is following, they may go then, InshaAllah ar-Rahman.

So these kinds of sohbet makes us to come back to our own senses, to come back to our life again, to collect some bullets because Sheytan is waiting outside as soon as you go.

"How?"

It's coming through different people saying, "What are you doing there, brother? You cannot pray home? Brother, you cannot go to a masjid? Brother, you cannot...?" Hmm. This Sheytan is coming from different sides, different angles. Don't give up for anything. If you do then you will be in trouble by yourself. This has been like that from the time that the Holy Prophet (sws) came to give invitation. All Sahaba who followed him correctly found safety. Those who didn't follow the Holy Prophet (sws) correctly, sometimes later they deviated to different roads. I don't think that you or me or anybody are not knowing where they are now. You know where they are. Those who were in the way of the prophets, they are with the prophets. Those who were opposite to the prophets, they are with their sheytans. That's all.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

These couple of words our Sheykh is speaking to me and to you. If we take it then we will benefit. If you don't take it then go. I will collect all that too. Later I don't give it to you in the Judgment Day saying, "It's mine." (Sheykh Efendi smiles).

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Al-Fatiha.

Sohbet-86

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EDEP YA HU – HAVE GOOD MANNERS!

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Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah wa astaghfirullah. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "From the believers, the one who has the best of faith is that one who has the best of manners." We must check ourselves where our manner is. Not just to say, "I am a believer." Man may lose his faith if he doesn't have good manners. Sheytan was worshipping. He was worshipping so much that if you put together the worship of all man from the beginning of Adam (as) until the end of the world, (it will not equal to his worship). That much worship he was doing. And the faith that he had no one can reach. One thing made him to lose everything. He lost his good manners. One word, by saying one wrong word he lost his manner, he lost his faith and he has been kicked away from the Divine Presence.

Why is Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) giving us his example? Why is he sending that one saying to us, "Look and learn." For what? For us to say that we are better than that one? No. To take a lesson, to understand. And if a man has faith then the heart is trembling, moving, he is very nervous then. Before he opens his mouth he gets nervous. He has to know what he is saying and where the word is going to reach. He has to know. If he doesn't then that faith is not a strong faith. It's shaky faith. And that means it has a price, a worldly price. Somewhere somehow Sheytan is going to run after that one to cheat and to fool.

Think about a tree. The trunk of the tree and the roots are like a man's faith. The branches are like the good deeds that he is doing. The leaves are like the knowledge that man has. What's the most important thing on that tree? The fruit. If you don't have the fruit then why are you raising that tree? Spending time for nothing. So faith, good deeds and knowledge must teach a man to give fruit and the fruit is good manners. If you don't have good manners then you will be kicked away from the Divine Presence. If you don't have good manners then the people who have good manners will kick you away from next to them, or they will send you away or if they cannot then they will go away.

In the old days people were saying, because of that hadis-e sharif people were saying, good people, people with good manners were saying, "Good manners may make an animal to become a human, may make a man to become king, Sultan." Everyone is running for something from this Dunya. "I want this and I want that." Running here and running there. Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen that Allah is closing the ways for those who don't have good manners. And now it's going to close completely. No one is going to pass beyond those boundaries to have the power of the world in their hands too. The ones who don't have good manners will lose everything that they have.

Holy Prophet (sws) came to teach us good manners. He said, "Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is my teacher. He is the one who taught me good manners." And He sent that one to teach us good manners. We have the examples, the examples in the desert where mankind had lost the direction, they lost their compass, they lost their manner and they lost everything. When Holy Prophet (sws) came, they held on tightly to him. The ones who held on most tightly were the ones who had the best faith and the best manners. Where are we? Are we just completely only imitating? Just saying words or are we reaching somewhere? Check yourselves. Check. Don't wait for anybody to tell you, "You are this one and you are that one, you are so high, you are so low." If the whole world is saying to you that you are on the floor all the way down, check your manners. If you have good manners then you have station in the Divine Presence.

Good manners is not just to open your mouth and speak whenever you want. Good manners is to know when you are going to speak and where the words are going to reach, what kind of damage and what kind of reward is going to come from that. That's why Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Promise me two things and I will be guaranteeing you, waiting for you in front of the Paradise to take you inside. Two things. One is your private parts and second is your tongue. When you open your tongue, speak the truth, speak something that is going to benefit you and others, or keep silent." But not the understanding of truth that they are teaching in the schools now saying, "Tell me everything. This is the truth." Ask yourself, ask your heart, communicate.

Everyone knows to say, "I know only Allah." How do you know Allah? How are you reaching to Allah? When you open your mouth then everything shows. So good manner for man is to be in the station always to think, knowing and understanding, coming to that acknowledging that, "My Lord is watching me. If no one is, then Allah is watching." Good manner for a man is to run after his responsibilities, to catch his responsibilities and do it for the sake of Allah. Not for show, no. If you are doing it for show then you are going to get tired one day. You are not going to be able to do it anymore. So your manner is going to open up.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "The one who is closest to me in Akhirat is that one who has the best manner." The first priority in dergah... it says everywhere, "Edep Ya Hu, Edep Ya Hu, Edep Ya Hu, Edep Ya Hu." They were using that like an ayat everywhere. Edep! Have good manners! Good manners to yourself first. When you have good manners to yourself then you will have good manners to others.

All nations lost their compass, they lost their direction, they lost their ways just because they lost the teachings, just because they lost their good manners. Everyone does whatever they want. "Nobody tells me what to do. I do as I like." You cannot. It looks like you are doing it but you are just preparing your end to be in suffering. If you are not knowing what you are doing, if you are not consulting with elderly people, if you are not running to take their advice then you are just preparing damage to yourself down in the road.

So we must look and we must check. If we want safety in Dunya and Akhirat then we must look, we must check and we must understand where we are and what we are about. All Shariats, all Tariqats, all teachings, all knowledges, everything is teaching man how to have good manners. All orders saying, "Do this" and all orders in which Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is forbidding us saying, "Don't do this", it is to teach us good manners. The one who has good manners is entering to Paradise. The ones who don't have good manners are closing the Paradise doors to themselves. It doesn't matter where you are sitting. You can be sitting in the masjid twenty-four hours but at the end of your time Sheytan puts the hook and pulls you out. You can be inside the dumpster all your life but if you are always acting with good manner then in the end Awliya puts the rope and pulls you out from that mess that you are in. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) doesn't leave His good servants, the ones who have good manners to suffer in the end at least."

We must understand this. We must look at our life, we must try to progress. From last Juma to this Juma you must say, "Where was I? What did I do all this week? How did I do it? Why I did it? What was the purpose? What was the reason?" If you are finding something wrong in it that was for yourself, for your ego then shame on you. If you are finding something saying, "I did it for Allah's sake", be happy. That is the happiness. Otherwise, from outside you can be jumping up and down, hee hee hee, kee kee kee, you may laugh, you may show but it is only a show. A man may look sad, he is putting his head down, he is not speaking...which in these days among these kind of people, those who have knowledge do not speak anymore. They just swallow their tongue, they put zipper to their mouth because to anybody they say one word they receive a hundred back. From women to man, from children to the adults, to the elderly, male and female. The ones who have knowledge, the ones who have manners don't speak anymore. They just put zipper, they put their space and they try to live according to that because the whole world from east to west, from porters to presidents, they lost good manners, from students to teachers they lost good manners, from Imams to Jamats they lost good manners.

Allah is teaching us, Holy Prophet (sws) is teaching us, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "There are good things in that Prophet I have sent to you. Take it. If you don't then you are the one who are going to suffer." We are the one who are going to suffer. If you, I and the whole world wants to find the way out of this mess then they must turn back to the Holy Prophet (sws). Not just turning by taking books, reading tons of hadith to say, "I know this much", but by taking the hadis-e sharif and applying to themselves. If a man today just takes one hadis, one hadis-e sharif, not two, to promise himself and his Lord to say, "I am going to live according to this hadis. Everyday, in every action that I am doing, I am going to do it according to this hadis", then that hadis is enough for a man to find safety. You don't need anything else.

You don't need to know the whole Quran and you don't need to know

millions of hadis. Just one. Live according to that. If you are having one million hadis-e sharif in your memory, if you are the hafez of Quran, if you are the hafez of mazhabs, of fiqh knowledge, but if you have no good manners then you are going to lose, we are going to lose. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is teaching us a lesson through His Holy Prophet (sws). If we take it we will win. If we leave it then we will lose.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-87

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WHERE ARE MU'MINS IN THE MONTH OF THE PROPHET (SWS)?

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Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has granted us to enter into a holy month, the month of the Prophet (sws). Where are Muslims, Mu'mins? Where is the happiness? No, it's gone. Yes, if you are not showing proper respect to that Prophet (sws) then no safety, no happiness, nothing for mankind. Worse is coming. Everything is connected to that Prophet (sws). Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying:

BismillahirRahmanirRahim. "Innallahu wa malaikatihi yusalliu `ala nabi. Ya ayyuhallazina amanu salliu alaihi wa sallimu taslima. Allah and His angels are sending salawats, good tidings, praising that Prophet (sws). O believers, do the same." One thing man can do what Allah and His angels are doing – giving salawat to that Prophet (sws).

Today people are running east and west, north and south saying, "We have problems." Yes, you must. Who is going to fix it? Nobody can fix it except Allah. Turn to Allah.

"Eh, we are in the way of Allah. We are praying."

It's not accepted. You are not showing proper respect to that Prophet (sws). Your prayers are not good for anything.

In the old days, yes, when this month was entering people were

running, preparing. New life was coming to people. Activities, showing that there's something there. Some new movements were happening, people were running and celebrating because they were happy and they were joyful that that Prophet (sws) had been born in that month and they were running to make it different. And they were making it different. And because they were keeping that one high, Allah was keeping them high.

Today they say, "What we did?" What you did? You dropped that Prophet (sws). You are saying the name, just saying. No connection, no love, no passion, nothing. "Don't we love?" Yes. We love one thing. Today's people only love themselves and they don't even know how to love themselves. Selfish, egoistic ones running only where their own selfish little benefits are. Nothing else. That's what mankind is doing today, east, west, north and south. Only a handful of people are exception. Sit and think, "Am I from those exceptions?" Don't cheat yourself. Say to yourself, "What is my love towards that Prophet (sws)? Do I really love that Prophet (sws)?" How many times a day with an awakening station - (not heedlessly just to say because we are asking how many salawats a day you are making here, but with an awakening station) - are you saying salawat to that Prophet (sws)? You will understand by yourself. People will understand surrounding you. Some different activities will be happening with you. Even if you are in the worst position, life comes out from you because that Prophet (sws) is giving life. Rahmatallil Alameen. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent that one to be Rahmat, to be mercy to the whole mankind, to everything else and to the other creatures.

As much we show, that much we get. Whatever you show, that's what you get, that's what we get. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created that one and said to us, "I have created that Prophet (sws) and you, I have created you from the light of that Prophet (sws). If I had not created that Prophet (sws) you will not be in this world." So how much we think that we have to show love to that Prophet (sws)? Showing love to that Prophet (sws), as we are saying, is not going around saying, "I love the Prophet". That's cheating and lying love. Today people only know how to love cheatingly. They are cheating themselves. Nobody else. You only cheat yourself with that kind of foolishness.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is watching, is that love making you move? Yes. It moves. Yes. Must be something coming. Must be some connection. If there is no connection then there is no love there. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "Say to them: If they love Allah then they must follow you." It's another ayat. "If they love Allah" – if you love Allah then you must follow that Prophet (sws). Following that Prophet (sws) is not just to say: ash-hadu an-la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu. It's only one word. Following that Prophet (sws) is his lifestyle, everything that he left to us. Whatever you know good, you must take it and you must apply it to yourself. Not to say, "Eh, this doesn't fit to this time." Whatever Prophet (sws) brought fits for all times. Because the Sheytans changed the design of this time doesn't mean that that's the right way. The right way is with the Prophet (sws). That's why the whole mankind has

fallen into that depthless and endless troubles.

The love, love of the Prophet (sws). Hmm. Once upon a time – (Stories are better. To say stories are better in these days because people are not caring for ayat or hadith. So story) – Once upon a time one dervish was going back and forth saying to his Sheykh, "I want to see the Prophet (sws). I cannot see the Prohpet (sws) in my dream."

"Don't worry. I will pray for you. You will see it tonight."

The next day he comes, "I didn't see it again."

"Don't worry. I will pray for you. You will see it tonight."

Tonight, tonight and finally Sheykh said to him, "Do you know fish that has a lot of salt? Salty fish?"

"Yes."

"From tomorrow morning you are going to start eating that fish up till nighttime. You are not going to drink any water and you are going to go to sleep. That night you are going to see the Prophet (sws) in your dream. It's connected to that. To see the Prophet (sws) you must have that fish. Lots of salt in it."

"Really my Sheikh?"

"Yes, tomorrow. Start early in the morning."

He started. He ate all day long, stopping from time to time saying, "I am going to see the Prophet (sws), I must eat more, I must eat more." He was so thirsty. Sheykh said to him, "You cannot drink any water." He went to sleep that night. Next morning he got up very sad coming in front of the Sheykh.

"What happened? Did you see the Prophet (sws) in your dream?"

"No Ya Sheykh. What Prophet? All night long I was seeing waters and springs."

"Huh! You saw a real dream now", Sheykh said to him. "You did see a dream. The love that you have to that water – because you had so much thirst – now you have love to that water. The love that you have to that water, it made it to come to your dream. That water came to your dream because you didn't drink it. When that much love you have to the Prophet (sws) then you are going to see the Prophet (sws) in your dream."

Where are Mu'mins, we are asking. Mu'mins. Is Prophet (sws) coming to you? Illusions and delusions. In zikir circles now new style. In these days, "Ah! I see the Prophet came, I see this came, I see that came." Hmm. Making that a joke. Everyone is making everything a joke. Everything has their own laws and their own rules. You cannot fool anyone except yourself. You are trying to be in Sirat-ul Mustaqim.

Keep the right formula to be in Sirat-ul Mustaqim. You cannot just be living like Christians outside there and living like Muslims inside here. This is what the Muslims are doing today. Why is that? Because they love that lifestyle more than this. That's what happened. Love is more there. So what do you love? You love something that Allah forbid and Allah banned. You have trouble waiting for you.

If we want to come out from this mess that we are in, this is the best month. Turn yourself, sit somewhere, take your tesbih in your hand and say to yourself, "Oh my ego, you are sitting here, fifteen minutes, twenty minutes, half an hour, one hour. Without heedlessness you are going to give salawat to that Prophet (sws)." As much as you do that, that much you may get closer inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-88

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

OUR BEING IN EXISTENCE IS BECAUSE OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SWS)

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THANKS TO OUR LORD FOR CREATING US FROM MANKIND

Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has granted us something that Muslims in these days are not really understanding what is this high station. Just one first thing is being from the mankind. He created us from the mankind. That should be enough for a man to sit down and think. When he is looking around (he should understand that) he could have been an animal, a mosquito, an ant. He has granted us, created us, He gave us the title and He is saying to us, "We have honored the children of Adam." He is giving honor, the Creator is giving honor to the children of Adam, to those who are running to catch that title, what is given by the Lord of the Heavens, MashaAllah to those. Those who are not running and they are just running to fulfill their foolish desires, their desires are fooling them, they are running only for this materialistic world and

they are not trying to be servants, it's very sad for them. They should be very sad.

Muslims are looking at those who are running after materialistic world. In these days they are becoming worse than them, following them. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created us in Ahsani Taqweem and we can only get that title and go out of this world with that title as a 'human' when we reach to understand that we have not been created for our ego but we have been created for the service of our Lord. That gives us value. Otherwise, as a man we don't have too much value. Animals have more value because they work, they produce something and we are using what they are doing. But we, we are only taking and destroying the mankind.

So if man is not being servant to his Lord, he can build the world in the east and the west, he can put buildings in every corner of the world, he can put this technology reaching from here to the moon and from the moon to other worlds, but he has not accomplished anything because he has not understood his reason of creation. If man is not understanding his reason of creation then he is not understanding for whose sake he has been created.

IF NOT FOR THE HOLY PROPHET (SWS)...

So we have gathered here trying to celebrate, trying to understand and to acknowledge the station that is given to our Prophet (sws) and that our existence is because of that Prophet (sws). Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "If We had not created you, We would not have created anything. We have created you to be a mercy to the whole mankind." But as I said earlier, we Muslims should be taking that in a much higher station because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has granted us to be from the nation of Muhammad (sws). Just being one from the nation of Muhammad (sws) and if you carry that properly you will see the reward in the Judgment Day. All prophets, 124,000 prophets have been created and on the Day of Creation they asked to be from the nation of Muhammad (sws). Instead of being prophets they were ready to give up from that title saying, "Oh our Lord, make us to be one follower of that Muhammad (sws)." Including big prophets to whom big books were given, all were asking. Allah said to them, "No. What I have given to you, if you keep that then My happiness and pleasure with you is in that. What I am giving to the nation of Muhammad (sws), My happiness with them is in that."

So, we must give good tidings to that Prophet (sws), give Salawats as Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering to us in the Holy Qur'an, Allah is saying, "Allah and His angels are praising that Prophet. Oh believers, you do the same." If a man is sitting and doing nothing, just praising that Prophet (sws), he will not be sorry in the Judgment Day. Just giving good titles to that Prophet (sws). For us, our being in existence is because of that Prophet (sws).

THERE IS NO MODERATION IN ISLAM

So first we must understand our Prophet (sws). We must understand how to love that Prophet (sws). Through that love then we will reach to our Lord. Without that Prophet (sws), it is impossible for a man to understand why he is in this world, what is his reason and what is it that he has to do. Impossible. If it's possible then show me. Look at east and west, north and south, Christians, Jews, heedless Muslims, Buddhists, Yogis, Bogis all, whatever, count. Look at them. Those who are not holding tightly to the rope of that Prophet (sws), they are falling short. Must be falling short. For them to reach and complete their station they must be running after that Prophet (sws) and must be saying, "Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu." If they are not saying that then Sheytan is fooling someway, somewhere, somehow again.

But Muslims today are being wrong examples because the Muslims are not living, they are not trying to hold the lifestyle that the Holy Prophet (sws) has showing, and his teachings. But they are running to invent and to run after some new lifestyles and saying, "We have to moderate Islam. Moderation. We must make moderation." Allahu Akbar! Squareheads only may think like that. Fourteen hundred years ago Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) finished His book, sending it, completing it and saying, "Today We have completed your religion." It's finished. There is nothing that you can put in it and there is nothing that you can take out. Anything you take out, it will become like what the Christians and Jews did. They took out from their religion and replaced with something new in it and now under the name of religion there is no religion. Under the name of love of Jesus everyone only loves themselves, under the name of loving Moses everyone is loving themselves and everyone is running, putting more fuel to destroy this world.

The reason of this mankind in this world is not that. Life is very short. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is giving very short life to us, especially to this nation, the nation of Muhammad (sws). Sixty years of life on earth. With that sixty years of lifetime we have to earn the life that is waiting for us. Eternal life. And nobody's guaranteeing sixty years of life too. Unexpectedly one wind is coming and knocking you down. So we have to be prepared for everything all the time. We have no luxury to miss things, to delay today's things for tomorrow. No. That's why Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "If you leave today's job for tomorrow, you have perished. You have lost."

TURN THE PAGE BACK ONE CENTURY

So the Muslims, instead of running to catch up the wrong lifestyle that is presented to mankind through the West, western ideas, under the name of democracies-hypocrisies and all these nonsense, must turn back, must run back to the Prophet (sws) to take what Prophet (sws) brought to us from that time because nothing is stale. Everything is fresh and alive. Whatever he brought to us fourteen hundred years ago

just fits to our lifestyle today too. If anyone is saying, "Islam is backward and it's bringing us backward" then he must look how Islam rose and when Islam was ruling how it ruled east, west, north and south. And check the history. You don't have to go too far. Just one page over, one century almost. Turn that page and look that one nation, one ruling system, sitting in Istanbul and controlling the whole east, west, north and south. They didn't have technologies, they didn't have all of today's equipments that instantly you speak here and they see it in China, all these fast communications, they didn't have that. But they were able and capable to rule 72 different nations, different tribes, different people, different religions under one banner and they were not eating each other. They were all happy with their life. From time to time some sheytans here and there were just trying to put some confusion but the one who was ruling for the sake of Allah was strong and he was taking that one out. Not going and destroying everyone around but saying, "That is the one who is wrong. Take that one out", and making everything easygoing again.

This world has seen better days definitely than today. I was just remembering, sitting down, thinking and remembering some old days back (and I am saying old days but it's only twenty years ago), and I was looking and seeing. Go to the archives if you want. You will find in the front pages of newspapers, if one person died accidentally somewhere, the whole front page of the newspaper was for that person, saving it, giving whole details and continuing the next day, the following day, for three-four days. Now every single day everywhere in the world bombs are blowing, thousands, hundreds of people are dying, destroyed, becoming pieces but there is no mention anywhere anymore, saying, "It's common. Something normal is happening." That is a big sign that mankind has lost and became very cruel. Not only the ones who are not putting it out for it to appear for people to take some lesson but also those ones who are completely heedless and not understanding what is happening in this world.

So we have lost. The mankind has lost just because they left the way of the Holy Prophet (sws). When they held the way that the Holy Prophet (sws) was showing, it brought 72 different tribes of nations under one banner, the banner of Islam. They were not fighting, they were not eating each other and they were not separating from each other. Today, under the name of Islam, Muslims nations have separated, they put borderlines and in those borderlines they have the world's heaviest machineries that not even birds can fly from one side to another side. This is not civilization. Civilization was done by Islam that even a hundred years ago you could have taken off from Morocco going all the way down to Indonesia and you didn't need anything else but just one passport, one ID with which you could go everywhere. That was civilization.

Now mankind lost. They can say as much as they want, "We did this and we did that." No. Nothing. Zero because all these equipments that we have, all this technology we have is just to make it easier for us. But it's making it harder and mankind is turning and becoming a slave to the technology and the medicine and everything he built. So it lost.

THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THE HOLY PROPHET'S (SWS) WAY

And there is only one way out. There aren't two ways out. There's only one way out. The one way out is putting everything down and turning back to that Prophet (sws), saying, "Let me look what this Prophet was saying for this time. Let me just search." You don't have to be a Muslim. No. Just be a sincere man to say, "Let me just search about this Prophet to see what he said from that time up till now and if it happened." That time you will see it right in front of you appearing, shining in the east and west, north and south. You are going to see that Prophet above humanity as Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "We have created you in Ahsani Taqweem" and "We have created you as Rahmatan-lil Alameen." Rahmat, the mercy. Anyone who is looking for mercy and safety must run to that Prophet (sws) and must hold on to that Prophet (sws).

Otherwise, today you know that mankind is not even having mercy to their own children. How are they going to have mercy to others, other nations, other tribes? How are they going to have mercy to the ones that they are fighting? How are they going to have mercy to the ones that they are hating? Impossible. Only way is to turn back, not by word, not by tongue, not just by outfit only too, no. The lifestyle, the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws) is not only the clothes. It's his lifestyle, his manner, how he was dealing with situations.

Today, we are looking in the east and west, and the majority of the people are thinking, "Only me. Me, me." Islam is saying, "You. First you and later me." The other ways are saying, "First me." Mankind never has enough for his ego. He is always wanting more, more and more, never for somebody else but always looking at others too, "What does that one have? It must be for me too. I must find the way to get it." They are pulling to that side and if it's necessary they go out of their way to kill for that. For what? For these materials, this world. Mankind has lost, lost because they left the way that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has sent to us, and the way is Islam which is shining, and the way to Islam is the Holy Prophet (sws). You are leaving the ways of the Holy Prophet (sws) saying, "I know something". You know nothing about Islam then. If you don't know the Prophet (sws), if you don't know what he brought to mankind then you are not knowing anything from Islam. It doesn't matter whoever that person is. You can read not one book, if you read all the books in the world, if those books are not making you understand, "This is the Prophet. Yes. These are the ways and I must hold on to his way", then you didn't learn anything.

SHARIAT AND TARIQAT

So the words of the Prophet (sws) is the Shariat, the rules, the laws, it's the doings and not. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, which is another miracle, that, "Qiyamat will not happen until a man sits down

and when you tell him, 'The Prophet (sws) did this and that', he will start arguing with you saying, 'But the Quran is saying this.' And when they leave what your Prophet (sws) is saying then they have lost the ways." This is exactly what's happening today. Say, "Prophet (sws) is saying this." They are saying, "Brother, take the Quran. Quran." Squarehead! You cannot take the Quran by yourself, whoever you are. That Prophet (sws) came to bring Quran and the Quran came to that Prophet (sws). It didn't come to you or to me. It didn't come to him as a book, saying, "Take and read." It's order coming to him and he is saying.

And that Quran reached to us. He is saying and his sayings are the Shariat, the laws. And his lifestyle, how he was living, is the Tariqat, showing way to people. And all the Sahaba were following the footsteps of that Holy Prophet (sws), the teachings of that Prophet (sws). They were coming, listening, going home and applying it to their lives, to their family members and they were seeing that their life was becoming better everyday. Yes, we see it. We are seeing it. Small tribes of the Arab nation that never ruled themselves by themselves. They were always under the authority and ruling of other nations, either the Persians, the Romans, the Byzantines or the other ones, Egyptians. As soon as they came to Islam, in the shortest time they became the strongest nation on the face of earth.

They brought that light (everywhere). Just taking his horse, one Sahabi was reaching to the other side of the world and bringing Islam. Not bringing books! But bringing the manners and the teachings what he has learned from the Holy Prophet (sws), bringing the Nur, the lights of the Prophet (sws) to those parts, to those nations and whole Far East, Eastern Asia and Middle East became Islam. Africa became Islam, North Africa became Islam, all the way into Europe it's reaching. They didn't bring tons of books, technologies, movies, CDs, computers. Nothing, nothing, nothing. Just sitting on the horse, one sword just to protect themselves from the attacks of animals and traveling. Not going and saying to people, "We are the scholars and we are bringing you this. Oh! Get together and stand up for me." No. (But) saying, "This is what the Prophet (sws) was saying, this is what the Prophet (sws) was doing and this is how he was living." And all those different nations, when they were taking that seriously, before they know it, the nation was changing, the people were changing.

ISLAM IS THE ONLY SOLUTION FOR ALL THE PROBLEMS

So the message is to east and west, north and south. To America. You want to change for better? You must turn to Islam. No other way. They want to finish the problems? The terrorist problems? In Iraq, in Afghanistan or here and there? Very easy. Very simple. Not to me, they should not come to me but they should go to Sheykh Mevlana to ask, "How should we do that?" Right away in twenty-four hours they will find the recipe to finish it, if they are sincere. They tried everything. It's not happening. If you are for the sake of mankind and you really are running to change something, you really know that you

are in that trouble, you cannot come out and you are trying everything, then why not try that too? Very simple. You don't need to spend billions of dollars investing later to start collecting. No. Just go (and say), "Yes sir, what can we do?" He will tell you definitely.

No other way but Islam. No other way but holding tightly to Holy Prophet (sws) on the way of Islam. If mankind is looking for safety then it must run for this. If they are not running for that then Islam is not falling. It's rising, rising. Every single day that they are attacking, Allah is making Islam to rise. Allah is making that Prophet (sws) to rise. They can attack in any way they like but that Prophet (sws) is going to higher station, inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

WE MUST CELEBRATE THE MAWLID OF THE PROPHET (SWS)

And we are just here to do that which Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "Oh believers, Allah and His angels are giving good titles to that Prophet (sws). You do the same." This is why we are here and inshaAllah this is the holy month of the birth of the Holy Prophet (sws). Yes, we must celebrate. They say, "Brother, is celebrating Mawlid in Islam?" Ey, you are all celebrating your own birthdays and you are not celebrating the birthday of that one for whose reason you have been created? Why not? But they are celebrating the birthday of Jesus. Christmas. Muslims. Those ones are celebrating who are against the Holy Prophet's (sws) birthday celebration, Mawlid. Run to them, you look at them (and you see that) they are running in the Christmas time to give presents to each other. What's that? That's not even Jesus' birthday. It's just a holiday. Not a holy day, it's not even a holy day, holy-holy day. It's just a financial day. In order not to fall into financial crisis they have to sell, sell, sell, sell.

Huh! I just remembered when I came back from Turkey after September 11th happened, I landed down to New York City, came to New York City and I am saying, "Ah, New York City is recovering mashaAllah from that heat." But there were nice flags everywhere, on the corners, on the poles, on the light-poles saying, "Fight back to terrorism! Shop, shop, shop. Go to Macy's. Fight back to terrorism! Go to restaurants. Eat. Go to buy this and go to buy that. Fight back to terrorism!" MashaAllah. Fighting back to terrorism, go to stores. Huh! That shows to us, oh big loss again. Mankind lost again. Mankind is not knowing what is it doing.

But now is no longer time anymore too to look at what really the whole mankind is doing. We have to look at what we are doing now. How we are living. Are we falling into that trap of Sheytan and falling into that wrong wagon? And while we are saying we are Muslims are we continuing on that wrong wagon? That's what happened to so many Muslims. Muslims have fallen into the wrong side of that wagon and that is continuing, going, and they are going. They are still claiming, "We are Muslims. We are for the Prophet (sws)." No! You must change. You must run to change the lifestyle and (take) what order is given to you by Allah

and His Prophet (sws) inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

This much should be enough for us.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-89

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TARIQAT BRINGS TO A MAN THE AWARENESS OF HIMSELF AND HIS LORD

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La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah-il aliyyil azim

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THE TWO THINGS THAT SOHBET TEACHES A MAN

Tariqatuna Sohbets wa khayru fil jamiat. Association brings people the awareness of who they are and who is their Lord. Two things sohbets teach man – it makes man aware of himself and it makes man to be aware of his Lord. These are the two important matters that man has to learn. If man is not learning this he can claim as much as he wants that he is a religious man, he is just becoming a robot going up and down. (You may be) knowing the rituals, the orders that are coming – this is how you have to pray, this is how you have to make wudu, this is how you have to do – but it's not giving you so much. It has to make you aware of yourself. Who are you and who is your Lord?

What you are doing, the worshipping, that is between you and Allah. He is ordering you and you must keep it. He is ordering us and we must keep that. What will happen if we don't keep it? Don't keep it in Dunya, in Akhirat you are going to keep it. Whatever is the order to you in this Dunya and you are just being arrogant, stubborn, ignorant and proud that you are not doing the orders of Allah, you are going to do it in the grave, if it's not in the grave then in the Judgment Place. One Judgment Day is fifty thousand years. If it's not enough there then inside the fire. So, either we do it willingly because it is an order to us from our Lord or by force we are going to do it on

the other side. Allah is saying to us, "I am not putting force on you in this world. I am giving you freewill. If you want to do then do, if you don't want to do then don't. But your rope is in My hand." Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "You cannot escape from death. You can go east and west, north and south, up and down. You cannot find ways to escape. Impossible."

BUILDING THE WORLD IS NOT OUR REASON OF CREATION

So intelligence is ordering man to say, "Oh, the first thing is that we cannot escape. The second thing is that the Lord that is so generous to us, why are we not keeping His orders?" It is the most important matter, the reason of creation. Why have we been created? That is our reason. The sheep know why they have been created, the horses know and all the animals know and they live according to that, except man. Man today says,

"I am busy."

"Why are you busy? Running where?"

"I have very important things to do."

"What?"

"For my ego. Running for the world."

Run. That's why 21st century now, male and female, young and old, running top-speed for Dunya and later saying, "Eh, we don't have any time." What is your reason of creation? To know Allah and to worship. If you don't have that then if you are building the whole world, so what? You can build, you don't leave if you want a single space in this world, one acre land that you didn't build on it, so what happens? What is it going to give to you?

Today's people cannot build anything anyway. In the old days at least some kings... there was a king who built a thousand cities. We cannot even build one house. All your life you cannot even build one house. That's the reality standing right in front of us. And running after that? Eh, running top-speed for that and then you will become a slave to that. Huh, if you are running to collect your Riziq, Allah is Razzaq, Allah already provided for you. And now if you are keeping the orders of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) then you are going to know where to go to get that Riziq for you that day, that week, that month, that year maybe. Maybe Allah closed the door to you in this continent for that Riziq. Heh, you must find other places where he is providing your Riziq easily. Yes. But that mankind is not even thinking anymore. Completely lost.

ANGER IS THE FIRST CHARACTERISTIC OF SHEYTAN

So this kind of association is to make us to be aware of who we are, what we are doing in this world and what does our Lord want from us? We are trying to do this sohbet once a week now. It is necessary everyday, especially for today's people. But once a week, as you all know, by force now everyone is running last minute coming in. Mashallah. Eh, how are you going to be resting and listening to things properly? Going from one ear and coming out from the other ear. From what we are saying, some things you like and some things you don't like, some coming here thinking that we are going to praise their ego and as soon as we knock the ego they go out from this place very upset and angry for the whole week. It takes one week for them to cool down to come back again.

Hmm. It's okay. The reality of sohbet is not going to change. Those real people are not making sohbet to feed your ego. They are making sohbet to give us warnings, to show us what is the expectation from different ages and what we have to do. The sohbet here now is for everyone from young to old. What Allah is expecting from the elderly ones and what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is expecting from the younger ones cannot be the same. This is what we have to learn. Everyone is looking saying, "I know." What do you know? You are seeing with these eyes. You are not seeing with the real eyes what is for you. That's why in the association it's okay even if you are coming angry. It's okay. Come angry and sit quietly. At least that burden may be taken away from you, because you are angry.

Angry. Sheytan is saying, "Be angry. The first thing from my characteristics you must keep. If you keep that one then I will always have you under my control." Yes. But make sure, we must make sure that we go out from this world without anger. We must get rid of that anger. If we didn't get rid of that anger and the angel of death comes to us then we are in big trouble. And don't say, "I am not angry now. I am nice and comfortable." No. At least you have to be able to keep yourself for 40 days without getting angry. In that each cycle of 40 days if the angel of death comes to you then you go from this world with anger. You keep yourself calm saying, "Alhamdulillah Ya Rabbi. What comes is from You. From this one's hand or from that one's hand, it's from You. I accept." And if you keep it that way for 40 days then Holy Prophet (sws) is giving order to those who have authority saying, "Sheytan should come to this one checking this one out in every 40 days." Every 40 days it's coming checking you out to see if you are getting angry. If you are not getting angry then he leaves you alone, goes and comes back in another 40 days.

Don't think that it's so hard. No. It's easy. But you are opening fuel, putting fuel in it to continue, waiting for somebody to say one word and for you to say ten words. That's the sign of anger. Say, "This person is saying this. It's okay. Maybe it's right, maybe it's wrong. I am not going to respond." What happens? You are not finding people like that anymore. It's gone, going. Young and old, everyone has so many excuses. Ya hu, what have you been created for? You are following the ways. When you are following roads you need so many people's help. Every time you ask, "Am I going in the right direction?"

"Yes." The man says to you, "Yes."

Then you feel more comfortable. A little bit down in the road you feel that, "I am going and going, not reaching to my destiny, let me stop to ask someone again."

"Is this the right way to my destiny?"

The man says, "Yes."

So the more you ask the more comfortable you get. Big sickness is not asking and not accepting. The people outside are the worst and the people inside now says, "I don't like this." We are not speaking for your ego to like it. We are speaking for you to find the way.

THROUGH THE EYES OF AHL-E HAQQ

So you have two kinds of eyes: Ahl-e Haqq, the people, the Awliya-e Ikram are looking, they have reached to the station of Hayy and they are looking with those eyes. When they are looking with those eyes they see what we are not seeing. We must follow what they are saying. Otherwise, we are going to be in trouble because they are not asking anything from us. They reached the station of Hayy and they are taking from Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and giving to mankind.

They are saying, "You don't want anything?"

"I want."

"Do this."

Allah is saying, "Do this and that and you are getting." Worldly things, yes. It's okay. Your need is not finishing. You must follow their orders. If we are not following and saying, "I know", definitely you are entering to the wrong road then.

Hazrat Aisha (ra), she is the wife of the Holy Prophet (sws). One time she was sitting, looking out of the house and seeing so much rain coming down. Holy Prophet (sws) just opened the door from the other side and entered inside and she looked saying, "Ya Muhammad (salatu wa sallim), you don't have the sign of a drop of water on you. It's raining so much outside." So Holy Prophet (sws) looked at it saying, "Ya Aisha, when you were looking outside what were you wearing?" She said, "Your khirqa that you are covering yourself up with, I put it on my shoulder." He said, "That's why when you were looking outside with that, because the Prophet (sws) used that, that secret rained on you and now you are seeing rain coming down. But that is not a normal rain that was raining outside. That is the rain of mercy and Rahmat that is raining down. So for you, you were seeing it but in reality there is no rain outside. But that is real. Rahmat is raining." So that one just touched something from the Holy Prophet (sws) and has seen. She

is the wife. She didn't see anything just being the wife. But just taking something, some material from the Holy Prophet (sws) and putting on her, she started seeing it.

So the people who reached to that station are seeing what you are not seeing and for your own benefit you must follow. If you are not following then you say, "I have problems with Dunya." Of course you have. Endless problems. The problems are not going to end because you think that you are running to fix it but always running into depthless and endless problems. You are opening other doors, other doors, other doors and it's swallowing you in.

SULTAN GHAZNELI MAHMUD AND THE HOLY MAN

There was a time when a man from Ahl-il Haqq saw Holy Prophet (sws) in his dream and in it Holy Prophet (sws) was asking him, "Is everything okay?" He said, "Ya Rasulullah, it is known to you. I am in very difficulties with these worldly things and I am in need of very emergency help." Holy Prophet (sws) said to him, "It's easy. Go tomorrow to Sultan Mahmud." Ghazneli Mahmud, he is one of the righteous kings staying in Sirat-ul Mustaqim and holding Holy Prophet's (sws) orders on top of his head. He (sws) said, "Go to him and tell him to pay you this much gold and you must fix your problems with that." He said, "Ya Rasulullah, he is not going to believe me when I go and tell him." He (sws) said, "Yes. Go and tell him that Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, 'Every night when you were going to sleep, in the last minutes before going to sleep you were making intention to make ten salawats at least before you go to sleep.' Tell him that last night he didn't make that. That is the sign for that. He has to pay you the money."

He comes to Ghazneli Mahmud. Righteous people. His deputies are outside, bodyguards, as soon as he said, "I have a dream to say to Sultan Mahmud and I must reach to him directly", he (the Sultan) said, "Who is this man? Bring him." He came and said, "I saw Prophet (sws) last night and he told me to come to you. I have worldly problems and you must fix it. And he told me to tell you that you must give me this much gold." So as we thought, he said, "Well, how can I believe you? Just one of my servants in this country coming (and saying) that you have seen the Prophet (sws)." He said, "Well, I asked that to the Prophet (sws) and he told me, 'Say to him that last night he didn't make ten salawats. He changed his intention.' He got up, he kissed the man's hand and feet saying, 'You must be a very holy man because every night I am making this and last night suspicion came to me, Sheytan fooled me saying to me, 'What do you think? Do you think all this is reaching to the Prophet (sws)?' And because of that he is sending me sign right away that it's reaching to him.'" He said, "You are asking me for not ten gold or a hundred gold, if you ask me for the kingdom I will give it to you right now." He said, "No, this is my need. This is what I need."

That has not changed. That reality is there. How much love do you have

towards the Prophet (sws)? Complain to that one. Say to him, "Come to my dream and let me complain." He will fix your problems. Don't worry. But we are not believing the ones Holy Prophet (sws) appointed to us to run after them correctly. How are we going to reach to the Prophet (sws) then? If we are really believing and following the footsteps and orders of those that the Holy Prophet (sws) has appointed to us then we are not in need for that anyway. We don't go bothering the Holy Prophet (sws) with worldly matters too.

NAKSIBENDI WAY CARRIES YOU BEYOND SIDRAT-UL MUNTAHA

So it must give some boost to our faith and for faith you must make some promise to your own self. Leave the world. Tariqat is voluntary but it seems now that we have to hold the hammer to people saying, "Come." No. Just saying to you to come, come, come... and we have limits. You don't come on your time then don't come. We go to the graveyards and speak to the ones who have passed away. They know better now. Then you are going into deeper trouble. That's why so many other tariqats are now changing the ways, eh, tang, tang, tang, tang, tang, ilahis, music, what can they do? Because the murids are not listening to anything anymore. They don't want sohbet. They want music. Our Sheykh is saying... he is holding the fortieth golden chain of this tariqat and saying, "You should be very happy ones just being a murid to this tariqat because every tariqat may bring you all the way to the level of Jibreel (as) but this tariqat will carry you beyond there and every sheykhs and other people in other tariqats, if they want to reach beyond Sidrat-ul Muntaha, they must turn themselves to the direction of the Naksibendi Way and in the Naksibendi Way to that one who is holding the Golden Chain."

And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) made us, He granted us that permission, that blessing and that gift in this Ahir Zaman, in the end of times and we are not caring so much. You should be crying for your own self then. Not caring for what Allah has granted? Because not looking to see, "What is this going to give to me?" Of course, if you finish your worldly fightings, worldly arguments then you are going to have some ways to think to say, "I am doing all this but I am not reaching anywhere. So let me ask Sheykh." But Alhamdulillah in these days we are not hearing anybody coming to tell us, "I am not progressing in tariqat." Some saying 'in spirituality' (instead of saying 'in tariqat') but now spirituality has changed also. So many people are sitting, dancing and sleeping and thinking, "I am reaching to spirituality." There it's ego and it's nowhere.

Tariqat is making you to go to higher stations. Without tariqat you cannot reach and as I said, today we are not finding people coming to tell us their problems - that they have problems and that they are not progressing in the way of Tariqat. Everyone is coming with worldly problems. One fighting with the other one, one arguing with the other one, one has difficulties worldly... not ending.

We must wake up to our own selves. We are passing every single day

step by step going ahead. Before the appearance of Mahdi (as) we must complete, we must prepare, the Naksibendi Hakkani must prepare themselves to that work that Mahdi (as) is coming to build, to do. And these are the ways. Through sohbet we may learn. As I said earlier, even if you are coming to sohbet with so many wrong intentions, at least the burden may be lifted away from you, maybe you will feel comfortable a little bit, eh, something is going to happen. In holy association the Rahmat is raining, you are not seeing but the Rahmat is coming down and that will lift the burden inshaAllah ar-Rahman, for the sake of our Sheykh and for the sake of the one, the most beloved one in the Divine Presence, our Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and may Allah give long life and strong health to our Sheykh and for us to continue following his steps inshaAllah ar-Rahman. We are trying to make the intention to follow his footsteps.

Amin, Amin, Amin, wa salamun `alal Mursalin, wal hamdulillahi rabbil `alameen.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-90

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BELIVERS MUST LOOK WITH THE NUR OF ALLAH

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Alhamdlillahi Rabbil Alameen. As-salatu wa salamu `ala rasulina Muhammad wa alihi wa ashabihi ajma'in. Shukr. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). One more month of Safar we are finishing inshaAllah ar-Rahman and we are entering into the holy month of Rasulullah (salatu wa sallim).

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Be careful from the vision of a believer because he looks with the Nur of Allah. You cannot fool him."

When a believer looks with the Nur of Allah, he must know what is valuable. That's the sign which is showing that you cannot fool him now. Sheytan cannot fool him, Dunya cannot fool him and the treasures and the pleasures of this world cannot fool that one. If a man is saying this and still running after Dunya and leaving the duties that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) put as obligations on him, he already got fooled. He can say as much as he wants and he can read this (Qur'an-e Kerim) as much as he wants. It's because if he is a real believer then he must know what is valuable. Of course, we need to go to work and we need to earn. But the priority is Allah, His orders and His Prophet (sws).

Over one and a half billion Muslims in the east, west, north and south. These countries are non-Muslim countries. What happened to the Muslims countries now? Look what's happening. Friday, Juma, holy day, holy days. The days that we are entering the believers must be celebrating the month, the month that the Holy Prophet (sws) has been born. The believers must take that month very holy, must run after that month, must sit, stand all together and must make Mawlid celebrations to the Holy Prophet (sws) because the Prophet (sws) has been sent to this world for the safety of the whole mankind in the east, west, north and south, from the day that he came until Judgment Day. If anyone is saying, "I am safe" or anyone who is looking for safety must be taking the orders and the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sws). No other safety.

So when we look at it, to ourselves, to the whole nation of Islam and to this whole mankind... because Allah subhana wa ta'ala is not sending him to one nation, to one handful of Arabs. No. He is sending him to the whole mankind and also other creatures, other jinns and all. He is the prophet of all. He is the Prophet of the prophets. When all other prophets were coming, order was being given to them, "If Muhammad (sws) is coming in your time, know that the prophethood that we are giving to you is void. You must follow that one." Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) knew when he is going to send that Prophet. He is showing a sign to us saying to us that all those prophets accepted the Prophet (sws). He didn't come in their time but they accepted it.

The majority of those prophets asked Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) saying, "Ya Rabbi, do not make us prophets. Make us one from the nation of that Prophet (sws), one of the followers of that Prophet (sws)." And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) refused saying to them, "What I give to you, my happiness in you is in that. What I give to the nation of Muhammad, it is a blessing to them." It is a sad thing for those people from the east, west, north and south, all this mankind that, that title is given to them and they are just leaving that title and running after this empty world. And in the end you are going to find emptiness. Nothing else. Hands are (going to be) empty. Run after it.

Once in the desert Holy Prophet (sws) drew a line with his cane and said to the Sahaba-e Ikram, "If you follow that line, that line will bring you to me and I will bring you to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)." Once also he took the Sahaba-e Ikram early in the morning while the

sun was rising and he told them, "Turn your backs to the sun." They turned. He said, "Do you see your shadows?" They said, "Yes." He said, "Run to catch that shadow." The Sahaba-e Ikram were not too... (How to say this word now in this khutba place, I must watch [Sheykh Efendi smiles]) ...smarties like today's people right away to say to the Prophet (sws), "Well, we cannot catch the shadow." Prophet (sws) knew that. The Sahaba-e Ikram knew that too. But the Prophet (sws) has ordered and they were all running top-speed trying to catch the shadow not knowing what is behind this. They were running and finally Prophet (sws) said to them, "Stop." He said to them, "Now, turn around." They turned around. He said, "Now run to me. Catch me and I will take you to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)."

Now we must look. The Sahaba were with the Prophet (sws). They were watching the miracles, they were watching everything and every word that the Holy Prophet (sws) was saying, they were taking it and putting it on top of their heads. Never having any doubts and never saying any words against the Prophet (sws). Just one time it happened in the Uhud War. They used their own understanding, some of the Sahaba, and they said, "We should go out Ya Rasulallah to fight with them." Prophet's (sws) heart was not in it but he said, "It's because the majority of you wanted it", and he changed it. Later he put his armors on, he came out and the other Sahaba warned the other ones (who wanted to go to war) saying, "What are you saying? Holy Prophet (sws) said to stay and you wanted to go out of Uhud?" They changed their minds. They said, "We are sorry Ya Rasulallah. We made a mistake. We said a word against your word." He said, "But when a prophet puts on his armor he will not change it again. We are going out." They went and you know the story of the Uhud War, what really had happened there, for just simple things that they did, the Sahaba.

Look at us today. East, west, north and south, Muslims, Muslim nations, Muslim individuals and groups lost the direction, the compass because this Sheytan has changed the signs. One way streets, dead end streets, he changed it. In dead end streets he is putting the signs saying, "This is the way you are going." (Sheykh Efendi smiles). In one way streets he is turning the signs the other way around showing wrong direction to mankind. The only way out is following the footsteps, the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws). No other way. So if we are not doing that then we are getting fooled by Sheytan. And do we fit to that hadith now saying, "Be careful from the vision of a believer. You cannot fool him because he looks with the Nur of Allah"? We must fit to that. If we are believers, if we are Mu'mins then we must fit to that hadith. And we must run top-speed, any opportunity that is coming to us, we must look saying, "This is a test to me from my Lord", "This is a test to me from my Sheykh", "This is a test to me from my Prophet".

And we should not say, "What is in it for me?" We should say, "What is in it for the mankind. What is in it for other people?" When we do that then slowly we are changing the wrong attitude that we have and that wrong attitude is turning to a good one, if we are following that Prophet (sws). That Prophet (sws) came for our own safety. He never

looked for anything for himself, he never ran after anything for himself. He always ran after the mankind trying to take them out from that mess. They did all kinds of harms to him. He didn't give up. He went back to them. That is the characteristic of all prophets and the characteristic of those called 'Seyyids'. Seyyids are those ones, whatever is done them, they forget easily, they give up easily and they run for them again for their safety. That's the real meaning of Seyyid. So there are two kinds of Seyyinds. One is coming from the lineage of the Holy Prophet (sws) and the second Seyyid is like that and the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Those are more close to me."

So we must be careful. Today is a holy day. The Muslims' holy day. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) made that holy day for us saying to us, "You have to work these days and these days you must rest." And between Fajr up till Juma time if you are running after this Dunya for earnings, that money is not going to give you so much benefit. Allah is saying this to us. Even if they give you the world during that time, say, "Eh, I should leave it. What's going to happen? It's not going to be of benefit to me. I am collecting the world but who knows maybe there's a curse coming with that." If we just think, Muslims just think that these days are very important, this Friday, this holy day then they should not be in this station today. They should not be in these heedless places today. Majority of the Muslims are not entering to the steps into the masjids. They say, "We are Muslims."

"When are you going to come to the masjid?"

"Eh, when we have somebody, dead people, then we are coming to the courtyard."

They are coming to the courtyard. They are not entering inside the masjid.

"Why are you not entering in there? Are you believers?"

"Yes."

"Why are you not entering into a masjid of Allah to ask? You have no problems?"

Full with problems. Sit over there, open and ask. Ask from that one who hears you. Not from the ones who are preparing to destroy you. This is what the Muslims are doing today.

We must leave that too. We must leave all those because Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "When you are reaching to that time and you are seeing that the majority are running to the wrong direction, leave them, separate yourself from them, pull yourself away from them. If you are entering into their masjids and you are watching that they are busy with worldly nonsense, don't give salams to them, don't sit with them and don't associate with them." It's because the masjids of Allah are not for that nonsense. They are to prepare you for Akhirat.

So now, we must look at ourselves, we must run to change the wrong things that we are holding on to and we are running after. The priority must be Allah and reaching to Allah must be through the Holy Prophet (sws), as the Sahaba-e Ikram did. We must not run after our shadow, we must run after the Holy Prophet (sws), behind him. Anywhere we hear him, anywhere we hear (something from him), it fits to our heart that it is something good that the Holy Prophet (sws) said, we have to watch ourselves, "Am I doing that or not?"

"No."

"I must try to do it."

Don't go around checking, "Oh, is this a real hadith brother or is this a fake hadith?"

It's not for you. Take it as real. Even if it's a wrong one, take it as real and Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will give you the blessing because you are showing respect to that Prophet (sws). If you are running to say, "Is this right? Is this wrong?", then until Judgment Day you cannot finish it. Impossible. Centuries are passing, people are running after that nonsense, days coming, months are passing, years are passing and life is going. They are running after empty things. They are running to catch something to find something. No! "Whatever you know", saying Holy Prophet (sws), "In Ahir Zaman, don't run around searching so much because there's going to be so much publications everywhere and so much confusion. The little that you know, take it sincerely and apply it to yourself. Then you will find the Sirat-ul Mustaqim." That's what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "If you live with the knowledge that you know, Allah will teach you the knowledge that you don't know."

Ah, plus us, ourselves, we have the Guide of the guides, the Sultanul Awliya, Sultan of the sultans. He is showing us, alhamdulillah, everything right. Every khutba and every sohbet that he is making, if we take only one of them and apply it to our life then definitely we will find the right road. If we are just taking one of his khutba, one of his sohbet and if we don't read nothing else and concentrate on that, that is enough to put us into Sirat-ul Mustaqim and to make us continue on that road. Otherwise, in today's world, through this technology, through this media, internets, newspaper, magazine, instead of spreading knowledge it's spreading so much confusion everywhere. Everyone saying, "I know, I know."

"From where do you know?"

"I know. I know the best."

One newspaper has a hundred writers, two hundred writers, depending on the newspaper. The editor is saying, "The article that I write is the best." Everyone is saying, "It's the best. Best, best, best." Imams, everyone knows the best. Sheykhs, everyone knows the best. Only them, nobody else. We must leave this ignorance. We must leave this

arrogance. Anywhere we are entering, if somebody's speaking then we must listen. If he is speaking from the Truth, from the Haqq then we must take it. But maybe the person is wrong. It doesn't matter. The Truth is not changing, the Haqq is not changing. Even if it's coming from Sheytan, you must take the true words.

"Sheytan is disobedient."

Leave that now. When we look at ourselves, how many times are we disobedient? That Sheytan became disobedient only one time in the Divine Presence and he has been kicked away and cursed. He was the most beautiful creature. Disobedience made him to become the ugliest creature and kicked away from the Paradise saying, "You don't fit to the Paradise anymore. Go to Dunya." If Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) would've punished him then he would've been more happy. But He said, "No. Go away from here. Go to Dunya and wait until Judgment Day. That time I am going to punish you."

So every single day that is passing, every month and year that is passing and we are getting closer to the Judgment Day, that Sheytan is shivering from that fear now saying, "I am getting closer. I am also getting closer to that Judgment Day. What kind of punishment is reaching to me?" Still the door is open to him. When he went to Musa (as) saying, "Ya Musa, your Lord is an unjust one." Hasha astaghfirullah. Musa (as) said, "Why are you saying that?" He said, "Because Adam committed the mistake and I did the same thing. Both committed disobedience. He has forgiven him but He hasn't forgiven me. For that He is unjust." Ulul Azam prophet, a high one, given a book, Kalimullah, he is thinking, "This Sheytan has one point here." He was not finding a way out. When he was thinking on the Mountain of Tur, Rabbil Alameen said to him, "What happened, Ya Musa?"

He said, "It is known to You, ya Rabbi. This Sheytan came to me and said this and this but I couldn't find any answer for him."

He said, "It's easy. When you are going back, tell him... when he is going to come, say, 'My Lord is Just'. He knows where Adam is buried. Tell him to go over there and make one Sejdah and I will forgive him."

Musa (as) was coming, saying, "This is the message you got."

He said, "I didn't make Sejdah to Adam when he was alive and I am going to make Sejdah to his dead body?"

He became more stubborn and more arrogant. We must be careful. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is showing that one to us, saying to us, "Your ego is the same like that one. It's because your ego is representing that Sheytan in this body." So we must be careful. We must not run after that ego because that ego is going to bring you to the fire. So we must be careful. If we are looking for safety then the only way out is what Holy Prophet (sws) brought to us and we must go out from this world with a title. Everyone is looking for a title, east, west, north and south.

"Are you going to school?"

"Yes, I am studying."

"What are you going to become?"

"Doctor."

"You?"

"Professor." "Engineer." "Shepherd."

Nobody goes to school to become a shepherd but now they go to school to become a garbage man, to learn how to collect garbage. Mashallah. They have to have degrees to collect garbage too now. Don't think that I am putting that job down. No. It is a high job, it is a job that a humble man can do, but this is what today's education system is ordering, saying, "Run to get titles." We need to get one title. The title that says, "The Servant of Allah." When we go to the other side the angels stop saying, "Let me see your ID card, what it says on it. Servant of Allah or the creature that Allah created who became the servant of Sheytan or the creature that Allah created who became the servant of his ego or the creature that Allah subhana wa ta'ala created who became the servant of Dunya." You must run to put that one the first, "The Servant of Allah." If we are putting that into our ID card then we are reaching to safety in Dunya and Akhirat.

We must not say today, "Yes, we did it" and lay down tomorrow. No. Until the angel of death comes to us we must run every single day, in every opportunity that is opening in front of us, to run to keep that title high. If we want safety and if we want to be from those ones about whom are said, "Be careful from the vision of a believer because he looks with the Nur of Allah. You cannot fool that one", then we must run after this. Otherwise, Sheytan, Dunya or our ego has fooled us and the one who got fooled by his ego is in trouble.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-91

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Salam aleykum,

We are approaching the 92nd anniversary of the War of Canakkale (Gallipoli). On the 18th of March, 1915 the Allied Forces of World War I opened an allout naval attack at the Strait of Canakkale in order to pass through the Dardanelles, reach to Istanbul and bring an end to the Ottoman Caliphate. But they failed because of the courage,

heroism, bravery and faith of the Ottoman Turks. Here is the sohbet of Sheykh Abdul Kerim on the War of Canakkale from last year:

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE WAR OF CANAKKALE

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Thanks to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has chosen us to be among the believers. Whatever we do we are not going to be able to give enough thanks for that. When we look at the history and we try to understand how much value this has and how we are keeping it, then we should check ourselves again. 91 years ago on this day, the believers, those who were sincere with their faith, with their Lord, proved and showed their faith to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). They passed their test and because of them today we are still able to walk on the face of the earth and we are able to say that we are Muslims. But the price they paid is very heavy. That happened a couple of more times in Islam but this one was different than all the other ones too. When the so-called Allied Forces came together, they were coming from every side to the Empire, trying to bring an end to the Empire and they made all their calculations and all their planning. Bringing an end to the Empire means bringing end to Islam. That was their aim. The Khalifah and the soldiers of the Khalifah surprised them very strongly. When they made all those planning and they reached all the way to Yemen, Arabia, Egypt, and from every angle to the lands of Islam with the help of so many traitors inside Islam, they were aiming for the Capital of Islam, Istanbul. Once they enter there they will declare and they will finish it. That was their aim. They collected soldiers all the way from Australia to Canada, from one end of the world to the other end. They came and they surrounded the whole land. The Ottoman soldiers were fighting in 28 frontlines. The world has never seen such a thing like that before. The world has been at war but it has never seen a war like that where all nations came together and squeezed only one nation into the corner and they were ready to hit the last hammer and bring an end to Islam.

They came with over 525,000 soldiers trying to pass through Canakkale, Gallipoli. That's where the soldiers of Islam surprised them all, the last area for which they made all their calculations and said, "This is finished now. We came to the end. We will pass from here and Istanbul will be gone." The people who were believing in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and who have submitted themselves, their wills and their lives to Allah and His Religion stood up and all their planning sank

into those waters and those soldiers drowned them in their own blood, teaching a lesson to the whole world since that time up till now never to think that Islam will be taken down so easily. It is impossible. It looks that it's down now because heedless Muslims are around. But it's not. Still there are others sitting and waiting like those soldiers who have already sacrificed their lives for Allah and His Prophet (sws).

They didn't reach to their aim then and they are never going to reach to their aim. Impossible. As long as there is one believer living on earth, it is impossible. They are not going to. This is to give us the understanding of what is Islam and when the time comes for us to be able to sacrifice our lives. This is not a matter of running, attacking and trying to take something or steal something from someone. No. But (it is a matter of) standing up and holding tightly to the Rope of Allah as the Sahaba did. When a Sahabi-e Ikram was in the frontline and an arrow came to his eye, entered in it and made him blind, he took the arrow out. In that war some betrayal happened and they turned their backs, and they came to greet him, and he said, "What are you saying? Instead of having two eyes and to look back (meaning, to run away) it is better to have one eye to look forward always and to run to give this life for the sake of Allah."

This is what these solders did in Canakkale. No one can say, or treat them, or give them the (deserving) title of where they belong, as the poet is saying, "I cannot give you and I cannot do anything for you but the Holy Prophet (sws) is waiting in front of you. He has opened his Jubba to every one of you." When we are sitting, thinking, concentrating and trying to understand what had happened and how those people gave their lives, if we are not finding in our hearts to be able to say, "If I was in that situation, I would also be able to sacrifice my life", check your faith then. With that faith you cannot reach anywhere. You need that kind of faith to pass Sirat, the bridge, if you understand what it is to sacrifice your life for Allah, His Prophet (sws) and for His Religion. If we are not finding that in our own hearts then we must check ourselves and we must work on ourselves to be able to understand what is it to sacrifice for Islam. When it comes to talk, it's easy talking. We must, think and concentrate to understand. That will make our faith to grow then.

For your information to understand how great a war that was, how ugly it became and how close it was, (you should know that) the frontlines of the soldiers were from this wall to that wall (Sheykh Efendi pointing to the walls of the dergah). The Ottoman soldiers were at that wall and the enemy was trying to penetrate through passing from that wall. They were coming. They came so close that it was only 10 meters between them. I went to those areas and I looked at those places. When you look, that is the time you understand how much those people sacrificed. It was impossible for them to have a doubt in their hearts that they were not going to turn back alive. But they were continuously coming, non-stop from everywhere. They were holding the flag of the Holy Prophet (sws) high. They gave their lives and Allah honored them with that title. It is impossible for us or anyone to honor them with any titles but Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) did.

One incident that happened was that one captain was looking very deeply and thinking, "If they pass through from here, what are we going to do?" They all understood that if they pass through from Gallipoli then Istanbul is gone. The Sultan and the Khilafat will be imprisoned in the hands of the enemy. And everyone put something from themselves into that war, from individual soldiers to the Generals. A man named Ali Chawsh appeared behind the captain. The captain looked at him. He was in big pain and he was still smiling and comforting the captain saying, "Oh captain, don't worry. We still have a lot behind to make a mountain of men for these enemies not to pass." He said, "But I am just in big pain", because one big bullet came, hit his hand, everything was destroyed and only one piece was holding the hand to the body. He took his knife and said, "Please cut this part. This way I will be able to fight more freely." The captain looked, took the knife and cut his hand. They didn't have any medicine or anything like today's people. Then he turned and he ran to the front (which was ten meters, as I said) saying, "I must give up this life. Before I die sitting here I must die in that way." He entered into the enemy line and so many bullets came to him. He was on the floor. Other soldiers also attacked at that time and they took that enemy line. They went to that one and the captain asked if anybody had a piece of bread for this soldier who is ready to give out his life. That battalion didn't have a piece of bread to eat for one week. One piece of bread appeared from the other side and it came to their hand. That one was laying down smiling and saying to the captain, "Oh captain, please save that piece of bread because I am already counting the minutes to go out from this life. Save that bread for another one of my brothers so that it may give energy to them to fight."

If this is not moving your heart then you are losing your faith. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given everything to us. They had nothing, not even a piece of bread to eat. But they stood up for their faith, to save Islam and to give us ways to live, inshaAllah ar-Rahman. As I said, if we are sitting and talking about them from now until next year, it is not enough. If we praise them until next year it is not enough, if we pray for them until next year it is not enough. It is not one, it is 253,000 soldiers who died in that way. The enemy came 525,000 soldiers. Comparing with what the enemy had and what these soldiers had, comparing the technologies that they had, (we find that) it is impossible to compare. But it was impossible for them to pass.

Also, (to mention) another incident. Seyyid Chaush was the one who put the last bullet inside the cannon and he stopped one of the big ships that was passing. He picked up the bullet alone because all his friends died. So there was nobody to help him to pick up that bullet and to put it inside the cannon. He used all his power asking support and medet and he picked up the bullet to put it in the cannon. But that bullet weighed 300 kilos. 300 kilos is almost 600 pounds. And that bullet did the last job. It blew up the whole ship and that is the time that the forces said that it is impossible to pass through the channel to enter to Istanbul. They stopped and they pulled back.

So many other incidents happened of course. We are talking about 253,000 martyrs. Then we have to talk 253,000 times. Everyone has different stories. This is in order for it to enter to your heart and to your brain and never to forget because I am watching that some people are even hesitating to slaughter Kurban in these days even though they have everything. That year in the whole nation, in the whole Turkey, no one slaughtered a Kurban. They took the Kurban and they gave to the army, supporting the army and the Ulema and the Awliya say that the whole nation have already sacrificed their Kurban. Every house had one martyr that they were giving in the way of Allah. So we must understand where we are and where they were. If we sit, think and understand deeply for ourselves then no depression, no problems and no worries can come to our way because we have a bigger worry then saying, "What did we do? What are we doing for the sake of Allah and for the sake of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam)?" We must understand this. We must think about this from time to time, we must think about them from time to time and we must read for their souls from time to time. If you do then you will receive visitations from them too. Someway somehow they will be happy knowing that there are still people living on this earth who are trying to live for the sake of Allah and they are still continuing what they left.

It was not only the men fighting. There were also so many girls who died in that war. One Anzac soldier was saying, "I was watching in the frontline this young girl who was shooting so bravely and she was knocking down everything that she was hitting. She was sitting from morning to evening and everyone was trying to aim her. But they were not able to finish her and we thought that there was a big battalion in that area because so many bullets were coming from everywhere. By the evening one bullet reached to her and she fell down. When she fell down we entered to that area and we only found her and another boy and we have counted sixty-three bullets in her body." That kind of faith saved Islam.

So inshaAllah, I have no hesitation to say that they couldn't pass then and they are not going to pass this time too because there are still the children and grandchildren of those people living on this earth. No matter what the enemies do. They are sitting and waiting quietly for a go ahead from the Holy Prophet (salatu wa salam). We have calculated, inshaAllah ar-Rahman, some Fatihas for their spirits and inshaAllah we will see what we did later and I hope that we have said at least one Fatiha for each one of those soldiers' spirits inshaAllah ar-Rahman. All those are still for us to give us the power to be able to continue in this life. Things may have changed but the matter of faith is never going to change. The lifestyle has changed but the faith is never going to change. This is for us to understand that we have to be able to stand up for Islam no matter what happens. One day Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) may test us through that way too. If we pass then we pass. If we fail then it is very sad.

So, those people believed in Allah, their Prophet (saws) and their Khalifah, from the soldiers to their mothers and to their fathers. As you know (I gave you the story before) that one time they put henna on

the head of this soldier and they sent him to Canakkale. His friends were taking him for a joke because he had henna. His captain asked him saying to him, "What is that on your head, Mehmet?" Mehmet means the soldiers of Muhammad. Mehmetci means the soldiers of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), taking that name from that time. And he said, "My mother put it and sent me." When they were making jokes with him he wanted to notify his mother. It's a long story. I am just trying to give you some ideas of where those people's faith is. He told his friends to write a letter. He didn't know how to read and write too. They wrote a letter. He was saying and they were copying, "Mother, you put henna on my head and you sent me here. I believe that now my brother is getting ready to come to this side because his age is up. Please don't put any henna on his head. This way they will not make any jokes with him."

When the mother received the letter she sent another letter right away saying, "My son, in our village, in our side, we put henna only on three events. One, we put henna to our daughters when we give her away (in marriage). It means we have sacrificed our daughter for the sake of Allah and she is never going to come to us. We put henna on the sheep when we are going to sacrifice them. And we also put henna on the soldiers when we send them to the war for sake of Allah sacrificing them because they are not going to come back. Don't tell me not to put it on your brother. I have already put it and I have already sent him. He is coming, he is on the way." Before that letter reached in their hands the soldier already got martyred and the letter reached to the hand of the same captain who was joking with him. Then he opened, he read and he said, "Yes, these are the soldiers and these are the martyrs that is going to save Islam. There is no other way."

So alhamdulillah, 253,000 soldiers gave their lives. Those who didn't give their lives ran away. Don't make any mistake now. The Nation of Islam left the Khalifah alone. There were no soldiers other than Turkish soldiers fighting in that war. The Khalifah's soldiers were fighting and all other Muslim nations pulled back. This is where we are concentrating for you to understand that those soldiers were only from one nation. And they understood and they said, "If we give up too then all the Muslims in this world is going to be finished. We cannot give up." So, today we are getting stronger from every nation. Those nations that attacked and came to destroy Islam, now their grandchildren are accepting Islam. It is impossible that they will win against that in any way. But Sheytan is never sitting comfortable and he is always running from every angle trying to fool people and bring them down. We must not give up and we must hold on tightly to our faith. We must hold on tightly to what Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) brought to us. That's the only thing we have.

And as have I said earlier, those ones gave their lives and their time has passed. There are only a handful of people living now from that time. I met one of the persons a long time ago who was always coming and visiting my father (rahmatullah aleyh). He was one of the veterans of Canakkale and I was not able to come close to him (because of his heybet, majestic appearance). I was always far looking at him and

admiring this man. And alhamdulillah, he left me this (Sheykh pointing to a decorative pin on his Jubba with the tughra inscribed on it). This is what was given by the Sultan at that time to the soldiers who became veterans in that war. When I was looking and thinking from my childhood, there are two wars that I have always wanted to be in and to really die in those wars. One is the war of Uhud and the other is the war of Canakkale. It didn't happen. But I reached to a war (The Greek-Cypriot war of 1974). I didn't die in that war. I became a veteran. They also gave us these medals. But I didn't feel like going and collecting it. I never did up till now. My name is still written there and they were also supposed to give me some money. But I never went and I never collected it. I never felt like going. Now I found out that this is the reason. Allah accepted me inshaAllah as one of the people (from the Canakkale war).

So, whatever man wants really and sincerely, Allah opens their way. So inshaAllah this is a lesson for us to make our faith to grow in Islam. Of course, we don't want to go to war to kill people. But we should be able to be strong and stand up for Islam and to give our lives if necessary because we have only that and the only thing in our life is faith. Nothing else. Everything is passing. If you give those soldiers one thousand lives, they will all give that life back one thousand times to die for the sake of Allah. If Allah gives them life continuously saying, "I am giving you this life. Go to the world and live the pleasures." They say, "No, we will never want to go to that world. But give us that life to go and to die for You again and again and again and again, in Your way." That's how much pleasure Allah is giving the believers when they are sacrificing their lives for Allah.

They are trying to remove this faith and remove this feeling away from the Muslims today. So many Muslims have already lost this feeling. They say, "It's okay to give them what they want and I just continue my life." If those people were to think the same way as we are thinking today then today we will not have Islam. So we are not guaranteeing too much for our future if we continue thinking like that. We are not guaranteeing that Islam is going to reach to our children and our grandchildren. The more you give up the more every generation that is coming is giving up. But we have only a limited time in this life anyway. If we sacrifice that for Allah's sake then inshaAllah we will find endless happiness.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-92

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LOVE AND LEAVE FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH

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Alhamdulillah, shukr Allah, astaghfirullah. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'la) and asking for forgiveness for all the wrongs that we are doing. We are living the last days on this earth. It's not new days. It's not the beginning. It's the end. The day starts at morning, the sun is rising at noon and then starts setting, going down, down and down, and before you know the sun disappears. The night comes. We are not in the morning of the sun, we are not in the noon and we are not in the afternoon one. We are the people who came to this world at the end of times, Ahir Zaman. The sun is almost about to set. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Between me and Qiyamat is like the Asr prayer and the Maghrib prayer time." When the Asr prayer enters, before you turn right and left, you are finding that the sun is setting. From that time (which Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that it is the time he came) until now over fourteen hundred years passed. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying in another hadith, "Between me and the Judgment Day there is only one and a half day left." One day is one thousand years. Half a day is five hundred years. Think on it.

If you still think that you are going to run after this world to make this world a better world then run to see what you are collecting. Not only at the end of the world but maybe the end comes to you before the sun goes down tonight too. Who is guaranteeing that to you? People are waiting for the grandparents to die but the grandsons, the grandchildren die. Man has been created in Ahsani Taqweem, the most perfect one. Definitely Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has not created man for him to live in this world with his animal self, later to die and go under the ground and to become food to other worms. No. You don't take that flower to give it to the goats or the sheep. They have grass to eat. You are keeping it nicely in one corner. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is creating man in Ahsani Taqweem. He is giving time to us in this world and saying to us, "I have honored the children of Adam", and you must find that honor. You must run and you must find what makes you honorable and what brings your honor down and while going out of this world you must take that and go.

But east and west, north and south people today are thinking that honor is to be proud. No. Anyone who is proud are going to lose their honor too. Anyone who is keeping their honor high, Allah is keeping them high. We must be careful because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is not liking what's happening in this world now. He is not liking it. It's not you saying, "I don't like" or "I don't care." This is Allah. He is

not liking. We must be careful. We must pull ourselves together, our acts together, our deeds together and our intentions, we must correct our intentions. In order to do that we must turn back to the Holy Prophet (sws). We must run to look to see what he left to us. How are we going to correct ourselves? How are we going to turn ourselves from that wrong road to the right side?

It's because we have entered the wrong sides, the wrong roads. The Muslims, Jews, Christians, believers and unbelievers, all are in the wrong direction. Everyone is holding something very valuable other than Allah. Allah doesn't like it. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "I have created you in Ahsani Taqweem for My service." And the priority in your book must be Allah's service. If you are not doing Allah's service then what are you good for in this world? Why are you living in this world? Find another world. This world belongs to Allah. He creates everything. He creates you and He creates your sustenance. He creates everything you are in need of. For what are you waiting to make Sejdah? To whom are you going to make Sejdah? Sheytan? Yes, must be. But Allah (subhana wa ta'al) is promising us, saying to us, "If you are not keeping My orders correctly then I will take revenge from you." So we must be careful. It's not a man who is giving us that warning. It's the Lord of the Heavens and the earth. You believe it or not, it doesn't matter. It's not changing that reality.

Abu Zarr (ra) is saying, "We were sitting, a group of Sahaba and the Prophet (sws) came and said to us, 'Which action do you think Allah loves the most?' Some of us said, 'The prayers.' He said, 'No.' We said, 'To make Jihad in the way of Allah.' He said, 'No. What Allah loves most is to love the one that Allah loves and leave the one that Allah leaves.'" Don't make the mistake to love the wrong people, those who doesn't love Allah, or you will be entering into that category. Kafir? Kafir is that one who is putting up what Allah is putting down and whom Allah is putting down he is taking that one and putting him up, meaning showing value. If we are showing some value to something that Allah doesn't like and Allah doesn't love then you are directly rebellious to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). You are an unbeliever. You lost your faith. Whatever you do, that faith is not saving you because you are becoming rebellious to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) directly.

Love the ones and love the actions. You must love the actions that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has ordered you to do. You must run to do it. And you must run away from the actions that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has forbidden you from. You must run to those people that Allah loves and you must run away from those people that Allah hates. If you are doing this then slowly you are entering. And now faith is entering to your heart, real faith. And then with that real faith you are seeing properly. Otherwise...

Check. We must check ourselves who are we having that love for. To who? To the ones that Allah loves or the ones that Allah has left? Check yourself. If you are finding it then don't say, "I cannot change." Yes you can. Of course you can. You were not like this. You are changing everyday. From childhood everyday you are growing.

"It's my character."

No, it's your ego! You can change, yes. You are going to force your ego. You are going to step on your ego. So what Allah doesn't like is your ego, your wrong characteristics. He is saying to you, "Don't come to the Divine Presence, don't come to the other side with these wrong characteristics." You need to go through a big operation then. You can get rid of it easily in this Dunya, in this world. If you are not getting rid of it in Dunya then you are in big trouble on the other side.

Don't think these days that we are living now are always going to stay like that. No. Every single minute it's changing. Those who are heedless are thinking that nothing is changing. Everything is changing. Nothing is the same. From one moment to another moment nothing is the same. Everything is changing. So many are coming to this world and so many are going out from this world. Because you are far distant and you are not seeing, it's not changing that reality. You must wake up. We must wake up.

If you are saying, "I am the servant of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)" then you must wake up because the days and the times are very short and every single day we are going closer to our grave one more day and we are going far distant from this Dunya. Whether you are having Dunya or not, you are leaving Dunya one day behind you and you are going one day closer to the gravesite. Don't forget that. Rich, poor, young, old, the famous ones, people with money, people with fame, people with authority, it's not changing. Everyday is coming, every single day – one day that is coming, it's forcing you to go front to your gravesite, to Akhirat. Intelligent man is that one who is thinking, "What is this forcing me to go?"

Man is trying to forget. Man is trying to become heedless, not wanting to remember. And 21st century people became complete heedless. In the old days people used to make the cemeteries right in the center of the cities. People passing by every minute thinking, "Ah, I have this one buried here, I have this cousin buried here, I have an uncle buried there, I have father buried here, I have mother buried there. Huh! That's my end." People were looking, reminding. Now east, west, north and south, Christians, Jews and Muslims are taking cemeteries three or four hours out of the cities. They don't want to remember nothing. Your not remembering is not changing the reality. You are just being more heedless and more blindfoldedly you are going there and severe punishment is waiting for those who are not waking up. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will ask you, "We gave you this many years of life. Why didn't you wake up? What put you to sleep? We gave these many difficulties to you in Dunya to wake you up. Why didn't you wake up? We gave you this much luxury. Why didn't you wake up?" Hmm. What will you say then? "I didn't believe in you"? Or "I didn't believe in Akhirat"? You believe or you don't, it's there. It's not changing.

We must put our acts together. We are living very dangerous times. Almost all the signs of Judgment Day, the Qiyamat have appeared. We

have only a couple of big ones left. The coming of Isa (as), Mahdi (as), Dajjal, these are the last signs of Qiyamat. If these ones are appearing too that means before you turn left and right the world is gone. "The days are going to get shorter", saying Holy Prophet(sws). Days are getting shorter. You just woke up. Most of you just move yourselves from the bed to come here running last minute. It's noontime. The day is gone. Look at your book what you won today. Everyone is running to marketplaces, to their work, and after work they are calculating their money, "How much did I earn today? What did I make today?" Hmm. Look what you earned for Akhirat. That is the most important thing. Whatever you earned for this Dunya is staying in Dunya. You cannot take it with you.

The more that you are earning these days the more stingy mankind is becoming. It's not spending in the way of Allah too. Then it's another big punishment, another big curse to man. Don't run to carry that burden because that burden you have to leave one day. You cannot carry it. If you are stuck in the desert and you have a hard time walking, you cannot carry burdens behind you. Whatever valuable boxes and luggage you have, you have to leave it somewhere because you have to cross the desert. You cannot carry those things. Imagine if you have a big bag full with gold. Are you going to carry that? If you have ten thousand pounds of gold, are you going to carry that gold passing through the desert? What are you going to do? It's ten thousand pounds. Oh! You cannot move it from its place. Sit over there and wait for the angel of death to take you there. Or, leave it there and walk. One chance of safety.

This is what mankind is doing today. Running in this Dunya heedlessly, running after the Dunya heedlessly and not ten thousand gold, they cannot get even one gold in all their lifetime. What's the run? For what so much running like that? You are not finding time for Allah? Heh, then you are in trouble. You will be in trouble. We will be trouble if we are like that. We must correct ourselves because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the Most Merciful one. When mankind is losing its direction He is sending prophets to put them back to the main road, to show them guidance and to show them what is right and what is wrong. Those who held on to it found safety and those who didn't, didn't find safety.

In the Judgment Day we cannot say that we didn't have prophets. We have no right to say, "We didn't see prophets" or "We didn't know." Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will question us, "Did you have somebody reminding you these words that the prophets have brought to you?"

"Yes."

Then you are responsible. We are responsible. We cannot escape from it. So the intelligent man is that one, the most intelligent man is that one who says, "La ilaha illallah muhammadur rasulullah." He takes the diploma, the passport and the visa in his hand. That is the entrance to paradise. Now you have to find your house in the paradise. You have entered through the airport in this country with that visa

and with the passport. They said, "Come in." But you have no address and you don't know where to go. They said to you, "We have built you a palace in America." You are coming heedlessly holding that passport and visa saying, "I am entering to America." You enter to America. They gave you the visa and they gave you the passport. But where are you going to go from the airport? Say to the police, "I have a palace in America." He is going to say to you, "Where?"

"I don't know."

Heh, now from there they take you. They say, "You are homeless and you are brainless. You lost your brain, your mind. To the crazy house." What palace do you have? You have something. You enter to America. But from there the officials they take you saying, "You don't know your address? You don't know where you are going?"

"No."

"We will take you somewhere. Homeless place."

Heh, sit over there. Now you are in the same situation. You are saying the Shahadat and you are not knowing in which paradise your address is, where are you going to go? Do you think it's just magic? Don't you see that the Holy Prophet (sws) came and he had all the power in his hand but he didn't concentrate on miracles? He concentrated on building this religion on intelligence, on the foundations of intelligence. And that intelligence is the one giving man value.

Now, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to Musa (as), "Ya Musa, what did you do for Me?"

He said, "Ya Rabbi, I pray."

"Prayers are for you."

"I fast."

"That is also for you."

"I give Zakat and charity."

"That is also for you."

"I went to Hajj."

"That is for you."

He said, "Ya Rabbi, I don't know what to do. You tell me."

"Love the one that I love and leave the one that I leave. That's what you can do for Me."

So now, that is the main thing now. We must run after those that Allah

and His Prophet (sws) love. We must make two steps ahead, three, four, we must go out of our way because our key and our address is in their hand. They are holding it. If you are not making them happy then you might be in trouble. You might be in big difficulties one day.

These words are for you and for me. You take it, you leave it, it's up to you.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-93

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

HE WAS A GOOD MAN BUT NOT A GOOD SERVANT

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Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has created us as humans and He made it easy for us to give this Shahadat. 21st century people completely lost the direction. They lost it. They don't know which side to go. There are only two ways, from the beginning of Adam (alayhi salam) until now and until Judgment Day. There are two roads and they are opposite to each other. One road is leading us to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and on the other road Sheytan is leading to the Fire. There is no other road. The ones who are leading the road to Allah are the prophets who came to teach us how to live in this world. Don't say, "I know." How do you know?

In these days I am going around and watching that the Turks are making a new style on the tombstone. They are putting, "He was a good man." Mashallah. I have never seen on the tombstone saying, "He was a good servant." He was a good man. According to which scale are you checking that to understand if he was good or bad? Something to think now. Good man. I decide to say, "He is a good man." Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "The Mu'min, the believer is that one who looks with the Noor of Allah." He looks with the Noor of Allah. The one who looks with the Noor of Allah must find the right road, not the wrong road. So the

Mu'min must look, must see and must understand every activity that he is doing, "Does it fit to the main road that I am going, in the way of Allah, or it doesn't?" That's what the Mu'min has to check. Looking with the Noor of Allah he must be knowing what he is doing. If he is not checking that and if he is just living by coincidence (one day is coming, the next day is coming, and the next...) then you are not a Mu'min. You are not calculating yourself, you are not watching your activities and you are not looking to understand everything that you did whether it's right or it's wrong.

The Mu'min, the believer, takes accounting of himself. He doesn't wait for the Judgment Day's accounting. Every night when he is going to bed he is checking that day, "What did I do today in the twenty-four hours? Does what I did all day long fit for me to present to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)? Or did I just live for this Dunya?" 21st century people, living for Dunya. But the problem is today, the 21st century people, they are not running after Dunya too. So lazy, sitting and doing nothing. Not Dunya and not Akhirat. Nothing. That one has completely lost his way. At least when someone is running after Dunya, one day somebody reminds him on that road and he may wake up saying, "What am I doing?" and turn back to the main road.

As I said, there are two roads. There is no other road. Look at yourself which road you are leading on. Don't let your ego and Sheytan fool you. Look at your activities, look at your work and most importantly, look at your intention of that work. So many today are also running to the masjids. So many are also running to clean the masjids. But they are on the payroll getting money for it. Look at your intention. This is what we've got to look. Look at the intention, why you are doing things? For what reason? For the benefit of this Dunya? If it's only for the benefit of this Dunya then you are not gaining so much. Everything a believer does has to be for the sake of Allah. Every job he does has to be for the sake of Allah. If you are working in one place then you must run to do the best of that job. Not to say, "Eh, I am getting only this much money, so this much work is enough." No. You have to do the best of work where you are doing it and when Allah is happy with what you are doing His servants are going to be happy with you. If you are seeing that things around you are not happy with you then you must understand then you must understand that you are not making Allah happy. If you are not making Allah happy then nothing is going to be happy with you. So we must look and we must force ourselves to make that U-turn. If we are on the wrong road then we must make that U-turn. Not tomorrow but instantly, as soon as you wake up, as soon as you come to that awakening station you must make that turn. Don't think, "Oh, it's okay. Tomorrow, tomorrow." No tomorrow. Angel of death may just appear. And if he appears and he takes your life on that wrong road then you are finishing Dunya and you are finishing Akhirat. So it is very dangerous.

Mankind is running today for their benefit. They say, "What is for me?" `What is for me' only and they are not even knowing how to run for what is for them. They are running after foolish things that have no value and are never going to give them any benefit in Dunya and

Akhirat. But the believers cannot be like that. Mu'min is looking with the Noor of Allah. The Mu'min who looks with the Noor of Allah, you cannot fool him. You cannot fool him means he knows what is valuable. You cannot cheat him for the benefits of this Dunya. He will not get fooled and he will not fool you. So the Mu'min does not fool anybody and he does not get fooled. That one is Mu'min and that one must be on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, on the right road. Not just to claim, "I am on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim". The way to Allah, the road to Allah, you have to be on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Every single day that is passing you have to look, "I have made a progress from here to there, from there to here, from here to there." Everyday you have to check yourself. The believers must check themselves. They cannot live irresponsible lifestyle. The believers must have a calendar to check, "What I did and why I did?"

There are five-hundred good deeds that Awliya Allah have counted, and eight-hundred bad ones. Check what you did daily. All those things that you did, does it fit to the book that contains five-hundred good deeds or to the book that contains eight-hundred wrong deeds? If it's fitting to that [book of wrong deeds] then that day you are on the road of Sheytan. You have lost. If what you did is fitting to the good deeds book then that day you are on the road of Allah. You are the winner. But don't get spoiled to say, "Oh, today I was on the road of Allah. It's okay." No. When you are going to sleep that day you make your du'a saying, "Ya Rabbi, I am a weak servant. I did all this. Now I am submitting myself to you completely. I am closing my eyes and going to sleep. I don't know if I am getting up for tomorrow. If I am getting up for tomorrow then make me to be on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim again, on the right road. Close the doors for the tricks and traps of Sheytan for me." Then look how things are going to work.

Don't excuse yourself or hearing from television, radio, these nonsense, or some other people coming all the time and talking wrong talks saying, "It's hard, it's hard." Nothing is hard. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has ordered it to us. So it's not too hard for us. Allah is not a tyrant. He does not give something to His servant which he cannot carry. But the servant is becoming weak, becoming lazy. He is becoming weak because he is becoming lazy and he is not moving towards that way and slowly one day is passing, next day, the third day, he is not moving. Look, even the car when it's not moving for one year, look, that car is not going to work. But everyday you go inside it, turn the key around and it starts automatically, right away. Keep it there and it's not going to. So because we are lazy with what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has ordered to us and we are running after Dunya, that Dunya is emptying the energy that we have which Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given to us, because we are running for Dunya for the sake of our ego, not for the sake of Allah. We have to run for Dunya too. But when we are running after Dunya for the sake of Allah we get more energy. If we run after Dunya for the sake of our ego, our own selfish gain, then you are going to lose. You are going to find no energy and before you turn left and right you are going to get so tired that you are not going to do Dunya work and you are not going to do Akhirat work. It is a curse to that man standing above Dunya then if he is not

doing Dunya work or Akhirat work.

You have to do one at least. And the one who is doing Akhirat work must do Dunya work too. He must keep himself, his body, his physical form active. If you are not active then Sheytan is going to fool you somewhere, somehow. Allah is giving Dunay work to us for us not to sit down and think so much, twenty-four hours about Akhirat to lose our mind. Everyone cannot carry that. You have different prayer times. You go pray, you go back to Dunya and you just adjust yourself, balance yourself. Otherwise, if you are not doing Dunya work too, if you are turning yourself there and if you are continuously thinking so much and if you don't have a guide to lead you then you may lose your mind too.

So from the beginning of Adam (as) until Judgment Day there have been two roads, not a third one. There is not going to be a third one. The road that is leading us to Allah, to His paradises, the prophets are leading that road and we have to follow their orders, we have to follow their lifestyle and we have to follow every order as much as we can from what they brought to us. If we do that then even if we are not running on that road, we may be walking, we may be crawling but we will still be on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, on that main road. Even if you are sitting on the main road facing the right side, somebody may come along and he may put you on his back and carry you. But if you are standing on the wrong road then no way. If you are facing the wrong side then you are not going to find the way to the paradises. Sheytan is leading that road and the ego, the Nafs likes what Sheytan is directing.

We must be careful and we must make new intention everyday and the intention everyday is to say, "Ya Rabbi, I am trying to live for you." If we do that we are going to find things more easy every passing day that is coming. Not harder but it's going to become easier. If we don't do it then every single day that is passing, it's becoming harder, harder and harder and then the angel of death comes, takes the life and that's the only thing they write on your tombstone then, "He was a good man." But he was not a good servant." Allah is not making them to write that. Even that they cannot write. Write 'good man'. Eh, we are going to see who is good and who is bad on the other side.

Now everyone is claiming, the world is claiming, "I am good, I am doing good things." The leaders are saying, "We are doing the best, running for the best for our people and doing good things." The individuals are the same way. But we are looking and seeing that the crime is growing, the tyranny is growing, the problems are growing. Never decreasing. Every single day it's increasing. We are looking at the houses. People that are living in their own houses are in war (with each other). War. Nothing else but a war. Everyone is ready with fuel and ammunition waiting for another one just to make one word and not liking and start fighting. Children with their parents, parents with their children, parents with each other, outside and inside. This is what we have today. You like it or not. This is how it is. I don't like it too. But this is how it is. And we must fix that. First we

must fix it in our own places, our own houses and then if you can reach to other places, you may. Otherwise, don't worry about that too much in these days because the majority of the people don't want to come out of that mess too. So it's not your business then. Your business, our business is to try to live a correct lifestyle, try to keep ourselves in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim and the only way for man to stay on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim is, he has to know the road. He has to know which roads are leading to the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. If you are not knowing that then you are just claiming.

If a man is on the road going up to North and he is thinking, "I am going to end up in Florida" then he is going to think only. The road is open. In open highway he is driving non-stop. He is not checking the roads. Just saying, "I know I am on the right road." That might be the right road but one goes up and the other one comes down. So you are traveling towards the North. If you are traveling towards the North you are going to end up in Canada, not in Florida. That's how it is. Different opposition, different sides now. But this is not Florida or Canada. Either side you go you find some food and you find some shelter whether Canada or Florida. But when one road is leading to Allah and the paradises and the other is leading to Sheytan and to Jahannam then you are not going to find what is for you, what is for us.

Allah prepared for us whatever is for us on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, not on the other road. On the other road you are going to suffer while you are continuing and in the end when you reach to your destiny, "Oh, what I did!" What you did is too late because this life is given only one time to you, not two times. Just take it like that. Don't let it go. Just turn around. Make the U-turn. Anytime you remember, make the U-turn. At least the angels will say, "Ya Rabbi, this one made the U-turn in the last chances that he just woke up. He made a U-turn. He was still on the road of Sheytan but he turned to the opposite direction and there were so much difficulties on his way that he couldn't make it." Mercy of Allah will reach then. Make your intention correct and your job and everything around you will be correct. If a man wants to correct himself then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering to us, "Make your intentions correct." In everything you do, you have to correct your intentions and you have to do it the right way thinking about pleasing Allah.

There is nothing we can offer to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) but He looks at our intentions. He looks at who are we showing respect to. Are we showing the proper respect to the most beloved one in the Divine Presence whom Allah loves? If we are showing proper respect to that one then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will make it easier for us. If we are showing respect to the Saliheen, to the righteous people who are in the way of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) then Allah's (subhana wa ta'ala) mercy is reaching to us. Showing respect to them is not just to go saying, "I like this man" or when you see them to kiss their hand. No. That is only a sign. To be showing respect we must take what they are giving to us, apply them to our lives and correct our lives. That is proper respect. Otherwise, when you see the Sheykh you are running to kiss the hand and later when you go outside

you run after your ego twenty-four hours a day, that's not respect. So we must inshaAllah ar-Rahman make correct intention and for Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to make it easier for us.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-94

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Honor of Being Human is Only in Taqwa and Servanthood to ALLAH cc

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Auzu Billahi Minasheytanir Rajim

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

La Hawla Wala Quwwata Illa Billahil Aliyyul Azim

Hasbunallah Wani'mal Wakil

Tariqatina Sohbet Fil Khayri Min Jemiet

Alhamdulillahi Rabbil Alemin

We are thanking to our Lord, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala). First, He has created us a man. Not a donkey. Not an animal. Not a tree. But a man. Man that He has created in Ahsani Taqwim. The Most Perfect creature. That all this creation, that knowing and not knowing, what man knows and what he doesn't know, from all this creation Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) [is] continuously creating and He has created the man in Ahsani Taqwim, the Most Perfect one. What else [do] you want? Complaining non-stop! Twenty-four hours a day! Because [He] created you a man? And He didn't create you [a] donkey. That's why you're complaining? Hasbinallah Wani'mal Wakil.

So Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) has created us the most perfect creatures. He has not created nothing for no reason. Everything has – what He has created – everything has a reason of creation. And

everything that you are seeing and not seeing, from the galaxies to the atoms, they all have [a] reasoning of creation. Nothing happened just by coincidence, by accidents, or - nothing is a copy. Everything that you see or you don't see in the universes or in your world, or on you, every cell is perfect. Perfect. Allah is perfect, creating everything perfect. So from all this creation, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala), He has honored us, the mankind saying, "the Best One." Because better than the angels. If you [are] using the titles that is given to you as a human, the mankind reaches to the station of angels or higher than the angels. But He's saying to us, "If you are not using that title that I am giving to you as a human, you are falling to the levels of the animals. But He's saying, "No, now you are lower than the animals." Because the animals they know their reason of creation. And they are living according to that reason of creation. They have no intelligence. They have only instincts that is coming to them. Or some animals, they move according to inspiration. Inspiration [is] coming to them. The angels, they have been created. They have no will or wish. And they have no desires. And Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) created them, and saying, "This is what you got to do." And they do. They have no ego.

So the man, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) has created saying, "Ahsani Taqwim." Understand that. All this creation that we are knowing, and things that we don't know that we start imagining, He created them saying, "Be." Kun Fayakun. And everything appeared. Except the man. The man Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) has created Adam (aleyhis salam). He has taken from the earth, mixing up the dirt, putting water, molding, putting a shape to a man with His Divine Hands. Don't think this kind of hands now. But He's teaching us a lesson saying that He has put a shape to a man. Spending time in His creation. He's putting a shape to a man. Then, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala), when that man is laying down, only a clay body, He's blowing to that man from His Holy Breath. Holy Breath. That now you [are] calling that Spirit came. No, Allah is not giving what is from Him to a man. If He's giving something, what is from Him to a man, and that man has to be increasing always as Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) [is] expanding. And then the man will declare one day saying, "I am your partner." That's why Allah is not accepting partnership in His Kingdom. And everything that you know and everything that you don't know that's His Kingdom. Everything that He has created.

So, just this man, He has blown into from His Holy Breath. Not something from Himself that He's giving. No, just a Breath that for us to understand. (Sheykh breathes in and out quickly). You're taking the air in and putting it out. That doesn't mean that you are giving spirit out. (Sheykh breathes in). You are taking air in and you are giving air out. So Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) [is] saying to us. He has blown from His Holy Breath to a man. And that man now became perfect. Instantly. He stood up. And when Adam (aleyhis salam), that Holy Breath became spirit to him, became life to him, and when he opened his eyes, laying down and looking, then when the spirit started moving into the body, everywhere that is coming in is becoming alive and moving. And he's sitting. Before it's reaching to the feet, when

he sit, then he sneezed (Sheykh sneezes) then he says, "Alhamdulillah." First time he has just [been] created. He has just been given that Breath. He did that and he's saying, "Thank you Ya Rabbi," the "basit", the lowest level of explanation [of] Alhamdulillah. Saying, "Thank you Ya Rabbi."

Why did he say that? The man, [in] Ahir Zaman, man in the Last Times, living on the face of earth now, they just found that out. Allah is giving them the knowledge to find that. The Holy People, they have always known. But these one[s] they [are] just finding out. Allah is giving them a sign that maybe they wake up. Now they [are] finding out when you are sneezing, then the heart stops for a split second. It may not click back on again. So the life is taken (Sheykh breaths out) is given right back to him and he's saying, "Thank you Ya Rabbi."

Alhamdulillah you have given me back that life." And all the spirit reaching to his feet. And he stood up. Now he's looking around. And order [is] coming to him, "What is this, what is that?" He starts knowing everything. Just with that Holy Breath that Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) [is] blowing into a man. Angels are in need of studying and looking and learning. The Adam (aleyhis selam) did not. He didn't study. Just that Holy Breath made him. Gave him a life, and made him to know everything.

So Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) [is] saying to us. That now he's in Paradise, looking around. Living. But he's getting bored after a while in Paradise saying, "This is Paradise, this is food, this is that." Everything that is around him, he's looking; none of the creation is one of his kind. [It] is not made out from the same material. All made out from different material. The Paradise, and the tree[s], and the angels, and everything surrounding him is not one of his kind. He has communication with them but is not one of his kind. So he start[s] feeling lonely in the Paradise. Then Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) when he's sitting now saying, "I am tired of this Paradise now," and for a split second going to sleep and he's waking up and he's seeing another, one of his kind. It [is] made out from the same material. But is completely different than him: Hawwa. And they say to him, "What is this one?" They ask, "What is this?" Right away he knew that one too saying, "This is Hawwa." "What is the name, why is [it] Hawwa?" "Because she has been created from the living one. I have been created from the mud. But that one has been created from me. To be accompanying me in this Paradise." So the Paradise became Paradise until the cursed Sheytan fooling them and putting them out from the Paradise to the earth and saying, "Find your way back to the Paradise." He started being bored in the Paradise. But now, as soon as Hawwa came, he's not bored anymore in Paradise. And they wanted to stay in Paradise forever. Think. And they commit[ed] the wrong doings there. Then Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) [is] sending Adam (aleyhis selam) down to earth. His wife. From their children multiplying, we are here, Ahir Zaman. The End of the Times. In reality we are all coming out the same mother, same father. Different colors. Different shapes. It doesn't matter. All coming from that two. Male and Female. Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) is saying, "We have created you from one

nefs," one, "then from that one We have created Hawwa, then We multiplied."

What is the reason of creation then now? Why we are here? The whole of these animals and these trees. The trees they know their job. Every year, now [it] is wintertime, everything falling, the greens they fall out. The whole tree, you look, is nothing. No sign of life in it. But [as] soon as the winter is gone, the summer start[s] coming, you're going to see the life growing up again. Same green again. Whatever that tree is giving, if it's an apple tree, [the] following year [it] is not going to mix up to give orange. Or what else? Banana tree. Hmm. It's not mixing up. Now those trees, they all know exactly when they [are] going to open up, how much fruit they [are] going to give. And when they [are] going to close again. Centuries. Some trees they stay thousands of years. I met one tree in my country. [It] is over a thousand year[s] old. It gives fruit seven times a year. Never mixing up. Always giving that fruit out. Over [a] thousand year old tree. Right in our mosque, is only one there. Somebody, some Holy Man, brought it from somewhere, planted there, it became [a] huge tree. That huge tree is giving this much small fruits on it. And [it] is never giving the fruit on the branches. [It] is giving it on its own trunks area. This much opens up. [It] is [an] unusual tree. Alhamdulillah. Sheykh Mevlana is eating from that one's fruit all the time. We are eating too so many times. But [a] thousand-year-old tree is never mixing up. Always giving out the same fruits. From the time that I've known myself, the same fruit. I ask elderly people. They say [it] never mixed it up. Giving the same fruit. Man - mixing up everything. One day like this, one day like that. One day believer, one day unbeliever. One day he's thinking I am from the children of Adam. One day he's thinking saying, "Monkey, Darwin, I am monkey," and they [are] running after [a] monkey.

They don't want to carry no responsibility. That's what it means. They want to live like animals. But [the] animal world is not accepting too saying, "We have our own laws. You cannot carry these laws." You want to live like animals, go out there to the forest. Now, look how many minutes you're going to stay out there. But all those animals, they're finding their house, their finding their way, and eating and drinking and living. So the man, insisting to live like [an] animal carrying no responsibilities, carrying no laws, and no order saying, "I am free, I do as I like." You are not free.

You are a prisoner between two breaths. I tell you that much. (Sheikh takes a breath in) If Allah does not permit, this air doesn't come in and you die. If He doesn't permit (Shaykh breaths out) air doesn't come out and you die. How [are] you claiming you are free? If you are that free stop breathing for one hour. No, put it down, fifteen minutes. Maybe five minutes. No. You cannot. It is not possible. So you are not free. You are in need of that air. So you must beg for that air to continue coming. Because that [is] the first need for life that is given to you. You cannot live without that for two minutes. Now, the second life is water. Seen in your body. So now we cannot say, you cannot say I am free. Don't drink. Why are you drinking? All

the time. Don't drink. Don't eat. Continue all these things. So we are not free.

If we are free, if we are free having authority on your own self, why are you getting old? Don't get old. Stay young. You are [getting old]. So that shows to you, that shows to me that somebody has power on us. Has the authority on us. And is ruling on us. Even if we like it or not, He's moving us to that destiny. And He's moving us to where? To our grave. No way out. If you can find [a] way out go. No way out. Forward, going always. But going always forward toward the grave site. Every single day that is passing. Mashallah, in the West first, people with empty heads they were jumping up and down celebrating their birthday. Now, East and everywhere saying, "I am very happy. Right. One more year that I got elderly now. That's why I'm happy." Getting old. Then you say, "How old are you?" Especially if it's a woman in the old days, they don't say. Now, the men, they don't say too. "Don't ask my age. I feel, I feel like my heart is eighteen years old." Mashallah, hehe, but your body is finished, expired. Ha-ha. Say, "Fool yourself as much as you want to fool. Eighteen or twenty." Hmm. The bottom point is you can feel, you can act, you can look. But there is a certain limit life is giving to you and to me. Once that's finished, shwww, out from this world.

And that life is not given to us saying this many years you're going to live. That life is given to us this many breaths of air (Sheykh breaths in and out) You're going to breath in and you're going to give out. This many. It's counted. Don't make no mistake.

So all this that Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) is giving to us, and is teaching us, sending prophets to us, sending books to us, to makes us be aware of our own self and to be aware of Him. First to know our self, and to know Him. We have to know two things: One, we have to know our self, then we have to know Him, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala). Why created. We must know. All this for what? To know Him and to worship Him. He has not created us to be running after this world, to be slaves for this world. He has created us for His service. So all these things that we're seeing it in this world, He has created for our service. Everything is working for us. From this snow that is coming down, for this water, the air, the mountains, trees, animals, everything for us. Us to Himself. For His service. And He's saying, "When you are in My service, I have created everything for you, and you for My service," so, "when you become [a] good servant for Me, I am for you also." Allah Allah. The mankind [is] running away from the service of Allah. Wants everything, but still running from the service of Allah. Saying, "I am for you. Ask, I give you everything. That time I work for you too. Everything, I created for you."

So now, we have to know who we are and who is our Lord. We have to learn. We have to try to live according to that. If we are not living according to that, then we are living according to our ego. And this short life that is given to us, one day [it] is just going to finish, expire. (Sheykh breathes in) The breath of air is going to expire, (Sheykh trying to breathe) you won't be able to take in anymore.

Finished. They say, "Your time is up." The air is there. "We have given you [a] calculated amount of air." You have just finished. Take to the hospital. They put all those gas on your head, mask pumping the air in. Eh, that's what they're pumping. Air. (Sheikh breathes in) Now how much [would] you pay for this air? Free. Go to [a] hospital. Look, one tank. How much they're going to charge you? Easy, go and ask them. Would you give the whole world that you have that time? Of course you would. How much [would] you give for this glass of water? Nothing. For free. We're not understanding the value. If the water is not here what we will do? Seventy percent of your body is water. This body is water. Seventy percent.

So treat that body properly. Don't listen to stupid music. Listen [to] good music. Don't use bad words. Use good words. Because they have just proven also that, [when] you're speaking nice words into this water, then the water turns into beautiful crystals, beautiful shapes. And when you let the water listen to Rock & Roll music, or dirty words, those crystals, they turn into very ugly shapes. Evilish shapes. So this water is your body. Seventy percent. Treat this water properly too. Honor the water.

We have what? What we will do with this water? If you don't have water? If you own this whole world and I have this glass of water and you are ready to die from thirst. If I tell you, "Give me half of the wealth that you have, I give you this glass of water." Would you give it to me that time? Half of the wealth that you have. No? You would give to that person who's going to give you a glass of water because you're dying from thirst. For that glass of water, you will give half of the wealth.

And what about, [if] you just drank that water, now Allah's authority on you [is] saying, "This water is not coming out, that you just have drank." Meaning you cannot go to [the] toilet now to bring this water out. And somebody [is] there saying, "Give me the other half of the wealth, I'll let you to go to [the] toilet to take this water out. Would you give the other half? Of course. So, he gave the whole world for a glass of water. Now you understand the value of the water? Yes, we must understand. Now, we must understand the value that Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) has given to us. Now, we're trying to understand the value of things that [are] so easily coming to us that we [are] not showing value. And Allah is saying to us, "I have created you Ahsani Taqwim." The most perfect creature. Haaa.

So now, if we start understanding the value that is around us, that Allah created for our service, slowly when we are understanding our own value, then when we start understanding our own value we look at it saying, "We are no good for nothing." Yes, that time we look at the animal we see, the Sheep eats green only, grass. Then it gives milk. It gives meat. It gives the fur. It gives the skin. It gives the horns. It gives the bones to me, and everything is useful. And me, I am eating everything. What comes out from you? You know what comes out. It's not even good for putting [for] fertilizing the land. So the animal's waste is also good, fertilizing the land. Everything coming

out is good. So now that you are seeing that you have no value at all, and Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) is saying, "I have created you the most perfect one. I am giving value to you." What else [do] you want now? You're still insisting? Oh mankind, still insisting saying, "I am monkey." Or you're still insisting to say, "I am a creature that Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) has created." That time you reach somewhere. Inshallah we do. And if we do that, that time we will win this Dunya, everything surrounding us becomes Paradise for us, and real Paradise [is] waiting for us that time. Because Allah is saying, "Ha, you think this is something for you? This world?" He says, "You cannot even imagine, you cannot even bare to see [for] a split second what I have created for you in [the] hereafter life. So be a good servant."

Inshallahur Rahman, we are making [the] intention to be a good servant. When you are a good servant, when you are happy with Allah and Allah is happy with you, then everything is yours. Then Allah is saying to us, "Yes, that nafs, that ego that Allah is happy with." Now, your Lord is happy with you, enter to the Paradise of your Lord and live there forever. Otherwise, whatever we are planting in this world, that's what we are going to harvest this year, [the] following year, or that season. Whatever that we are planting with our life, whatever that we are doing in our life, that's what we are going to harvest hereafter. If we are turning our face to the direction of Paradise, one day, even if it is slow, we're going to reach there. If our face [is facing the] opposite side to the Hell side and continuing that way, that's what we're going to reach.

So the choice is given to our hands. Allah is saying to us, "Either be My servant and stay on the way of the Paradise, and when the door opens you enter in the Paradise. Or runaway from My servanthood. You cannot run so much, because I have your leash in My hand. No man can escape from My hand. I'm sending the Azrail anytime I want. And once Azrail is coming taking your life, then they drag you into that wrong side. But I have not created you a man to put [a] leash around your neck and to pull you. I left you free. You are not [an] animal. I am showing you a lesson." Allah [is] saying to us, "You are putting a leash around the necks of animal and you [are] pulling them." That bull out there, over [a] thousand pound, you're putting that leash and pulling it. Easily following you. Those wild animals, the man has authority on them. Why? Because Allah has just said to them, "Obey the man." And showing [the] tricks and [the] traps to man, and the man is putting all those huge animals under their control. We must be under the service of our Lord, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala). That time, the much as we are under the service of our Lord, that much honor we have. Otherwise, the honor that you are putting on you with your clothes, with your worldly titles, you may keep it until the Angel of Death is coming. When the Angel of Death is coming, they're taking all the titles away. [People will be] saying, "Quickly, remove this one from here. Don't leave it out here. [It] started smelling. No creature is going to live that time. Quickly take it and bury it under the ground." That's what the man is good for that time.

So Inshallahur Rahman, first we have to understand the value that

Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) has created around us. To show proper respect. Then we understand our value. Then we will understand that we really have no value. Then we say, "Ya Rabbi, Astaghfirullah. I'm just making prostration to you." And that time, [the] more Taqwa you have, [the] more value you have.

Wamin Allahut Tawfiq.

Wahurmatul Habib.

Wahurmatul Fatiha.

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THE LIFESTYLE OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SWS) AND THE SAHABA

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THE HEAVINESS OF BEING HUMANS

Alhamdulillah, shukr Allah, astaghfirullah. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) with endless thankings that He has created us from Mankind. If He would have created us from the animals, what complaint were you going to make? Saying, "I don't like it"? Did He ask us? No. He has granted to us. But we have to understand at the same time the heaviness of being humans. Being human is not only just in the physical form. That little kid [pointing to a baby] is a human too, carrying no responsibility and not knowing anything. The human shape starts slowly in forty days in the mother's womb. In nine months it's complete and you come out as a complete human. Little fingers, little head, little eyes, everything is complete. But to go out from this world with that title as a human is very difficult sometimes to some people. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is making it easy for us. He is sending His prophets and He is sending His books saying to us what He has created, how He has created, why He has created the things that He has created and what is their duty which they have to do.

So, Abu Bakr Siddik (ra) is saying, "I wish I had never been created." Hazrat Umar (ra) is saying the same thing. Hazrat Ali (ra) and Hazrat Osman (ra) including the Holy Prophet (sws). The meaning is, they are saying that, "We are not going to be able to carry what Allah (subhana

wa ta'ala) has given to us." It's not because of the heaviness but because of our ego. The ego is pulling us to the wrong direction everyday. So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "Then whenever you are asking for forgiveness, you are finding Me forgiving. Just be sincere with yourselves. I know that you are weak creatures. Whenever you ask for forgiveness, I am going to forgive you easily." We need to do so many things going out of our way to commit sins and do wrong things. It takes years sometimes. And so many people live with that almost all their lives. But they just turn around, open their hands sincerely, saying, "Ya Rabbi, I am asking for forgiveness. I did these mistakes. I know that I am a weak one. I am asking for Your help." Instantly the help reaches. Forgiven, right away. We must look and we must understand the blessing that is coming to us with that.

BE THANKFUL FOR THE FAVORS OF ALLAH

Allah could've just said, "I have created you as man and I have given you intelligence. Every mistake that you do, you get this much punishment and every good thing you do, you get this much reward. It will not change." But He is changing. He is not changing the rewards but He is changing the punishments. So, the Most Merciful One. We must look. Then He is saying to us, "Do you think that I deserve to be worshipped? Then do." If you go to a store, you drink one coffee and you don't pay the bill; just one coffee, don't pay the bill and look what happens to you. You go through so much trouble. Anything we do in this world we have to pay a price. Allah is not asking price from us. He is saying to us, "Be a thankful servant. I gave you all this. Be thankful to Me."

If a man tells you now, "Come to my office. My office is in Washington. Everyday you are going to go back and forth from New York, just to come to my office and kiss my hand and I am going to give you a thousand dollars every day." Which one is not going to do that? If you are saying now, "I am not going to do that", then you don't have too much intelligence too. You go out there killing yourself all day long for a hundred dollars and you are not going to go for a thousand just for kissing the man's hand? So many are just going to say, "Oh, why do I have to kiss that one's hand?" Eh, you are not kissing but in the whole world any boss says, "Do this", you are going to do. You have to follow their orders. Don't fool yourselves. Be sincere with yourselves. We must be sincere with ourselves. That's what Allah is looking at.

So for instance, just for an example, (no one is doing such a thing anyway for us to think whether we should do it or not,) but if such a thing like that happens then that's the answer. If any person here says, "No, I am not going to do it", later he is going to go outside and say, "Where is that place? I should go before anybody else." (Sheykh Efendi smiles).

What does Allah want from us? He is saying to us, "Be thankful servants. Come and just prostrate. Go to Sejdah. And that Sejdah is

good for you also. That Sejdah is also for you, for your health. All these obligations that I am putting on you, they are for you."

SHEYTAN IS OUR ENEMY

So, First we have to know ourselves and then we have to know our Lord. Once we know our Lord and you are still saying, "No, I won't make Sejdah", eh, then you are just like Sheytan. But Sheytan made Sejdah to Allah. Sheytan didn't leave any place on earth and the paradises where he didn't make Sejdah. Shah Naksibendi (qaddasallahu sirruh) is saying, "If I would have found one handful of earth in this world where Sheytan did not make Sejdah, I would have saved the wholenation of Muhammad (sws) in that area. But I didn't find it. Everywhere I am looking, Sheytan made Sejdah there to Allah." Sheytan didn't make Sejdah to you, to Adam (alayhi salam). He has been kicked away from the Divine Presence forever. He did not make Sejdah to a man, to Adam (alayhi salam), to our grandfather. He has been kicked away from the Divine Presence. It was not because he wasn't making Sejdah to Allah. He insisted saying, "No, I make Sejdah to You, not to that one. You just created that one." And He has been kicked away from the Divine Presence.

Then Allah is saying to us, "That Sheytan is your enemy. Be careful. He has lots of tricks. If you give one inch to him, he is going to take you over. Later you are going to fall into his traps and it is very difficult for you to come out. Then My help may not reach to you. That is your enemy. It's not My enemy. I am the one who has created him. I can destroy him any second too. He is your enemy, running after you and you are still being disobedient to Me running after that one?" That one needs to be punished then.

THE KINGDOM OF SHEYTAN IS COMING DOWN

That's what happened. The whole world, east and west, north and south today left the ways that their prophets brought to them and how they taught them how to be a servant to their Lord. They left those ways and this world today, east and west, north and south, is under the kingdom of Sheytan. Sheytan built his kingdom on the face of this earth. InshaAllah, we are going to break it down.

(Everyone says: Amin!)

With Allah's help, inshaAllah it's going to come down.

(Everyone says: Amin!)

It's because my Sheykh said, "Say to them, you are going to bring it down" and I am saying, "I am going to bring it down."

(Everyone says: Amin!)

With the help that is reaching from the holy ones. By ourselves we are nothing. With those ones, Sheytan cannot even come near then.

PEOPLE WHO ARE SINCERE WITH THEMSELVES AND WITH THEIR LORD

So, we must look, we must check ourselves every single day to see how strong we are getting. Towards who now? Towards our ego. The ego fooled us to this direction today. Did we fall into the same mistake which we fell into yesterday? We have to check ourselves today. And we must try not to fall on the same mistake again. Ego may fool us from different sides. The next day we must make intention to cut that side, the following day the other side and the following day the other side. That way Sheytan runs away from us then, saying to his deputies, "Don't go near this one because this one just makes you to run around, you just get tired for nothing and you don't win anything from this one. Stay far distance from this one." Who are those people? They are the ones who are sincere with themselves and with their Lord. And they are continuously remembering their Lord, they are running and from every side that they are looking at it, they are trying to look with that wisdom, trying to take benefit from the things that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created for them and trying to run away from what is not good for them.

Sheytan does not come to us directly anymore, alhamdulillah. After the Holy Prophet (sws) it is forbidden for Sheytan to appear to us, to man in his form. It's another blessing. But he fools our ego. Sheytan is the teacher of our ego. He teaches, gives ways to our ego, saying, "This is okay. This is not haram. It's okay." It may not be haram but is there a suspicion coming to your heart that it is a suspicious thing to do? "Yes." Leave it. It's not going to give you any benefit. At least for that time, you are going to know, we have to calculate, we have to look at things, when we are doing them, what kind of benefit is going to come out from this to me and to this nation? Or, what kind of damage is going to come to me and to this nation? As soon as you see that damage is going to come, you must leave it. If you see that the benefit is only to you but it's going to bother other people, leave that one too. That one is very dangerous. That means you are a selfish AND egoistic person. You are not thinking for anybody else. Then down in the road you are going to be punished.

THE FIRQA-I NAJAT

So, we must look and we must try to pull ourselves from all these wrong doings and turn our way to Allah and to His Prophet (sws). Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "The Nation of Musa has deviated into seventy-one divisions. One is entering to Paradise, seventy divisions are under the punishment. The Nation of Isa, the Christians, have deviated into seventy-two different divisions. One is entering into Paradise and seventy-one is in the punishment. My nation is going to divide into seventy-three different divisions. One, Firqa-i Najat, is standing on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. The other seventy-two are in the

fire." Saying "in the fire" there means, after a while, after some punishment, they are going to come out. Anyone who believes in Allah, saying that Allah is One and there is no partnership to Allah, they cannot stay in the fire forever. But difficulties are waiting for them and difficulties are waiting for us if we don't live according to that.

Ali (ra) was asking, "What is their sign Ya Rasulullah, those people who will be on Firqa-i Najat, the one group that is going to stay on Sirat-ul Mustaqim?" Holy Prophet (sws) was saying to them, "They are following my sunnat and the sunnat of my Sahaba. They are following the footsteps of those people who have taught them the way and the lifestyle of the Holy Prophet (sws)."

Not to make the mistake today to say, "Well, there are no Sahabis. So we are also not responsible." No. We are responsible. As the Sahaba-e Ikram came and Holy Prophet (sws) said to them, "Today I have just put the Sun and the Moon between you and Kufr. It is impossible for you to turn back to Kufr." They said, "What is that Ya Rasulullah?" He said, "The Sun is the Book of Allah and the Moon is my Sunnat, standing just like that between you and the Fire. You cannot go into the Fire. You must bring these messages to the people who are coming behind." And they did their job. No one should say,

"Well, we didn't know. So it's okay."

It's not okay!

"We don't have to follow the Sunnat. It's okay."

It's not okay!

If you are not following the Sunnat of the Prophet (sws) then you are following the Sunnat of Sheytan. Nothing else. The Prophet (sws) took 23 years. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) was sending the ayats of the Quran in 23 years. He could've just given it to him instantly. Step by step in every incident that was happening He was sending the ayats and He was letting His Holy Prophet (sws) to teach people through the Sunnat, through the hadith about those things that were happening. And if we leave that lifestyle then we are going to fall. We are going to fall into the traps of Sheytan and all those who are saying that it's okay.

THE SUNNAT IS THE LIFESTYLE

Now, new generations, new Imams, new scholars are saying, "Brother, is there one hadith that is suspicious?"

I say, "Yes."

"We don't know which one it is, right?"

"Yes."

"So we just get rid of everything and we just take the Quran."

Look how easily Sheytan is fooling everyone, huh? These ones are scholars. They are not the representatives of the Holy Prophet (sws). No. They are representing Sheytan. Yes. Even if a hadith reaches to you which is a suspicious hadith, if somebody says to you, "This is a hadith" and you look at it and find that it doesn't give you order in it to go and damage somebody, just for the blessing of it say, "Alhamdulillah. I take it."

"Is there any suspicion?"

"Yes, but it's not my business to look at it. I look at it if I use this hadith whether it's going to give benefit to me and others."

If that is the case then take it and you get the blessing. And then if there is something wrong in it, because you accepted it saying, "It's coming from the Holy Prophet (sws)", Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will change it and make it better for you. He knows. We don't know.

So, Sheytan is coming with every tricks and traps. It is easy. Close the doors to him. Once you close the doors, he is going to stay out. He is not going to find way. The Sunnat is the lifestyle. How are we going to eat, how are we going to sit, how are we going to walk, how are we going to talk, how are we going to communicate, where do we have to go, where we should not go, what we should wear, what we should not wear, what we should eat, what we should not eat, what we should drink, what we should not drink, all this is the lifestyle that the Holy Prophet (sws) is teaching us. If we get rid of it then we are going to do according to what our ego says. Our ego is never liking the good things. It's always liking the wrong things.

Here's some nice water. Water gives life to you. Life. Seventy percent of the body is water. It's life. "No!" Man leaves that water and running to drink liquor. Liquor is the urine of Sheytan. What's going to happen to you then when that dirtiness is entering in you? Or, there are so many other things. Allah is saying to us what is good to eat and what is not good to eat. They are running and insisting for the things that Allah says, "Don't have it. It is bad for you." From the lifestyle, from the dress codes to everything, saying,

"Well, is this the time to wear such a thing like this?"

What happened to time? What's the time? Is that what it's saying to you that time is going to change and you are going to change your clothes? Changing, changing and changing their clothes, they change from one style to another style, they change their clothes from baggy clothes to tight clothes and now they are taking everything out. Now they are walking naked. Allah, Allah! The style is saying, "Walk naked." That's what Sheytan is saying. Sheytan is saying,

"Wear nothing. Weren't you born from your father and mother naked?"

"Yes."

"So, it's natural. Live a natural lifestyle."

That's what they are running for. That's why they are running to come out with new laws saying, "We are going to live a natural lifestyle." Huh! Ugly beings walking in the streets naked. Subhanallah, astaghfirullah! If you are saying that it's not ugly, take out your clothes, stand and look at the mirror. Don't look with the eyes of Sheytan and say, "Oh, how beautiful I am!" Then look how ugly you are that Allah covered it with heavenly clothes. Don't think that you came out to this world naked. As soon as you come out they wrap you up. They don't leave you open. As soon as Adam (as) was created, heavenly clothes were put on him.

SHEYTAN'S STYLES AND CUSTOMS

So, mankind lost their direction. Under the name of civilization they are running to live like animals. And huge groups, now nations and now all religions are running top-speed, from Judaism to Christianity to Muslims. All those are running top-speed saying, "Moda. Fashion." Fashion says (to women), "Wear like men now." For men fashion says, "You have to have new pants. One cut from there and one cut from there." Right away all the other ones go to the garbage and new pants come. Six months later another fashion. Cut from this side and cut from that side. They are not fooling the men so much but the women. Fashion is saying, "Have baggy clothes but cut it all the way from here to there (on the side of the leg)." Every time you are walking, everything is appearing. Hmm. Or, now they are cutting patches from behind and from the front too.

How foolish is that!!! Muslims are following that! Muslims. Muslims are following. Muslims are following Sheytan's styles and customs. Allah has even forbidden for women to wear pants. They are wearing pants moving around like that. Fitna! Creating fitna. You will be punished for that.

Men became more foolish. Any woman that is moving a little bit, he is running after her top-speed. How foolish you are! Is there nothing else? Is this the reason of creation for a man? Any woman shaking her tail and you are going to run after her top-speed? Where is your will-power? You are supposed to be a man. You are supposed to be a strong creature that Allah has created. Where is the will-power that you are using? Yes, that's what happened. When you are opening doors to Sheytan, he is going to enter from every side. If you are not following the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sws) you are going to follow the sunnat of Sheytan.

The reason of that is as I said earlier, why a person is going to wear tight clothes and walk in the streets? Go and ask any doctor. Any doctor. Go and ask. If they have any intelligence then say to them, "I am wearing very tight pants and very tight shirts. Is it healthy or

not?" He is going to tell you. You are still running? Governments are running top-speed to look at what you are feeding your children inside the house. They are not looking at this. They say, "You have to give them healthy food." Wearing tight pants is not healthy too. It's making you get sick sometimes later. They say,

"That's okay. Our boss, big boss Sheytan is ordering, so we put that. It's okay."

It's not okay. All these governments are under the teachings and order of Darwin monkey. Darwin monkey is in the hand of Sheytan. You must be careful. We must be careful. We are believers. We cannot live that kind of lifestyle.

FASHION SHOWS IN AFGHANISTAN

Who is stopping us in this world? Nobody. Of course you can do. Especially now, for all those Muslims who came from their countries to this country. From Turkey, Turkey is already European. So it's okay. (Sheykh Efendi laughs). But in Afghanistan they are fighting. They are taking out the burqa and now they are leaving nothing. Before they were in burqa. You could not even see the eyes. Now they say, "Fashion Shows in Afghanistan." Hmm, yes. "We are discovering new kinds of women." Mashallah, very good. What? Do they have two heads? Or do they have horns? What kinds of creatures are they? Same ones. They say, "Get rid of the burqas, get rid of the clothes and walk naked. We may accept you for the European countries." If they say this to the Turks they will say, "Oh, we are ready to do that. Quickly!"

Everyone is running. That's why now Imams are saying, "It's okay. You don't have to wear a hijab. It's not the order of Allah." What foolishness the Muslims have fallen into! How idiot they became! This is not a place to say that kind of words but maybe it will give some shock to some people who are listening to say, "Oh, who is this one saying such a thing like that?" I am saying because looking at east and west, north and south and in our own houses, the same things are happening.

SAFETY IS WITH THE LIFESTYLE OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SWS)

Don't think that you are going to be separated when Divine punishment is coming. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given orders to the prophets to give messages to those nations. Those prophets were eating themselves up, they were going out, they were screaming and they were crying for them saying, "The punishment is going to come to you. Our Lord is saying, 'Change your lifestyle.'" They were attacking them. They were cursing at them. Not only their own nation but to so many of them their own wives and their own children. Nobody is any authority on anybody. Everyone is going to live their lives. But Allah is sending them to warn others. Those who listened to them found safety. Those who didn't listen to them, they are under the punishment.

Now we are in the same times. Now the east and west, north and south. The Last Prophet have just come and gone fourteen hundred years ago. The Last Prophet brought the message to the whole mankind, looking and saying, "You want safety? The safety is with the teachings of this Prophet and what he brought. His lifestyle." And those who are holding on to it know the benefit by themselves. Those who are leaving are already under the curse in dunya. They are never having peace anywhere.

So inshaAllah ar-Rahman, these words may help you, me and all those who are listening a little bit. If not, leave it. Almost one week later the month of Safar is coming. Safar is always coming down with its heaviness and with the punishments. The Nation of Muhammad (sws) must be careful. The whole month this year may hit left and right. Seven hundred thousand curses are coming down during that month. In the old days people were doing very special things just to save themselves from that cursing that is coming down. If you are not doing anything, don't run around in the streets wild if it's for nothing. Sit in your home, pray and make some more extra zikir. If it's not necessary, don't run in the streets. These words are for you and for me. If we take it we will win. If not, as you like.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-96

Northern Virginia, Muharram 1, 1428 (January 19, 2007)

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Meded Ya Sayyidi, Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

We are asking from our Sheikh, from Sahibul Mekan, to send something to us to speak, that it will benefit you and I. We have gathered here only for one purpose: For Allah's sake. And Allah and His Prophet [are] saying to us, "When you are coming together for Allah's sake, remember your Lord and give praises to His Prophet. And the Holy Prophet (aleyhis salatu wasselam) [is] saying, "Din an-nasihah." The din, the religion, it is advise. Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) He is advising us through His prophets. Through the prophets, He's sending prophets and advising, giving advises to us saying, "If you do this way, if you walk this way, you earn this. If you don't do this, you walk that way, you lose this, and you might be punished.

Whole secrets for a man living on this earth, first thing [is] to know his Lord and to worship his Lord. The reason of creation of a man: To know Allah and to worship Allah. Twenty first century man has deviated from that way. He's running in top speed to serve his ego. And serving

the ego is worshipping the ego. So for that reason, [the] twenty first century man has every comfort, has every worldly luxury, everything that it needs reaches so easily, but no benefit and no peace in their life. And that's what happened not only to unbelievers but has also happened to believers. East, West, North, and South. Because believers, they are not living the way that they believe. And they are also running after the footsteps of unbelievers. So the Holy Prophet (aleyhis salatu wasselam), his prophecy, saying fourteen hundred years ago, "The time is going to come to my nation – [Sheykh is interrupted by a person serving tea]. No need for those now. Now sit and listen. Ten / fifteen minutes we must listen. Later we can drink and eat. [It] is OK. Drinking and eating is always there, but this kind of sohbet is not always. When we are cutting the sohbet, then they may not like it and they may take it away from us saying, "Be busy eating and drinking." We must keep that aside [a] little bit now inshallah ulrahman. That's the only thing we do. That's what we [are] talking [about] now: Trying to understand what is value and how to keep that value valuable. So one thing brought us altogether here. Only one thing: Faith. Shahadet. Saying: "Ash-hadu Anla Ilaha Illallah, Wa'ash-hadu Anna Muhammadan Abduhu Warasuluhu." This shahadet brought us here together. So this shahadet it is a glue that is tying believers together. We must not only say through a tongue, but we must live [and] hold tightly to that shahadet. Because [the] shahadet is very valuable. For that reason shahadet has [a] very big enemy. And the enemy of the shahadet is Sheytan. He's running top speed to steal the shahadet away from us, and to make us go from this world without shahadet to enter to that darkness.

The whole secret also is not how much we know. The man may know so much, but if he's not applying to his life, the knowledge that he knows, he's not going to get so much benefit from it. So the whole secret it is to much as we know, to take that knowledge and to apply it to our daily life and to live according to that. That's why Allah sent prophets to us to teach us to show us how to live and how to hold on tightly to that shahadet. Because if we have been created to know Allah and to worship Allah then we must live [and] we must hold the shahadet tightly. To be able to do that. Otherwise, our ego, meaning Sheytan, because Sheytan is the teacher of our ego, will fool us that time saying, "You need this and you need that. Run here, run there." And the need of the man is never ending. There's not really need. But we are running after so much material that the desires that the ego is asking [is] never ending until it brings [an] end to us.

So this shahadet is very valuable. Because if the nur that comes with that shahadet it opens up, in this world one believer's light, the nur, opens up, this sun it turns off. But the value of the shahadet we're going to see hereafter. We are seeing it in this world also, if we are living according to that, but the real value we're going to see it Hereafter. As soon as we enter to the grave, we [are] going to understand the value of the shahadet. All those people that they have entered to the grave now they [are] understanding the real value of the shahadet. The one that went without shahadet, that one is in big trouble. And that one is wishing and hoping saying, "I wish that one

breath of life will be given to me again and to be sent to that world again just for one purpose: To say that shahadet and to go out." That life is given to us now. That breath of life we are carrying with us. We must take it seriously. Because the enemy, the enemy of the shahadet he's very clever. If we are not holding on tightly to our Lord, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) and to his prophets and to the holy ones that they [are] coming to put protection to us, that one may find ways to steal the shahadet away from us. And if the shahadet is gone, all [the] life that you live is for nothing. No good. You may have the whole luxury of the world, [as] soon as the Angel of Death comes, everything finishes. And when the Angel of Death is going to come to us? We must think on it now. We must think on it because the Angel of Death, he unexpectedly may come. We must prepare our selves for that. And this kind of association is to make us to prepare our self for the Angel of Death. To make us to come to enter into that awakening station and to be ready when the Angel of Death is coming to be able to say, "Yes, I am ready to go."

Once upon a time, there was a king. He was [a] believer, but he was not living according to his faith. And if the man is not living the way that he believes, according to the faith, now slowly he start[s] becoming [a] tyrant to himself and to everything around. And if the power is given to you and to me, we will be [the] same. Not to think that we are any better than all those Firaouns and Nemruds [that] came and passed. We don't have any power in our hand now. And still – ooh – so many running [at] top speed left and right to do so many wrong things. If we have that power, imagine what we will do. Ha, if we don't have [a] strong faith to hold on tightly then we may become worse than them.

So once upon a time this king, he was a believer, but the faith is in the heart, but he was not living according to that faith. And he's going to go to address to his nation and everyone is waiting on the sides of the roads. The king is going to come. So [the] king is not like you and me. Standing up like that [Sheykh shows open arms] so the maids quickly they [are] coming putting new clothes on him, taking them. He's looking, "I don't like this! Bring me another one. Another one." Finally, he's happy with one [pair of] clothes. Putting his crown on his head. His seyyis, the horsemen, bringing one horse. "I don't want this horse! Bring another one. Another one. Another one." Finally, he was satisfied with another horse, sitting on it and slowly coming to a place that his nation is waiting. And everyone is watching. The king is coming. From that crowd, one old man, he just walked, coming and holding the reins of the horse. And saying to the king, "I have come." The king is very upset saying, "Who are you? Standing and cutting the way of my horse! Get away from here. [Or else] I will quickly give your head to the executioner." He's saying, "No, I must say something to you. Bend down, I have to say it to your ear." So the king is looking, "Who are you old man? Have you lost your mind? Go away quickly before I sentence you to death." "I cannot go anywhere, unless you give me your ear, I have something to say to you privately." So now this king is looking saying [to himself], "This man is not going." He bowed down saying, "Say quickly!" He says, "I have

come." "Who are you?!" " You didn't understand yet who I am? I am Azrail." (Sheykh gasps) "Ha?" Right away he starts shivering on the horse saying, "Grant me permission please. Let me go back to prepare." "Time is up," he says, "no permission. Come out from that body." Whhhht. The spirit came out. The whole crowd is looking. This old man is talking to the king. He just walked back into the crowd. Disappeared. And the king fell down from the horse and died. That king, he had a faith, but he just remembered [in the] last minute when the Azrail came to him. And he start shivering saying, "Please grant me." "No permission."

There was another servant of Allah in that king's nation. All he was doing: preparing himself, always. Sitting, praying, eating very little. Sleeping very little. Running after this world very little. Always sitting and waiting, preparing himself. So one day Azrail came to him also. He looked at it. He says, "Oh, welcome to you." He says, "You know who I am?" "Haha," he says, "before you moved from the Divine Presence I knew that you are coming." He says, "I am with my Lord, always. I cannot wait to go back to Him." He says, "So you know that your Lord is also sending you a permission saying, "Ask My servant. If he wants something, last wish, grant him [a] last wish. Whatever he wants." So he says, "Your Lord is sending [a] message to you. What [do] you like? Whatever you want, I am here to give to you." He says, "I am prepared to go, but because my Lord is sending His mercy on me again," he says, "give me permission to get up to make new wudu and to make two rekat and when I go on the second sejde, before I get up, that time take my life." Hehe. And that's what he did. He went to sejde, and that time on sejde, Azrail taking his life and going. That servant, in his grave right now, he's standing like that (Sheykh shows sejde form). And that king, in his grave, is shivering still. From that time until now. We're not telling you a fairytale. Real. And that king and that servant, it is in the grave right now. That servant of Allah, he's making the second sejde. And when he's going to get up from that second sejde, much as time that is taking you now in the sejde and sitting, [as] soon as he's going to sit, he's going to find himself in the Judgment place. Never knowing, never understanding, centuries that [are] passing on top of it. He's still in sejde. Mashallah to that one. He went out from this world prepared. That's what means; you must try to go out prepared from this world.

And I have ...

Once upon a time, Ihsan Efendi, Ihsan Hoca, that he was one of the old person[s] that he's holding tightly for Islam in every way. And he was following [the] Jerrahi Order and Muzaffer Efendi rahamtullahi aleyh) sent him to this country to work [a] little bit to prepare people. Muzaffer Efendi passed away. Later some things happened and they wanted to send that Ihsan Efendi back to the country too. And [back] then I had a store in Brooklyn. His house was very near to me. And every time before he's taking the train, he used to come there and sit and talk. And drinking some tea. Always saying good stories, Alhamdulillah. And he loved Sheykh Mevlana very much. Always. Always praising Sheykh Mevlana. Alhamdulillah Rabbil

Alemin. And they sent him back. He went to Turkey. He stayed [for] maybe three months. Three months later, one day he went to a shop, and he came, he parked his car right in front of the house. He took the shopping bags, coming out to entering, right away he dropped the bags, he looked around, he said, this way to sejde, "Allahu Akbar," he went to sejde and he passed away from this world. Same way with that servant of Allah. That he passes the same way he passed (Rahmatullahi aleyh).

So, whatever you run after that's what you're going to find. Whatever we run after, that's what we're going to find. His aim, also, was that. To be good servant and to go out from this world being a good servant. He was a good imam. He was a good sheykh. He never depended on saying, "I am Imam and I am Sheykh." "I am trying to be [a] servant," that's what he was saying. He went out from this world with that title. Mashallah. We must look to our selves now. How are we going to go out from this world? And how we're preparing our selves. So many, having so many questions, so many doubts. Leave the doubts. Sheytan is coming to fool you. For you believing in Allah, Allah is not getting greater. For you not believing, Allah is not losing. For us believing, we are the winner. For us not believing we are the loser. We must live according to that faith that we believe. That time, mercy will reach to us Inshallahur Rahman.

So this kind of association, it is to make us, it is to make our faith to grow stronger every single day. We are living in a country that everywhere, everything is pushing us for this dunya. This dunya and the love of this dunya, the material of this dunya is not ending. But we are going. Nothing is [the] same. Look at the streets. The car that is passing. The people that is inside. Don't think are the same people. Never. [It] is always changing. Everything that we're looking around is always changing. Because we are not seeing we are thinking that [it] is the same. No. The person that you are seeing now, you may never have seen that one again. Never going to see again. Maybe he had just passed away. And one day, that is going to happened to you and to me. We must be in that awakening station to say this shahadet, to live according to the shahadet, and to go out from this world with this shahadet. This shahadet, it is a safety to us in this world and hereafter. We are not, if we are being weak, on this shahadet, and we are putting the priority this world, not Allah, that time big possibility that we may lose. So in our life, Allah is our Creator. He has created us. He is giving everything to us, and all He's asking saying to us, "Be a thankful servant. Nothing else. Be a thankful servant to Me."

When Musa (aleyhis selam), he asked saying "Ya Rabbi. When will you be happy with me?" Allah saying to him, "Very easy Ya Musa. When you are happy with Me, I am happy with you. When we will be happy with Allah (subhanahu wata'ala)? When we are happy with Him, He's going to be happy with us. When He's happy with us, our Dunya becomes Paradise. Everything around becomes Paradise. The peace enters into our heart, and with that peace, everywhere we go we are finding paradise. The peace. Without peace, no Paradise. So the peace is not coming with how

much you are eating, how much you are drinking, what you are wearing, what kind of places you are living, what kind of cars you are driving, what kind of worldly titles you are having. No. How is your relationship between you and your Lord? More that is growing; more peace is coming into our heart. More [of] that peace is sending to you Rabbil Alemin, more you run to do that time, this one, that one. You're finishing the Farz. Run to the do the Sunnets. Because Allah [is] saying to us (subhanahu wata'ala): "When My servant is doing the obligations that I have ordered to him. When he's running to do things that I said to him "Do". And when he forbid[s] himself from the wrong actions that I said to him [to] stop, that servant becomes beloved to me. I love him. And when he runs to do voluntarily worshipness to Me, that time that servant comes closer to Me."

So first, when we are doing the obligations, Allah is ordering to us. He's saying, "When you are doing the obligations, you will becoming beloved to Me. I will love you." Allah Allah. Allah loving you, what else [do] you want? Heh. Everyone [is] running for somebody to love saying, "Love me honey. Honey. Love." Everyone saying, "Love me," but everyone loving each other one day [or] two day[s], one year [or] two year[s], in these days Mashallah their love is so big, [it] grows like a balloon, [and] all of a sudden one needle enters somewhere – whhhhhf – blow[s]. Turns into a hate. They run. They end up in the court. Beating each other. Whatever they have, they want to destroy each other. Mashallah. What kind of love is that? Yes. That is also love. Love of ego. So when the love of ego, someone's need is finishing with you, he looks, something better on the other side. That time – never mind about ending up in the court houses – so many people [are] thinking how I'm going to kill this one. Get rid of it. This way I can run to another one. That's what people are doing in these days.

So we must count our self. We are living in the same community. And to know and to understand. Either we have to take [a] lesson from those that is happening or one day we may become [a] lesson to somebody else. So we must take this seriously. We have no time to spend with nothing [and] for nothing. We must fulfill our time with the good deeds every single day, every single hour that is passing. We must fill our bags on the other side. Nobody says in this world, this is enough for me. No one. Everyone running. You think [it] is going to be enough [in the] hereafter. The little things that we are doing. So everyone in the cemetery, except those ones that they reach to high station, they are complaining.

Believers are complaining; unbelievers they are complaining. The people with kufur that went, they are complaining. The people who went with kufur, they are saying to themselves, "How foolish I was? I lived all this life and I didn't say one time, 'La ilaha illallah?'" That regret, the last minute of regret - understanding is eating him, [it] is burning him. There. Ha. Believers who went out from this world with a faith, but they didn't do according to what Allah has ordered to them to do; now they are in trouble too. Saying, "How foolish I was? I was believing and I was running after this world day and night? At least I was running daytime. I should have saved some time for

nighttime, for Allah's sake, for Ahiret." That one is in trouble.

Today's Muslims they are in trouble. Because when they are looking at it from the place that they are laying down in their grave, when we are entering into our grave, the fire starts coming from four sides. Into the grave. One side when fire is coming, your prayers becomes a wall. Now you have three sides open. The other side, your fastings, the Ramazan fastings becomes another wall. The other side, your zekat, your charity, your good deeds are becoming another wall. And the other side, your Hajj [is] becoming another wall to you. So you sit in that protected area. The fire cannot touch you that time. And that time [the] angels open two windows in your grave. One is looking to [the] right; one is looking to [the] left. One you look through on left side, the angels they will say to you, "This is the place that you were going to go in Jehennem. But because you obeyed the orders of Allah, Allah (subhanahu wata'ala's) blessings have reached to you, and now you are entering to this Paradise here. And when that one is looking to that Paradise, now he's saying the higher and higher Paradises, that one [is] saying, "How foolish I was? I prayed five times a day, why didn't I do some extra prayers? Extra zikir. Extra voluntary work. Extra charity here and there. This way my Paradise was growing and higher and higher and higher." So everyone is complaining.

The breath of life is with us right now. If we are using properly, inshallah we will not complain. If we are not using it, then we will be among those who is complaining also. Because once you are entering to that world, [there is] no way back out. You cannot say, "Let me do this work now to earn more from Paradises." Finished. Except, if you left some good deeds behind [in] this world. If you left some places that is working for [the] sake of Allah, the reward may reach to you, to your book. If you left some good children, that they are being [a] good servant to Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) and they are praying for you all the time, your book stays open that way, and you are growing. Otherwise, whatever you did, that's what you are taking. Inshallahul Rahman, we will not be from those that last minute regret.

We must think now correctly. And the Holy Prophet saying to us, "work for this dunya, this world, [as] much as you are going to live in it. And work for Ahiret [as] much as you are going to live in it. So we all know how much we are going to live in it. This dunya. If you don't know, say some extra, say, "I'm going to live [a] hundred years," that much you need. Azrail is waiting every day, [he] may take that life. Everyday waiting. So that means day by day now, we have to worry. Not so much to worry to building palaces for one hundred year[s]. No. Those who built the palaces also, they couldn't live in it correctly. They go out from this world suffering, so many of them. We must look to hold on tightly to our shahadet, to live according to this shahadet, and to go out from this world with this shahadet. If we are taking this shahadet with us, then this shahadet will be [a] friend to us in the grave. It will be [a] friend to us in the Sirat. It will be [a] friend to us in the Judgment place, it will be [a] friend carrying us in – because it is [a] very difficult journey we still have [in] front of us. Don't think that this world's journey is difficult. This

is nothing. We still have to enter to a grave and we have to find ways beyond the grave.

The Israfil (aleyhis salam) is waiting to blow, and to everyone to die and to enter to their graves – long story, I'm entering to that. Just making it short. Then to second time to blow again, and every spirit to come to enter to the bodies. Because one more time all the bodies that is dissolving under the ground, there is one cell in the body that is not disappearing. That is your blueprint. Disappearing in the grave, under the dirt. But that cell is always staying there. No fire can burn that cell. Nothing can destroy that cell. Staying there. When Israfil (aleyhis salam) with the order of Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) is going to blow again and the one rain is going to come down to this earth. Nobody's going to live. Everyone's going to die. And that rain is going to come down, and this earth is going to suck that rain. And that rain is not a normal rain. [It] is going to be like the man's sperm, raining down to the earth, and [it] is entering seventy meter[s] down in the earth. So many disappearing, going under the ground there. And [as] soon as that little cell touching contacting with that rain, right away there, [a] new body is going to be given to that person. Under the ground. Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) is going to use the earth one more time. [It] is like the mother's womb, to giving you a body. If that body is disappeared, [it] is going to be given a body.

The Prophet and the evliyaullah, they are laying in their grave[s] now. Their body is not dissolved. It's complete. They went clean. If we go clean, the earth will not touch us. If the earth is touching, that body is disappearing, that rain is giving [a] new body. So all the bodies is ready under the ground. Then he's blowing again. All the spirits [are] coming back into those bodies. Now, your spirit is with you, in this body. Our spirit, [is] with our body. Those people who passed away, their spirit is not in that body now. [It] is a special place, either going there, jailed, or they have other places that they are sitting with what we call Baqa world, with the prophets or with evliyaullah. But everyone's, they have [a] special place. All those people that he didn't come to this world yet, their spirit is there. When all the spirits [are] coming back to that body, your spirit is coming to you, not to me. [It] is not making any mistake. Every spirit going back to their body. All the bodies are ready under the ground. Then order is coming.

First, Holy Prophet (aleyhis salatu wasselam) is rising from the grave. All prophets, all Evliyas, all salihin, righteous people, shuhada, everyone is rising. And everyone is getting up from their grave. That place becomes now completely dark. Now, the shahadet with that light, if you went, you are glowing. That time you find [the] way from your place to the Judgment place. Otherwise first punishment, for those people who says, "I am believing, but I'm not believing [in] anything else except Allah and His Prophet," they say, "I don't accept any Sheykh, I don't accept anybody." First punishment to them: One thousand year[s], waiting next to their grave, they cannot go anywhere. Priority is given to those evliyas, those sheykhhs. They have vehicles.

Coming [and] collecting their murids. Bringing them to the Judgment place. Easily. Those who is alone, first punishment to them, they are waiting over there at least one thousand year[s]. So we must run. Ha?

Eh, same thing in this dunya. You're driving your car – heh - you're getting stuck on the high way, [if] you have some insurance, triple A, whhhhf, tak tak tak, right away they're coming. Taking you. They're bringing you [a] new car. [If] you don't have nothing, you are in trouble. You have to go a lot, spending so much money, so much trouble. Yes. Allah is giving us little examples in this world also. We must run. We must understand what is waiting for us. This world, it is difficult? What is waiting for us is more difficult. But if we reach to the station, of that perfect faith station, it will become more easy. Dunya and Ahiret becomes easy that time. And it doesn't take too long. No. "Say," Allah [is] saying what Musa says, "Ya Rabbi, when you will be happy with me?" Allah (subhanahu wata'ala) [is] saying to him, "When you are happy with Me, I will be happy with you." When we are happy with our Lord, Allah is happy with us. Very easy. And happiness makes us to run to make that One happy more. That's in the world [the] same way. Everyone. You love somebody, you respect somebody, you run after to make that person happy, to make that individual to be pleased with you. Doesn't just work like that to say, "I am happy with you. I love you. That's it." No. Not by word only. The one that you love at least, I can give you a glass of water. Giving something.

We love Allah! What can we give to Him? Nothing. Just keep His orders. That's all. Easy. Inshallah, if we are holding tightly to Him, to His Prophet, then He's sending His evliyaullah, His friends to us, to make it easy for us. If we are not sincere with that, difficulties [are] never leaving us.

Wa min Allah attawfiq. Wa hurmatil Habib. Wa hurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-97

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ISLAM IS A LIFESTYLE AND NOT JUST READING BOOKS

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Alhamdulillah, shukr Allah, astaghfirullah. We are asking for forgiveness from our Lord for our shortcomings. We are thanking for the favors He is granting to us. Thankfulness is not just to say

`Alhamdlillah' and `I am a thankful servant'. No. Man must run to try to keep the orders of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), and try to run away from the acts that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has forbidden. If we are making that intention, running towards that way and keeping it that way then inshaAllah ar-Rahman we will find and we will stay on Sirat-ul Mustaqim.

It's not that all of what is forbidden and what is ordered is going to come in your way and you have to go searching all books now. No. You have to look at every chance and every opportunity that's coming on your way, "Is this something good to do that is going to please Allah and His Prophet (sws) or not?" So many in these days are reading so much books, they know and they became scholars but they cannot control their ego. They say, "This is what the book says, this is what it is and this is what it is" but anything that comes on their way, they are failing.

Allah is not asking us just to read the books and to know the words. He is giving us through the verses and through the hadith of the Holy Prophet (sws) and teaching us a lifestyle. That's why the Prophet (sws) came and he stayed as a prophet for 23 years and it took 23 years to complete the Quran. For every incident that was happening, when it was necessary for ayat to come, ayat came. When it was not, Prophet (sws) was giving explanation through his hadith and through his lifestyle. So we have to take all these three combinations and apply them to our lives.

And the most important thing is to look at our daily lives. People are also locking their religion in a masjid. They are going to masjids and praying five times a day but outside they are doing what even animals don't do. Islam is a lifestyle. Islam is teaching us how to live. And all prayers, all obligations, all what we are doing and all harams are just to make us perfect humans, to reach to that station. Allah has created us as perfect ones but we are picking up here and there different lifestyle and different wrong teachings. So our ego is always running towards that side. So the ayats in the Quran, the hadith of Rasulullah (sws) and the teachings of the Awliya Allah are to teach us and to make us reach to that station that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given, Ahsani Taqweem.

So many also are running left and right to get titles. Worldly titles and heavenly titles. So many people are running, those who are not on the worldly way, on the heavenly way they are running to put titles on themselves. "I am a Sheykh, I am a master, I am a scholar, I am a teacher". Leave those. Allah has given better title than that to everyone. He said, "You are Khalifatullah. You are My Khalifah. I have created you and sent you down to earth to be representing Me." Do you want a higher title than that? Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel. Yes. But some are running to give titles to themselves.

So we must run to correct ourselves in our daily life. Somebody is looking or not, it doesn't matter. Allah is looking. Every activity that we do, we must try, we must run to do it correctly and we must

think, "Is what I am doing pleasing Allah and His Prophet (sws) or not?" When we are finding that it's not pleasing them then we must stop from that. When we are finding our heart is speaking saying 'yes' (then we must do it). Although it doesn't fit to give this worship to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) but saying, "I am a weak servant Ya Rabbi. This much I can do." Then with that intention Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) inshaAllah ar-Rahman, with the holy ones', with our Sheykh's intercession, He will accept our small deeds too. But we must make intention and we must run to correct ourselves.

We are approaching a month. We almost finished the month of Muharram and the second month of the Islamic month is coming, the month of Safar. In Safar 700,000 curses and punishments are removed from Lawh-e Mahfuz and coming down to the first level (of the sky). During that month that heaviness is coming down and whatever incident is going to happen to people during that whole year, from this Safar to the following year's month of Safar, whatever curses and punishments are going to reach to people, it's coming down. We must be careful. We must not be standing in the open to receive that punishment. We must run a little more, make our schedule a little more tight during this month to make a little more extra zikir and extra prayers. There are some special prayers that you may do during this month. You may consult later about that but even if it's not that, to do some extra voluntary worship, not to go out from the house without reciting Ayat-ul Kursi, asking Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to protect us from those curses that are coming down. InshaAllah when the intention is correct Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will protect His servants. We must correct our intentions and we must run to do good things and good deeds for the sake of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala).

This life is only two doors. We enter from one door and we are going to go out from the other side. It is only temporary and we, almost every one of us, made the halfway out of that road. We are about to finish the other half. We must be careful. Anytime the angel of death may come to us. We must be prepared. Muslims shouldn't be walking around in the streets without wudu. If the angel of death comes to you at least you will have wudu going out from this world. "It's difficult." Of course. It has to be difficult. Some things have to be difficult. Not easy, just opening your mouth and everything to fall into it. No.

Allah is saying to us, "We are going to test you. We are going to test the common people, we are going to test the friends of Allah, the Awliya Allah and we are going to test the prophets." He is testing every one of us. We are in this world. Every one is getting their tests according to their own station, their own level and their own knowledge. No way is Allah going to test one individual with the other one's knowledge. No. Whatever you know, from that side you are going to be tested. We must look to that. And no test is small and no test is big in the Divine Presence. Every test that is coming to a man is happening according to the knowledge and station of the man. So you must look.

"This is a small thing. Let me just escape. Let me just leave it."

No. Maybe from that small thing you may fail. InshaAllah ar-Rahman if we correct ourselves, our intentions then our deeds are going to be corrected too and we are asking firstly the mercy of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) then the Shafa'at of the Holy Prophet (sws) and we are asking the help of all the Saliheen, the righteous people inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-98

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

GET RID OF THE LOVE OF DUNYA AND LIVE THE WAY YOU BELIEVE

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 15 Zul-Hijjah, 1427

January 5, 2007

Osmanli Naks'i-bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York

Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah-il aliyyil azim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying that He will give Iman to those He wants. But what He put in every man is pulling, like a radar, asking, and He will give if man asks for it. So Allah gives everything again, but according to what man is asking. Everyone is always asking something. When do they ask? In difficulty times. Running. And when difficulty time passes, they drop everything. But Allah is watching. When in the difficulty time you are running, you are asking, you are waiting and expecting for things to work and Allah opens doors to you, and if you drop that, then there is another difficulty waiting. At that time it may not work and at that time you may suffer real good. So wake up. You must wake up if the Kalima that you are saying through the tongue has entered into the heart. Otherwise, don't trouble yourself.

They came to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and they said to him. They tried to put the Prophet (sws) under some kind of a burden saying, "We are accepting, we are believers, and we have to have this and that." Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "Say to them that their entering into Islam is not giving anything to you. It's to them."

And when they are entering into Islam and they are carrying Islam, Islam is not going higher because they are carrying it. Islam is high. They are going higher. Their value is going higher. Say: If you want then leave it and go, to see whether the value of Islam is going to fall down or not." Those people who kept Islam valuable, Allah kept them up. For centuries they tried to knock them down. But no one could knock them down. Impossible!

Slave! The man was a slave somewhere whom no one knew. Hundreds of thousands of millions of people came, they became slaves and they died as slaves. How many of them do you know? Leave the slaves. How many kings do you know from the time of the Holy Prophet (sws) up till now who have come and gone? They ruled the world. How many of their names do you know? Leave the kings. The time that you are living in now, and that you are voting, how many presidents do you know? Gone. Their names are taken off and thrown into the dustbin. But slaves, Bilal-e Habashi (ra), special, (who) left (such) a name that when you mention his name you have to stand up for it. What gave value to him? He was just another slave like the other ones. He kept valuable what Allah gave him, he held it tightly and he didn't change it for anything. He didn't change it for this world or hereafter. He kept his faith.

He showed value to the Prophet (sws) because he saw, "This is the one who became the reason for me to have this faith and I found safety." And when Holy Prophet (sws) passed away, like so many Sahabis, he didn't want to live anymore too. But he had no choice. He was living. And he asked permission from Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) saying, "Ya Abu Bakr, I cannot live in this city anymore. You have a heavier burden. So you have to live here. But I cannot. I cannot call Azan anymore too. So release me. Set me free. I take my head and I go to the mountains somewhere." And Abu Bakr (ra) said, "Go, Ya Bilal." He went all the way down to Damascus walking. But what Prophet (sws) put there (in his heart) was burning, it was always waking him up to that reality and one day he was seeing that the Prophet (sws) is calling him, "Ya Bilal, Come." He didn't know what happened. He got up and he started running in the desert, coming to Medina. Prophet (sws) said, "Call Azan." When he started calling Azan all the sahabis who were left started running. They thought that the Prophet (sws) came back too. They were looking. So when Bilal (ra) said, "Muhammadur Rasulullah" he just fell down there and he finished. Yes.

What is the difference between them and us? We are claiming that we love the Prophet (sws). Where is the love? Huh? Where? Love of dunya. And if you don't get rid of the love of this dunya then you are never going to reach to that faith. It's not possible. It's not only that they got rid of dunya but they got rid of everything that they had and they gave their lives for the Prophet (sws), for Islam. But there were ones who were weak ones. Dunya fooled them. They were Sahabis but dunya fooled them and they have fallen. When their names are mentioned now, we even turn our heads to the other side because they didn't treat the Prophet (sws) properly.

Where is the Prophet (sws)? He left? He is dead? What will you do if

the Prophet (sws) is coming and visiting on that time that this association has to be starting? What will you do if the Prophet (sws) is there and you are not? Did you ever think on it? You didn't. You are just keeping it as a hobby. You are losing it. We are not running after something. Prophet (sws) didn't run after anyone. He gave them the direction for paradise. What is valuable is valuable. Whether you are around or not it's always valuable. If you don't catch it then you will lose, you will lose (such a) big time that the angels will be saying, "How foolish this one was! Among billions they have been counted as those ones but they have not carried anything." Think on it! As you like. You can live the way you want. You are going to die with the faith that you are building, not the faith that you are talking. Whatever you are busy with, that's what you are going to die with. Holy Prophet (sws) said, "The way you believe, that's how you will live and the way you live, that's the way you will die." But I think this word 'dying' gives you the understanding of something that is going to happen centuries later. No. Maybe tonight. Everyday I am receiving phone calls from everywhere, "Sheykh, pray."

"What happened?"

"This one died."

"Inna lillahi wa inna ilaika rajiun."

That's the only thing I am saying. Every single day. You are not hearing but Allah is putting it in front of you too, in the television and everywhere. Wake up to yourselves. And if you don't live the way you believe then you start believing the way you live. And later don't say, "Allah didn't give to me." As much as you want, that much Allah gives. He looks at you, yes. Allah gives what you want, whatever you want, and whatever you are keeping valuable, that's what you run after.

Welcome to you. Welcome to New York. New York is waiting. Big apple. Get your share from it. Azrail is waiting. When you finish your share, he will take that and you together.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-99

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LIVING ACCORDING TO THE SHAHADAT

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim
La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah-il alyyil azim

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Renew your faith." Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu (sallallahu ta'ala wa alihi wa ashabihi wa sallim).

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

The whole secret, the whole marifat for a man who is counting himself from obedient servants is to be able to give this Shahadat, live according to the Shahadat and go out from the world with this Shahadat. That one is a winner. First you have to know the value, how valuable this Shahadat is. You have to understand the value. When you know the value and you understand the value then you treat it valuably. If you don't know the value and you are mistreating something that Allah is keeping very valuable then you have no value. You lost everything. You lost dunya and akhirat. You have no value in dunya because you are not living according to that faith which you have with that Shahadat. Anywhere you are finding your benefit you run towards that side then. Your value becomes according to your benefits. And it will be easy then to drop the Shahadat or to drop the lifestyle that the Shahadat, that Allah and His Prophet (sws) is ordering. It's because your aim becomes dunya, this world. Your word may be something else but your aim, your action and your life becomes dunya. So then you may drop it easily. And if you drop what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is keeping valuable then you lost all values. You have no value then.

It's not what you eat and what you drink that makes you valuable, or how big your body is or what kind of clothes you wear. It's not something of value (just) to say, "I am a believer." No. There are people who claim that they are believers and Allah gives description about the believers. If the description that Allah gives about the believers doesn't fit to you then you are only claiming that you are a believer. So you have to check first your intention then your actions to see how you are living and check your actions according to your intentions, why you are living, what is the purpose of life to you. You go to work. Why do you go to work? You go to sleep. Why do you go to sleep? You eat and you drink. You go for prayers. Why do you go for prayers? You have to know that answer. If you don't know the answer then your actions are not of too much value. Then your actions are not showing value to the Shahadat. And if you are not showing value to the Shahadat then you have no value. Your value only comes with your faith. Our value only comes with our faith.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "There is no difference in the Presence of Allah between Arab and Ajam (between Arab and non-Arab)." As today millions are entering from different nations to Islam. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "There is no difference between the Arabs and

non-Arabs." But there is a difference. "Except for those who has more taqwa." The ones who have taqwa are different. They are in higher stations and they are closer to their Lord. That's what we have to run after. Now the sun set and one (more) day the angels wrapped up one page for a whole day, twenty-four hours, they closed it, sealed it and it's gone. You cannot change anything from last night's maghrib until now. Whatever you have done, whatever you did and whatever your intentions were, the angels now after the prayer finished it and they closed that page. They put it in a special place where no one can touch that page until Judgment Day. Whatever you put there is not changing. Now you have to look, "How did I live today? What I did? Where I ran? What did I earn? Did I earn dunya, this world? Or did I earn Akhirat? Or I didn't earn any one of them?" Shame to you if you didn't. If you have earned the dunya and if Allah is giving you some chances down in the road, maybe you will wake up one day and you will spend that dunya, that world in the way of Allah and maybe you will replace some things in the life that Allah has given. But if you haven't earned dunya or akhirat, none of them, then shame to you. You lived as Ahsani taqweem, the most perfect creature on earth, and did nothing? Hmm.

"I earned dunya."

Eh, do you have guarantee-paper in your hand that you are reaching to tomorrow night? Do we have it? Do you have it? You don't. I don't have it. Some says, "Oh, this one is sick and I am crying." Eh, why are you crying for that one? Cry for yourself. So many times they open the grave (I have witnessed it) for the grandfather who is in the deathbed ready to die and news came the next day saying, "We have to bury the grandson." Some accident happened and the grandson died. The man lived another year. So it's not how much you are sick and how much you are healthy. No. Your body may be healthy but if your spirit is sick then no life. It's gone. You finished the life. Your body may be sick but your spirit is strong in the way of Allah, you are okay. You may carry still more with that spirit in this dunya.

So that's what we have look at. If Allah gave you both the spirit and the physical form strong and you are running to waste it in some other places then you will cry a lot later because chances are given one time, not two. In this world chances are only given once, not two times. But every breath that you are taking is a chance given to you for another life. You are not realizing and not taking care of it properly. Every breath of life is giving another life. But once it's ordered for the air not to go in, you will die. And that life that is given to you is only one time. You are not coming back to this world again. Whatever you collected in this world, you go out with it. If collected this world with it, eh, not much you can take with you because governments put new laws saying, "You cannot take anything with you. It's a government property. It belongs to the nation. You cannot take your gold with you, you cannot take your silver with you, you cannot take your dollars with you, you cannot take your clothes with you, you cannot take your shoes with you, you cannot take your turban with you, nothing. You go empty to the grave. If you run after

emptiness then that's what you will find in the grave. Emptiness. If you run after something of value then that's what you will find.

And what is of value? To say the Shahadat: ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu, and to live according to that Shahadat. If you say the Shahadat and you live according to the Shahadat then you have no worry. If you are saying the Shahadat and you are not living according to that Shahadat, when the angel of death comes, you may not remember to say that Shahadat. Most of the time that's how it is because you are still thinking that the doctor is going to help you. That doctor is in need of help. Or (you are thinking that) the president is going to help you. He is in need of help. Or (you are thinking that) the king is going to help you. He is in need of help. Or (you are thinking,) "The Sheykh is going to help me." He is in need of help. Hmm. Then everyone is in need of help. So you fall down and the spirit leaves the body. No matter how good you are or physically how beautiful you are, it starts rotting, it starts smelling and it starts becoming very ugly because the spirit left that body. And (they say,) "Take this and throw it to the dumpster. The world is a big dumpster. Don't leave it here open. It will give smell everywhere. Put it under the ground. Close it." Or some are more advanced and they say, "Let's start burning it from now." Hmm. They burn the whole body and throw the ashes to the sea. Or, "Tie one stone to his feet and throw him into the sea."

We are living in the Ahir Zaman, very difficult days on the face of the earth. The difficulties of the world is nothing. What is waiting for man, difficulties of Akhirat is more trouble because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is favoring the mankind of this century with everything. All those who are complaining for life, they have everything. Everything. They are living like kings, better than the kings. Even those who are on welfare live like kings. Still they are complaining. That's why Ahir Zaman people are in the most trouble that ever came to people. At least those people before may only had one pair of clothes. It's ripping off here, hole here and hole there and they were putting patches. How many clothes you have with patches? Of course, they do. It's a fashion. It's not only patches. They rip it off to show their private parts. They lost the mind too. They are claiming that they are 21st century ones and the most intelligent ones and they lost their intelligence too. Their clothes are so tight that it's not letting the blood to circle around too. They lost the mind. Or, they are ripping off, cutting off everywhere and they are putting patches. It's not because of the need, no. Because that's the direction that Sheytan is ordering saying, "That's modern, that's fashion." Fashion headquarters is in the hand of Sheytan. Sheytan is giving idea saying, "Fashion." Must be. "Make your hair fall like this or shave it like that. Put this kind of marks on your head." Hmm? "Wear pants like this or skirts like this or nothing. Wear a couple of ropes around your body."

Directions are coming from Sheytan. Be careful. Even if you are not doing to yourself but if you are seeing those things and if you are looking at it saying, "How beautiful is that", so many Muslims are

doing that. They are afraid either from their families or their community to do such things like that but their heart is with that. You lost everything then. You must be careful, we must be careful. You must not see anything of beauty in something that Sheytan is directing, showing to you or anything that is other than Islam to say, "This is beautiful." No, it's not. There's some hidden agenda in there. You must look with the proper eyes.

What is beauty is what Allah and His Prophet (sws) ordered. That is beautiful. That is Haqq. What Allah and His Prophet (sws) forbid, that is ugly and that is haram. If you are looking at that thing saying, "Oh, it is beautiful", your heart is with Sheytan then. Your bodies may be, as I said earlier, because your community is not accepting you in other ways, even if a woman is covering or a man is wearing Islamically, but your heart is in some other place. It's not good. It's gone. That means you are not living according to that Shahadat. That means you are not showing value to that Shahadat. If you are showing proper value to that Shahadat then every wrong thing is going to open up in front of you then. You are not going to have desires for the wrong things and you are not going to have hopes for the wrong things. You are always going to run to hold on tightly to what you believe.

And even if you don't run after that in your lifetime and Sheytan gets you dizzy, when you go to the death-rope and the rope is around your neck, that is the time you say, "Well, I didn't live according to it but at least let me hold on to the Shahadat and to go out with the Shahadat." At least in the last chance you may be the winner then. But that chance is not given to us all the time and to everyone because the angel of death comes unexpectedly so many times and so many times when it hit you just go out from this world and whatever the last words are that comes in your heart and out from your mouth, the Ahir words, angels they keep it, mark it saying, "Well, he lived like this and the last words are these. Hold on to this."

We must hold on tightly to the Shahadat now. We must put the Shahadat into our lives. We must look at that Shahadat and we must live according to that Shahadat. Shahadat is to believe in Allah, that there is no other creator except Him and to believe in all prophet and His Holy Prophet (sws) and believe in His last message and to try to live according to what Holy Prophet (sws) has ordered to us. If we do that we are the winners in dunya and akhirat. If we don't do that then we will be the losers.

That chance is given to us right now. There are billions and billions of people sitting in their graves. They are wishing that this life, this breath of life will be given to them one more time just to come to this life and their life to be taken away. Just one breath of life to be given to them to say what? To say ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu and to go away from this life with that Shahadat.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-100

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE SULTANUL AWLIYA IS A MAN

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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(After the nightly zikir at the Osmanli Dergahi we read a sohbet of Sheykh Mevlana Nazim which was given on April 24, 2004. It can be read at

http://www.naksibendi.org/sohbets/MevlanaSeyhNazim/20040424_1425-RabiAwal-04_Mev\ lanaSeyhNazim_Be_Best_Servant.html

Then Sheykh Abdul Kerim spoke thus:)

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

I was just intending, when I was making the zikir it came to my heart to make this last sohbet to you. I made it a long time ago, if some of you remember, about Musa (alayhi salam). A traveler passed through the village and he was a disobedient one. They greeted him properly and everyone got cursed because of that. I am intending to make that village here. Anyone who will be coming here with that anger and with that dirtiness must go out from here now and never come back again! I am intending to do that. If I am not cutting (that one) today then tomorrow I am going to. Either you are going to get rid of your dirty characteristics, you are going to become like those people in that village (through which Hazrat Musa was passing, they were all shining, they were all patient, they were all good ones for Allah,) or you have no place here. You have other places on this earth but you have no place here. You have no place with me. Put that in your head and put that in your heart. I am fed up with people calling themselves to everyone in this world that they are the mureeds of Sheykh Mevlana, including you, and yet coming here with these dirty characteristics.

You have some foolish things here and other people have some foolish things on the internet day and night. Do you think that it is giving high value to our Sheykh? Now, on the internet it's going back and forth that people are declaring that Sheykh Mevlana is Allah, or giving him all the titles that are given to Allah. Is that what Islam is ordering us? What foolishness happened to these people? Hmm? From where are we getting these teachings? From the teachings that just came (through the sohbet of Sheykh Mevlana that was just read)? When

was that sohbet given? What was the date of that sohbet? When was it given? Say.

(A murid answers, `April 24, 2004')

2004. In two years time Sheykh Mevlana changed his position? Huh? In that sohbet he spoke everything. He said Who is all-Seeing and Who is all-Knowing. He said Who is al-Musawwir. He said, "Out of six billion people five is going to die." He said it. Do you think that the one billion staying left are all these people who are calling themselves Muslims and going back and forth up and down like robots not understanding Islam and not trying to take care of their egoistic ways? Do you think those are the ones? Search yourself. Look at yourself. Look and understand, "Am I from that five billion who is going to burn and go or not?" Search yourselves sincerely. Don't wait for anybody to tell you. Look at yourselves to understand where you are standing.

Don't think that in the Divine Presence Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is separating people because you are belonging to this one or belonging to that one. It's only those who have taqwa. And those who have taqwa, it must be showing in their manner, in their talk, in their action and in their attitude. Not to get into that heedless station that some of you just came to Islam yesterday and now you are thinking and giving fatwa twenty-four hours a day. These words are for here and for all those people who are sitting behind computers and talking all those nonsense words about Sheykh Mevlana.

Sheykh Mevlana is a man. He is not higher than the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). No one has been created higher than the Holy Prophet (sws). Prophet (sws) said, "Do not leave me to my ego for the blink of an eye, Ya Rabbi." Did Prophet (sws) say, "I am all-Seeing and I am all-Hearing"? Is that what Sheykh Mevlana said now in that sohbet? Or is he saying, "All-Knowing is only for the Creator"?

That's exactly what they did to Jesus. Jesus didn't say, "I am the Lord." But those foolish ones who were running after him and they said that they love him, said that he is the Creator. He is God. And Allah will question him on the Judgment Day saying to him, "Ya Isa! Are you the one who said to them that you are the Lord?" And he is going to say, "No, Ya Rabbi. It is known to You that it is not me." And Allah is going to say to him, "Where is your evidence? These billions are saying that you said it and you are saying that you didn't." And Isa (as) is going to show, saying, "Muhammad and his nation is my witness."

What's the matter with these people? Foolish ones! Do you think giving that kind of titles to our Sheykh is putting Sheykh up or is it putting him down in front of the whole world? Everyone is attacking Sheykh Mevlana because of a couple of stupid people who just came to tariqat yesterday. Who is giving authority to them? Sheykh Mevlana? Did Sheykh Mevlana ever say, "These are my titles"? Or did Sheykh Mevlana ever say to someone, "Go around and say these are my titles"? Or is he always saying, "Ya Rabbi, grant us to be your better

servants"? Did he ever sit to speak, to make speech or sohbet without saying 'Medet' either in the beginning or in the middle of the sohbet or in the end? I have been watching him for over forty years and never have I heard Sheykh Mevlana speaking about something without saying 'Medet'. How foolish these people became. And we are all running after our own foolishness.

You must wake up before it's too late. This is not a game. This is not your egoistic game. You are servants. We are servants. Be happy that you will be getting that title saying, "You are a servant." That is enough title. If Sheykh Mevlana is speaking about something, those who understand, understand. If you don't understand then don't go around spreading wrong words. You will be responsible in the Judgment Day.

I said to him one time, "This is what they are saying, Sheykh Mevlana. This is what they are exaggerating about you. They are coming to you, they are putting in front of you one cassette, one video, you say a couple of words, they ask you a couple of questions, they take those words, they go around using it on themselves and they are attacking the whole world." He said, "What can I do, my son? This is Ahir Zaman, the end of times. Not much we can do." Anyone who is going to do such a thing like that, they are going to pay a price.

So it's for me, for you and for everyone who is hearing, to know that yes Sheykh Mevlana is the Sultanul Awliya, yes he is Mawlana and he is the Sheykh of Sheykh. We must wake up. We must wake up that he is a man. He is a creature. He is not the Creator.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-101

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SULTAN SELIM KHAN AND YOUNG OSMAN

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Tuesday 8 Shawwal, 1427

October 31, 2006

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Yavuz Sultan Selim Khan (Jannat Mekan). Sultan Selim Khan was going to conquer Baghdad, Iraq. He was moving towards Iran. All (Ottoman) Sultans moved towards the West. Sultan Selim, the Khalifah, was moving towards the East, breaking down the Shiites, hammering them because they are against the Prophet (sws) and the Sahaba-e Kiram. So his aim

was to reach there, to come to Baghdad and all that area. They were changing the aqida, beliefs. They believe that Ali (ra) was supposed to be the Khalifah and this and that. So Sultan Selim was saying, "You are, huh?" So he was moving the army to that side.

But he was giving order in Baghdad before they were entering, saying, "I will not take any soldier to the army unless they have their mustache. If they have no mustache that means they are not man yet. So I am not taking them as soldiers to the Prophet's (sws) army if they don't have a mustache." So Genc Osman, young Ottoman, was somebody who wanted to be in the army to fight in that war. But they said to him, "See, you don't have a mustache. And Sultan is ordering such and such." He said, "But I am grown. My age is young but I am this and I am that." He was pretty healthy and strong. Still they said, "No, no, no, no." But one General was liking him. So he said, "I will move you to the Sultan maybe. Maybe he will give you permission."

It's not like today that you cannot even go to see a Mayor. In no time he finds himself in the presence of the Sultan and the Sultan was saying, "My son, I put that law. You are still very young. I don't want to finish you. Now you have other duties. You are going to come later to become a soldier. Learn other things and then later you come." He said, "My Sultan, I want to become a soldier. I want to fight in this Baghdad against these ones who are the enemies to the Prophet (sws) and the Sahaba. I don't want to fight with the other ones (the Europeans)."

The Sultan said to him, "But you know I put a law. The law is saying that you don't have a mustache." He said, "My Sultan, I have a mustache." The Sultan said, "Where is it?" He took out a comb from his pocket and he hit it right on his lip. He put the comb there and smiling, saying, "Now I have a mustache. Look." The Sultan said, "I have to break that law. If the soldier is brave like this, let him fight."

He did great things in Baghdad and he became a martyr in that war.

These kinds of things you cannot speak now. This you cannot put into the young generation to give them some energy. They say, "Teach them about Michael Jackson. Teach them about moving like that." (Sheykh Efendi sarcastically moving his body). This is what they want. "Teach them other role models, rock `n roll and this and that. But don't teach them about the role models of Islam." Why do you think they are fighting with us? Hmm. "Teach them to be McDonald's boys."

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-102

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SULTAN ABDUL HAMID KHAN AND THE GENERAL

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Tuesday 2 Shawwal, 1427

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Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

An incident happened. It just fits to you and to me to understand the story of a man who was still in the way of Allah and who was keeping the orders one hundred percent. Only one thing he did.

LAST DAYS OF THE CALIPHATE

In the time of Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan (Jannat Mekat), during the last days when there was confusion everywhere and Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan is almost alone. He doesn't have too many helpers around. So many helpers became betrayers and he cannot trust them. And among some of them whom he was trusting there was one general in the army, high level general. Mehmet Aqif Ersoy is saying, he is giving the story how it happened. He said that after the Sultan passed from this world, Khilafat was removed and curse started coming down on mankind. When the Khilafat is removed then curse is coming anyway. You don't need to hear it for yourself. Non-stop curse is coming down to mankind saying, "You are the ones who removed the Khalifah." And curse is coming down. From that time until now. That's why we are not accepting their system, their democracy-hypocrisy system. Anyone who is accepting that, it's showing that they don't want the Khalifah, they don't want that ruling. That's why they are praising democracy. The Khilafat, that's what Allah wants.

THE OLD MAN IN SULTAN AHMED MOSQUE

So Mehmet Aqif Ersoy is saying, "Every morning I go to SultanAhmet Mesjid, mosque, Jamii. I go early in the morning and next to the Mihrab I see an old man. His hair and his beard is complete white, snow-white. He is continuously crying. Anytime I am going I finding that man crying. From the outside I am seeing that he is the first one in the mesjid. But he is continuously sitting, making tesbih and crying. One day I came near him and I said to him, "Oh holy one, why are you crying so much? Are you cutting yourself from the mercy of Allah? Is that why you are crying? The mercy of Allah is coming." He (also) said, "Oh, you are looking at outside and what they did (by removing the Khilafat.). What a foolish thing they did. That's why you are crying."

He (the old man) said to him, "Don't make me speak. My heart will stop." He said, "Please Speak. Say." He said, "I will tell you." He said, "I was a high general in Sultan Abdul Hamid's (Jannat Mekan)

time. My parents passed away. In the area of Izmir we had so much land and farm. So I sent my resignation letter to the Sultan asking for him to acquit me from the army. And Sultan right away send me the message back saying, "No, we cannot afford to send you away anywhere now. There is a big problem waiting for us and I need a couple of people like you. So I will not approve what you are asking." He said, "I was sad. But we had so much work to do. One day I needed to go to Istanbul and I said to myself, 'Now that I am here, let me go to visit the Sultan.'" He said, "Because I had a big authority, I could just go and visit him." The Sultan's door at that time was open early in the morning for everybody. Not even the Mayor open the door today for people. The door of the Ottoman Sultan was open. People were coming and complaining, asking and saying. This was in the worst time.

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SULTAN

So he said, "I came to the Sultan. He was sitting on his table. He looked at me and he put his head down. He was not looking at me anymore." He said, 'Your Majesty, I sent you a letter', and instantly he said to me very strongly, 'I sent you the answer back.' He said, 'Yes, that's why I am here now to ask you because this is the excuse I have.' The Sultan was shaking his head. He was not looking at me and I asked to be released again. So he just raised his head, looked at me so strongly and said, 'So what can I do?' He said to me, 'What can I do? You are asking so much? Go away.' He released him. Finished. The Sultan just waved his hand like that. In our tradition, if someone speaks to you and says, "Okay, go", it means, "I am not happy with you anymore", and they move the back of their hand to you. When they say, "Go with blessings", it's like this, with the palm of the hand towards you. But when it's with the back of the hand, in proper manner it means, "Get lost." He said, "That action just finished me. But what can I do? I cannot take that back anymore too, and I came."

HOLY PROPHET (SWS) INSPECTING THE OTTOMAN ARMY

"Very short time later, so many incidents happened that I understood why Sultan didn't want me to be released." He said, "But one night I saw a dream. In the dream I saw the Ottoman Army. They were all in straight lines. All generals were in front of the army and Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan came and he was saluting them. And the Prophet (sws) was standing in front of him and he (the Sultan) was saying, "Ya Rasulullah, the army of Islam is ready. As you like. Give order. We do as you like." He (the old man) said, "Everyone was seeing the Prophet (sws) except me. When I was looking from far I was seeing the Prophet (sws) like a moon, shining. But I couldn't see the Prophets (sws). But the Sultan and all the army were seeing the Prophet (sws)."

"And Prophet (sws) looked at the army from the beginning and he came to the end and the battalion, the group at the end was supposed to be under my authority. But I wasn't there. So all the soldiers were very sloppy. They were not in order. The Prophet (sws) looked at the Sultan

very strongly and said to the Sultan, `Ya Sultan! Where is the general of that group of people?" And the Sultan put his head down saying, "Ya Rasulullah, that one wanted early retirement. I didn't want to send him to early retirement but he asked several times. So I couldn't say `no' to him anymore. So I sent him to retirement. I sent him away." The Prophet (sws) looked at him and said, "Ya Sultan! The one that you send away, we are also sending away from our association."

He said, "After that day, I never slept at night. I am crying non-stop but I am not seeing any dreams. After that day I left everything. I left all the belongings to the people. Allah is sending my sustenance but I lost. I didn't see the Prophet (sws) and after that I have never seen any good dreams anymore."

ALLAH IS NEVER SECOND

This is not a joke. This is real. Real-real, if you understand what that means you will cry a lot then. If you don't understand then you are a donkey. What can we do? The way you live, that's how you will die. The way you will die, that's how you will be raised. This is hadis-e sharif. If you keep Allah priority then Allah keeps you priority. If you keep Allah second class then you just finished yourself. Allah is never second. If the whole world says, "We keep Allah second", Allah is not second. Allah is first. It is a blessing for man just to understand (the favor of) Allah's granting permission to man to praise Allah. As Sheykh Mevlana is saying, "Live for Allah. Live for Allah and die for Allah." It is a blessing to you. And Allah is asking then, "What does My servant want? Give it to him." And when you say, "Ya Rabbi, I want, I want", He says, "Whatever you want. When you are in My service I give you everything. You say that you love me, I love you and I am yours too. I am in your service." Allah is in our service. What service do we give to Allah? What do we do, huh? Just getting up and going up and down. Is that the service we give to Allah? Does that fit to His Majesty?

He gives everything to us and we cannot give anything back. The only thing is just to keep His orders, to try to keep His orders. Then you are honoring yourself. Allah is granting you more honor all the time. Anyone who leaves Allah, who runs away from Allah, they are losing their honor in Dunya and they are losing their honor in Akhirat. This much is enough for you and for me. No? Also for me, and for you, and for `X'. Are you sleeping `X'? Or did he leave? Do you get it now? Hmm. Anybody who takes it, takes it to themselves too. Anybody who is saying, "This sohbet does not include me", it's okay. You don't have to say IT. Just keep it inside to yourself. Look what happens.

THE RETIRED GENERAL OF TURKEY

Priority is Allah. If you are not living for Allah then Allah is saying to us, "If you are not opening your hand to ask from Me, what is your value?" Understanding? He says, "What is your value?" Value of

a donkey or a horse, or an animal? No. He is saying, "No. Not even that because that animal is valuable. You, those who are not keeping Allah priority have no value in Dunya and Akhirat. You can give them as much titles as you want. It's only temporary." They are saying, "Retired. Take that name from the table, take out the uniform, go home and wait to die." Retired. That's what it means. So all titles are gone.

Yesterday there was a General in Turkey, the General of the whole army, the head master. The man had all power in his hand. Last month he was the General. This month the uniform is out, everything is out and he is just a normal person in the streets. Finished. All power is gone. He cannot even go back to his office anymore, that office which he was occupying. He could've turned the country upside down if he wanted. He cannot (even) enter to that office (now). Finished. Titles are gone and everything is gone.

Whatever he did for Allah in that station that's what he won. If he did something for Allah then he won. If he didn't then he lost Dunya and he lost Akhirat. This one at present now, the same thing will happen to that one. This one at present in this country, the same thing will happen to that one. To everywhere. Don't look at how many people are saying `mashallah' and cheering. No. How many days? How many years? Four years, five years or ten years? Eight years. Not more than that. Later, go home. After having all that power they cannot sit home too. Big problem then to them.

So be happy with what Allah has given to you. If you are happy with Allah then Allah is happy with you. If you are not happy with Allah, you are not going to bother Allah because you are not happy with Allah. But if Allah is not happy with you then disaster is waiting.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-103

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE RULING OF ISLAM

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Sultanul Awliya, medet.

Allah is testing real faith and fake faith. And the test comes like this. There has to be opposition (for us) to say, "We are defending the Truth." And Allah is testing people's real faith to see which direction they are moving. And they are choosing a side. It (the wrong side) has to be there. It was not there until the 1900's. It was there but hidden, in a very small amount because Islam was ruling officially until 1923 and really until 1908. When Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan was removed from the chair, the ruling of Islam finished. He was the last ruling Khalifah, Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan II (Jennat Mekan). After that one, two, three more khalifahs came but they didn't have the power in their hand. When the Khalifah doesn't have the power then he is no longer ruling. Because he is not ruling, Islam is not ruling.

So up till that time Islam was ruling. Topkapi Palace is where the belongings of the Holy Prophet (sws) are, his jubbahs, his teeth, his beard, his sword, all other things and what the Sahaba left to us physically, is there. And the Prophet's (sws) flag is there. They (the Ottomans) made another one like that and early in the morning right after Fajr prayer with official ceremony every morning they were pulling the flag of Islam. The flag was open (which meant,) "Islam as a government is ruling and the headquarter is here." It was saying, "Islam's headquarter is here and the ruling of the east and west, north and south, believers and unbelievers are under the blessing of that flag." The Quran was open and recitation of the Quran was continuing twenty-four hours non-stop, circling. Not from cassettes, live Hafez people were sitting over there for one hour reciting, one finishing and another one coming reciting for one hour openly, (and in this way) the Quran was circling twenty-four hours. Twenty-four hours it was never stopping. Quran was being recited from the headquarters twenty-four hours, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty five days a year for over four hundred and thirty five some years. Non-stop.

Islam was Ruling. In the holy places east and west they put holy people who were following the four mazhabs aqida, the four mazhabs way, and they were given jurisdiction according to the time and the need of the people. So Islam was Ruling. The sword was out and the Shariat was ruling. When somebody breaks the rules and the laws of the Shariat and the Shariat is ruling, it will not be, "Oh, this is my cousin" or "This is my brother", "That's my mother" or "That's my father." No. You can buy today's courts very easily. At that time you couldn't because Islam was ruling. As people today say, "Allah is ruling", (but He is ruling) through the hands of those ones that He has appointed and they were not weak like women. Today they lost the identity. Women is given different emotions, characteristics and everything is different and the man is different. Those who were ruling and representing Islam correctly, they were not even allowed to cry in public. Whatever pain comes to them they had to be standing strong. Their children were falling down, their wives were falling down, dying, this was happening, that was happening, but they were standing powerful because they knew that everything happens with the permission of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala).

Today all that has changed. Islam is no longer ruling. So now when we go back watching that time and we look at this time, and we go back trying to find through the hadith of the Holy Prophet (sws) what will happen after Prophet (sws) leaves this world physically then we are finding that Holy Prophet (sws) said, "After me there will be Khalifahs coming and ruling." Khulafa-e Rashideen, the companions of the Holy Prophet (sws) and the best ones among the whole mankind. They came and ruled. Right after the Khulafa-e Rashideen other Sahabis and Tabi'in took over and the kingdoms came. Now Islam is not only a spiritual teaching but it's also a worldly ruling. In worldly ruling there has to be some government ways to rule. At that time Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) chose Islam to be ruling with the power of Kingdom, the Sultanate, the Malikis, the Sultans has to rule, not giving votes, buying the votes, later sitting on the chair and later, "We don't like you. Let's throw you down and get somebody else." Even if the Khalifah is a little bit crooked like this or like that, it doesn't matter. Blessing was coming down because the chair was not empty. It was occupied.

They ruled according to those nations. It's not that the Khalifahs were not correct ones. They were correct ones. Allah chose them. When the nations started becoming weak and were asking to have something that they didn't deserve and didn't work for it but they were running to cheat here and there, Allah put a stronger one to rule them. There was a governor in the time of Harun ar-Rashid (who was a rightly guided Khalifah) and he was sent to Iraq, today's Iraq. He was the tyrant Hajjaj. Hajjaj. Do you know that one? History is saying that he was a tyrant one. But he was not a tyrant one. He was a strong ruler. He was not a weak one. He was a strong ruler. Khalifah chose that one and sent him to the troubled area saying, "Go to this area. This area is good for you because your sword is always out and you are ready to cut." When he came and he made an announcement saying, "Everyone must come to the Central Mosque because there is a khutba and everyone must hear it. Everyone must come, especially the officials who are doing something with the government." Everyone came sitting but there were people at that time in that area who were cursing the Khalifah. As today's Alawi idea people are cursing, (in the same way) they were cursing the Khalifah and Khalifah sent Hajjaj there saying, "Go over there and rule." He came and he gave the khutba paper to that Imam who was representing him, saying, "Go up there and read the khutba to them." He stood up and he said, "The Khalifah of Islam is sending his salams to you." Everyone started boiling inside. They were upset but they were not saying anything. The Imam said, "Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim. Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim. Selam aleykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu. The Khalifah is sending his salams to you." As soon as they heard the name they were showing their anger to the Khalifah. He tried to continue but Hajjaj was looking. He said, "Stop there!" He said to them, "Look at me. The Khalifah, Khalifatullah, the one who is representing Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) on the face of the earth, he sat down and he put his arrows in front of him. He chose the worst poisoned arrow and he sent it to you." He said to them, "He chose me. I am the worst poisoned one and he sent me to you." "Now hear me good", he said, "The Khalifah is sending his salams to you."

Right away they started, "Aleykum salam wa rahmatullah...". "It must be!" he said, "You must be giving response to that."

Taking the paper he said, "Now, the Khalifah is saying that some of your heads here have started growing, growing beyond their bodies." He gave them the khutba and he said to them what is necessary and what they have to do. Then he took out another list and he said, "As soon as this conference here finishes, all the names that I am going to read now must come to my office." He said, "I am not asking you. It is an order to you that in this many hours you must come into the office." And he recited those names who were uprising and who were uprising people against the Khalifah. He said, "You must come to my office." He went back to his office. He said to his deputies, "When they come, let them sit over there. Look what happens and you watch too what kind of ruler came to this part of the world."

They came and he said, "You! How do you like our Khalifah?"

"Eh."

He said, "Walk through that door. Not a good response. Executioner! Get that head off." Instantly.

"You! What do you say?"

"Eh."

"You go too. You?"

"Ah, Khalifah is good."

"You are a hypocrite. You've been saying this, this and this all this time and now you are saying this? Get his neck off!"

All the names that he called he cut their necks off right away. Hmm. He said, "If there are any other heads that are growing beyond the bodies, they must go. And that's why I am here, to cut those necks off."

So even that one who looks as if he was a tyrant was not that tyrant. He was ruling with the authority. He wasn't a tyrant. He was sent to that area because that kind of people needed that kind of ruler. Not a ruler with mercy. No. He said, "You are passing beyond your limits and you are cursing to the Khalifatullah? Huh? To the Khalifah of Allah you are cursing? Come here!" He said, "These heads are not necessary to be in these bodies." He got rid of them. There are so many stories that Hajjaj has. We are leaving it here now for people just to understand where we are entering, how Islam is and when did this weakness enter into us.

We will give you another example. Call that one a tyrant too if you want. Sheykh Shamil, the Lion of the Mountains. Not lion that is the donkey kind. No. The one with authority who was taking it from the Divine Presence and using it. When they martyred the one who was

before him fighting against the Russians, they all came and they said, "O Imam, We are choosing you to be our Imam and our leader to continue this fight." He said to them, "Choose somebody else. Don't choose me." They said, "You are the one who best fits to this." He said, "Maybe, but you don't fit to the kind of orders that I am going to give to you. You don't fit to those criteria." They said, "Ya Imam, we are going to give bayat to you and until we die we are not going to change." When all those leaders came, he said to them, "Are you all sincere with your promise?" They said, "Yes." He said, "Then I am going to tell you what I need, what I want and after that you come and give me bayat under these conditions. If you give me bayat and later you change it then know that you will become my worst enemy and I will put you into the book of betrayers. It doesn't matter then in which level of station you reach in Islam." They said, "Ya Imam, we accept it." Then he said to them, "In this fight that is going on with Russia for so many years, we are not fighting for land and we are not fighting to provide a better lifestyle for ourselves. We are fighting for the sake of Islam and because of that we are never going to sit down and be comfortable until we have our freedom from the hands of the unbelievers." They said, "Ya Imam, is this the condition that you are putting on us?" He said, "Yes." They said, "This is what we are here for, this is why we are running to you." He said, "No. My tactic is different than the other ones. With what I am going to use against the Russians now, I am going to drive them crazy. And they are going to attack our villages. They are going to start killing our wives and our elderly people. They are going to destroy our villages and they are going to kill our children. We are going to move up to the mountains. Coming back we are going to protect whatever we can. If we cannot then we are going to move back up to the mountains. These villages are going to stay unprotected. Then when you are going to see that you are losing so many things, don't come to me to change this. Then I will put you in the book as betrayers. Are you accepting this?" They said, "We accept." He said, "Then give bayat." They all gave bayat.

Sometime later when Sheykh Shamil started with his tactics, taking the secrets from the Awliya Allah and hitting left and right, the Russians were going crazy. Whatever he said was happening. They were hitting the villages now saying, "This way we may make them to become weak. Kill their children, their wives, this and that, and this way they may come down and ask for a peace treaty." The Russians sent some envoys saying, "All you have to do is sit and make a peace treaty with us and we will stop from everything. We will help you. We will help you to build your nation again. You will be under our ruling. Nothing else." Some of them started becoming weak right away. They wanted to change but they said, "This is what Imam Shamil said. We cannot change. What are we going to do?" So Sheytan came to give them direction saying to them, "You don't have to go to the Imam. Use your wives. Use your women. Send them to the Imam's mother and the Imam's mother is going to speak to him. So this way he will not know who is that one. Only the mother is going to say, 'O my son, the Russians are asking this. Let's make a peace treaty', and he is not going to punish his own mother. So he will change." And that's what happened. The women came saying, "O our mother, we would like to continue this but you know how

it is happening. All our young generation is dying..." and endless stories. Weak. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created the women that way. Weak. Right away her heart couldn't carry anything anymore and she came to her son saying, "My son, I have to speak to you about something very important."

"What is it my mother?"

"About the matter of the Ummat."

"Don't you dare speak to me about the matter of religion and the politics that we are in."

"My son, you must listen to me. So many people are suffering and this and that."

He said, "My mother, they poisoned you. Hmm. They poisoned you but you are going to pay the price. Since you dared coming to ask me this you are going to pay the price."

And he said to them, "No one is going to do anything. I am entering into seclusion. When I come out then I am going to make the decision whether I will still be your Imam to see who is with me and who is not." He entered into seclusion and no one dared coming to say to him, "What are you doing?" Hmm. He sat in seclusion for three days and three nights not eating, not drinking, meditating twenty-four hours and finally he came out. All villagers circled around waiting what the Imam is going to say. He said, "I made my decision. My mother, although it's not her fault so much and I know who came and poisoned her, but because she used that title being my mother and came to weaken my position, she will be punished with a hundred lashes according to the Shariat rule. And because she is my mother, I am going to intercede for her as the Imam. I am going to give her more pain than a hundred lashes." He chose the strongest men among his people, giving them the lash saying, "I am taking the hundred on me for my mother. So now you are going to lash me a hundred times." Then he opened his back and said, "If I die, like Umar (radiyallahu anh) you are going to continue until the hundred is finished." It's because Umar (ra) did the same thing to his own son. Everyone said, "Oh Sheykh!" He said, "The ruling is given. My mother is going to watch from there me getting the lashes." He gave it to his men saying, "Hit it." When he hit once, he said, "It's not like this." He put it with mercy. So he said, "Like that." He started hitting him, saying, "A hundred lashes to me like that." And he got a hundred to himself. Then he got up and made another speech saying, "From now on if anybody attempts to do that again, it will be death penalty to those people."

He won. He didn't win the war maybe but he won his Akhirat. And all those people who were with him sincerely won their Akhirat too. From that time until now those people who didn't break the laws of Islam while they were fighting for that cause, they won. Those who deviated just a little bit saying, "Well, let's put just a little bit of foolish thing in it. The Russians are doing this to us. So we have to

do the same thing", they lost.

Islam was ruling. Now Islam is not ruling. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "After me, the Khalifahs will come. After the Khalifahs, kings will come. After the kings, Sultans will come. After the Sultans the time of Jababirah, the tyranny time will come. Everywhere in the east, west, north and south and in every country the tyrants are going to rule. If you live in that time, try to run away from government works." This is what Holy Prophet (sws) is ordering. "If you are living during that time, I only give you two advices. Speak the truth and be patient. You are not going to be able to change anything." He said to this Sahabis, "A time will come to my nation that they are not going to be able to speak the truth and they are not going to be able to stop people from Munkar, from wrongdoings." So the Sahabis said, "Ya Rasulallah, what kind of believers are those people going to be?" He said, "Worse is going to come to them. They are not going to be able to do that outside. Leave outside. They are not going to be able to do that inside, to their family members. They are not going to be able to say what is right and what is wrong. Nobody is going to listen. Everybody is going to rule as they like." The Sahabis were more surprised. Then Prophet (sws) closed the gap a little bit more. He said, "Worse is going to come to them. "What is it Ya Rasulallah?" the Sahabis asked. He said, "They are not going to be able to speak to their own children. They are not going to be able to change their wrongdoings and wrong things. Their hands are going to be tied by the governments. They are not going to be able to change and raise their children in the way of Islam. They are not going to be able to speak to their wives. Their wives are not going to listen to them. They are going to say, 'Democracy' and they are going to say, 'Feminist rights', 'women's rights.'" All these Prophet (sws) is saying, They said, "Ya Rasulallah, what kind of believers are they going to be?" You know vinegar is very strong. If you put any kinds of worms in the vinegar it will die. It will not live in it. But vinegar has its own kinds of worms that will stay in that vinegar. It will live in that vinegar. He said, "Those of my nation in that time who are going to try to live a correct lifestyle are going to be like those worms inside the vinegar. They are going to live. And my salams to them." He is saying from that time, "My salams and my blessings to those ones."

Hmm. These are the times that we are in now. So many people are not understanding what is really happening in this world because they are not understanding how Islam will rule and what is the ruling system in Islam, and people are fighting and arguing (on this matter). Sheykh Mevlana saved almost millions of people's lives. He gave everything from himself. He didn't take anything to himself from any people. I know. I grew up next to him for so many years and I have been watching him and his activities for so many years. He is not taking anything from anyone. If he takes something from you then don't think that he is taking for himself but he is taking and giving it to those ones who needs it. So he is not taking anything to himself. He worked all his life for his food. No one can say, "I have fed Sheykh Mevlana." No. He did not eat one penny haram in his life and he did not speak one wrong word in his life. He is concentrating from that time until now and he

is showing (he is not even attacking), he is showing his dislikeness to democracy systems. Nothing else. And the governments know what kind of help he did to the mankind. So many people were ready to commit suicide and he saved them. So many people were in drugs and he saved them. So many people were addicted to so many kinds of wrong things and he saved them. So many families were ready to get divorced to destroy themselves and he saved their lives.

He only did good things. Not only we know it but those governments who are running after him know that too. The Cypriot government was bankrupt. All those people who were coming from Europe or foreign countries (to visit Sheykh Mevlana), the money that they were bringing into the country, the Deutch mark, the foreign currencies that they were bringing into the country was enough for them to circle around their jobs. Still they are attacking him. Still they are running after him because he didn't say what they are asking. He didn't say, "Yes, democracy is a good system." Sheykh Mevlana has to say only one word and look tomorrow (how everything is going to change). As some groups are doing, which I am still not understanding. They are announcing about Sheykh Mevlana to the Turkish authority that he is the Mufti, he is the Hanafi scholar Mufti of Cyprus. They are still announcing that, they are still running after him and they say, "He is a Mufti." But Sheykh Mevlana is banned to go to any mesjid to even speak. Mufti? Why people are still insisting on that to say, "He is the Mufti. He is the highest authority in Hanafi fiqh." Hmm. I am watching. There must be something wrong somewhere. He is not a Mufti. He is not an official Imam, alhamdulillah, because if he was an official imam then he would be in big trouble too. He has to speak what the bosses want. He is not speaking what they want. He is speaking what comes to him from the Divine Presence. And he is still not attacking. He is just saying to people what they have to do to find safety. Nothing else.

So they are running after him. He is an over eighty years old man and now they are banning him from making khutba. Hmm. There must be something wrong somewhere. Put your heads together and understand. There must be something wrong. He is an eighty years old man. Why are you stopping him? He has been speaking for so many years. Hmm. Something is wrong somewhere. Of course, you don't have to be an Awliya too to understand certain things, how things are working, when you know how political movements are moving and some people are moving around.

Leave that part aside too. We don't want to interfere into that dirtiness. That is a dirtiness that is happening behind the doors. But the people who are doing that are only fooling themselves. They are not fooling anybody else. On the Judgment Day everything is going to be opened in front of the whole world. Allah is saying to us and to everyone, "Do you think that you are doing something behind the doors? You may get away in this world. If Allah is not forgiving you then He is going to open your dirtiness in the Judgment Day in front of everybody. Where are you going to go then?" So that's what's happening to the nation, that's what's happening to us. We left the way of the Holy Prophet (sws) and we are running, asking, trying to get medet,

help from the unbelievers. And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "The Jababirah time will enter." It doesn't matter which government anywhere. It is Jababirah. They have entered into that category. Muslim countries and non-Muslims countries. Everywhere.

So the Khalifah moved from the chair and the Khalifah is not ruling now. So no more blessing is coming. Because no more blessing is coming, now all wrong things are opening, coming to the surface. Before, the Khalifah was there, more blessing was raining and in the east, west and everywhere there was proper ruling. As I said again, you don't have to become an Awliya Allah to understand. The one biggest mistake that the Muslim people today have is that that they don't know the history. First, you have to check the history. Open the pages back a little bit. Turn it back. Look where the trouble started and since then if the trouble stopped. When did it start? Right after Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan the trouble started everywhere in the world. Non-stop, twenty-four hours a day. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "The blood is going to move like a river on earth." Is it happening today or not? Squareheads think that there is going to be a river running with blood like that. No. Look everywhere. Every single day. Look at Iraq. Huh? They brought democracy. Mashallah democracy. At least fifty a day die. They didn't like Saddam but not one was dying in his time. He was getting the heads off those he didn't like. That's it. At least the ones who were staying away from the tyranny of Saddam were living comfortable lives. Now nobody. Now you cannot go to the mesjids. Before you know the mesjids blow up. The mosques blow up everywhere. Huh. You are running to change things from the way of Allah and you want to put your ruling system to the world? Look. Look what else is coming behind this. And those who are helping these systems are going to be burned with that too. No safety. It doesn't matter imam or sheykh. Run. Run. Put a little bit more fuel, help them a little bit more and look how much the fire is going to eat you up too.

So what is the Holy Prophet (sws) ordering to us? He said, "If you are reaching to that time speak the truth. If it's necessary to speak then speak the truth or keep silent. And be patient. That's all." Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "If you know that you are a good one and if you know that you have a weakness don't go in the frontlines. Stay behind. There are so many other lions who are going to move to the front. When you are occupying the front then they are not going to move. They don't fight for that. They won't drag you back. Move back. Let the lions to go front. You are not even a cat anymore. They are not listening to you. Move back. Let the lions to stand." This is what happened to us, to our nation, to the nation of Muhammad (don't think that I am saying Turkic nation, Pakistani or Arab. To the nation of Muhammad sws).

This is what happened to us. We have been separated. We have been separated in so many different flags, different nationalities and that is enough for us to eat each other. Because of this baloney democracy nations inside have separated into ten, twenty, forty or fifty different parties. Fifty different parties mean it's democracy. Democracy has so many parties. Yes. You have to have so many different

divisions. Muslims? Is this Islam? Is this how Islam was ruling? Is this how Islam is supposed to be ruling? Later everyone is saying, "Democracy is coming from Islam. Abu Bakr Siddik was elected. And Abu Bakr Siddik, Prophet's grandsons, Muhajireen and Ansars divided. So they had different parties. It's democracy. And they were debating." Hasha astaghfirullah. They say that the Prophet's (sws) grandsons were debating with Abu Bakr Siddik or the Ansar were debating with the Muhajireen. They were fighting for who is going to rule after the Prophet (aleyhi salatu wa salam). This is what they are saying. I don't think that person or those people who are believing in that kind of thing have any knowledge of the history of Islam. Leave anything else. Or, they have the knowledge but they have a different aim. We don't know. We are not responsible. Everyone is responsible for what they say for themselves. We are not responsible for what they say.

If you like, you follow that way. If you like, follow what we were just saying. We are not saying to you, "Follow us". No. Follow your own intelligence, your heart and your own faith. Nothing else. No one is standing in front of you to stop you from growing. No. We want people to grow and we want people to move forward in the way of Allah. We want them to reach to higher stations. You cannot reach to higher stations when you are dismissing the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws) and when you are dismissing the teachings of the Sahaba-e Kiram. Yes, there were some people who elected (Abu Bakr Siddik ra). Seven people elected the Khalifah. The majority of those seven people later became Khalifahs. So they were at the same level of the Khalifah and they were just electing (not because of election-election), but they were just saying, "Because the Prophet (sws) did this to us and said (such and such), so we must choose the olderly person", and that's what they did at that time. They put Abu Bakr Siddik (ra). No one was going to stay, no one was going to fight saying to Abu Bakr Siddik (ra), "No, no. I have to be the Khalifah." How is it going to be said that the grandchildren of the Prophet (sws) established a party and they were debating with Abu Bakr Siddik? Who? Hasan and Husayn? The grandchildren. Hasan and Husayn were debating against Abu Bakr Siddik? What kind of mentality is this? It must be coming from western ideologies, from western ways of teachings.

So it's not how much you know or how much you read. You may memorize the whole Quran by your heart. What is Holy Prophet (sws) saying? "In Ahir Zaman there is going to be so many Hafez. They are going to recite the Quran but the Quran is not going to enter below their throats. It's not going to enter to their hearts. They are going to recite and they are going to make people hearts move. But the Quran is not going to help them."

We are asking forgiveness for all things that we have said, inshaAllah ar-Rahman, we are asking Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to correct us for the wrong things that we have said and make us to follow the good things and the right things that we are saying. We are not claiming anything. We are just trying to be good servants. We are sharing this knowledge with you. Everyone is free to accept or not to accept. That's what I am seeing and that's how I am walking. If anybody wants

to accept then welcome. We walk together on this road. If anybody doesn't, choose any way as you like.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

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THE TWO WAYS: HAQQ AND BATIL

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We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and asking forgiveness for our shortcomings. He has created us from a drop of water. The beginning is that and the end is only a handful of dust that is going to remain of a man. Between these two, from beginning to end, He is giving a body to us and He is watching our behavior. All orders, from the beginning of Adam (as) to the Last Prophet, the Seal of Prophets Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam) Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent 124,000 prophets and so many books just for man to reach to the most perfect station, Ahsani Taqweem. He has created us as the most perfect one. When we reach to maturity we start moving left and right and our ego takes over. When the ego takes over and when man is running after his ego, then he is no longer worshipping his Lord, he is worshipping his ego. Whatever the ego says that's what he does.

THE TWO OPPOSITE ROADS

So there are two roads, two roads going in opposite direction from each other. One is Haqq and the other one is Batil. One is truth and the other one is false. There is no other way. So man is given intelligence and is given freewill to choose which side he is going to go, which side he wants to go. The Lord of Heavens has created man to be in Sirat-ul Mustaqim. But when man is turning his face to the other side and starts running after his ego, he is turning his back to the Sirat-ul Mustaqim and continuing to the opposite direction. When he is continuing in the opposite direction then Sheytan becomes his guide.

The cursed one, the one who has been kicked away from the Divine Presence, that one becomes the guide to him who lost the direction from the Sirat-ul Mustaqim.

Whatever station you are in, don't think that Sheytan is going to come to say, "Oh, don't pray, don't do this and that." No. If he sees that you are holding the prayers tightly then he will fool you from the other side praising your ego up. If he sees that you are keeping the zikir strongly then he will fool you from the other side. He is not trying to fool you from the side that you are holding on tightly. It's the opposite. Whichever side is weak, if you give him something, he takes inch, meter and before you turn left and right he starts ruling you. When you are under the ruling of Sheytan you are no longer the servant of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). You may be making sejdah but your sejdah is not accepted, you may be making zikir but your zikir is not accepted, you may be fasting but your fasting is not accepted. But from the other side, even if you do very little for the sake of Allah, it's accepted. On the other hand, if you are sitting twenty-four hours and praying and just putting a little proudness to yourself and taking credit to yourself and saying, "Oh, I am doing something", ego knocks you down instantly and it takes over.

FAITH IS ONLY WITH FREEWILL

We must be careful. All these prophets came to teach us and to show us not to fall into the hands of our ego and not to get fooled by that ego. If man is getting fooled by the ego in this world and he goes with that from this world then it will be very hard for that man to save his faith. Everyday Sheytan is running left and right to make the person weaker towards his faith. You have to have faith willingly. It is with freewill. You are saying ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu, through the tongue and believing it through the heart freely. It's not like some squareheads now left and right in this world who are saying, "Islam came by sword" or "Islam is a forceful religion" or "Islam is this religion or that religion." From the porter to the Pope everyone is trying to attack Islam. No! It shows that they are under the hand, under the control of their ego. They have not seen anything of what Jesus brought to them.

If the Jews are attacking (Islam) then they have not seen anything of what Moses brought to them. They have deviated from that road. If they are seeing correctly, if they watching correctly what Jesus and Moses brought to them then definitely that road must bring them to Islam. If they are not watching correctly and they got fooled by Sheytan again somewhere somehow then we may say, "Stop there! Don't pass your limits!" There are over fourteen hundred years (wherein) billions of people have been declaring, "Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu." Every single day it's growing. Do we have the force now? The sword to run after them?

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Islam is the religion of intelligence." When you are holding tightly to the intelligence and when you are

watching the signs of intelligence then the road will lead you to Islam. There is no other way. You may be delaying a little bit because you are going slow, but the end must be the road of Islam. But not so to those ones who are reaching to the top of their religious figures today and they are daring to attack the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). They are under the control of their ego and Sheytan. Nothing else. If they are attacking Islam then it shows that they have not seen anything, any values from their own religion too.

NO DIALOGUE WITHOUT MUHAMMADUR RASULULLAH

So, we Muslims are more heedless because we are running after them. We are running after the West and the western ideologies. But Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is opening their faces to us saying, "Look, this is what is inside of them (those ones who are hating Islam." He is saying, "Look, is this what you are running to?" Run. Although they say, "Eh, we are okay with Islam," but from time to time Allah makes them to speak. They only speak what is inside them. They bring it out. Muslims are still sleeping. They are saying, "Yes master, yes Mr. John Pope, yes your highness, yes, yes." This is what the Muslim leaders are doing. They go and they say, "Papa hazratleri." Astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih. Saying to that one hazrat? Hazrat? Wait, wait. Somewhere somehow those Muslims leaders have also not understood the message of the Holy Prophet (sws).

They are running to say, "We are making dialogues." Jesus (alayhi salam) came before the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). When Prophet (sws) came, did he run to make dialogue with them? Or did he said to them, "Here, this is the formula. La ilaha illallah muhammadur rasulullah. If accepting then you are entering to the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. If not accepting then you are staying short." He didn't run to bow in front of them saying, "Yes, we must give something up for them to accept Islam." No. The Prophet (sws) didn't. Christianity was still there at that time. After that the Sahaba-e Kiram came. They didn't. They made treaties with them. They didn't go bowing down to them saying, "As you like." They said, "As the Lord of the Heavens likes. Not as you or I like." The rightly guided khalifahs came and right after them the kings came and the sultans came. They all made dialogues up to the limits saying, "The only way that we are going to sit and go further distance with you, you must say, `Muhammadur Rasulullah." We are saying, "Jesus is Rasulullah, we are saying, `Musa is Rasulullah', why are you not saying, `Muhammadur Rasulullah'? In order for this dialogue to continue you must say it. Say, "He is a prophet but I am not accepting him."

STORY OF THE HEADPRISTOF ABYSSINIA AND HIS BROTHER

Say. As the Habashi leader said in the time of the Prophet (sws). He (sws) sent to them a letter. The envoys came to him. That king knew. He said, "In your Book it's saying that the Seal of the prophets is going to come and he is going to come in the Hijaz area." He said to

his priests, "What do you think? Is this the one? Go and check out that one. If that is the one then send a messenger to me quickly. I must go to him." The head of the priests said, "Yes your majesty." He took over four hundred scholars with him traveling and trying to come to the Holy Prophet (sws) in Medina and next to him was his brother. They were traveling and coming to see the Prophet (sws). His brother was sincere. The head one was not sincere. When on the way the horse (of the brother) got scared from something, it jumped and he almost fell down from the horse, he was pretty upset, saying, "All this is happening because of this man that we are going to." He tried to curse to the Prophet (sws). His brother (the head of the priests) closed his mouth saying, "Don't say anything!"

When he closed his mouth he looked at him and said, "Why my brother? Why shouldn't I have said anything about that one?" He said, "Don't you see that is the one? That is the one that Jesus has spoken about." So his brother was more surprised saying to him, "If you know that that is the one and you are the head of our church, why didn't you say to the king so the king would've traveled with us, going and visiting him and accepting him?" He said, "Oh my empty-headed brother! Don't you see? Don't you see where he came? He is living in the desert. If we are accepting him then we are not going to have the same luxury that we are living in. Don't you see that we have golden canes, we have golden crosses, we are living like kings. We have the power and authority to bring down kings and to appoint new ones. They cannot change us but we can change them. If we are accepting that prophet then how is it going to be? We have to give up from this." His brother said, "Oh, I understand now. I understand." He kept quiet.

In the beginning he had sincerity with himself. So when they came to the presence of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), with that sincerity as soon as he looked at the Prophet (sws) he said, "You are the one. Yes, I am accepting you." He kissed the hands and feet of the Holy Prophet (sws). His brother looked and said to him, "Come to this side!" He said, "I am not going to. This is the real Prophet and I am going to follow this one. I am not even going back there anymore. Dunya is what you are running after." Hmm. So that one said, "Ya Muhammad, we know that in your religion if we pay taxes then you leave us alone in our religion." Holy Prophet (sws) said, "Yes, I leave you alone. I leave you alone. You changed your Akhirat for this Dunya." And those ones went back to the Habashi king and they said to him, "He is not that one. We should wait a little bit more. We are waiting for that one to come."

They are still waiting. Fourteen hundred years came and passed. Holy Prophet (sws) came and passed. Some of them are still waiting. Hmm. Some of them are sincere and some of them are not sincere. That head of priests at that time is the same as the head (Pope) in this time. The same. Same mentality. If they are reaching to that high station and they are not seeing the reality of Islam then they are in the same mentality. Something is wrong somewhere. There are some different plannings somewhere. The Muslims must wake up to understand, "Oh, yes. That was also during the time of the Prophet (sws). This is what

happened and it's continuing to happen."

FALSE IS COMING DOWN, TRUTH IS RISING

So if they want dialogue then they must say, "That's the prophet. We are accepting him as a prophet but we are not accepting him as our prophet. We are accepting Jesus." They have to at least say that. They are not saying that. Why are you going out of your way? For what? (Sheykh effendi smiles). Something is wrong with those ones too (who go out of their way to make dialogue). Why are you running after those ones and you are not running after millions of people that are in the streets? Millions! If you speak to them two words they may accept Islam. They are all empty. Why are you not running after them and you are running after that one, those top ones? They have lots of worldly wealth maybe, huh? Everything is coming down. Anyone who is running after false, the false is coming down. Anyone who is holding to the false, they are coming down with the false. Anyone who is holding tightly to the truth, the truth is rising now, opening. It was only a handful of people. Don't think that it was millions and billions when Holy Prophet (sws) came. No. There were less than forty people sitting in Makkah for years. "Immigrate", Allah said to him, "Now immigrate. Move from that town to the town where nobody knows you." He was supposed to be become weaker because he is leaving his hometown and going to a town where nobody knows him. But instantly he became stronger. His light reached to Medina. From Medina that light reached to east, north, south, west and everywhere. Today, there is no corner in this world where the light of Islam didn't reach. You are still saying, "Islam is the religion of violence"? Huh, there's violence inside of you. You must get rid of that violence.

WHY CATHOLIC POPE QUOTING AN ORTHODOX BYZANTINE KING?

Why are you quoting from one squarehead person that said something? Why you are not quoting from millions that came to this world who left their names, who have found so many big things, and they have quoted the Holy Prophet (sws)? Although they didn't accept Islam but they have quoted the Holy Prophet (sws). They left a name. Hmm. Something is wrong somewhere. Muslims must wake up. As you like. You don't have to wake up too. The one who is going to wake everyone up is coming soon and that is not coming with, "Yes sir, no sir, yes Papa hazretleri, no Papa hazretleri." No! He is coming saying, "This is the last religion. This is the Shahadat. This is the flag of Allah and His Prophet (sws). Anyone who is running after the truth must unite under this flag. Anyone who is not accepting this must separate." That's what's happening. It's the beginning now inshaAllah ar-Rahman. We must hold on tightly to our faith. Sheytan is running non-stop to hit our faith left and right. We must hold on tightly.

TWO ROADS: THE ROAD OF TRUTH AND THE ROAD OF FALSE

Two roads. One is Sirat-ul Mustaqim bringing people to the road of

Paradise. The other one, the false road is bringing people to the doors of hell. Whichever side you continue traveling, that's where you are going to end. Look at yourself and find, "Am I in Sirat-ul Mustaqim?"

"Yes."

Then continue. "Am I not in Sirat-ul Mustaqim?" Sit down, turn around, put your senses together and turn back. Turn back from that road because the end of that road is disaster. This is to you, to me and to anyone who is hearing these words. These are the words that the Holy Prophet (sws) brought to us. Two roads. Our Lord is ordering us saying, "Two ways. There is not a third way. The truth and the false. You must be on one side." At least your heart must be on one side. If you don't know then at least you have to hold on to one side more strongly. Your heart must say, "I am holding this side or that side." Then you have a freewill and you are entering into paradise with your own freewill. Man is entering into hell with his own freewill (too).

You are giving the Shahadat with your own freewill and if you are giving support to Sheytan and your ego, then before the angel of death is coming and taking your life Sheytan may be pressuring more and you may be giving that Shahadat freely also. He may appear in different forms saying, "Look, you are on the deathbed. Give me this and I will find you this way, that way and then you will be finding safety." If your faith is not strong, if the man's faith is not strong then even if he is a hundred years old, not a hundred, even if he is a thousand years old, he is still going to look to live a little bit more. If faith is strong then he will say, "Who are you? Huh? You are coming to fool me? I am waiting all this time to reach to my Lord and you are coming to fool me? Get lost from here! (Sheykh effendi smiles). You may say that to Sheytan then. Otherwise, you may fall to the trap of that Sheytan.

If we are holding tightly to the holy ones, if we are holding tightly to the guides that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has provided us with for this time, for this Ahir Zaman, if we don't put doubt in our hearts about them then there is no way that Sheytan can fool us. Our service may be very weak. Maybe we do broken salat, broken fasting and everything is broken. Maybe none of them is fit for the Divine Presence. Yes. But because we are holding tightly to the holy ones, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will order His angels, "Take this one's weak service and throw it into the oceans of those holy ones. I am accepting it with that ocean." InshaAllah ar-Rahman

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib.

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-105

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE HISTORY OF THE TURKS

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(Sheykh Efendi was conversing with the guests and one of them asked him the following)

Q: What was the religion of the Turks before Islam?

Sheykh Efendi: The Turks came from Central Asia. They came from Erganakon. The Turks are the most rooted nation on the face of the earth. They are coming from the son of Nuh (aleyhi salam), the one that went to Central Asia. After they came out from the ship he went to Central Asia. Nuh (as) had three sons. Sam, Ham and Yafes. Yafes went to Central Asia, stayed there and children came from him. The Turkic nations are coming from the generations of Yafes. All Turks are coming from him. Yafes had a son whose name was Turk. In the dictionary Turk means powerful, strong. From that generation the Turks are coming. They were living in Central Asia.

So at that time in Central Asia they slowly started deviating from the religion. The Turks started believing in what we call Shamanism. You know Shamanism? Shamans. But the Turks were always believing that there was a God living in the sky. He was not like humans. He was living in the sky. That was the religion that they were believing in. When Prophet (salatu wa salam) came, he said to the Sahaba, "Don't fight with the Turks. Go and give them the religion. They are going to accept easily." It's because they were believing that there is a God in the sky. There were Gokturks (sky-turks), Ayturks (moon-turks) etc. Some groups were believing that the God is living in the sky and some groups were believing that the crescent is supported by the God. So they were taking that, The Gokturks, Hunturks (Hun Turks) and all the other ones.

When Islam came they accepted easily. When they were following the Shamanism religion, at that time in that part of the world Buddhism was also very active. So some groups of Turks started following Buddhism. They were highly spiritual people. But really the rulers of the tribes kept it strong through generations because the Turks are always living with tribes and they are looking at the leadership. They don't want to separate from the leadership through history. When in Erganakon, right in Central Asia, the water finished and everything finished, they had to come out. But there was no way out from that area. So they started melting the mountains from the inside, they found roads and they came out from top of the Himalayan Mountains and then they separated into different groups and different tribes. Three tribes moved up to the north from Central Asia. One tribe stayed in

today's what we call Mongolistan. They stayed there and they turned into Mongolians. The other went up to Siberia and they stayed in that area and the other tribes moved and circling around Alaska they came to America (and became) what you call the Indian-Americans (native Americans). Indian-Americans are coming from Turkic backgrounds.

There are profiles for nations. For rooted nations there is a profile. The nations that later break away, like today's Hungary, those whom you call the Hungarians, are Turks. Hun Turks. Finlandians are Turks. Fin. They are coming from Turkic nations. But because they left the religion of Islam and they took Christianity, it's lost. So many tribes in Bulgaria are also Turks.

Q: So the Turks of the existing nation of Turkey, what was their religion 2,000 years ago?

Sheykh Efendi: Shamanism. Some Buddhists and some Shamanists. But they were always believing, in the Shamanism religion they were believing that there is a God. The Turks never worshipped idols. They didn't accept idol-worship. So when Islam came they said, "This religion fits perfectly to us. This is what we believe." But some leaders knew that it's not going to be helping them. So they uprised against them (the leaders inclined to Islam). There are other groups where the king took over and cut the necks off those leaders who uprised because they were very powerful. They finished that part and they accepted Islam. When the kings accepted Islam their whole nations accepted Islam. So Islam started growing in Central Asia very fast and going everywhere from Central Asia at that time. This is before the kings of that part (of the world) started accepting Islam. For instance, Iran was not accepting, the Persians were still not accepting at that time. But the Turks accepted it in Central Asia.

So they were standing between their area (Persia) and Central Asia and they were becoming a big powerful nation. It was a big threat to Persia now because they cannot fight anymore. The Seljuk Turks were coming. The Seljuks were very powerful. What happened was that there was a time that a big separation was happening, the Shia and the Sunni separation was happening [late 10th and early 11th century A.D.]. Now the Seljuk King (Togrul Beg) got inspired to come and understand from the ruling (Abbasid) Khalifah. (He thought), "This is the grandson of the Prophet (sws) and I have to go visit him, watch what he is going to say and I am going to go according to that." So the Turks were moving from Central Asia and they were fighters. No nation was able to stand in front of them. If they aimed at something they would knock them down easily.

So when the Seljuk King was coming with his nation, he was putting guards everywhere. He secured everything because he knew the idea of what was happening in Persia then (what we call Iran now). He knew that the Shia ideas were moving up and the Sunni belief was going down, disappearing. He had to choose a side. So he decided to come to Baghdad to see the Khalifah first. But he knew that Iran was a very powerful nation. So he put his soldiers (at key points) saying, "Keep

everything under control until I visit the Khalifah. After I come, we are going to decide which side we are taking." The (Seljuk) King was an illiterate man. He didn't know how to read and write. He said that, "When I came to the presence of the Khalifah inspiration started coming to me that I must help the Khalifah for the Ehl-i Sunnat way to rise again." It's because when the Ehl-i Sunnat slowly finishes, Islam is going to sink completely. So he decided to take the Ehl-i Sunnat way and he became a very big power against Iran, hitting certain areas and crushing down the beliefs of the wrong Shiite understanding. He was moving towards the Middle East because in the Middle East they (Shiites) were also becoming very powerful, in the Egypt area and everywhere. He was crushing those down and then he put borders because the Byzantines and the Greeks (the Europeans) started attacking Islam [the Crusades]. So they started putting barricades in front of them. They were the first ones to fight against the European attacks, standing right over there and stopping everything.

So because they helped the Ehl-i Sunnat way so much, the Khalifah gave them high titles saying, "You are the rulers now for the Army." They started ruling from then, slowly continuing, continuing, going back and forth and so many things were changing slowly but they were becoming powerful until the time of the Ottoman Empire. When the Ottomans came to power, they went to Egypt where the Mamluk Turks (they are Mamluks that came from today's Cherkezistan, i.e. Circassia) were ruling. They were the paid soldiers. After a while the Mamluks took over the whole country and they were ruling. When the Mamluks started deviating from the way of the real correct faith then Sultan Selim (the Ottoman ruler) gave ultimatum to them saying, "I am coming there to take the Khilafat from you. If you fight with me then I am going to crush you down completely." So when they were passing through today's Sinai desert (which they couldn't pass with all their equipments and Sultan Selim passed it with his soldiers). They (the Mamluks) said, "It is impossible to pass this desert." They (the Ottomans) passed the desert, he (Sultan Selim) came to Egypt, he took the Khilafat from there, he circled around to Damascus, he gave big authorities to the religious figures there who were believing in the Ehl-i Sunnat way and it spread everywhere and he went back to Istanbul. Since that time until 1923 the Ottomans were the ones who were ruling as the Sultan and the Khalifah. The whole Islamic world was under their banner.

(Sheykh Efendi then continued speaking on other topics).

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-106

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

PRAYER IS THE MIRAJ OF THE BELIEVERS

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Astaghfirullah wa shukr Allah. We are always asking forgiveness from our Lord for our shortcomings and we are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) for creating us, making us from the mankind and giving us the Shahadat, for making us and counting us from among the believers.

Ahir Zaman, the Last Days on the face of this earth and the last timing for everything that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created. Allah knows the Day of Creation, when he started creating. We don't know. We cannot put that number in any calculation. But Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us that there will come a day, the Qiyamat, the Last Day, to not only this world but everything that He has created that man can see and think of and things that he cannot think of. It will come to an end and everything will come for accounting, for judgment. This is what the believers must prepare themselves for. And it is such a long journey. When somebody tries to go for a journey somewhere he prepares everything, whatever his need is. We must prepare for that journey, whatever our need is in this world. And it will be easy to prepare when we submit ourselves to our Lord, to our Prophet (sws) and to those ones that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has elected and selected for us saying to us, "Follow these ones." If we follow those ones then in a short time we must reach to certain stations that we will then understand what is the value of this world and what is the value of Akhirat. When we are understanding the value of Akhirat, the value of this world becomes zero in our hearts. We will not go crazy for the benefits of this world because we know one reality that if it's not today then tomorrow, if it's not tomorrow then the next day, if it's not the next day then one year later or ten years from now or fifty years from now (death will reach to us). I don't think that anyone of us here will live to see another hundred years. So we know that reality, that a hundred years from now nobody here is going to stay in this world. They are all going to pass. People who came before us passed and we are going to pass. We don't know how much time is left until the Judgment Day but we must look at what is for us and how we must prepare ourselves.

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) knows that the creatures He has created are weak and they are running after this world non-stop. So He has created other special days during the year saying to us, "Watch these days carefully. Show proper respect to these days and the reward that you are going to receive in these days you may not receive in your whole lifetime with all your worship." It is a very valuable night

that we are approaching. InshaAllah ar-Rahman we are making intention that tomorrow night is the night of Miraj. It can be tonight, tomorrow or the next day. Your intention must be solid. You must make your intention correctly to say, "Ya Rabbi! I want to reach to that night and I want to get the blessings of that night."

So what is the Miraj and what is it giving to us? The incident happened between Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and His Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is speaking to us through the Holy Quran that in one part of the night He made His Prophet (sws) to move from Mecca to Qudus and from Qudus (Masjid-e Aqsa) He is taking His Prophet (sws) in elevation, Miraj, to the heavens passing through everything that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created, passing through all paradises, seeing what's happening in Paradise, passing through the Fire, the Hell, seeing what's happening there and passing through everything that is existing and reaching to Sidrat-ul Muntaha where all creation stops. Nothing moves beyond that. Even Jibreel (alayhi salam) did not move beyond that saying to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), "Ya Muhammad! Beyond this is for you. No permission is given to me to pass one inch beyond this." When Prophet (sws) asked him, "Ya Jibreel, you have accompanied me all the way from Mecca reaching up to here and you are leaving me alone here? I don't know the way." He said to him, "Ya Muhammad! Beyond this is only for you, not for me. A strict order is given to me and my Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, 'If you pass beyond this limitation then you will be sent to non-existence.'" Because of the Nur and the lights that are coming from Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), He is saying to His angel, "The elements that I have created you from cannot bear to see that light. So you will be sent to non-existence. You will not be created ever again."

Jibreel (as) represents intelligence and he said, "Ya Muhammad! Intelligence is ordering to me, Allah has ordered and my intelligence is saying, 'Don't pass beyond this because you will go to non-existence.' I cannot pass." Beyond this permission is given to you and your Lord has already prepared the transportation for you. Just put your foot one step ahead and it will take you there. The Awliya Allah are saying that reaching from the Sidrat-ul Muntaha to the Divine Presence five times five hundred thousand years passed. Holy Prophet (sws) was traveling from that point to the other point. Maybe (it was) ten times or three times (of that distance) but the importance is that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is taking His Prophet (sws) from Mecca in a very short time, in one night, and that short time turned into millions of years. That's Allah. Don't think how it's going to happen. How is it going to happen? If you can reach through intelligence all the way to Sidrat-ul Muntaha, beyond that you cannot reach. Beyond that intelligence finishes. Jibreel (as) stopped there because intelligence stops there, finishes. Beyond that Holy Prophet (sws) moved through the heart.

Before Holy Prophet (sws) started moving from Mecca so many other incidents happened in Mecca. We are not entering into that in this Juma time. You may read it in so many other books inshaAllah. But one

incident that happened was that angels came and they opened the heart of the Prophet (sws), the chest, and they took the heart out. They washed it with what they brought from Paradise. They washed that heart and they put it back inside. With whatever they put there the Holy Prophet (sws) was now capable to move beyond that point. As the Awliya Allah are saying, anyone who is going to enter into Paradise must enter through a river, a river that is giving light, passing (through it) and entering. We cannot enter into Paradise with this body but when we enter into that water, that water is going to change (this body), it's going to put other secrets into this body to enter into Paradise, inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

What does it give to us? What do we have to understand when Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is washing the heart of that Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam)? That heart was completely pure. There was no mistake in it. It had complete submission to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). This incident happened several years later after his declaring 'La ilaha illallah Muhammadur rasulullah.' During that time so many enemies of the Holy Prophet (sws) was attacking him. He was all alone almost. Only a handful of people were around him then. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) took him from Mecca bringing him to Qudus. There 124,000 prophets were ready for the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and he made two rakats prayer with them before he elevated from the earth to the paradises. There is another sign that Sheykh Mevlana is putting in our heart now that elevation to the paradises through the physical form must be from there (Qudus). So many doubts Muslims have today saying, "Oh, Prophet (sws) went there with spirit, through dream and not body". It must be spirit and body together. If it was a dream then he has seen hundreds of thousands of dreams. Why does he have to say that (Miraj) to us? The body, the physical form moved. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) moved it from Mecca to Qudus and from Qudus to His Divine Presence.

When Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) came to Mesjid-e Aqsa 124,000 prophets were ready. They gave beyat (pledge of allegiance) to him before he reached to Paradise. They accepted his prophethood. All the prophets came and passed before he came. They accepted that he is going to come. But Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) made them ready there to accept and to give beyat to that Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) before reaching to that journey. So all nations coming through all those prophets, the prophets gave beyat and (thereby) all those nations gave beyat to the Prophet (sws), the believers, those who were believing in their prophets. It is a big blessing to them. But what about us? And Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "If two days are the same, if the believer's two days are the same then the believer is losing." We must not make two days the same. Every single day you must progress. (Progress) is not only by the worldly understanding that, "We have one room, make it another room, make it another building." No. You must prepare yourself, we must prepare our hearts by removing what is wrong in it and putting inside it what is good as the Holy Prophet's (sws) heart opened and something was put in it, we must prepare our hearts and we must prepare ourselves to be ready for that Miraj, to be ready for that elevation because what is given to the

Holy Prophet (aleyhi salatu wa salam) is given to his nation, it is given to those people who are following his footsteps.

The Miraj incident was a (cause) of separation between the believers and the unbelievers, between the believers and the hypocrites. When Holy Prophet (sws) came back and said the incident that had happened, the unbelievers thought that now they have a big weapon in their hand and they are going to launch that everywhere and to everyone around the Prophet (sws), they are going to say to him, "You are crazy" and they (the Sahabis) are going to run away. There were so many believers at that time also who believed Abu Jahil and all the other ones who were attacking and they changed their lines from the believers' to the unbelievers' side. They were believing up till that time. When Abu Jahil came using his own intelligence and saying to them, "Look, is this possible? This man is crazy. Don't follow him anymore", so many started changing their ways. But they were looking to the big ones who were holding the pillars of Islam and they reached to Abu Bakr (ra). They said, "If we fool this one too then all that are around him are going to leave him." So they came to Abu Bakr Siddik (ra) and said to him, "Ya Abu Bakr, you are an intelligent man and now we came to you with intelligence. That man whom you are following (the Prophet aleyhi salatu wa salam), now he is saying (you didn't see him yet), but he is saying that he went to Miraj in a very short time at night and he came back and all these stories. What do you say to this? You are an intelligent man." He said to them, "If he said that then I accept. I don't have to hear him. Are you saying that he said that?" They said, "Yes." He said, "Then I accept it because now I have enough evidence to understand that Allah is giving no limitations to that Prophet (sws). He is a Prophet." Alhamdulillah. So that way Abu Bakr Siddik (ra) was given the title 'Siddik', the most trustworthy one." Alhamdulillah.

We are following his way. We are following the Naksibendi Way which is the Siddik Way, the way that is coming from Abu Bakr Siddik (ra) is reaching to our time. We must correct ourselves, especially in these days and especially in these nights we must leave the heedlessness aside, we must leave the wrong egoistic desires aside, the wrong egoistic ways aside and we must ask from our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), "Ya Rabbi! We are asking forgiveness for every shortcoming that we are doing. We know that we have not reached anywhere. All things that we are doing do not fit to Your Divine Presence. Accept this weak service, make us the worthy ones, the good ones and count us among those ones." We must ask. This is one thing also that the nation, the ummat has lost. It's not asking. We used to go to the mesjids and see old people sitting for hours opening their hands crying and asking. When we were young we were saying, "Why these men are crying so much and asking? What are they asking for? What do they want?" They didn't want anything worldly. And they are correct ones who spent all their lives in the mesjids. That's what we knew. They were still sitting over there for hours and hours asking and crying.

This is what we have lost. Sheytan is fooling us. Sheytan is saying to us, "Ah, the mercy of Allah is there. Don't worry." Then Allah is

saying to us through another ayat, "That Sheytan comes to you with the mercy of Allah. Don't be fooled by that." You have to do what is for you. You must carry what has been given to you. If you are not carrying that then you have no right to be expecting the mercy of Allah because you are not asking and you are not preparing. Man may do all kinds of wrong things but if his heart is in the right way and he is trying his best all the time, going out doing wrong things and coming to the Presence of Allah, saying, "Ya Rabbi! I am a weak one. Please forgive me." That one may expect and wait for mercy. But they are not even bothering to ask, they are not even bothering to say, "Ya Rabbi! Forgive me." Especially, in these days when you are speaking to people saying, "Why are you not asking? Why are you not asking for forgiveness?" They say, "I didn't do anything wrong. Why do I have to ask for forgiveness? I am okay. I am not bothering anybody. I am not doing this and I am not doing that." Hmm. That's enough for us. So we must take the past ones as examples. When we look at their lives and compare it to our lives then we see that there are millions of years' distance between us and them. They didn't live for this dunya. They lived for Akhirat. They lived for Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), they prepared themselves for Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and His Prophet (sws). They watched everything and every step correctly (and still) they were standing there and asking. That is the sign of servanthood. The servant must ask.

In that Miraj Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is giving a big blessing to us, to the nation of Muhammad (sws). A big blessing. The mercy and blessings is given to the whole nation, to Muhammad (sws) and all those who are coming after. It is the five times daily prayer. I listened to some Sheykh in the video the other day saying, "Allah's Prophet (sws) made interfaith with Moses and Moses said to him, 'Go back to Allah and ask! He is Merciful! He will take it away! Fifty times prayer is not good. You must drop it and you must get a discount!'" Astaghfirullah al-azim wa atubu ilaih.

[That Sheykh was saying], "And finally Moses said, 'Five times? Ask Muhammad. He is Merciful. He must give you. Ask for nothing. No prayers! Ask for no prayers!'"

The prayer for a believer is a blessing and you [that sheykh] are saying, "I don't want that prayer." Hmm.

What is Holy Prophet (sws) saying to us? He is saying to us, "The Miraj of a believer is his prayer." So when you are in the prayer you are reaching to Miraj and you are asking not to reach to Miraj. Eh, if you are not reaching to Miraj then where are you going to stay? In the dirtiness of this world. You are never going to be able to separate yourself from dunya to akhirat.

But life is passing. Every single day we are getting older. I have my picture there. I am looking at my picture and that picture was not even taken ten years ago. It's not ten years ago. All my beard was completely black. I wasn't having a single white in it. Now it's almost completely white. Huh. I don't need anybody to remind me that

Azrail is waiting here (Sheykh effendi pointing to his neck). So this world cannot fool you then because you are not running after this world. You must not run after this world but you have to prepare yourself from early ages. You have to get rid of the desires of the world slowly and understand that you have been created for the service of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala).

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is blessing this nation, blessing this Ummat with the five times daily prayer. Understand the reality! The prayer was an obligation to every prophet before. All prophets, from Adam (as) up till Isa (as), were praying, not their nations. It was not an obligation to their nations. But it was an obligation to the prophets. Those who were reaching to high stations and running after their prophets were praying. Holy Prophet (sws), before that incident (Miraj), was praying. Abu Bakr Siddik (ra) and the other ones were praying with him. They were strong ones. They didn't want (the order to be) coming to them directly. They said, "What will happen if we do it? We are not going to lose anything. We will just be copying our Prophet (sws). Prophet (sws) has been given the order to do it, so we have to do it too." This is what they were running to do. The weak ones were not doing it.

Then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent blessings to us, saying to us, "Pray. Come to My Presence five times a day. That is the time that I clean you out. Everytime you say 'Allahu Akbar' it takes away every wrong thing that you did between the prayers. When you are coming to My Presence and you are saying 'Allahu Akbar', all the wrong things that you did up till that time will be falling down from your bodies like trees dropping their leaves. So you will become completely clean. When you get up from there to go out again you are clean. You go out and do wrong things again, come back to the Divine Presence again."

The prayer is the Divine Presence for believers. When the believers are pulling their hands like this and putting it in the back (during the takbir), it means, "Ya Rabbi! We are throwing all this Dunya behind us and we are standing right in front of You. You are watching us and You are seeing us. We are not seeing You. We are simple and humble servants. Accept this." When you look at it that way then it is a blessing. When you look at it the other way then you cry saying, "Take this prayer away. Not fifty, not even five times a day!"

And it is a sad thing to say that the Muslim leaders are saying this in these days. Not the Muslims, but the leaders are saying these kinds of stories, that they made interfaith, that Prophet (sws) was asking advice from Musa (as). He didn't know anything. So Musa (as) was giving him advice. But aren't you knowing that before he reached there Musa (as) was down in Qudus praying behind the Prophet (sws)? You think that the Prophet (sws) didn't know? Yes, Prophet (sws) knew everything. If anybody is saying that the Prophet (sws) didn't know then do you need to take advice from that one? Who is the Habibullah? Musa (as) or Muhammad (sws)? Musa (as) is the Kalimullah. He is the

Kalimullah but Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) didn't speak directly to him. He spoke to the tree. Allah took Prophet (sws) to the Divine Presence, in front of Him. He is saying to us in the Holy Quran that they came so close (that it's) like two bows' ends coming together and they are coming closer. What is the meaning of that? How are you going to understand that through the mind? And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) gave to that Prophet (sws) fifty prayers a day because the reason of creation for man is to worship Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Nothing else. Fifty times. When Prophet (sws) was bringing it down then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) said, "Ya Muhammad, anybody who keeps these five times prayers, I will give them the reward as if they are doing it fifty times daily."

Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. We must understand this. We must not become weak on our prayers. Don't listen to anybody. If anybody says to you, "Leave your prayer", that one is a partner with Sheytan. Sheytan didn't want to make prayer, didn't want to make sejdah and he became Sheytan. He has been kicked away from the Divine Presence. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "Your value to Me only comes as much as you come closer to Me." And the closest way to come nearer to Me is through the prayer, through your intention and through your sincerity. You must keep that. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us about the prayers, "The sign of a believer and the sign of a munafiq (hypocrite) is distinguished by the prayers." Among the believers there were munafiqs. He said, "Those ones (hypocrites) only come to the prayer when they want to make show at noontime and the afternoon time. You will not see them in the morning or the Isha time. That is the sign of munafiqs."

We must be together for Fajr prayer. That is the most important thing. The most important thing is to keep the Fajr prayer together. If you keep the Fajr prayer together then during the daytime you may miss here and you may miss there but you did the king of the prayers. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is making it so easy. Two rakats in the morning time. Two rakats, saying, "Come to My Presence and I will grant you whatever you need daily. Keep Me priority. Put Me above everything early in the morning and then later I will fix all your jobs. You run and everything will work for you."

Anybody who keeps it that way must check their calendars. You must pull back the days, look and understand that in the days that you did two rakats (Fajr prayer) sincerely early in the morning, you are going to see that that day was running for you. That day was working for you. But the day we are not running sincerely and we are just having doubts, that day may have ups and downs. It doesn't matter. Still we have to come to the Presence.

The prayer is a blessing to the nation. Through the prayer Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is giving to us what He has given, what He has granted as presents to His prophets and through those prayers inshaAllah ar-Rahman, when we fix ourselves, when we fix our spirituality, our hearts, our spirits, when we take the control of our ego in our hand, then we may disappear from the prayer lines and we

too may reach to the Divine Presence. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the Most Merciful and the Most Powerful one.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-107

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THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THE HOLY PROPHET'S WAY

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Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah wa shukrulillah. As we said last week, this is the month of Rajab, the month of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). If anyone wants to catch their ego and put the ego under their own control then it is easy (in this month). What will happen if your ego is not under your control? Then it is in the hand of Sheytan. Then you will be the servant of Sheytan. Ego is serving Sheytan, the orders of Sheytan. You are not created to make Sheytan happy. You have been created and sent to this world to make Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to be pleased with you and you to be pleased with him. Aren't we pleased with Allah? If you are pleased with Allah then put a zipper to your mouth. No complaints from the mouth and no complaints from the heart. Say, "Alhamdulillah. What comes to Me is coming to me from my Lord." Check yourself. Are you saying that by yourself? If you have one complaint then you are not pleased with Allah because everything happens with the order and authority of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). What happened to this mankind? The civilized man, the democracy man, what happened? What happened to east and west? What happened to north and south? What happened to the Christians, Jews and Muslims? What happened to the believers and unbelievers? Find one who is happy. Bring him to me. Where are they? Everyone is running to do something. Running to do what? To the slavery of the world. Nothing else. And (we are) saying to them, "You don't have any time for Allah?"

"I am very busy."

"Doing what? Serving your ego? Serving your Sheytan?"

If you are pleased with Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) then Allah (subhana

wa ta'ala) has given you today. Why are you worrying for tomorrow? He did not ask you for tomorrow's prayers and tomorrow's obligations today. Why are you worrying, "What am I going to eat? What am I going to drink? What kind of car am I going to drive? What kind of clothes am I going to wear? What kind of shoes am I going to wear?" This is what happened to mankind. This is the reality from the small man to the big ones. Not small age-wise but from porters to the President this is what everyone is worrying, from poor to rich, the ignorant and the educated ones, the so-called educated ones who are getting education from Darwin schools. Hmm? Teaching man, "You are a monkey"! What do you expect? What kind of generation do you expect to have? Firtina. Wind. Tornado is coming. At least one generation now is standing up but the next generation is finished completely. Come to Allah! Come sit in the mesjids of Allah for five minutes!

"I cannot."

"Why? What do you have to do?"

"I have to speak on the phone. I have to talk nonsense. I have to run around."

Hmm. These are the directions that Sheytan is giving. They are getting consultation from Sheytan. You must be the servant of Allah. Not the servant of Sheytan. So if a man is not happy with his Lord then he is not Allah's servant. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is not losing anything. That one is losing everything. Losing dunya and akhirat. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) didn't create man and wrote for man the bad lifestyle. No. He has written for you and for everyone the perfect life. But when you leave the way of Allah, when you are not looking to see what is it that you have to do, what is it that Allah wants from you then you run to do what Sheytan wants. And burden comes non-stop. Before one finishes another one is coming, before another one finishes double is coming, you are trying to fix the double and it multiplies, two becomes four and four becomes eight. Look what's happening from individuals to nations. For almost one hundred years now the world is in trouble and every single day it's getting into bigger troubles, deeper mess. No individual is sitting down and thinking to say, "What had happened to us, to this mankind? Once upon a time we were doing things right, we were raising better generations, we had good children that we were raising and they were obedient ones. What happened to us that we bring out children and three or four years later they become complete disobedient and they are declaring war with their own parents?

Hmm. It's not only their fault. It's your fault because you are not holding their leash when they are little to direct them in the way of Allah. You are letting them do, saying, "As you like honey, as you like my baby, as you like this and as you like that", later they come and they say, "Bow down! I am going to make my waste on top of your head." This is what today's generation is doing. Later you are screaming. Don't scream. You did it to yourself. You did it to yourself. But those who are doing it they are in the worst position because worse is waiting for them. They are preparing worse situations

to themselves. It is a very dangerous situation. You must wake up to yourself and to your loved ones. Allah is not playing games with you. Allah is not playing games with us. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) set His laws to us and He is saying to us, "This is what you need to do to stay within the guidelines that I have put for you. The road to Paradise is where you stay. If you change your direction then you are taking the road to the hell side. Before you reach to hell, as soon as you change your direction to the hell side, this life becomes hell to you and this world's activities become hell to you. Don't think, "Eh, (it's because) we have financial problems." No. Check those whose financial problems finished, look at what's happening to them and what they are doing. They are becoming worse.

All this is happening because man lost his compass, he lost his direction. He doesn't know where to turn. He turns only where Sheytan is whispering, calling, "Turn this way", and right away (he is turning to) that side. Twenty-four hours a day. At least you are running during the daytime, so leave the nighttime. How is it going to be? At nighttime? Now there is no sleeping in the nighttime. Sheytan says to them, "Sit all night long. Watch television. Sit here and do malayani", until you are exhausted and when the time is going to come now after midnight when the blessings and rahmat is going to start raining down, (Sheytan says) "Don't stand up! Go to sleep at that time! And when the rahmat is raining early in the morning then sleep like a lazy...let me not say it at the khutba place (Sheykh effendi smiles). "Don't move your eyes and don't move your body! Sit!" Because Sheytan is saying that that is the time new direction and new day is beginning. And angels are checking who is ready for Allah and who is ready asking for Allah to be pleased with them. They are changing the books and new angels are coming down taking the dayshift and the ones from the nightshift are going back up giving report. It's not like your report. They are giving exact report to their Lord, saying, "This servant is doing this and this servant is doing that, this servant is running here and this servant is running there."

(Allah subhana wa ta'ala says,) "Hmm. So they are not pleased with me. Okay. Give more trouble to them from themselves. Not only among nations now but close the gaps. Bring their communities to eat each other. Close the gaps. Make them to eat each other inside their own houses." Hmm. "Close the gaps to make them to have wars with each other." This is the order that is coming then. You are not pleased with Allah? What are you winning? If you are not pleased then what is it that you are winning? What is it that you are going to win? Have you ever won? Impossible.

So the only way out, the only way out, is not your way, is not the ego way but it's the way that the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is showing to us. He came fourteen hundred years ago and he showed light to the whole mankind. He showed light everywhere from the darkness of Arabia. Anyone who wanted to come out from that mess came out. Anyone who wants to come out from the mess that they are in today can come out, from any part of the world that they are in. Just hold on tightly to that Prophet's orders. Nothing else. You don't need anything else.

(Sheykh effendi in a mocking voice,) "I am reading the Quran, I know the Quran."

Leave the Quran. You don't know the Quran. You are going to read the Quran and you are going to explain it according to your ego. Then more trouble is waiting for you. Run to the teachings of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Hold on tightly. That's the only safety. There is no other safety for the 21st century man, from individuals to communities to whole nations. If these nations are looking for safety then the only way is to turn their faces to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). All these leaders must go to the tomb of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). They must beg and cry for forgiveness and ask for the Holy Prophet (sws) to give intercession to them. If they are not doing that then their nations are going to fall into the worst situation which every single day they are (already) falling. Those strong nations are falling down because they have not trained and they have not brought up a new generation that is going to hold on tightly. They only brought up terrorists, they only brought up arrogant individuals, stubborn ones and nothing else. From their school systems to whole family situations, husbands and wives, they brought up new generations who are only standing up against their families, against their fathers and mothers and cursing. So many of them cannot speak in the streets. When you look at them from the outside they are acting like angels. As soon as they enter into their houses they act like wolves and hyenas.

Hmm. This is the reality that whole nations are in. If you want a way out then you must turn yourself first to the Holy Prophet (sws). Whatever you are, you must sit down, not arrogantly, not with proudness, you must bow down, you must cry for it, you must ask, saying, "Ya Rabbi, we have fallen down. We lost our direction. We left You and we lost our direction. We have fallen down. We are begging, crying and asking forgiveness from You." Hmm. Then you will find the Hand of Allah is reaching to you. And the Hand of Allah will reach to you not in the way that you have planned it but the way that Allah wants it. He may send those people who are beloved to Him to reach to you. If you are taking these words to yourselves then you will win for yourselves, for your nations and for your families. If not, then these words have been spoken. These words have been said in Juma khutba. You will responsible on the Judgment Day.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

Bihurmatil Habib.

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-108

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

**THE CONTROL AND RULING IS IN ALLAH'S HAND
DON'T INTERFERE IN THE WORK OF ALLAH**

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyil azim

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They once asked in the Divine Presence to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), one grand-size saint asked, "Ya Rasulullah, what is the action that makes the believer to fall, one action that makes the believer to lose everything?" Holy Prophet (sws) addressed saying, "When a man interferes into something that does not concern him, he will lose his honor in the Divine Presence." When something does not concern you, you have no power in it, you have no authority in that and your words or your actions are not going to give any benefit, don't interfere. The biggest problem in today's world, from seven years old to seventy, from males to females, from a garbage-man to the presidents, everyone is interfering into everything. Don't interfere. Say, "I don't care. My business is with Allah." Say, "I don't care."

(If someone says,) "Do you know what happened here?"

(Say,) "I don't care."

"Do you know what happened there?"

"I don't care. It's not my business. Allah knows. My business is with Allah."

Say it. Then you will find peace. Otherwise, anywhere that you are sticking your nose in, the heaviness of that comes on your shoulders too because you interfered. You cannot carry what is given to you. Are you going to carry what is coming with the other actions? That's what happened today to the believers and unbelievers. Everyone is interfering into everything. But the believers must know who is in control. Who is controlling this world? Russia or America or China? Muslims or Christians or Jews? Who is controlling? Who has the authority of the world in His Hand as well as other creatures? Who? Isn't it Allah? Yes. Hmm.

When we are watching (we are seeing that) every single day the situation is getting worse and worse. It's not getting better. If there is something that is a question mark to us then we must sit and think to see what Holy Prophet (sws) said about this time. What did he say? How are we going to act and what are we going to do? What is our duty in that? Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing to us saying to us (the whole Muslim world and the non-Muslim world knows this hadith), "After

me Khulafa-e Rashideen will come, the rightly guided Khalifahs will come. They will rule correctly. After the Khulafa-e Rashideen, kings, Malikis will come. After them Sultans will come who will rule correctly and justly. After the Sultans Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) in His Divine Wisdom will be hiding the Khalifah for one century and He will be giving the ruling of the world to the unbelievers. They will rule everywhere. They are the tyrants." He said, "Everywhere every government officials will become tyrants. If you are reaching to that time then don't interfere. Pull yourself away from them. Turn yourself and ask Allah saying, "Ya Rabbi! There is nothing we can do in this situation. We are asking and saying that we are not liking and we are not approving what they are doing." Say this. This will bring safety to you. Anyone who will be like that will find safety. Anyone who runs to change it, eh we have been seeing it for the last hundred years. Anyone who sticks their nose thinking that they are going to change and they are going to make it better, they are making it worse. One problem becomes two, two multiplies to four, four becomes eight, eight becomes sixteen.

"We don't like this President. Let's change it."

They are changing that President. The new one is coming and it's making you to cry for the old one saying, "Oh, the old one was good. This one is worse."

"Let's change this one."

Eh, change. Another worse one is waiting. Hmm. So, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is giving to us, giving to Mankind, saying to us, "When you leave the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, when you leave the right road that I put for you, when you leave away, when you go astray from that road, then I will elect and select the worst ones among you, the worst tyrants among you and I will make them to become your leaders. They will rule you and they will bring you into deeper hell then. Then wake up and turn yourselves to your Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)." If you are not waking up then worse situation is waiting. Everytime worse situation is waiting for us.

Take lesson from history. Namrud declared that he was the lord of the earth. Didn't he? He declared. All holy books are saying this. Not one but all holy books are saying, from Tawrat to Bible to Qur'an it's saying that Namrud declared war to Allah. He declared war to Allah through Ibrahim (alayhi salam). When Ibrahim (as) went to him and said to him, "What do you have? And you are declaring war to my Lord?" He said, "Where is your Lord? Tell Him to come. I am declaring war on Him." Ibrahim (as) came back and he said to him, "You are in trouble because the Lord accepted your challenge and He said (for you to) prepare your army and He is sending His army too." He asked, "Where?" Ibrahim (as) said, "Prepare your army anywhere and He is going to send His army to you." Before you know Namrud made all his soldiers wear (today's bulletproof vests. The bulletproof vests of that time were different) all these metal protections around them. They were all waiting and he was thinking, "Let me build my castle (high) up

surrounding it with glass to see what's happening. I don't even want a mosquito to enter into this room." Hmm. He started shivering. He got very scared because of the unknown challenge. He challenged but he is not knowing what is coming. And Ibrahim (as) was saying, "Prepare your army. You are in trouble now. Allah is sending the army and I don't even know what kind of army He is sending to you." Allah sent to him the mosquito army, the army of mosquitoes. The sky was open. When looking at it (you would have seen that) there was sunshine everywhere. Then all of a sudden there were black clouds moving. Nobody knew what was happening but those black clouds were mosquitoes, the mosquito army, coming. Ibrahim (as) was saying, "Is this is the army that you are depending on?" All those mosquitoes finished that army instantly. They entered through every hole, eating them up and their skeletons were all falling down.

Namrud was sitting in his palace watching and he was terrorized, shaking and now he was hearing some (buzzing) sound coming. The holy books are saying that he made the holes of the doors, the keyholes (like a maze) through the underground that there were different ways (with twists and turns) to enter through the holes. And one broken legged mosquito was crying and saying, "Oh my Lord, I cannot go to war with the other ones. My leg is broken." Allah said, "Don't worry. I have saved you for something very important, for the lord of the earth. You are going to finish that one." That little mosquito entered through that keyhole and Namrud was going crazy looking and thinking, "I am looking outside (and seeing that) all these mosquitoes finished everything. Now I am seeing that one is entering." He was trying to catch that one and that one was playing around with him. Finally, as soon as he got tired it entered through his nose and started eating his brain.

This is not a joke that Allah is joking and making a story for us to understand. He is telling us and He is showing us who is in control, who is controlling and who is ruling. No man today can declare the same power that Namrud declared. He was ruling the world. He had all the power in his hand. Allah did not count him for anything. He didn't even send him from one of his kind. He sent to him a broken legged mosquito to finish him. He is mentioning this to us in every holy book, not only in the Quran. If the Christians open their book they will find it there. If the Yahudis, (Bani Israil not Yahudis), if the Children of Israil open their book they will find it there too. If the Muslims open their book they will find it there.

The Muslims became heedless and headless because their faith is shaky now. They are not believing what they are reading there. They are only believing what they are seeing, saying, "Ohh, they are coming! They are sending planes and fire on top of our heads!" Yeah. Fire. Allah sent to (other) nations fire too, (right) on top of their heads. But the ones He wanted to save, He saved those ones. Nothing has touched them. To the nation of Lut (as), the nation of Hud (as) and again in the time of Ibrahim (as) when they went out of their way, they left the Sirat-ul Mustaqim and they have pulled the curse on themselves. This is because there are two tajallis that are continuously coming

down to the world. The mercy of Allah and the curse of Allah are both raining down. People are running saying, "Fire is raining on me. Let me find a shelter." Nobody is running to say, "The curse is raining. Let's find a shelter. Where is that shelter?" That shelter is only on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, on that road. The curse is raining on all other places now. Don't stay in those areas. And I am watching that people are running to make demonstrations. The curse is raining. Run to demonstrations and you will be under more curse, calling to it more saying, "Come to me more." Hmm. Why are you not running to the mesjids of Allah saying, "Ya Rabbi! We are weak servants. You are sending these evil ones to destroy us. We are asking for help." As Husayn (radiyallahu anh) was saying, "I am asking You Ya Rabbi! If it is good for us to be helped then help us. But if there is something in it that we don't know then give us the patience to be patient and to come to Your Divine Presence clean."

Why are these Muslims sleeping heedlessly? They are not taking the lessons from history? That is the grandson of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), the Seyyid of the paradises. He sacrificed. Allah sacrificed that one and he submitted himself to his Lord. The Muslims didn't run to make demonstrations (then). They didn't run anywhere. They ran to help for the beloveds of Allah to be slaughtered. Now Muslims are running, running to the Christians saying, "Help us", to the Jews saying, "Help us." This is what the Muslims are doing. Islam is far away from those. Islam is high. To anyone who is going with that lowest station (we say), "Either stay in this world with the honor of Islam or go away from this world. It is better." Millions have died and millions are going to die. What is that running? Saving what? If the one life that you have, you are not keeping it correctly the way that Allah and His Prophet (sws) wants, then what is there to live for? They lost everything today and they are running to lose more. Don't run after that. Look what Allah is saying to us, what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and His Prophet (sws) is saying to us. Don't think that this is happening only now. From the Children of Adam (as) separation happened and it's continuing non-stop. From time to time it happens under the ground and from time to time it's coming above. But mankind has never altogether run like this to build and support the kingdom of Sheytan. Muslims, non-Muslims and everyone is running to put one brick to support the kingdom of Sheytan.

He is the cursed one. He is the first one who interfered in the work of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). He is the one who interfered. When Allah said to him, "Make sejdah to Adam", he interfered in the work of Allah saying, "There is a mistake here." Hmm. He is the first one. What happened to him? He lost his honor, he lost his title, he lost his high station and he became the cursed one from that time until the Judgment Day and beyond Judgment Day. It's because he interfered in the work of Allah. Don't interfere. Allah knows what He is doing. The Awliya Allah are not interfering. They are pulling themselves back. They are not looking and they are not seeing. They don't want to see. Those who prepared the fire are going to be burned in it. Don't run. Don't run for saving others. No. Run to save your own self. Run to say, "Ya Rabbi! I am your weak servant. I did commit a lot of sins. I

am asking for forgiveness. Forgive me." This is what we have to do. There is no other thing that you can do now. Once they have touched this button, now this fire is circling everywhere. It's taking everyone in it. Those who are looking for safety must turn back to their Lord, must run back to Allah and His Prophet (sws). If anyone is looking for safety then they must run, they must look and they must try to understand what Holy Prophet (sws) said. They must take those words, kiss them and put them on top of their heads. Then safety will reach to them. If they are not doing that then don't have sympathy in your heart towards them. Allah will count you among them.

Either we are with Allah or we are not. Allah is in charge. He is in charge. And those people who made these evil things in this world are going to pay a price. Don't interfere. Pull yourself away. When the Azan is calling run to your Sajjada (prayer-rug). Pray two rakats extra saying, "Ya Rabbi! I am asking forgiveness for those beloved ones that I have. Turn their hearts away ya Rabbi." That's the only thing you can do. Nothing else. If there were something else to be done then Holy Prophet (sws) would have told us. He told us not to interfere when that time comes. No one is going to be able to change that reality until one person appears. He said, "One person from my lineage will come." Mehdi (alayhi salam) is the one who will change everything. Until he comes don't interfere. Just try to keep your faith strong and stay in Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Don't think that the power is in their hands. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is just making them to punish each other.

Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing saying, "In Ahir Zaman every nation is going to become enemies to each other, they are going to start fighting with each other and they are going to turn Islam into nationalism. Muslims are going to separate into different nationalities and they are going to start fighting with each other." Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is declaring in His holy book the Qur'an, "Only the believers are brothers." He is not separating us through our nationalities. If you are believers then you are brothers. Islam is bringing them together. If they are finding separation with their nationalities then they lost their faith. Look everywhere now. Muslim nations are fighting with Muslim nations, not with the non-Muslim nations. Muslims are fighting with Muslim nations because of nationalities and because of land. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) forbade us (to take) our lives among each other, to steal our lands and to do wrong things to each other. They are doing it. Keep yourself away from that.

But the Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing, saying, "The worst is going to come to those nations. When they leave the way of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) He will make those nations to be separated inside themselves and the same nation will be fighting with each other." Is that what's happening today? The Turks are eating each other, the Pakistanis are eating each other, the Afghanis are eating each other, the Arabs are eating each other, the Iranians are eating each other, the Chechens are eating each other and everyone is eating each other. They don't need enemies from outside anymore. They separated into two different

sides and they are eating each other. What is your duty and what is my duty in it? Pull yourselves away from that. From both sides, pull yourselves away. Don't interfere. This is the order that Holy Prophet (sws) is giving to us, saying, "Don't interfere Any cruelties that they did, they are going to pay for it with their lives." And this is what's happening today. If you know that you are a good one then save yourself. Turn yourself to Allah and His Prophet (sws) and hold on tightly to the guides that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has blessed us with in this time. You must hold tightly to their advices. Their advices are for us, not for themselves. They have already reached to safety. Open Surat-ul Yasin. Every morning we are reading it. Read (what it says). "Follow those who do not ask from you any fee. They have reached to the station of safety. Follow them." They are in this world for us. Those who are looking for safety, they can see them from a far distance. Anywhere you are sitting and you are saying, "Ya Rabbi! I am looking for that safety", they will open ways to you. Don't worry. If there will be fire everywhere in this world, they can reach to you. Ask and they will come. Ask sincerely. You will find safety. Otherwise, there is no safety in the east, west, north or south. The whole globe is in big trouble.

They are running saying, "We are going to stop terrorism." Hmm. Where is it stopping? Every single day we are seeing worse happening. Worse and worse. Before you used to carry bags (in the airports) and so many things inside the bags. Now they say, "You cannot carry knives." Okay, they took the knives. Later they said, "You cannot carry nail clippers." Okay, they took that. Now they say, "You cannot carry water or any kind of liquid." Good. Next they are going to say, "Take out your clothes. We have to watch you. Only with your underwear you can go." (Sheykh effendi smiles). Safety. Huh! Is this what mankind is running to do? Is this the safety that they are running to get? Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen.

Pull yourselves away and keep your honor. The honor comes with Islam. Anyone who drops Islam lost their honor. They lost their honor in the Divine Presence. People may give votes to them, today they may make them the presidents, but the next day they will bring them to hang them. This world has seen that all the time and it's always seeing. We must escape from this world. From Dunya to Mawla. That is the direction that the believer must turn to. The believer must know, "I am reaching to Maghrib time but I don't know if I am going to reach to Fajr time." That's how a believer must prepare himself. And (he should be) saying, "Ya Rabbi! If it is good for me to die then take my life clean. If it is good for me to stay then keep me in this life." Everything is under the protection of Him. We cannot protect anything. We cannot protect even our own selves. He is the Protector. We must turn back to Him and we must insure ourselves with that. If we don't insure ourselves with that then you can insure yourself with the whole world's insurance companies but they cannot reach to you. Impossible. They cannot reach to them. Impossible. If we insure ourselves with Allah and His Prophet (sws), if we insure ourselves with Allah, His Prophet (sws) and His beloved ones, then we have found safety in this world and in the hereafter. If we don't, if you don't, then live as

you like. If these words are not suiting you then leave them here. I will take them to myself.

Live as you like. You are entering to your own grave by yourself and they are closing that grave with you in it by yourself. Whatever you are sending there that's what you are going to find. If you are sending your egoistic actions and desires into that grave then that's what you are going to find. Or, as Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "You are fighting against your ego. When you make that ego the Mutmain ego that is pleased with Allah (subhana wa ta'ala is pleased) and He is pleased with that ego, enter to My Paradise." If you are looking for that then this sohbet, this association is for you. If you are looking for this world, the benefits of this world, then you have nothing to gain here. Don't spend your time (here). Please go out quickly and run after this world because you don't have too much time also. Those who are running after this world don't have too much time. Those who are running for Mawla have great days waiting for them. It's not only what is coming with Mehdi (alayhi salam) but what he is bringing after too. Anyone who has tyranny in their hearts somehow (to any one of us, to any one of them or to someone at all) should prepare themselves for that punishment. Turn yourself saying, "Ya Rabbi! I am asking help and support from You against this tyranny that is inside of me. Clean me from that." Then you will be counted in the book as 'The people of Mehdi (alayhi salam)' and you will be among those that the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) praised and he is giving salams saying to his Sahaba, "I cannot wait to meet my brothers in the Judgment Day." They said, "Ya Rasulullah, aren't we your brothers?" He said, "No, you are my companions. My brothers are those who are going to come in the Ahir Zaman. Everywhere everything is going to be for their ego but they are going to leave that way and they are going to run, they are going to hold on tightly to my traditions. Those are my brothers." And he said to them, "I am giving them salams in front of you." Holy Prophet (sws) is sending salam to us, whoever is coming until the end of times.

Salam aleykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu Ya Rasulullah. We are sending salams back to him, endless salams.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-109

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

WE ARE TRAVELERS IN THIS WORLD

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We are asking support from our Sheykh to send us what is necessary for us in these difficult times and difficult days that we have entered. More difficulty is waiting for the believers. For the unbelievers disaster is waiting.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun.

We must know that we came from Allah and we are returning back to Allah. We must keep this alive in ourselves. If we fall into heedlessness and we forget that the angel of death, Azrail is going to reach to us, then any day that we are forgetting we are getting into trouble. We must keep it alive in ourselves. We must prepare ourselves. We are believers. We have to live like believers, not only talk like believers or to sound like believers. We must live like believers. We must take whatever Allah and His Prophet (sws) ordered us and put it in our lives. We must not sit and wait to think that we are going to have the control of this world and the luxury of the world in our hand. No. We must not even ask for that. The more that is coming the heavier burden is coming with it these days to everyone who is holding.

Once, after the Holy Prophet (sws) passed away from this life and Abu Bakr Siddik (radiallahu anh) was the Khalifah, some groups of Muslims, believers, uprised and said, "We don't need to pay Zakat. We have to stop paying Zakat." The Khalifah declared war on them. Abu Bakr Siddik (ra) gave order and they went to a war. So many hafez of Quran were dying in that war. That's why they later came to say, "We must collect the pages of the Quran and put it together." Up till then they didn't want to do it because that wasn't the sunnat of the Prophet (sws). It was to pass from man to man. But all the hafez were dying in that war. Think and understand! They went to war not against people who were running to destroy Islam. They were people who uprised against the Khalifah saying, "We are not going to give Zakat. We are doing everything else but we are not giving Zakat." And Khalifah declared war on them knowing that so many hafez of Quran were dying and the Quran was disappearing even. He was saying to them the hadith of Rasulullah (sws) that, "The one who is not giving Zakat has no prayer. The one who has no prayer has no Islam." Today in the east, west, north and south the Muslim people are in trouble and the biggest problem is that. They stopped giving Zakat.

Let's put that aside now. When Umar (radiallahu anh) was the Khalifah, he heard that some things were not going right in Damascus, in Sham. The rulers in that area were doing some things that were not fitting

to the sunnat of Rasulullah (sws) and he wanted to see it firsthand with his eyes. He took the person who was helping him (not to say 'slave' but the person who was helping the Khalifah), and together they went to Damascus. As the Khalifah was traveling, sometimes he was traveling on the camel and sometimes he was coming down putting the person who was helping him on the camel and pulling it. He was crying, saying, "Ya Khalifah, you must be on the camel." He said, "No. We must be just." Traveling (thus) he came to Damascus. He looked around. He went around and saw. And he was seeing certain things that were not making him happy because he had seen the Holy Prophet (sws), how he was living and what he was doing. They were changing certain things because of worldly matters and he was very sad.

He knew that Abu Darda (ra) was also living in that city. He asked his servant, "Go see where he lives. We must go to visit him too." He found him and they came. It was dark. Abu Darda (ra) didn't know. They opened the door and entered inside. It was one room. Abu Darda (ra) said, "Who's there?" Khalifa's helper said, "The Amir-ul Mu'mineen is here." He said, "O Ya Umar, are you the one who came?" He was very happy. He got up and hugged him. Umar (ra) looked at his place. In all the other places everyone was living in luxury. The only thing he saw in his place was a prayer rug and nothing else. He said, "Ya Abu Darda, you are a great Sahabi. I told you not to leave Madina. There would've been something for you there. Look how you are living here." He said, "Ya Umar, don't you know the hadith of the Prophet (sws)? Have you forgotten? These people have forgotten here and they are running for the luxury of this world. Have you forgotten what Holy Prophet (sws) said?" Umar (ra) said, "Remind me." He said, "Didn't Holy Prophet (sws) say, 'You only need from this world as much as a traveler needs.' We are travelers in this world and this much is only what we need. We must concentrate on it. The day that the believers break that they are going to lose everything."

This is what happened to us. We lost that faith. Never mind about losing it. We don't want anyone reminding us too. And this world is fooling young, old, women, men, female, male and so many millions. They are running, running after dunya. Day and night everyone is sitting and calculating, "How much business am I going to make, from where am I going to make money, how am I going to make it, what am I going to make and how am I going to make it." We are travelers in this world. We may own the whole world but we are going to have lots of questioning. We must try to live simple lives. We moved out from the city life. We moved to a completely simple place, a village. Nobody's going to come to check our house to say, "You have this luxury and you have that luxury." Alhamdulillah, we have everything. Allah gave us everything. We must concentrate on holding on tightly to our faith and what came to us from Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Worse is waiting for us. So many of this mankind, from officials to religious people to everyone, so many people are betraying so many things only for this dunya. If Azrail comes and takes your life now, your life or my life, we will just be going empty-handed. We cannot bring anything. We must concentrate on that matter. We must look at our faith and we must look at our submission, how much we are submitting to the one

that we believe in.

We must take lessons from history. Abu Jahl, Abu Lahab and Abu Sufyan were the people who had the most luxurious lifestyle. They had the world in their hand. Except Abu Sufyan, the other ones lost. Abu Sufyan came around after Prophet (sws) came back to Makkah, and he accepted Islam. He became a Sahabi. The hearts of the other ones were sealed. They couldn't turn away. There is a reason why Allah sealed their hearts. When they were running to do harm to the Holy Prophet (sws) they were running with hatred. They were running with arrogance and they were running with whatever they had to spend it to destroy that Prophet (sws). Abu Sufyan was easy on those things. He was not pushing it so much. Once Abu Lahab was loving the Prophet (sws). He lost the love. When he lost the love he fell into darkness. This is what's happening to the majority of the Muslims today. They are losing that love. They are losing the love of the ones that Allah loves. Once you lose that love you are falling into darkness. Whatever you are doing is not helping you then. It may help a little bit in Akhirat but in Dunya it's not going to help anything. We must run to build that love to the ones that Allah loves.

They have not disappeared. They have just pulled themselves out from that mess because they are obedient to the Holy Prophet (sws). They are not interfering into anything. If one of them comes out then the light comes out. They will finish the problems one, two, three. They are not doing it. They are pulling back. Everyone pulled back and now the whole mankind is in bigger trouble. The biggest trouble is waiting for mankind because today in Cyprus they banned Sheykh Mevlana from giving khutba anymore in public places. He pulled himself out. He didn't fight for it. He pulled himself out. There was one person always standing in public, speaking what Holy Prophet (sws) left, warning people and saying to them what to do. They didn't want that anymore. Allah sealed their hearts and they banned Sheykh Mevlana. He is not going to khutba. Whatever he is making is not official anymore. He is speaking only to those who are accepting. He is not speaking to those arrogants anymore. Big problem is waiting for mankind. They cut, they shut down and they closed the door of Rahmat. Rahmat is not going to reach to them. Rahmat is only going to reach to those people who have Sheykh Mevlana in their hearts and who are keeping Sheykh Mevlana as a priority. If not then Rahmat is not reaching to the other ones too. No more general Rahmat is coming to them. They are going to cry and scream a lot.

The sad thing is that there are also other people involved, Muslims are involved who going here and there, running to make that order to happen. They think that nobody knows. They think that Sheykh Mevlana doesn't know too. He knows and those in whose hearts he is sending also knows. They are going to cry a lot. InshaAllah we will not be among those. I remember these things, not now, but when we were children. They were doing the same thing. They were running here and there to stop Sheykh Mevlana. Everytime Sheykh Mevlana was coming to Cyprus, giving khutba in Famagusta especially, they were being very arrogant and trying to stop Sheykh Mevlana sometimes later or some

days later. There were brave people then. One of them was my father (rahmatullah aleyh). He was working with the British Police and he knew the news of what was happening. Anytime they were gathering together to come to arrest Sheykh Mevlana, he was taking him instantly from one city to another city. One day he did the same thing. He heard that that's what they were going to do. So he put him into the car and he brought him all the way to Papos, to the other end of the island. Things were quiet there then. He came back to the town. Those unbelievers were getting together in one coffee-shop and my father was sitting there all the time watching their activities. One of them arrogantly said to my father (rahmatullah aleyh), "What did you do again Fuat Efendi? You stole Nazim Efendi again from being arrested?" He didn't say anything. He was sitting on the chair. He got up, he turned and he threw that chair right above his head. The chair became a hundred pieces. He said to him, "Say the same words again and the second chair is going to destroy you. As long as we are living in this world, none of you are going to be able to touch that Sheykh." Alhamdulillah, they passed from this world. So many people are around but no one is talking anymore. Sheykh Mevlana is not going to say to them, "Go and talk and scream." Those people were brave. They were speaking. They had no fear. They put their lives in front of Sheykh Mevlana. They were ready to die for him. Allah supported them and supported Sheykh Mevlana.

This is the way it was supposed to happen. It's happening. We must know that worse happened to the Sahaba-e Kiram. Those evil ones were killing them just because they were believers. They had no safety in their houses at nighttime or daytime, nor their children or anything. But they didn't give up. You must hold on together. It is not the time to hate each other. It is the time to love each other for those who believe in the same way. You may have differences. You must put the differences aside. Everyone is created by Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and everyone has rights. We must watch out correctly. We must try to do what is for us and try to live with those people who are really believing and sacrificing. Not to fall into our ego, run here and there and think that we are going to change something. It is only our ego. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "Without His permission and without His knowledge, a dry leaf will not fall down from its tree." Whatever is happening is happening with His permission and His knowledge. The duty for believers is that they must hold on tightly, they must look at what each other's benefits are and must try to protect (each other). Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "When one's lands and rights are under attack, all believers must support that one."

We lost this a long time ago too. We must come back to our senses, at least to those people with whom we are believing in the same way, in the same tariqat and with the same Sheykh. We must hold on together. If we do that we will be the winner. If we don't do that then we will be the loser. Allah does not need us. We need Allah. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is going to complete His religion. He does not need us. We need Him. We are asking and begging for Him to make us from those who are going to complete this religion. But the duty is very heavy. We

must know, we must try to live according to that, we must try to hold on according to that and to know that whatever happens to us, the Shahadat is the only thing that is going to save us. If we say the Shahadat, if we believe in the Shahadat and if we hold on tightly then safety is with that Shahadat.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-110

SHEYKH ABDUL QADIR GEYLANI'S KINGLY LIFESTYLE

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(After reading from the sohbet of Sheykh Mevlana Nazim, a murid asked: "Great saints like Abdul Qadir Geylani didn't have so much. Then after a certain point they were living like kings. What's the secret behind that?")

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

It was just said in the sohbet. The world is given in their hand and under their authority. But they don't have it for themselves. They have it for others. He wasn't sitting and eating like that too. He was eating only to show people that he was eating. But Allah is saying that those who reached to that station, their eating is counted as worship, their sleeping is counted as worship and their talking is counted as worship. There was a Sheykh who was always giving advice to his murids about these three things, saying, "Don't do these three things. Don't eat too much, don't sleep too much and don't talk too much. One day some person came from somewhere and the murids heard that this man is a Sheykh. In the dergah he was talking with them. He was talking non-stop. The murids were listening to him. When he was going to sleep he wouldn't get up. As soon as he gets up he starts eating non-stop. The murids were thinking, "This man talks like a Sheykh but our Sheykh taught us that a man shouldn't drink too much, eat too much, sleep too much and talk too much. This one is a Sheykh and he is doing the opposite." They went to their Sheykh and told him what happened. He said to them, "There must be something wrong. But let me just go and look at it." That one was a hidden one. When the Sheykh came to him he looked and said, "Don't you know Allah says that those who reached to that station their eating is worship, their sleeping is worship and their talking is worship?" He said, "Yes.

Please, you must speak to every one of us from now on."

There is a test that Allah puts people through with their lives. Today, everyone is playing games saying, "Ah, I am under the test." There are a couple of questions, whether you give answer to them or not, you pass. The (real) test is not like that. Allah put those people through that test with their lives. If they passed that test then everything was given to them because they were not for Dunya, they were for Akhirat. Everything was under their authority.

Abdul Qadir Geylani (qaddasallau sirruh) was living alone in the mountain. He wasn't running to find food or other things. He was keeping himself busy with Allah. He wasn't worrying and running to pay rent or work saying, "I need this and I need that." No. He said, "Allah is going to provide me with what I need. If it's necessary for me then He is going to." That was the submission that he had. He was worshipping. And whenever it was necessary and he really needed to eat something, he would find some grass, which I remember from my childhood that we were doing that on the mountain. We were finding some kind of mountain grass [greens] that doesn't need to be cooked and we were eating it. And it fills you up. What do you need? The water is there too. What else do you need? What is the need of man? Man has to know first what his need is. But today's people's need is never ending. There is no end to their needs. They are piling everywhere and before you know it they are scared to use it too.

They were not like that. They were going through tests which Allah was putting. He (Abdul Qadir Geylani Hazretleri) passed the test. He was eating grass, water and keeping himself busy with Allah only. He wasn't running around to teach people too. He didn't care if he was going to be a Sheykh or he was going to have these many people following him. No. He was not running for that. So Allah was looking at his sincerity. Then Allah inspired him, saying to him, "Go down to Baghdad and live like a king from now on. Eat like a king, live like a king and give the secrets to people." He got the command. He didn't worry to think, "How am I going to live like a king." He said, "Allah is moving me." While Allah was moving that one and when he was entering to Baghdad, Allah was inspiring the richest man in Baghdad saying, "Go to the entrance of the city and you are going to find My servant coming. From now on you will be his servant. Serve him and you will find safety in Dunya and Akhirat." The man had faith. He had the money too. He had the wealth. He built everything and he realized, "Oh, this is what I built it for. So I must go to see the owner who is coming." So he went, he saw Abdul Qadir Geylani (qs) coming and he said, "Please, come to be my guest. Allah is ordering me to serve you." He had a place like a palace. He (Abdul Qadir Hazratleri) didn't run to build it. Allah built it for him through other people. And he wasn't using it for himself. He was using it for other people again.

So alhamdulillah, it is easy for Allah. It is not easy for man. When he gives a little bit he starts shaking, he starts worrying, he starts counting, he starts thinking and he starts planning. But Allah has endless treasures. It (submission) is not by words. Sheykh says to

that one, "Give this to that poor one." These days they don't give it to the Sheykh also. If Sheykh says, "Bring the treasure and put it there", what do people say? What are they going to say? "He is trying to fool me. He is trying to steal from me." Sheykh doesn't need that. He is not for Dunya. He is in Dunya but he is not for Dunya. He is in Dunya for people, for their safety. Nothing else. If it's necessary to take things away from you then he has to take things away from you because of your love and attachment to that. So many people say, "I am so generous" but they are so much in love with those things. They make show that they are generous but they are not really. So Sheykh touches from this angle, that angle, moves it a little bit. As soon as he touches the button then `grrrr...'. Now he says, "Huh, that is in your heart. Dunya is in your heart." As long as dunya is in your heart no love of Akhirat is going to open. Impossible. You are not going to smell Paradise when the Dunya is in your heart. But when the Dunya is in your hand then yes. (Sheykh Efendi picks up a saucer with his index finger and thumb). This is how he was holding the Dunya. He had to, because he was living in Dunya.

What are today's people living for? Leave the unbelievers. What are the believers living for? Dunya. Millions, for Dunya. That's why they are not running to tariqats and to Sheykh to give submission because submission comes with everything that you have. Not only by word saying, "I am submitting myself to you."

"Are you submitting?"

"Yes."

Then Sheykh has the right to say to you, "Take out your clothes and put it there too." Do you think that the one who has authority on your spirit doesn't have authority on your wealth and your health? He can take it away from your hand so fast. And it is a blessing if the Sheykh says to you, "Go bring me this, bring me that and give me that." It's a big blessing to you. But this mentality is gone today. People lost this faith. People lost faith these days. Murids lost faith, people who call themselves murids, not murids-murids (real murids). Murids will never lose faith, the ones who are murid. But the ones who call themselves murids, some of them lost this faith. As soon as you touch they start bargaining with you. What is the bargain? Can a slave bargain with his owner? That is his owner. If the owner says to his slave, "O my slave, what would you like to eat and drink?" He says, "As you like. Whatever you give to me."

He asks, "What would you like to wear?"

"Whatever you give to me."

"Where do you want to sleep?"

"Any place that you show to me."

He tries him like this and then he says to him, "Because you have so

much submission like this I am giving you your freedom. You are not a slave anymore." And he asks, "How come you are like that?" He says, "Because I know that I am a slave. And if I am a slave and I am accepting it then how can I rise and say to you, 'I want this and I want that?' You are my owner. You know what my need is and you are going to give me that." Hmm. Murids have no trust in their Sheykh. That is Ahir Zaman, the end of times. Trust? You don't know what Sheykh has? You don't know. He is not showing. If he says, "Don't breathe the air", then breathe it. Go ahead. "Who cares?" he says to them. "You are not in that book as murids anyway. Say anything you like." Huh, to be a murid, you need to have Adab, you need to have manners. Everything starts opening to a man who has manners. The more opens to him the more obedient he becomes to his Sheykh then. He can see the paradises, he can enter and come back, but he will never leave his Sheykh then because what he is looking for is not even in Paradise. It is in his Sheykh's hand and nobody else carries that.

So today Sufism, tariqat became people's running to have some entertainment. Some are running to have some comfort. Some are already fed up with the outside world and they are getting old. They cannot do anything. They are tired of sitting home and so they are running to tariqat. This is the mentality of today's tariqat. But did tariqats change and did Sheykhs lose that power? No. They still have it. But this Dunya is garbage. So they are not looking for it. They are circling around this world and they are just checking people. You may be sitting next to him for twenty years and you may get nothing. He is circling in the world, he is looking and he says, "This one has good behavior." He gives it to that one and walks away. He never finishes. The more he gives the more comes. But can you give diamond to the hand of an ignorant person? Can you take a diamond and throw it in front of a pig? What is he going to do with it?

So first you have to know what the treasure is. You have to know what you are looking for. And to get that you have to know what you have to sacrifice. You have to sacrifice something. Everyone has to sacrifice something. If you are not sacrificing it means that you are not really ready and prepared to get what is there. You just want it for your own ego. You are never going to get that for your ego because then ego is going to cut your neck off. Sheytan is going to take that treasure, that secret and he is going to go away. And you will be in big trouble then. So yes, in tariqat sometimes Sheykhs show the people the most luxurious life and sometimes they show them the worst lifestyle that people are going through. You have to go through it to understand. You may be with the Sheykh one week and you will be living like a king and the next week you will be living like a beggar in the street. Sheykh has the right to tell you, "Let's go, we are going outside now to start begging from people." Heh, what will you do then? If you have no submission, what are you going to do? You are going to say, "He is a thief. Is he trying to teach me how to steal or to ask from people?"

So submission comes with everything you have. You no longer have your own ideas of thinking and understanding. If you cannot think the way that the Sheykh is directing you then it is forbidden for you to think

and to try to analyze things by your own self because you are going to come to the wrong understanding. Sheytan is going to be there. So your Sheykh is not there. Sheytan is going to be your Sheykh. And you are still going to say, "He is my Sheykh." But no. Sheytan is your Sheykh. Sheytan is giving you directions then.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

This much is enough for you and for me inshaAllah.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-111

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

PEACE COMES WITH SUBMISSION

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Inna ad-dina indallahu Islam. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "There is only one (religion) accepted in the Divine Presence. Islam. Don't come to My Presence with other things." I am watching that everyone today everywhere is either giving 'V' sign, peace sign or signs like this or that. Islam is peace. It's peace, but not by word, not by the tongue and not like those guys putting bombs here and there and later taking pictures making peace sign. What kind of peace is that? Islam is submission. If you want peace then you have to submit yourself. You have to submit your will to the will of Allah. Then you will get peace. There is no peace otherwise, because you have a plan but Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has a plan for you too. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) wants the best for His servants and He is planning the best for His servants. But the servants are running stubbornly and arrogantly saying, "I have to do what I want." What's coming to you is from your ego, not from Rahman. If it's from Rahman then you are going to find peace. If it's coming from the ego then you are not going to find peace. It's not possible.

Shariat and Tariqat. Shariat is the law, shariat is the scholarship, shariat is the knowledge. Tariqat is the lifestyle, taking what is ordered in shariat and putting it in your life. When you are entering into tariqat you cannot say, "I like this and I don't like that. I want this and I don't want this." What comes to you is from Allah. You have to accept. If you are not accepting then you are not finding peace. You are running to fix it but the more you are running to fix

it the more you are destroying it because you are running away from Allah more. Our Grandsheikh is saying, "Run away from sheytans." Sheytans are loose now, working top-speed twenty-four hours. Not like you working five hours, two hours, three hours or eight hours. They work twenty-four hours and their duty is to run to put wrong things in your heart. Nothing else. And to take you away from that peace, take you away from Allah. That is their duty. Anyone opening one door to them, thousands can enter through that door. You must shut the door. We don't know how to shut the door. So we run to tariqats, we run to our sheykhs to say, "As you like my Sheykh. As you like. Not as I like but as you like." When you say, "As you like", you cannot say, "Well, I like this part." If you are submitting yourself to your Sheykh, if you are submitting your will to the hand of your Sheykh then he has a plan for you. He is working on that plan. And the Sheykh's plan doesn't work on the worldly level (only). It works in Dunya and Akhirat. He looks at what is good for you firstly in Akhirat. Number one (priority) is what is good for you in Akhirat. That's what he tries to provide you first and later fix all other problems. He is not going to give you the luxury of Dunya or give to you whatever you like in Dunya. No. He looks at what is for you in Akhirat so that you are going to have peace in Akhirat. Your whole life may be miserable in Dunya. It's okay. If your Sheykh is saying to you that it's okay then it is okay! Don't go against that. It is okay because if you are trying to fix it then you are going to destroy it. There is no way because you don't know how to fix it. You don't know how to fix it but he knows.

When you go to a hospital the doctors put you under the watch. They either say, "Give him pills" or "give him injections." You can scream as much as you want saying, "This injection is hurting me, this pills are bothering me." You are going to get them to get cured. You got sick somehow somehow. You need to get cured. If you don't get cured then you are going to die. We all got sick. All. And especially those who are away from Allah and His Prophet (sww) for most of the time of their lives, they got really sick. They need to be cured shortly because the time is clicking. You don't want to remember, no one wants to remember but the time is clicking for Akhirat, tak, tak, tak, tak. You cannot bring it back. Every minute that is ticking, you cannot bring it back. It's kicking you forward going towards Akhirat. If you are still imagining, admiring and loving this Dunya then what are you doing in tariqat? What are you going to get from tariqat? If there's love of Dunya then what are you getting from tariqat? The love of the world, huh? Tariqat doesn't give you that. Tariqat gives you what is necessary to live in this world and not go to extremes left and right. Tariqat teaches you how to look after yourself, how to cure yourself and be strong to run to give cure to others.

So this is the one recipe. There is no other. Anybody who is looking for peace must run to Islam and must leave all kinds of wrong lifestyle. They must leave it aside. (They say), "I got used to it." Yes, you got used to the wrong thing and now you can get used to the right thing. Leave the wrong things aside." (They say), "My ego is so squeezed that I am not breathing." Of course. That means your spirit

is enjoying now. When the ego is under hardship the spirit is reaching to high stations. But when the ego is enjoying then the spirit is not having the enjoyment. You are squeezing the spirit and you are finishing. And the ego is suffering at the same time too. When you are making your ego to suffer then your spirit is reaching to high stations. But when you are giving freedom to your ego, not your spirit and not your ego is going to have peace. It's going to trick you and it's going to fool you (to think that you are having peace) just for that minute with whatever you are doing.

So you must take (from) tariqat to apply to your life. You must take what is coming from your Sheykh and apply to your life. You may read all books, you may swallow all knowledge and all scholarship of Islam but it's not going to help you. There are thousands of teachers in the universities, Yahudis and Christians. They are not Muslims. They are teaching Islam in the universities. Yes, they have the academic knowledge. They read the books and they teach to others. But it's not helping them because they are not applying it to their lives. And if one wants to apply it to their life then they must find someone and they must hold on tightly to someone. And in this time it's the Naksibendi Order. All other Orders are only teaching you how to live in this Dunya. They are not teaching you how to go beyond that. If anybody is saying other than that then bring him here. Don't bring him to Sheykh Mevlana yet. Bring him to me.

So, if we are looking for peace then this is what we have to do, if you are really sincere. If you are not sincere with it then don't spend your time in tariqat. Run for Dunya, get whatever enjoyment you are going to get and say, "I am praying and I am doing everything", and then go to the Judgment Place with that. You don't need tariqat then. Tariqat is submission. If you have submission then you have tariqat. If you don't have submission then you don't have tariqat. You can claim as much you want that you have tariqat. You don't have tariqat. Your tariqat is according to your ego then. You are making your tariqat according to your ego.

That's why in today's world everywhere there are tariqats. People are dancing, eating and sleeping, saying, "Tariqat, we are in tariqat." Tariqat teaches you how to work against your ego, nothing else. Either you are working for Allah or you are working for your ego. If you are working for Allah then leave the desires of the ego aside because Allah gave you whatever is necessary for you and for the enjoyment of this life within the borderlines of Islam saying, "Do this and do that. It is okay." But if you don't know the limit then you are going to pass out of that limit and then you are to think, "Yes, we are still number one", but you are not. You are already out. You have already fallen out of tariqat.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-112

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

STANDING AT THE DOOR OF THANKFULNESS

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah rabbi alameen. Shukr Ya Rabbi. Astaghfirullah, astaghfirullah, astaghfirullahi wa atubu ilaih. We are asking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to forgive us our shortcomings and make us to become better servants. We are living in the Ahir of the Ahir Zaman, the end of the times. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying, "When you reach to those days (you will see that) there will be no peace anywhere. There will be confusion everywhere, in the east, west, north and south. There will be very few people trying to stay on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim and the majority of the people will be following their ego's desires and they will run after worldly activities only. Everything is going to turn bad and dirty." That's what happened today everywhere, from mankind, to the air, to the water and to the land. The children of Adam have destroyed everything. It is the secret that Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "There will be no clean areas to live." No clean air and no clean water. The seas and the oceans are getting dirty. From the air to the land, everywhere. But the worst is man. The inside of man turned so bad that when you are speaking to them something good they are looking at you like you have lost your mind. Alhamdulillah.

It doesn't matter how the world is living. We are responsible for our own selves. If there would be nothing in this world, nothing, everything is gone, no holy ones and no believers at all and you are the only one living, then the Shahadat is enough to keep you in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Giving the Shahadat, reminding yourself, purifying yourself and waiting, waiting for our time and preparing for our original place from where we came. It is only temporary here. One day you are good, next day you are bad, the following day you are sick, the following day you are feeling strong and three days later you are feeling weak. That's how it's going to go in this world. What is important is how we are going to the other side and what we are taking with us. If you are able to take that Shahadat with you by saving that Shahadat, keeping it clean and bringing it to the other side then you are the winner. If man is not going to the other side with the Shahadat, with the Kalima-e tawhid, then he is in big trouble. The trouble of dunya is nothing then. The trouble of dunya becomes like Paradise for those who are going to the other side without taking the

station of real man, real human, Insan-i Kamil. The whole meaning of life is to make us become Insan-i Kamil, the perfect one and to go to the other side clean. The angels are asking how you came there. Have you taken that secret or not. What are you going to say?

This is the most important worry the believers must have. If you are worrying with this then all other things will come along easy because you have a bigger worry. You are worrying. And don't think that today you are good, you are in Sirat-ul Mustaqim, and it's guaranteed to us. No. It's guaranteed to us as much as we force ourselves on that way. The day that you leave, you fly away. So many came and so many are gone. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering us to keep His Orders until the last breath. Not to think that one day we are going to reach to some station and then whatever we do is going to be okay. No. We have to always search ourselves, we have to look at ourselves, we have to question ourselves what we are doing, how we are doing, how we are living and whether we are progressing or we are going backwards. We must question, we must look, we must calculate, we must account ourselves and our deeds before we are coming to the accounting place. We must have it ready for ourselves. When we have it ready then we may look, see and say, "Yes, I did this but I didn't do this. I must work on this part. I finished this part but I didn't finish this part. I must work on this one."

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "If you are living with the knowledge that you know, (you have learned a knowledge and if you are living according to that knowledge) then Allah will teach you the knowledge that you don't know." If we are calculating, accounting and looking at ourselves to see how we are living and what we are doing in our daily activities then we may find the wrong things that we are doing, which doesn't look wrong to us, but in reality in the Divine Presence it's wrong. So we must force ourselves to live according to that. Otherwise, there are two doors. One is the door of mercy, the door of Rahmat and the other one is the door of curse. Allah is not putting us there but mankind is insisting and running to that door. A simple way to be able to stay at the door of mercy is to be always happy with what Allah has given, saying, "Alhamdulillah Ya Rabbi! What you have given to me is the best." Being a thankful servant. If you are being a thankful servant then you never turn to the door of curse, the door of complaints. The only people standing at the door of mercy are those who are pleased with their Lord and at the door of curse are those ones who are complaining. If you are finding any complaints then finish it. When you are about to complain of something then look at the someone who is worse than you and be happy. No need to complain. The One who has given us everything liked it and that's the way He gave it to us. If there is some good happening through us then know that it is a Rahmat and mercy from our Lord. If there are bad things happening to us then know that it is from our ego. We did something wrong somewhere. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) does not punish His servants unless the servant runs and stands where the curse is waiting. He is saying to us where we are supposed to be, where we are supposed to spend our life and how we are supposed to live. He sent His Prophet (sws) to teach us. If we are following that Prophet (sws)

then we are finding the life becoming very easy in every condition. Nobody should think that the life is going to be any harder than what happened to the Holy Prophet (sws) and the Sahaba-e Kiram. They lived in the worst time and the worst creatures were attacking them. They were at the door of mercy and thankfulness until the time came to them and they passed from this world.

We today alhamdulillah are not going through that much hardship. Although everything is so bad around but still we are not going through hardship like that. Our life is easy. We must be thankful ones and we must stand at the door of thankfulness and not open the door of complaint.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-113

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THANKING ALLAH TO BE FROM THE NATION OF MUHAMMAD (SWS) THE LIGHT OF ISLAM SHINING IN EVERY HOUSE

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Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhahana wa ta'ala). If we are standing here and just saying, "Thank you Ya Rabbi, Ya Rabbi shukr, Thank you Ya Rabbi," until Judgment Day then we will not be questioned about anything on the Judgment Day. And we cannot be thankful enough to our Lord for even one breath of life that He has given to us. He has created us from the mankind and He has made us from the nation of Muhammad (alayhi salam). In the Ahir Zaman which Holy Prophet (sws) is calling the second jahiliyya time, He is making us to run to try to follow at least a couple of footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sws). If we think just this then this is enough for joy to overtake our hearts and with that happiness to say "Thank you, thank you Ya Rabbi, thank you, thank you Ya Rabbi, thank you."

Allah (subhahana wa ta'ala) is addressing the whole mankind in Surat-ur Rahman, saying, "Which favors of your Lord can you deny?" But the mankind, especially this Ahir Zaman people, the last nations on earth, are being very arrogant, very stubborn and very ignorant. It is the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (sws), his miracle. He is saying, "In

Ahir Zaman, in the end of times, it will be the second jahiliyya and the second jahiliyya will be worse than the first one." They said, "Ya Rasulullah, are those people going to build idols again and worship those idols?" He said, "No, their idolizing is going to be a little different than this time. They are going to idolize some people among them and they are going to worship them. But the worst is that they are going to educate themselves with worldly knowledge but they are going to be ignorant. The more education they get the more ignorant and stubborn they are going to become to their Lord."

This is what's happening today. In the first jahiliyya time people were illiterate. They didn't know anything. They didn't know many things and they were ignorant but so many of them were not stubborn. So when the message reached to them and they (the sahaba) said, "This is how it is", they sat, they thought and they said, "How do I know that this was right (which I was following). So let me follow this way." Then they turned right away following the Holy Prophet's (saws) way. But people today, especially those who have Islamic knowledge and are educated in the secular universities, are having some titles and degrees. They are now giving titles, 'Dr.', 'Prof.', putting Sheykh Dr. da da da, Dr. Sheykh `X' and all kinds of titles they are putting in front of 'Imam' or 'Sheykh'. That Dr. title is given by Darwinists from secular schools. As soon as you see that title being put in front of `Imam', run away from that one because he is seeing that worldly title better than the `Imam' title.

We cannot be thanking our Lord enough if we stand here until Judgment Day (thanking Him) for whatever He has given to us. Our Grandsheykh Abdullah Dagestani (rahmatullah aleyh) was saying, "Ya Rabbi, grant us the thankfulness to thank you for the favors that you have given to us and for the favors that you are preparing to give to us." Don't think that the favors are going to come to you the way you want it. The favor is coming from Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Maybe there is a pain coming to you but that is also a favor, that is also a blessing for a believer.

We must understand, we must concentrate on this matter and then slowly you will understand the value of thankfulness. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "If you are becoming a nation that is being thankful to Me, people who are thankful to the favors that I am giving to you, then I will increase the favors to you. If you are the ones who are complaining then I will decrease it, I will cut it off." So Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was praying and saying, "Ya Rabbi, what you have given to me, make that to continue until Judgment Day and to the Hereafter. Whatever you have given to me of this worldly blessings, continue giving me the blessings of that until Judgment Day and beyond Judgment Day." And a hadith is reaching to us saying, "In the Judgment Day, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will be saying to the angels, `Go and find that one whom I have given the longest life on this earth among all nations." In Prophet Nuh's time and before that people were given one thousand years life. He will say, "Go find that one who was suffering pain for one thousand years and because he was holding tightly to his Lord's orders he was being

attacked by the other ones. Go find that one and bring him to the door of Paradise. Let him smell the Paradise and bring him to the Divine Presence." The angels will go and take him, and as soon as he smells the smell of Paradise the joy overtakes him and when he comes to the Divine Presence Allah will ask him, saying, "Oh my servant, what kind of pain and suffering have you had in the world in that one thousand years?"

So many of those people suffered a lot, not little. Nothing is happening to us in these days, alhamdulillah. It's another favor to us. In the time of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), just because people were saying, "We are believing you, we are believing in Muhammad (alayhi salam)" they were put into fire, they were ripped off by camels (and many other forms of torture). You know the whole story of what the Sahaba-e Kiram went through. What's happening to us? What's happening to the nation of Muhammad in this Ahir Zaman? We must think and compare. And (that person) from those (early) nations who had one thousand years of life and for one thousand years the wrong ones and the arrogant ones were attacking him and he was suffering, just by smelling from the door of Paradise he will be coming to the Divine Presence and Allah will ask him saying, "Oh my servant, what kind of pain did you have in this world that you are coming from?" That one will say, "Nothing Ya Rabbi! I was always living in Paradise!" All that pain will be taken away instantly. He will not remember anything.

And again Allah will say, "Go and find that one whom I have given such a life on earth that I have not even given him a tooth pain. And I have given to that one all the luxury and everything, but he never remembered Me for a thousand years. Take that one, just pass him through the Jahannam for an instant and bring him to My Presence." As soon as he is passing through that fire (not into the fire but just passing through in top-speed) his whole body will turn into coal and he will come to the Divine Presence. Allah will say, "What kind of luxury did you have in this world that I had given you, oh My servant?" That one will say, "Oh my Lord! There was no luxury! I was always in pain, burning always non-stop!" Just that instant of that one's entering into the fire wipes off everything. It wipes off and finishes that one thousand years of luxury and enjoyment. He doesn't remember anything.

The life is given to us and to this whole mankind, and still the door of forgiveness is open as long as you are breathing the air. If a man is doing the biggest crime right now, right at this minute and he is breathing the air, while he is living in this world, if he comes to his senses saying, "Astaghfirullah Ya Rabbi! Tauba Ya Rabbi! Ash-hadu an-la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu" then it's finished completely. It wipes off everything. Don't have any doubt on this. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "As soon as you give Shahadat, if you are from the nations that your parents brought you up as Christians, Jews or other ones, as soon as you say the Shahadat, all wrong that you did up till that time will be wiped off and you will be like a newborn child."

One Shahadat can clean up over eighty years of kufr. Then what about you who is giving at least five Shahadat a day, or ten Shahadat a day? What do you think about that? So isn't that enough knowledge for us to understand to say, "Thank you, Ya Rabbi! Thank you for whatever You have given to us and whatever You are going to give to us. We are thanking You, Ya Rabbi, for whatever you are preparing for us." And when a servant becomes thankful to His Lord then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will be pleased with that one. If a servant is going in the presence of a King and always thanking him, the King is knowing all the problems that he has, the King is watching and he is saying to his wazirs, "Watch him and how he behaves. Let me see how he is going to do." He is going through a very hard lifestyle, they are bringing him to the presence of the King and the King is asking, "How do you like it my servant? How is your life?" If that one starts complaining, "Oh it's very bad. You are not a good King", then he will be in a bigger trouble. Don't you think so? If he says, "Oh my King, my life is perfect. I know that whatever is coming to me is coming with your knowledge. I am thanking you." Right away that King has the power to change his worldly miseries and problems. But we have to go beyond that. Right now when we are sitting here there are people laying down in their beds in the hospitals like wood. They cannot even turn around, air has to be pumped inside of them and they are going through pain just to take that air in and to give that air out. And that life is continuing to so many of them for years. How much should we be thankful?

So don't be at the door of complaining. Be at the door of shukr. If we are standing at the door of shukr then our Lord looks at us. He may put us through different tests in the world. We are weak servants. We may cry, yes. We may find areas alone and we may cry with our Lord saying, "Oh my Lord, I am a weak servant. You are giving this pain to me. I cannot carry it but I am still thanking You. You have the power to change it." Then you may see that it may change instantly. But the majority today are asking help from doctors. They are running to doctors and saying, "Ahhh, what's going to happen? My heart is not pumping right!" Of course. Your heart is not pumping right because it's not saying `Allah'. It's saying `Doctor'. Say `Allah' and your heart is going to be cured. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "There is one piece in your body and that is qalb, that is the heart. When that piece is good then the whole body is good and when that piece is bad then the whole body is bad." (It is so) physically and spiritually. If the heart is not good physically then the doctor says, "Don't move too much. Sit like this. Don't move your head, don't move your leg, don't get up, lay down." Hmm. If the heart is sick physically then it's nothing. Worse comes to worst you are going to die. But if the heart is sick spiritually and that heart is empty and the man is not saying `Allah', the worst is waiting for that one.

So we must not forget our Lord. If we forget our Lord then instantly we run to the door of complaining. When we remember our Lord then for every pain that is coming to us from that Lord, He is giving us the patience at the same time. You know the story of Prophet Ayyub (as)

and how much suffering he went through. He had not done anything wrong. Only because Sheytan was saying, "Eh, you are giving everything to this one." He was a king and he was a prophet. He had so many children and so much wealth. And Sheytan said, "Of course, he is a thankful servant to You." Allah said, "Go. I give you permission. Take those things away from him slowly. You will still find him a thankful one."

It's a long story. You know how much Ayyub (as) went through. If you don't know then search. You or anybody who is hearing this khutba must search and must understand what kind of pain Ayyub (as) went through. When his body started smelling they couldn't live in the house and in the town anymore, and his wife took him up to the mountain. She put him in a cave and from time to time she was coming to look after him because no one could stand next to him. The worms started eating his body and he was always thanking our Lord and his Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). When the worms were biting him he wasn't feeling that much pain. He was feeling it but patience was coming with it.

One day, one worm fell down from his body. He took that one and he put it back saying, "It is the order from Allah. He is giving this pain to me. This one fell down. Let me just take it and put it on my hand." He put it back. That worm instantly bit Ayyub (as) and the pain that came to him from that, he had never felt such pain before. He started crying. Allah said to Ayyub (as), "Oh Ayyub, you did this to yourself. We didn't do this to you. That one was falling down from your body. You took it and you put it back. That's why you are suffering from its pain. You weren't suffering from all the other ones because when We gave you that pain We gave you the patience with it."

So for whatever our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is giving to us, He is giving the patience for it if we are turning to Him. If you are not turning to Him, then scream as much as you want from pain. What's going to happen? The only thing that is going to happen is that the doctors are going to numb your body and they are going to pump drugs into your body. But when your body is pumped, drugged and it's not moving, do you think that if Allah doesn't permit it, it's not going to feel the pain inside? He is going to feel that pain inside. On the outside he is not going to be able to show anything. But that pain is going to continue inside.

So the only door is the door of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and the only door is the door of thankfulness. And how much should we, as Muslims, be thankful to our Lord that He has created us and He has made us from the nation of Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam). When Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created all the prophets, all of them wanted to be from the nation of Muhammad (sws). They said, "Oh our Lord, don't give us this prophethood but make us one of the nation of Muhammad (sws)." One from the nation, one of the persons, like you and me, just saying the Shahadat and following Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam). And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) said to those prophets, "My pleasure for you is in

whatever I have given to you. Whatever I have given to the nation of Muhammad, I am pleased with them with that. Be happy with what I have given to you." And Allah accepted only two. From them Isa (alayhi salam) was also asking saying, "Ya Rabbi, make me from the nation of Muhammad (sws)" and inshaAllah Isa (as) is coming back to be written in the book as from the nation of Muhammad (sws).

And Hoja Nasr-ud-din. Hoja Nasr-ud-din was one of those who were given prophethood on the day of creation. He didn't want it saying, "Oh our Lord, please make me one of the nation of that Muhammad and put everyone's burden on my neck, of the whole nation. Let me carry it." Allah was very pleased with that because he wanted to carry the burdens and Allah gave it to him. And he became one of the nation of Muhammad (sws). Now, (to understand the mercy), no matter how much you are suffering, if you hear one joke from Nasr-ud-din Hoja you start cracking up right away, you start laughing. He is carrying, taking away that burden.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the Most Merciful One. We must turn to Him, we must ask forgiveness from Him. We, as Osmanli Naksibendis especially, in this part of the world and on top of this mountain we have another thing to be thankful to our Lord. Don't forget that in this part of the world there was not a single man saying 'Allah'. Alhamdulillah with the help, guidance and blessing of our Sheykh we built a mesjid here. In (a few) years time people are coming here from different parts of the world. We didn't give invitation to anyone. Something is happening, meaning, Allah is bringing them here. You all came here from different parts of the world. You are all here. We are sitting here. We are intending to make a mesjid here (that will go on) continuously until Judgment Day inshaAllah for the name of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to be continuously remembered and for five times azan to be called from the top of this mountain.

That is bringing another opening to my heart. There was a time once when Holy Prophet (sws) was old and tired and he was coming from a war. All his clothes were in dust, he entered into his mesjid and he prayed two rakats. He seemed very tired. He was getting old. Hazrat Fatima (ra) ran to him and said, "Oh my father, when is this suffering that you are going through going to end?" He said, "Oh Fatima, do you see that sun?" She said, "Yes, my father." He said, "The light of Islam is like that sun.

If it's not entering into every house in this world then my suffering is not going to end." And he said, "I am not going to live that long but I am going to have inheritors living in this world. They are going to carry this message to different parts of the world and they are going to bring Islam to different houses in this world." So be happy. We should be happy. Every one of you and every one of those people who are doing this kind of work should be happy. That is a message given through Holy Prophet (sws) saying, "It is going to be those ones bringing that message to every house in this universe." It is our aim inshaAllah that from every house at least one person should become Muslim inshallah. From each house one person should accept Islam

inshaAllah ar-Rahman. May Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) give our Sheykh long and strong life inshaAllah.

He did that job. We are not doing anything. He is the one who did it. He reached to east and west, north and south. We are just a tool here. He reached here. He reached here, he reached to Alaska, he reached to Siberia, he reached to Africa, he reached to Australia and he reached to every part of the world, alhamdulillah rabbil alameen. That is also enough open miracle for us to understand what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has blessed us with.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-114

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

MAN WAS CREATED TO BE ALLAH'S REPRESENTATIVES

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Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. Astaghfirullah. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created this world before He sent man to this world. Whatever is necessary and needed for man, He has prepared it for them. Then He created man. Before He created man He said to the angels, "I am creating Insan, humans." The angels said, "Ya Rabbi! Are you going to create a creature that is going to put bloodshed on the face of the earth?" Allah said, "I am creating them to be My Khalifah on earth, representing Me, doing things on My behalf." When a President is someplace else the Vice-President acts on his behalf. The job he is doing at that time is the job of the President. And Allah is saying, "I am creating them and sending them to earth to be acting on My behalf, to be doing things on My behalf."

The whole mankind from east to west, north to south, from individual to governments should check themselves to see whether they are fitting to that or not. If a man is not fitting to that then he is in big trouble. He is in trouble because Allah created man in Ahsani Taqween, the most perfect one and He said to Sheytan, "Make prostration to this one." He didn't do it. He became disobedient to Allah. He didn't make the prostration. He did all this worship for thousands and thousands

of years but he became disobedient to just one order and he has been kicked away from the Divine Presence. He has been kicked away from Paradise forever. Forever. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is warning us and sending prophets to us saying, "Your enemy is Sheytan. I have created you to work on earth on My behalf, to rule according to what I want, to carry your jobs and your responsibilities the way that I want, the way that I love and the way that I like. If you are doing otherwise then you are not following My order. You are following the orders of your ego and Sheytan. And you will be punished with that Sheytan." So think! We must think. Think, think and think. Never stop thinking to say, "Am I a human? Has Allah created me as a man to do His work on the face of the earth? Or am I the slave of Sheytan?" Decide whichever one you want to do. You are free. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is giving man a free choice. This is your choice. He said, "I have prepared the best place for you in Paradise. If you don't like that then run after your ego from which you are going to suffer all the time in Dunya also, but after that heavy punishment is coming to you."

Everything that Allah has created has a timing and everything that He has created is coming to an end. We are very near to the Judgment Day. We must put our acts together and we must look into our own selves to see what we are carrying, what we are doing and how we are doing, what is our responsibility and how we are going to do those things to correct ourselves. Otherwise, the last crying will be very bad. We will not find anyone to help us then. You are afraid on top of the grave now from snakes, from scorpions, from this and from that. You are running, trying to run away. There you cannot run. No one is going to help and no one is going to come to help there. Don't say that you are not going to want anything. When the spirit comes out from this body, this body enters into the grave and when the grave covers the body, Allah sends that spirit back to that body. The spirit doesn't need air to live, the spirit doesn't need food to live and the spirit doesn't need light to live. It lives there. Your body comes back alive. You will see everything and you will feel everything under the ground. If you say, "Eh, Sheykh, you are just saying a theory", then sit and wait. Sit and wait for that. Then you will look for some help but you will not find it. Help yourself. Correct yourself. We must correct our actions and we must correct ourselves. Don't say, "People are living like this and like that. Don't look at how other people are living. Look at what Allah has ordered us to do. Inna-ad-dina indallahu Islam. There is only one religion in the Presence of Allah and that is Islam. Allah is saying to us, "Don't come to My Presence with anything else." He is saying to the whole mankind, "Don't come to My Presence with something else. It is not accepted. I am not going to accept." So don't look at others. Look at yourselves. We must look at ourselves, we must correct ourselves and then when we know, "Yes, I am carrying the title that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given to me", then you will rest in the world, you will rest in the grave and you will rest and relax in Akhirat. If you are not carrying that in this Dunya then more trouble is waiting ahead.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-115

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

EVENTS LEADING TO THE JUDGMENT DAY REACHING TO OTHERS WITH THE LIGHT OF OUR SHEYKH

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Tariqatuna sohbət wa khayru fil jamiat. Our way and Islam can only continue through tariqat. Without tariqat there's only individual Islam. Everyone makes their own Islam according to their understanding or whatever their ego likes. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has sent to us not only the Book but He sent us a Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) to teach us how to live in this world. Someone may say, "Don't I know how to live?" Of course. Whatever the man is copying either from television, from their parents, from newspapers, from here or from there, that's what man builds his life on. So man has to have a role model in his life and the role model for the believers, for Muslims must be the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), his Sahaba, Sahaba-e Kiram (alayhim-ur Ridwan), the Tabi'in and those who are coming after and continuing on the footsteps and in the way of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying in so many hadith that Ahir Zaman is going to be very bad. He is saying, "In Ahir Zaman their mesjids are going to be built so nicely with beautiful design but it's going to be very hard to find believers inside all those mesjids. Those who call themselves believers are not going to show that much importance to their religion as much importance they will show to the clothes they are wearing and if their worldly activities and their worldly wealth is okay then they are not going to care what is happening to their religion." These are the days that we are living now. And Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "When you enter to the mesjids you will see that only the people who know each other will greet each other and give salam. Otherwise, they are not even going to give salam." That's what's happening today everywhere, east, west, north and south, in Muslim countries and in non-Muslims countries. People are becoming small groups and when they see each other they are just socializing. Especially in the western countries the mesjids became places where people gather together to socialize, not to understand the religion and correct themselves according to the rules and laws of the religion

of Allah. Alhamdulillah.

So tariqat teaches us how to live. Tariqat teaches us to understand what is coming from our ego and what is coming from our Lord. Man cannot be worshipping the two at the same time. Either he is worshipping his ego or his Lord. He cannot be worshipping the Lord of the Heavens and at the same time do whatever his ego wants. It's not possible. So where are we going to learn that? In sohbet. That's why Shah Baha-ud-Din Hazratleri is saying, "Through our association one may find his way to Paradise." Otherwise, it's just a claim. Four and a half billion Christians are claiming that they are right, they are on the right way, the Jews are claiming that they are in the right way, the Buddhists are claiming that they are in the right way, the idol-worshippers, the snake worshippers, the donkey worshippers, the cow worshippers, there are all kinds of unusual ways that man is making. Anything he is seeing he is thinking, "This is my Lord." So the 'Lord' understanding, 'Allah' understanding is not that easy. It is an obligation for a man to love Allah. It is obligation. Farz. It is wajib for a man to love His Prophet (sws). We have to love Allah but we have to know Allah to love Allah. Not by word saying, "I love Allah". What are you doing about it? First we have to learn how to love our Prophet (sws). Eh, you may have seen in dream one time or you may picture him someday somehow, he may open a vision, but the Holy Prophet (sws) is not staying in that station. He is going to higher stations in every second that is passing, he is going through different stations reaching to higher and higher stations always.

So we need a living guide to teach us, to take us, to move us from one point to another. Holy Prophet (sws) is giving light to the one who is carrying the secret of the world, the Sultanul Awliya. The Sultanul Awliya is receiving. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is creating non-stop and He is giving the knowledge of all that He is creating to the Holy Prophet (sws). And the Holy Prophet (sws) is giving whatever is for the Akhirat life to those Awliya that are around him. Whatever is for this dunya life he is sending to the heart of that one who is the authority in this world. It has always been like that and it will always be like that until Judgment Day. But those ones are hidden in these days here and there in different corners of the world because Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that when the Jababirah will take over, when the Khilafat will come down and the Jababirah, the tyrants are going to take over, pull yourselves away. Don't interfere. Those who have knowledge are not interfering to what's happening in the world today because Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing us saying, "That time is going to enter. After me Khulafa-e Rashideen, the Rashid Khalifahs, the rightly guided khalifahs will come. After them the kings will come." The Umawi and Abbasi kingdoms came. "After them the Sultans will come." The Ottoman Sultans came. "After the Sultans the Jababirah will rule for one century. The tyrants will come." Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing us saying, "When that time enters, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will give the ruling system of the world in the hands of the unbelievers. Don't run so much to change it because you are not going to have the power to change it. On the outside appearances, it is going to be in the hands of the unbelievers. They are going to rule.

The Khalifah is going to be hidden and they are going to do all kinds of wrong activities in this world." And he is saying, "Wait until one of my descendants (which is Mahdi alayhi salam) appears because before his appearance no one is going to be able to change anything." The Awliya Allah have the power in their hands, Allah gave them the power to change things but they have proper manners. They are not interfering in anything. They pulled themselves out because all the hadith of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) must come to life. And that's what's happening.

But he is saying, "If you are a believer who is living at that time then you have to hold on tightly to the rope of Allah." Allah is saying to us, "Hold on tightly to the rope of Allah and do not separate." And Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "Hold on tightly to my sunnat. Apply those sunnats to your life, not just by word, but to take them and to put them in your life. And leave the city areas. Move away from the city areas to the mountainsides and keep your faith according to as much as you know. Don't go around searching so much also because you are going to see so many books everywhere and so many people are speaking so many things, but they are only going to give you more confusion. Everything that you are going to learn is going to make you more confused. So if you know a couple of hadiths, apply them to your life, try to live a correct lifestyle and wait for the Sahib-uz Zaman Muhammad Mahdi (alayhi salam) to take the takbir." This is what we are doing, this is what we are waiting for and inshaAllah ar-Rahman this is what we are trying to apply to our life. We have no claim in this world. Anyone who is claiming is not too intelligent. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the authority. There is no super power except Him. He is the Supreme Ruler of this world.

All these wrong systems must come down. All the wrong ones must come down and all the tyrants must be taken away from this world. When the takbir is coming with Mahdi (alayhi salam) then all things much change and right away all these tyrants must be taken away from this life. Isa (as) will come and establish the heavenly lifestyle on earth. In a very short period of time Isa (as) will come, establish that and Mahdi (as) will not live very long after Isa (as) comes. He will go from this world and Isa (as) will be the ruler. But Isa (as) is not coming as a prophet. He is coming following the sunnats and shariat of the Holy Prophet (sws). Anyone who really and sincerely believes in Isa (as) will run instantly to Islam. There is no other way.

The Awliya Allah are saying that Isa (as) will live on this earth for maybe forty years. He was taken to Paradise at 33 years age and he is coming with that same age. He will live another forty years in this life, establish the heavenly kingdom on earth and then everything will be living in peace and everything will be living according to the heavenly order. All this nonsense technology and all that mankind is building their life on will be taken away. The main jobs of the believers will be to run to the worship of Allah, zikir of Allah and to holy associations. InshaAllah those people who are preparing now, who are holding tightly to our Sheykh the Sultanul Awliya and are receiving some knowledge from that one will be appointed to different

parts of this world to be guiding people. Mahdi (as) will be the Imam first and the next day Isa (as) will be the Imam. As we said, he will not live long. Mahdi (as) will pass away from this life. The kingdom of Isa (as) will continue and when his time is up Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will send the angel to take his life. When Isa (as) will be taken, so many of those people in this world who were living a correct lifestyle will start changing instantly again to do very wrong things. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will be sending one air from Paradise, from an opening like a needle hole, and that air will circle around this whole world. Every believer who takes that air in will give their lives quickly. They will fall down and all those hidden awliya will circle around, take them, wrap them up and bury them. Then all unbelievers will stay on earth. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "As long as there is one individual saying 'Allah' on this face of the earth, I will not send the curse and there will be no disruption in this world." That's why every believer will be taken away and the whole world will stay only with unbelievers and the Judgment Day, Qiyamat will be on those and everything will be taken and destroyed. Israfil (alayhi salam) will blow the trumpet and everything will be taken to non-existence. And Azrail (as) will be given order to go and take the lives of all the other angels too. All angels' lives will be taken. Then Allah will order Azrail (as) and his life will be taken too. Everything will be like before about which Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) said, "I was a hidden treasure, I wanted to be known and I have created the mankind." Everything will come back to the oneness of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and Allah is saying in the Holy Quran (that He will say), "Where are those who were declaring Lordship? I am the Lord."

After that He will be giving life to Israfil (as), Israfil (as) will blow the trumpet again and this earth will come again, not the way that it is now, but it will become straight land and all people who are under the ground will be brought back to life. This is because the earth will eat the whole body of those who have gone away from this world without reaching perfection, (those who reached to perfection, their bodies are complete under the ground). The earth is going to finish the bodies of those who did not reach to perfection. But there is one small cell in the body that is right at the bottom part (of the human skeleton) which disappears in the earth. It stays there. That's the seed of man that stays there in the earth. When Israfil (as) will blow the trumpet the rain will come down from the sky again and that rain will be like man's sperm. The rain will go into the earth and as soon as it touches those cells, from it right way under the ground new bodies will be given to people. All the bodies will be ready under the ground and when that is ready Israfil (as) will blow the trumpet again and all the spirits will come back into the bodies of the people. So they will be complete under the ground. From Adam (as) up till now billions and billions of people came. All will be ready. Your spirit will come to you. It won't go to that one. It will be known about everyone how they passed and where they are. When another order is given then first Holy Prophet's (sws) grave will open up, Holy Prophet (sws) will appear, all the other prophets and Awliya Allah will get up from their graves and all the other people will get up from their

graves and stand. Everyone will move to the Judgment Place. The prophets and Awliya Allah will take their places and all those people who were following tariqats and have sheykhs, their sheykhs will go circling and collecting them from where they are. No one can move (by themselves) from their gravesites. The whole world will be completely dark. There will be nothing but darkness except those people who are carrying light, Nur. They will be getting up and some of their light will be brighter than the sun. They will be carrying their lights to the Judgment Place. The person who went out from this world with the weakest faith will get up from the grave and there will be a light on his fingertip, like a flashlight the light opens and closes and he can see with that light. The first punishment to those who are denying tariqats and denying sheykhs is to stay next to their gravesites. They have completed everything, five times prayer and everything, but they have never accepted a guide. They didn't accept the Awliya Allah or Sheykhs. The first punishment to them is 1,000 years next to their gravesite. They cannot move from there.

So, alhamdulillah rabbi alameen that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has blessed us in this Ahir Zaman, in the worst of the worst times, that we are holding on to one of the highest one and the most beloved living one in the Divine Presence, our Sheykh, Sheykh Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani. He is the most beloved one. It is a big blessing to those who know our Sheykh and it is a big blessing to all those who spread him around. Don't try to make business through Sheykh Mevlana. So many today are making business. Leave the business aside. Stay at the farthest distance from that as we have been doing for the last thirty years, making pictures and giving to people in the streets. If they look at that picture and just say, "What a beautiful man", then that word should be enough, because that one who says, "What a beautiful man", in reality he is in love with the Truth, with Haqq because our Grandsheykh appears with the light of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). When someone looks saying, "What a beautiful man", then their love is to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). We must look into this and we must not try to make business through this. In the Judgment Day they will say to those who are making business, "You made your business. You got your worldly money. That is enough for you. No heavenly rewards for it."

So we know Sheykh Mevlana. We know him in appearances, we don't even know his stations but at least we have to carry him. We have to carry his sohbet and we have to carry whatever (we can), as he said once. They went and they asked him, "How should we do? What should we say?" He said, "Say, anyone, look in your heart, if something comes to you, then speak to people." Don't stop people from speaking. Say whatever comes to your heart, to strangers especially. Allah loves it when you are going and associating with new people and you are spending time trying to make them to come in the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws). Even if you say some wrong things at that time because your knowledge may not be complete, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will turn it to good things according to your intention. When you are running only for the sake of Allah and His Prophet (sws) to say, "Let me reach to this one. Maybe I can bring him out." We cannot bring anybody out but maybe we

can be a reason for that one to come out from that hell. You do whatever you can and then you open your hand and say, "Ya Rabbi! I can only do this much. I cannot do more than this. I am sending this to Your care and to Your Holy Prophet's (sws) care." Then it will work. Otherwise, you, me or anybody's running doesn't matter. You can be the smartest individual in the world but if that secret is not given through the Holy Prophet (sws) then nothing is going to work. But maybe with one word that you are going to say to that one it's going to work on that one. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is looking into your intention, into your heart to see how sincere you are when you are doing these things. Then it will work. If we are looking for worldly nonsense then why are you in tariqat? Tariqat is for those who are already fed up with this world and they want to turn to their spiritual progress in the way of Allah. Leave that worldly nonsense of money, buying and selling. It's never going to finish. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "The best riziq (provision) you are eating is the riziq that you are earning with your sweat. You are working for it." So we must try our best. The whole world turned into darkness. But it doesn't matter. Anywhere you are, in your workplace, in the mall area, here and there, let people say that you are crazy, who cares? Say to them, "Do you see this man?" I go sometimes, someone looks and I say, "Do you want to see the most beautiful man in the world?" He says, "Where?" I say, "This one." They look and as soon as I see them smiling I say, "You can keep the picture", and I walk away. Who knows what is going to work with that one now. You don't know what Allah is going to put in that one's heart. If we do it like that then in the Judgment Day when we go to the Divine Presence, in front of Allah, we go with somebody because you may pass the test and you may live Islam correctly but Allah will ask us, especially to us who are living in non-Muslim countries, "Who did you bring to My Presence?" What are you going to say? That we were living in a country with 300 million people, we were living Islam correctly and we couldn't be a guide to anybody? We must say something (in the Divine Presence) and this is what we are going to say if we don't run out to try to reach to other people.

Believers must carry his proper manners outside and when people look at them, the appearances of the Holy Prophet (sws), the appearances of your Sheykh must appear through you to them. When that appears then they have no choice but to love in their hearts. This is our duty. We cannot do more than that. We have to try our best to do whatever is given to us to try to save ourselves and as much as we can others from that fire that is coming. There is a big fire coming now but we cannot say, "Big fire is coming and we saved ourselves. Now run away." No. If we are in safety then we are going to be in safety everywhere. We are going to be safe even inside the fire. Don't worry. If you are working for Allah then you are going to be in safety everywhere. There is no worry for that one then.

So inshaAllah we must try to spread this everywhere we can. If we do that then we are becoming beloved to Allah, beloved to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and beloved to the Awliya Allah. If we love Allah and His Prophet (sws) then does Allah and His Prophet

(sws) love us back? This is what we have to look at. And the only way we can get that love in return is if we are running to bring people out of that mess that they are in. Then Allah will love you. If Allah loves you then you don't need anything. His Prophet (sws) and all Awliya Allah, everyone will love you then. All who loves Allah will love you. All who doesn't love Allah will run away from you. That's okay. That's better then. InshaAllah we must try a little bit harder. We must not lock ourselves into each other. Even if we are three or four people it doesn't matter. It's going to spread. It's spreading. When we came here first we came as one person. One. We came here together with `X'. All these areas, within a hundred miles distance in every direction there was no azan calling, nobody knew Islam around here and nobody heard anything about it. People are busy with the cows and with their sheep. They were not even sitting and watching television. Slowly they started seeing and asking. "Oh, what is this and what is that?" Word passed from one to another and another and it's spreading, alhamdulillah. Now in a short time they know that there are Muslims living here and these Muslims are not like those ones that the television is showing as terror-merror and all these kinds of nonsense. It's because we are trying to bring out the manner of our Sheykh. The manner of our Sheykh is the most perfect in the Divine Presence. InshaAllah Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will give long and strong life to our master, our Sheykh and keep us in his way, not to be disobedient to him or to our Lord.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

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BEING GOOD TO OURSELVES AND TO THE WORLD THERE IS NO ISLAMIC TERRORISM

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We are asking support from those who are sitting in the Divine Presence to send us something to speak that will give benefit to me and to the listeners, whoever is going to listen. We are living in very difficult times in this world and we are not at the beginning of nations. We are at the end of the nations. From the time of the first

man, who was created and sent down to this world, up till now it's coming close to almost seven thousand years. From the beginning of Adam (as) up till us, until the end it will be seven thousand years. In the Divine Presence it's only seven days. One day is equal to 1,000 years. Man is very impatient and when he is not knowing, when mankind is not knowing some divine knowledge then he is being very impatient, running around trying to change things. But the purpose of life, the purpose of creation, the purpose of man being on this earth is not the same as the creation of animals or other things that are living on this earth. Man have been created and sent down to the earth. Before Allah created man Allah created this earth and He has created everything in it. He prepared everything. He prepared what is necessary for us to continue and to live our life in this world. Everything is prepared. Then He sent us to this world. And He is saying that when He wanted to create man the angels said (because Allah gave some knowledge to the angels and they have seen what man was going to do on the face of the earth, and they said), "Oh our Lord, You are going to create man and You are going to send them down to the earth and they are going to become disobedient ones to you. They are going to put bloodshed into the world. We praise You and we worship You." And Allah said to them, "You only know what I teach you to know. You cannot know more than that." And He said, "I am creating man and I am sending them down to the earth to be my Khalifah, to represent Me on that earth, to do things on my behalf."

Then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created Adam (as) and He gave him the spirit. The dead body that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) put together, He mixed it up from this earth, He put one clay (from each region of the world) and He put the most beautiful design there. That's the difference between man and other creatures because Allah is saying to the other creatures, "Be!" from His desire. He is saying to them, "Happen!" and it happens. But to man Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) put design. He designed it Himself through His Divine Hands. Not these kinds of hands that we have but that's the only way we can understand that knowledge (through analogy). He designed the man. He put a shape to man through His Divine Hands. Then He left that clay to dry out and then He blew the spirit in him. When the spirit entered into this body, right away the eyes of Adam (as) opened up. When the eyes opened he looked around and the head started moving. Then the spirit started moving in. First it entered from here and then everything started becoming alive. It slowly started entering and the whole body started becoming alive. He was lying down. When it came to his belly button he sat. When Adam (as) sat up he sneezed and he said, "Elhamdulillah." He gave thanks to his Lord as soon as he was created. (And today, seven thousand years later, with all these technology man is finding that out. Something of that is coming to them now.) Adam (as) sneezed and he became thankful to his Lord. The angels looked at it right away and they were very shocked and surprised saying, "This creature has just been created and he is being thankful to his Lord." Then Allah said to them, "I told you, you only know things that I order you to know. This one is going to know (more)." Adam (as) rose up and Allah asked him, "What is this?" He started giving names to everything right away. He knew. That knowledge was put in him. That knowledge is coming with the

spirit.

So Adam (as) gave answer to everything that Allah asked and the angels looked and they said, "It took us so many years to learn this. This man is just knowing this. He is just looking and knowing this. In today's medicine they found that when man is sneezing his heart stops and sometimes it may not start again. So when Adam (as) sneezed his heart stopped. The life stopped right away and when the life was given back to him he said, "Elhamdulillah. Thank you Ya Rabbi!" Thanking again. He knew instantly.

Today's man is reading a lot, doing so many things a lot. He is reading from books but he is not reading from the book (of the spirit) that is there for him. So the first thing that man must know is to read himself. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us in the Holy Quran again, "If you are living according to the knowledge that you know then Allah will teach you the knowledge that you don't know." So if you live according to the knowledge that you know, if you take that knowledge and apply to your life and you start living with that knowledge then you are going to find that the knowledge that you don't know is appearing to you all of a sudden. It's coming to you.

There are two kinds of knowledge on earth. For the first kind of knowledge you have to go academically, checking all the books, finding out what is there and you have to study for years in schools. The other kind of knowledge, what we call prophetic knowledge, is coming through prophets. Majority of the prophets were illiterate people. They didn't know how to read and write. But they had all the knowledge. They knew. Man has to learn how to read and write to be able to read and to learn. But Allah was teaching them. The prophets didn't need to go to books to read. Allah was sending them His orders. He was their teacher. So that's the second kind of knowledge and that is also given to everybody. But because we are concentrating only on this worldly knowledge, we are not remembering the heavenly knowledge. So that door started closing. And today's people only give value to the man who goes to universities and have degrees. But there are so many shepherds in this world who do not know how to read and write. But they can read you. They can look at you and they can read what is inside you. They can tell you where you went and where you are going to go, what you did and what you are going to do. They are not in need of reading and writing. They are connecting themselves with their Lord and their Lord is teaching them. Our Lord is teaching them. And if we connect ourselves the same way then we are going to find that knowledge coming to us again because it is inside of us.

So He has created us to be His khalifahs representing Him on the face of this earth. And from Adam (as) until today it's not complete seven thousand years. When the seven thousand years is complete, disruption and end is coming to this world, to the worlds and to everything. But there is no end to man. In reality, it's the beginning of man. After that the real life begins. This life is only temporary. Everyone knows that. No one can deny this. No one can deny this reality. And one more thing that today's people cannot deny also is that they are not living

long anymore too. Centuries ago people were living a hundred or two hundred years. Through Holy Books we are finding that they lived for 900 years to 1000 years. But today's people's life is sixty or seventy. If you are working very hard in the third world countries then maybe it's forty or maybe it's fifty. So in this very short life we have to learn, we have to understand the purpose of life and why we have been created, where we came from and where are we going to go. Are we here with our own will and are we going out with our own will? Everyone knows that answer. It's no. So someone has authority on us. And that one who has authority on us, what does He want from us? In these days you go and you try to help someone and the man starts thinking, "What does this man want from me?" You go to work for somebody and they ask you, "How much do you want?" Everyone waits and expects something in return. So what is it that our Lord who has given us this life wants from us? What is our duty to Him, to ourselves and to the others that are around us? This is what we have to learn, from individuals to communities to governments. It doesn't matter what the nationality, the race or the religion is. No. Everyone must run after this now because they are making this world into a hell. They are turning this world into a hell. The governments have turned this world into a hell and the majority of the governments are spending from seventy to ninety percent of their budget for dirty warfare or for nuclear powers or for mass disruption weapons. Hmm. What are they going to disrupt with those weapons? Every country is building up (in weapons). They are building and building. What are they going to disrupt? The animals in the mountains? No. The humans.

So 20th century's technology and knowledge made man to lose his identity because he is running away from his identity, he is running away from his own reality and he is doing something that even the animals are not happy with anymore. Now we are looking at the world and we cannot change anything. We cannot do anything. We have to change our own selves. We have to look into our own selves and we have to start changing our own selves for our own safety. I am saying this to myself and to you. If anything is standing in front of you when you are changing, when you are trying to change yourself to become a better man then you should put that aside. You should not let anything stand on your way because anything that is standing on the way for you is coming from the sources of evil. It's not from the Divine order. Divine order to us is that we must grow, we must change and we must become good humans to our own selves, to our own communities and to everything that is around us. But when we are looking at how things are working today, it's completely the opposite. So we must pull ourselves, we must sit, we must meditate and we must build ourselves with our Lord. The angel of death is waiting right there. Right behind you and right in front of you. When the order comes, don't say, "I am wealthy or healthy." It doesn't matter. You can be wealthy or you can be healthy. You can be young or old. The time that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given to us is counted. The life that we are taking in and giving out is counted. When that comes to an end, the spirit has to come out from this body. It doesn't matter if we are healthy or we are sick. The man may be sick and sitting in the hospital for years. You know and we know that people are sitting in hospitals sometimes for

ten years or fifteen years. Some people are sitting on the bed for twenty or thirty years. They are not dying. They are not good for themselves and they are not good for others. They are suffering but they are not dying. The life that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given is not finished. And sometimes you are seeing a young person walking around (about whom they say), "You know, that person just died." You say, "How? I just saw him one hour ago. He was okay. He was healthy. He died? What happened?" What happened is that his end came. Either he is going to go with an accident or something is going to happen and (they will say), "Because of that. Because of that it happened." But the life is coming out from that body. And none of us has gone through that experience yet. We are going to. We are all going to. We cannot escape. We are going to go through that experience because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "Every soul that I have created is going to taste dying. They must die. They are going to taste dying."

Dying is not the end. Dying is the beginning of the real world. So whatever we have planted in this world we are going to harvest on the other side. So we may find again everything on the other side according to what we have planted, what we did in this world, what good acts we did, and what were the intentions of our acts. So that is the most important thing that we have to watch out. Don't think that because someone did wrong to you, you have to do wrong to them. No. Leave it. We must look at what right we are going to do, not what wrong what we are going to do. We have to look at what right we are going to do for our own selves because no one is doing anything to anyone in reality. If you are harming someone, if you are doing some wrong thing to someone and you are escaping from the hands of the government (you still have to face the consequences on the Judgment Day).

As today, we are finding so many terrorist activities, wrong activities happening in the world, and by the way, I must say that they are calling it 'Islamic terrorism'. They must take it out. There is no terror in Islam and there is no Islamic terrorism. You may say Pakistani terrorist, you may say Turkish terrorist, you may say Arab terrorist but you cannot say Islamic terrorist. This is a message to you, to me and to the whole world. I have never heard them saying, "Christian terrorists." There are so many Christian terrorists too but I have never heard them saying 'Christian terrorists'. They say what? IRA, Irish Republican Army, or EIA, Spanish terrorists, or whatever. Timothy Mcveigh, do they call him a Christian terrorist? He is a Christian. Timothy Mcveigh, huh? They are not saying that he was a Christian terrorist. (They say that) he is an American terrorist. But when it comes to Muslims they say Islamic terrorists. It is wrong. We are not accepting that. The whole world must know this. Any kind of terrorist is not accepted anywhere anyway. You don't even have the right to go and terrorize a man, to put fear in him. Allah is the one who puts fear. If you have not been given permission through the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) then you cannot even go to tell people, "Oh, you are entering into the hellfire." You cannot. It's not our duty. It's the duty of those who have been given permission. The prophets came, they gave good news to the people and when people were

disobedient to them to the extreme then Allah said to the prophets, "Say to them this now. If they continue being arrogant and stubborn ones then put fear in them with (the news of) the fire, with (the news of) a punishment, that Allah's punishment is going to come on them."

So we must turn to ourselves, try to correct ourselves and try to become better ones for our own selves, for our own community and for this world. If we do that then we will be a good servant to our Lord. If you don't do that then no matter what you call yourself (you may call yourself a Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist or whatever you are going to call yourself) it's not good for anything. First you have to be good for something to yourself, then to the community and everything that is surrounding you. Whatever comes in front of you, your duty and our duty is, order is coming from our Lord, to do good things, not bad things. The bad and evil order is given to Sheytan and that is his job. He is going to do it. If anybody wants to be in that category then they are welcome. The door is open to those but they will be judged with the evil ones and sever punishment is coming to that one and to the evil ones. Those who are harming people, those who are terrorizing people and those who are tyrants, tyrants to others and to themselves, will be punished. They are going to be punished, unless the tyrant ones turn around and ask forgiveness from their Lord. Then Allah is saying to us, "And you will find your Lord forgiving." InshaAllah ar-Rahman we are asking forgiveness and we are asking to be the good ones for ourselves and for everything that is around us.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmtil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-117

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE GLUE THAT HELD NATIONS TOGETHER

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

(Sheykh Efendi asked the following question to the guest with whom he was conversing after the Juma prayer): Let me ask you something. Whatever had happened to the Muslims? What is the big fault that the Muslims did and since when did the rising of the Islamic Empire

start becoming the falling of the Empire?

Guest: Well, it's because we detached ourselves from the teachings of the Quran.

Sheykh Efendi: Every one of those (Muslims) groups still says that they are having the teachings of the Quran. Everyone. Every one of the groups tells you the same ayats. They are not changing the ayats. But they are translating the ayats according to what they do. That's a different story. But what was the glue? Something was gluing us together. What was that glue that was taken away and we all got separated now?

Guest: We are no longer close to Allah.

Sheykh Efendi: No, we are still close to Allah. There are people who are still close to Allah. But there is individual closeness now, not as a nation and not as nations, why? This is what you have to know. Muslims don't know this. The glue has been taken away. The glue was the Prophet (sws). Prophet (sws) is physically taken away from this world. Who was gluing people together after the Prophet (sws)?

Guest: The Caliphate.

Sheykh Efendi: Caliphate, hmm. Then when did the Empire of Islam start falling down?

Guest: When there started to be divisions within the Caliphate.

Sheykh Efendi: No. Never! Even when there was a division of Khalifahs, Islam was rising. Even when Muawiya (ra) rose up against Ali (ra) and they had a division (still Islam was rising). And after that when Yazid came to power, he crushed down whole Medina and whole Mecca, okay? He crushed down the whole Mecca, he crushed down the Kaba and he killed hundreds of thousands of Muslims, and still Islam was rising. Don't forget. Still Islam was rising. Islam was spreading although there was a problem inside and all those holy ones were going one by one, all those strong ones were going one by one, the Sahaba-e Kiram and the Tabi'in were all dying, some were becoming martyrs and for some their time came and they were dying, but Islam was rising. When did Islam stop rising and when did it start coming down? The West didn't put that in the documentary (PBS, Islam: Empire of Faith). And when that happened, what happened to the world at that time? This is the message you should give to the west, east and everywhere.

When through the tricks and traps of the Westerners they ran to remove the Khilafat, and when the Khalifa was taken away from power, Muslims all independently declared their own nationalism. They didn't declare Islam anymore. They declared nationalism. Saudis said, "Saudia, Saudi Arabia." Understand? They didn't say Hijaz anymore. Syrians said, "Syria." Urdun (Jordan), Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt all separated. These nations separated and (with it) the nations inside the religion separated in thousands of pieces.

So the big glue that was holding it together has been removed and when it was removed everything fell. And the West reached to their aim. But now the West is suffering from terrorism. The East is suffering from terrorism. From where are these terrorists coming? From the sky or are they growing from the earth? It's the same people. It's because the training stopped, the reality of Islam stopped, the real teachings of Islam stopped, the love of Allah stopped and the fear of Allah stopped. The people have fear from the governments, from the police but they have no fear of Allah. They run around to steal, to do wrong things, they are looking around to do things and they are looking out for the police. But they are not worrying that Allah is watching them. That's what happened. The faith is gone. Faith! Faith in Allah is gone. Yes, people still read the Quran but faith is gone because Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman, there is going to come people who are going to recite the Quran so beautifully that when they recite the Quran they are going to move your hearts. There will be thunders in your hearts from the way that the Quran will be recited but the Quran is not going to enter below their throats. It's not going to enter to their hearts. They are going to recite the Quran to earn money. They are going to become Imams to earn money." This is what's happening. They are selling Islam and they are selling the way of Allah, the teachings of Allah for money.

This is what happened and it's because Islam is leadership. If the leader is taken away then everyone is rising saying, "We have democracy. We have to live according to democracy rules, hypocrisy rules. We are going to choose our own Presidents, our own Prime Ministers, our own leaders, our own this and our own that."

Guest: Some people say that democracy is demon gone crazy.

(Sheykh Efendi smiles and the audience laughs.)

Democracy is hypocrisy. Whatever fits to them that's what they are going to speak. It's not that they have any basic beliefs and they are running after that. Whatever the crowd of people want and whatever votes they are going to get from them, this is what they are going to speak to them. That's what's happening today. They are running after votes. If it's necessary to buy the votes with money, they pay money. If it's necessary to buy the votes through their (the crowd's) leader then they buy the leader. If it's necessary to fool the community then this is what they do. If it's necessary to promise things to them even though they are never going to deliver those things, they promise. This is the democracy today.

(Sheykh Efendi continued the conversation with the guest on other topics)

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-118

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LIVE FOR ALLAH AND BE WITH THE RIGHTEOUS ONES

Juma khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Astaghfirullah. We are not in the beginning of this world, oh believers! We came to the end. The beginning of the world is gone a long time ago. Everything has a beginning and an end. We are the people of the Ahir Zaman, people who reached the end of times. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was the Prophet of Ahir Zaman. He was sent at the end of times. The beginning was with Adam (alayhi salam) and the Last Prophet is Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam). There is no other prophet coming. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "I have been sent to this world at a time that is between Asr and Maghrib." After you pray Asr, before you turn left and right the sun has set. It's finished. So that's how much is left to this world. He is saying this fourteen hundred years ago. We are not in the beginning of the Prophet's (sws) time too. We are at the end of that. So we are the nation, we are the people who reached the end of times. Every activities and every work that we are doing, we must watch very carefully and we must do very carefully. As those people who have passed are not coming back, we also have no chance to come back and fix it, once Azrail comes and takes us. This time that is given to us, we must use it wisely, we must use it correctly and we must use it the way that our Lord wants us to use it.

We must live for Allah. We must not live for our ego. Either a man lives for Allah or he lives for this world. Living for this world is living for his ego. You have to choose. If you are living for Allah then the world is going to run after you, the world is going to follow you. If you are living for the world then every single day the world is pulling you in saying, "Come, come, come, come closer, come closer" and when Azrail comes taking you then it swallows and finishes you. If it finishes you then it's okay. But the biggest problem starts from there. When a man lives a heedless life, an irresponsible life and a life that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) doesn't like, doesn't approve then the man suffers a lot. We still have that chance to ask forgiveness, to turn around and to start walking on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim.

When we say that we are living for Allah and we are holding the roads that are taking us from Dunya to Akhirat then we cannot turn back to those who leaves Allah. You have to continue on your road. You cannot stop. You cannot sit around, eat, drink and enjoy with those who leave Allah and His Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Once you enter this

road there is no turn. If you are turning back then you are in a bigger trouble than ever before. Once you leave your guide who is going in the front then even if you find the road to go back to the Sirat-ul Mustaqim again, you are going to suffer a lot. If you live 100% the laws and orders that Allah has given, (you are keeping the five times prayer, you are keeping the fasting and you are keeping everything) still on the Day of Resurrection when man is going to be raised from the gravesites, they will ask you, "Did you have a guide? Did you have a Sheykh?" If yes then you don't need to answer. That Sheykh is going to come collecting everybody and bringing them to the Judgment Place. Those who don't have a Sheykh, as the first punishment they will stand at their gravesites in the dark for one thousand years.

Live for Allah. Living for Allah is not living for your ego. You have to leave the wrong characteristics of the ego aside. You have to hold on tightly to the teachings of Holy Prophet (sws). Otherwise, it's only claiming. It's only for ego in the name of living for Allah. When asked, "What are you doing", some say, "Eh, we are trying to live." Hmm. The poor people are trying to live. Trying to live? You mean all the worrying is for only one piece of bread that you are going to eat? That's what you are worrying for? Hmph! No faith. When you ask the ones that have reached, "What are you doing?" They are trying to make 10 to 1,000, 1,000 to 10,000, 10,000 to 1 million, 1 million to 2 million. Living for Dunya. Some say, "Live your life. Enjoy." Enjoying this? Do you think that Allah has sent you to this world to enjoy the dirtiness of the world? To run around inside the sewer and enjoying? How are you enjoying? This world is a toilet. Allah sent us here to finish our toilet and to take us back to our Paradise. Can a man be sitting in the toilet and enjoying? So many today like to sit in the toilet. Not only in toilets but they make their own houses toilet. You cannot enter inside from the dirtiness. Hmm. Then you are in trouble. Big trouble.

You are collecting money. What are you going to do when Azrail comes? If you are not living for Allah then keep everything. Eh, some people from the Middle East get sick and they say, "I am not good. We should go to London. The doctors are better there." Hmm. "We should go to America. They have good places and good doctors." Doctors don't give you life. If they had life then they would have given it to themselves. So many are coming to the western countries to get cured and they send them back in coffins, in boxes to their countries. (Sheykh smiles). Live for Allah. Allah is the one who is controlling everything. Everything is in His Hand. Prophet Sulayman (alayhi salam) used to sit with his deputies, his wazirs and the scholars, talking with them and counseling them and Azrail (alayhi salam) used to come, sit, visit Sulayman (as) in a man's form and listen to him. One day Azrail came in a man's form and there was a scholarly man sitting in the presence of Sulayman (as). Azrail looked at him very heavily and his heart started trembling. He thought, "This man is an unusual one. He put fear in my heart. I cannot stay here." He came to Sulayman (as) saying, "Ya Nabi Sulayman (as), please send me to the farthest distance from here. I cannot look at that man." Sulayman (as) gave order to wind saying, "Drop him to India." From Qudus to India. As

soon as he landed down to India, Azrail appeared in front of him saying, "Give that life." Tak, he fell down there. Azrail (as) came back to the presence of Sulayman (as) and Sulayman (as) said, "Oh Azrail, why did you look at that man so heavily and so strongly that he asked me to send him to the farthest distance and I put him down to India." He said, "That was it Ya Sulayman. Allah sent me to take his life in India and I saw him still sitting in your presence. So I had to put that fear for him to get to a faraway distance. He asked you and you put him to India. I took his life there."

So when your time is up, no doctors, no money and nothing is going to save you. No one. This world, this earth upon which we are walking arrogantly and stubbornly is holding 124,000 prophets inside. It took 124,000 prophets in it. Walk on earth with respect. This earth is holding millions of Awliya Allah inside. Think when you are walking. Maybe you are passing on top of someone. If you are walking with a wrong attitude, if you have a bad characteristic then no one can fix you after that. We must look at ourselves and correct ourselves. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has put a guide to us saying, "This is your role model. Look at that one. And I like every characteristic that I put on him. You must take it and you must learn it. You must take it, apply it to your life, and then you reach to Paradise. Otherwise, man is suffering in Dunya, and then he will suffer in Akhirat. Eating and drinking is only filling up toilets. Nothing else. And those who are not living for Allah and filling up toilets are going to be put in there, in that hole. Look at what the hadith of the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying. Angels will put them in. Some will pull themselves out and the other ones will kick them back in there until Judgment Day and after that there is another punishment waiting for those ones.

Oh believers! Correct yourselves. We are not in the beginning of this world. We are in the end, at the end of times. We must watch carefully every action that we are doing, who are we speaking with, who are we associating with, what are we doing and where are we going. If we are calling ourselves believers then we cannot go everywhere. With everyone we cannot go to associate unless we have been given permission to go and take people out of those holes. There aren't too many left in this world to do that job anymore. The majority of the people are sinking. Don't go to the wrong ones, don't associate with the wrong ones and don't talk with the wrong ones. Otherwise, their dirtiness and their wrong attitude is going to pass to you. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering us, "Oh believers! Be with the Saliheen." He is not saying to you, "Go and be with the rebellious ones." (He is saying,) "Be with the righteous ones." This is order from the Holy Quran to the whole mankind. If we take it we will win and if we leave it then we will lose for ourselves.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-119

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE WORLD LOST THE COMPASS THE DIRTINESS OF NUCLEAR WARFARE

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya Medet.

We are asking medet inshaAllah ar-Rahman from our Sheykh to send us something to speak that will benefit us, that will benefit me, you and everyone who listens. We are not good for anything. If they don't send then we cannot speak. What we speak is for ourselves and for those people who are running to find true ways and to live the way of Islam, the way of Truth. This sohbet is for anyone who is thirsty for that. If it's not then everyone should run to live as they like until the angel of death will come. After that no 'as you like'. As He likes. After the angel of death comes we will all understand. Those who were before us all understand now. But it's too late for some of them. Those who were living and trying to correct themselves in this life should not worry and those who are trying now should not worry too. Allah is the Most Merciful and the Most Beneficent.

The whole mankind today, from east, west, north and south lost the direction, lost the compass. It doesn't know which side to go anymore and so much problems, miseries and pains and man is running for all kinds of things that the children of Adam has not been created for and staying under the curse and not collecting what is coming for them. The mercy of Allah is raining but they are running to the areas where the curse is raining. For that the whole mankind lost the direction, exception is some handful of people (such as) here and some others in the world. But the general (masses) lost the compass. They lost the direction. Nobody is controlling the wheel except Sheytan driving towards Jahannam. Our Grandsheykh is saying, "This Sheytan is sitting on a big truck and that truck has a very powerful engine. So many people are behind that truck and Sheytan is driving the truck into the ocean or over a cliff, ready to fall down." Our Sheykh is saying, "We (the Awliya, him and so many like him, there are 124,000) are trying to hold the truck from behind not to go down the cliff, not to go down to the ocean but the physical power that the truck is carrying is pulling every one of us together. So we have to know where to let it go." And they are screaming to those who want safety saying, "Jump down from the truck! Otherwise, the end is deep, going down." Jumping down from the truck means turning back to the laws of Islam. There is no other way. Leave the ego ways, leave the ways of other teachings,

other kinds of governmental teachings (let's put it that way), or from studying in schools that are saying to you, "Enjoy yourself." There is nothing to enjoy in this world. We have not been created to run after to try to enjoy ourselves. Enjoyment is in the hereafter. And we must have discipline to be able to accept the laws of Islam, to put it on ourselves and to start benefiting. All those laws and everything are to teach us to reach to the highest stations anyway, to become Insan-i Kamil, the most perfect one. So it's teaching us slowly how to have better discipline, how to have better Adab, better manners.

Islam first put laws saying, "Forbidden things. Halal and Haram." Haram and Halal, that is, what is for us and what is not for us to have, to eat, to drink and to enjoy. All nations today, Muslim countries too, removed the laws of Allah. They put their own laws. Man's laws. Then later they are saying, "Oh, we are not interfering into religion. Leave as you like." But they are not even leaving that. They are interfering into religion all the time. It's okay in a country to go to open bars, clubs, discotheques and all kinds of wrong places. The government gives them license saying, "These are the borderlines. Live according to that and enjoy as much as you want inside that room. Go crazy if you want. Don't bring it out. Drink as much as you want. But if you are too drunk then don't drive your car. Let somebody bring you home." This is what the governments are saying to people, some governments, especially in the Middle East. And it's okay. It's not illegal. That's legal. You can have bars, you can have clubs and you can have all kinds of things that are speaking only for ego. It's okay. When you go to those governments to get a license saying, "I accept your secular way also. Let me live according to my religion inside the secular way. I am asking you to give me license to open a dergah and to have ten people, fifteen people, fifty people or a hundred people in the dergah to say 'Allah'. We don't like to go to bars, clubs and discotheques to go crazy drinking and getting all these wrong things. We would like to come together in this place to say 'Allah' and to jump up and down." Now you are finding all governments saying, "No! We are not giving you permission to do that." Hmm. So you give permission to a man to have the microphone in his hand... some are not even men that are appearing on television. They look like men but they are not. Some look like women but they are almost naked, appearing on television singing, dancing and making people to admire them, to run after them, on state-run televisions and permission is given to all those wrong things, but they are not giving permission to believers to remember their Lord in their own houses. How are you expecting your government to stand up for a long time? No police government ever lived more than a hundred years. In a hundred years time it came down. History is showing, from the time of Firaun and Namrud to everyone. Meaning, oppressor governments who were pushing people didn't live for long. All these ones are not going to live for long too now.

Ya hu, don't you see? You go to an university and the university has laws saying to you, "You have to come to school at this time, you have to enter to the class at this time, at this time you are going to study, at this time you are going to sleep, at this time you are going

to eat, at this time you are going to do that and at this time you are going to do this." Everything has their laws. But when it comes to religion they don't want any laws, they don't want anybody to bother them and they say, "Live your religion by yourself."

(You say,) "Let's have ten people together."

They say, "No! By yourselves."

And Allah is saying, "Become Jamat." So that's how those governments are really favoring and letting religion live among the people.

Alhamdulillah, in America we still have the freedom to live the religion that way. That's why the Awliya Allah are supporting it. They are not supporting the government or the President. They are supporting this government because they are still leaving people to live their own religion the way that their Prophet left to them. They are not oppressing them. That's why the Awliya Allah are praying and so many people are taking the Awliya Allah's praising (let's say) to America or Great Britain and they are thinking that the Awliya Allah are concentrating on that individual whoever is the President for that time or whichever the party is in that time. They are thinking that the Awliya Allah are taking the sides of parties, Republics or Democrats or whatever more there is. That also shows how close they are and how much they are understanding the teachings of the Awliya Allah. They are definitely supporting this country because we can still sit here and pray as we think our Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) left to us and they are not coming to bother us. That's why they are blessed. But you cannot do that in any Muslim country today. Not in Turkey, not in Egypt, not in Morocco, not in Syria, not in Saudi Arabia, not in Iraq, not in Iran, not in Uzbekistan and not in any country.

They are claiming that they are Muslims and they are living according to Islam. According to what Islam? The Islam that you have invented according to what fits to your ego? Or the Islam that the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) came to teach us? That kind of Islam? Or the kind of Islam that you have invented according to your own ego? Yes, they are living the kind of Islam that fits to their ego. That's why they don't have the laws of Allah. They removed the laws of Allah and they put the laws of man and they are screaming that there are terrorists everywhere. Of course. It's not working. Your laws are not working. Put the laws of Allah back on and look how fast it's going to work. We say to them, "You tried everything. For almost a hundred years you tried everything from Communism, to Fascism, to dictator regimes, to everything. Why not take Islam and try Islam again too a little bit to see what's going to happen." As soon as you say to them 'Islam' they start shivering, saying, "These terrorists are coming." Terrorists? If it was up to the Muslims they would not even take a gun in their hand. It's only to protect themselves. Nothing else. And the Sufis never went fighting with any governments too. But when they were under the ruling of the Empire and under the ruling of the Khalifah, they were the first soldiers, always in the front lines. Yes, the

Sufis, because they were fighting and defending for the sake of Allah. So they were running in the frontlines. But after the Khilafat came down nowhere will you find the Sufis uprising and fighting. No. Until they came and they approached them here and there in different countries, in Afghanistan and in Chechenistan, and some small groups of people are standing up, alhamdulillah rabbil alameen. But the majority among them also turned into the wrong areas and they started adopting and taking some teachings of the Wahhabis and they started becoming tyrants.

And I am surprised to hear today from the Muslims that they are supporting and they are saying, "We must have nuclear bombs. The Muslim governments must have nuclear bombs." Let me ask you, what are you going to do with that nuclear bomb? Do you think having nuclear bombs will stop those oppressors on you? It's their weapon. They are going to find something else on you again. So if you have the nuclear bomb then what are you going to do? Are you going to use it on America? Or are you going to use it on Russia? Or China? Or Israel (as they are running non-stop and declaring)? As soon as America gives ultimatum to one country, right away they say, "We are going to hit Israel." What's going to happen when you hit Israel? When you are hitting Israel you are going to hit Lebanon, Jordan and all Muslims countries there too. And half of Israel is Muslims inside. Muslim people are living inside there too. Do you think the atomic bomb is going to separate saying, "This is Muslim and this is not Muslim"? How foolish the Muslims became! And what kind of a war is it then that it is a disgrace to mankind to have such a bad weapon. Even the Generals in America never liked to have that option because they are men with a vision understanding the warfare, and understanding, "This is something very dirty." They don't want that. You are burning everything, man, animals and everything in it. What kind of understanding of Islam do these people have?

Islam is saying to you that if you have a ship at the shore and there are a thousand people there where nine hundred and ninety-nine of them have been found guilty by the court of Islam and they are going to have death penalty, every one of them. They are escaping from that country and nine hundred and ninety-nine people who are in that ship are guilty and they have death penalties on them. There is only one person in that ship who is not guilty but he is just caught up with them there. You cannot sink that ship because there is one innocent sitting among those nine hundred and ninety-nine of them. As man you cannot sink that ship. If Allah wants He is going to do something. But you cannot sink that ship. Allah is not giving permission to Muslims then, saying, "Let that ship go. Think of some other ways to stop that ship." You cannot kill every one of them because there is one innocent, even though nine hundred and ninety-nine of them have death penalties on them. This is the Islam that Holy Prophet (sws) brought to us and if anybody is trying to get something other than that then they are never going to reach anywhere again. They are leaving the way, they are running away, they are deviating from the ways of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and they are screaming saying, "We need help. We need help Ya Rabbbi!" Allah is saying to us, "You

need help? Hold on tightly to that Prophet. Then help will reach to you. If you are not holding on tightly to My Prophet then no help is reaching to you."

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman this much is enough for you and for me.

Fatiha.

Sohbet-120

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

DO NOT MISS JUMA FOR BUSINESS PREPARING FOR MAHDI (AS) AND ISA (AS)

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Alhamdulillah, shukr Allah, Astaghfirullah. We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has created us from mankind, He has put us in the nation of Muhammad (salatu wa sallim) and in this Ahir Zaman, in these bad times, in the worst time that the world has never seen such a foolishness before, He is keeping us in His service. This much should be enough for believers. If you have nothing else in this world and you are just thinking this then that should be enough for happiness to enter into your heart and the whole body must be happy.

Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman, in the end of times, they are going to build their mesjids so beautifully but as much importance they are going to show to their clothes, they are not going to show that much importance to their religion. If their worldly wealth is okay then they are not going to care what is going to happen to their religion." Do you need to be a saint to understand that we are in those times now? We are in it. Everywhere you are going you are finding people running building mesjids (putting so many big office buildings, not mesjids anymore), but they are not putting Holy Prophet's (sws) name and they are not putting Allah's name in it. Empty places, dry and empty places. They are putting some designs out and in but the people who are entering in it are far away from Islam. So many are far away from faith. The mesjids of Allah are to bring people, the Muslims together and to worship Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) together to prepare themselves not for this world but to prepare themselves for what is coming ahead, the other world. Another prophecy, Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "If they know you then they

are going to give salam to you but if they don't know you then they are not going to give salam to you and they are not going to take salam from you in the mesjids of Allah." Go and try. Look at how many people are entering and who is giving salam to who. If they know each other then they sit over there and they talk. They talk on the phone even if the Imam is giving khutba. It doesn't matter to them. They are busy now.

This is not the Islam that Holy Prophet (sws) has brought to us. Islam must be priority in your life. Islam. The work of Allah must be priority, doing things for the sake of Allah must be priority. You must hold it high. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Spread salam among each other." People are not giving salam to each other in the mesjids of Allah. The more salam you give the more blessings come to you. You will be under that blessing. If they don't give you answer, it's okay. You still give them salam. Angels will take it. Angels will reply back to you. Don't worry.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering us saying "Oh believers! Be with the righteous ones. Be with Saliheen." Be with them, sit with them, talk with them, associate with them and spend time with them. The whole world east and west, north and south (exception are some places, some areas) turned into dirtiness. The jobs that they are doing are dirty, the intention of people are dirty, people even dirty the air. They are saying what? Pollution? Air pollution? Dirty air. They dirty the water. Mankind is dirtying everything now. They are dirtying the oceans, putting their wrong wastes everywhere. Small towns, go two miles down, you look and it says, "Do not trespass." They put some dirtiness there, now the gas is coming out and the people are leaving their houses. Hmm.

All these are happening because man lost his direction (and they turned) from Akhirat to Dunya. Mankind lost their way. They forgot what they have been created for and they are running top-speed for this world. They are running to own the world. They are becoming slaves to the world. Never mind about praying five times a day, (they are saying), "Praying five times? Brother, it's very hard." Huh, very hard to pray five times a day? Then what kind of Allah is that who is giving you order to pray five times a day and you are saying that it's hard? Hmm? Doesn't Allah say, "I do not put on My servants burden that they are not going to be able to carry"? He is saying to us, "Come to My Presence five times." Leave five times. We say, "Are you praying (at all)?"

"No."

I say, "Pray two rakats a day."

Then they turn and they say, "Sheykh, are you changing Islam?" I am not changing Islam but you are not praying five times a day. Pray at least two rakats a day. That will give you some energy maybe. Leave two rakats. Now it's Juma. Pray once a week. (They say,) "I am busy." You are busy? Maybe your business will become bankrupt. Every Muslim

who is not going for Juma because of business, their business is going to become bankrupt from now on. You are leaving Allah's order and not going for Juma? And now there are mesjids everywhere in the world, in every corner. With a car the farthest distance is one hour. Anywhere you are in America the farthest distance you are going to find a mesjid is one hour away from you. The Sahaba-e Kiram were walking miles. They were getting up and they were walking miles to come to Fajr prayer. They were going back, finishing their jobs and they were walking miles to come back for Zuhur prayer.

Whatever happened to Muslims today? Later they say, "Oh! We are under tyranny." Of course you are under tyranny because Allah is saying to us, "If you are leaving the way of Allah then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will take the tyrants among you, He will make them to become your leaders and they will tyrannize you." That's what's happening to us. "If you are remembering your Lord, if you are running after your Lord's orders then Allah will make this world very easy for you and He will remember you in the Divine Presence." This news should be enough for believers, for a man who believes in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and for a man who believes in the Judgment Day. This should be enough for the man who believes that he is going to get up from the grave, he is going to come to the Judgment Place and he is going to be questioned. If he is not believing that then leave that one. Run far away from him.

You cannot change anything anymore. It is not for us to change. It needs big power to come down to change the wrong direction of this world. So Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "When you reach to the end of times, when you reach to those times when you see wrong but you are not going to be able to change it with your hands, you are going to see wrong but you are not going to be able to change it with your tongue then you have turn to your heart saying, 'Oh my Lord, I am not accepting this wrong thing. I am far away from that wrong thing and from that person.'" And Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "That is the weakest of faith." But you must do that for you to find safety. And he is saying, "When you see the whole crowds running into wrong direction, then pull yourselves away to the mountainsides. Live alone, pray alone and wait for the Savior. Wait for Mahdi (as) and Isa (as) to fix this world. You cannot do anything." If all man come together they cannot change this wrong direction that it is going towards now. Isa (as) is coming down with Mahdi (as) to change it.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman we are asking our Lord to count us among those good ones to be helping those and to be helping the work of those. And we are believing that we have entered to that era. Soon these activities are going to take place in this world. We must prepare ourselves for that. Preparing ourselves is sitting and remembering Allah by Zikir for power to come to your heart. Don't think you need gun power or you need this or that. No. You need this power (Sheykh Efendi pointing to the heart). When the power in the heart is strong then you will be winning. Otherwise, tyranny is going to be taken away from this world, every tyrant is going to be taken away from this world and if we have any tyranny in our hearts then we will go with

them. So we must sit, we must concentrate, we must look, we must clean ourselves, we must work for the sake of Allah and we must try to build our Akhirat. If we run to build our Akhirat then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will make this world easier. If we run after this world then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will make this world hard for us and we cannot build our Akhirat then.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Faitha.

Sohbet-121

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

HOW TO LOVE AND WHO TO LOVE

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Thursday 20 Rabi-ul Akhir, 1427

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Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyyil azim

Hasbinallah wa nüç½mal wakeel

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Let's renew our faith saying: Ash-hadu an la ilaha ilallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu sallallahu ta'ala wa alihi wa ashabihi wa sallim. All praising is to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), the most beloved one in the Divine Presence. If you love that one then you find safety. Safety is to love the ones that Allah loves and to leave the ones that Allah leaves. If you are loving the ones that Allah loves and you are also running to love those who are leaving Allah and His Prophet (sws) then something is wrong with you. Something is wrong somewhere. But it is not something small. It's very big. Very big because all secrets are to know how to love and who to love. All the worship and everything that we are doing, you can do it until Judgment Day. What is it? Where does it fit? Do we think that anyone here, including me, what we are worshipping and what we are doing is fitting to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to say, "Ya Rabbi, we are presenting this worship to Youñ½" Does it fit? No.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) asked Hazrat Musa (as), Kalimullah, Nabi-e Mursal, one of the big prophets that was given a Book. Allah is

teaching a lesson to people by speaking to His Prophet, saying to him,
"What have you done for me Ya Musa?"

He said, "I worship."

He said, "That is for you. In the Judgment Day you are going to find that."

He said, "I fast."

"That is also for you."

"I did Hajj."

"That is also for you."

"I give charity, Zakat."

"That is also for you. What did you do for Me?"

He said, "Ya Rabbi, I don't know what to do for You."

He said, "Love the ones that I love and leave the ones that I leave.
Love the ones that I love and hate the ones that I hate."

If anybody has any love to the cursed one who was kicked away from the Divine Presence then they are in big trouble. All worship that you are doing then is sinking, going into the hole. It is obligation (farz) for a man to love Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and it is wajib for a man to love His Prophet (sws). Intelligent man takes that saying, "It is obligation to me." If you want to bring all deeds, all actions and everything to Allah then you have to reach through the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). It is easy for a man to claim, "I love Allah." Hmm. How do you love Allah? How do we love Allah? How do we know Allah? By word? Or did you put a description to Allah? Did you put a body to Allah to say, "Allah looks like this and I love Him $\frac{1}{2}$." So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is sending His Prophet (sws) to us to show us who to love saying, "Love that one. He is appearing in front of you. Learn to love that one and that love will bring you to Me. His love will bring you to Me."

But we are the people who have reached the Ahir Zaman, the end of the times and the Holy Prophet (sws) came and passed fourteen hundred years ago. So also when we are saying now, "We love the Prophet (sws)", eh, if a man has seen the Prophet (sws) in his dream, or he appeared to him or somehow somehow he knows him, then maybe. But if you didn't see him, then how are you loving the Prophet (sws)? What do you know about the Prophet (sws)? What do we know about the Prophet (sws)? Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is teaching a lesson to us by showing that one. When Umar (radiyallahu anhu) came once and said, "Ya Rasulullah, today you look more beautiful than ever before and I am swearing by Allah that I love you more than anything else except myself." Prophet (sws) said to him, "Ya Umar, if you don't love me

more than yourself too then you have not reached to complete faith." And instantly he said, "Ya Rasulullah, I love you more than myself too."

The first people who came and accepted the Prophet (sws), they didn't come accepting the laws and the rules. They came accepting the Prophet (sws) and they started loving the Prophet (sws). That love moved them, it dragged them to do what Prophet (sws) was doing and they were running to do what Prophet (sws) was saying. They showed so many signs that they were loving the Prophet (sws). They immigrated, they left Mecca, everyone, with one word of the Prophet (sws). They left. They immigrated to Medina. They left everything. So many people left their parents. So many parents left their children. So many left their belongings. They had everything, they left them behind and they went with the Prophet (sws) with nothing. That love moved them. If we are not moving then something is wrong with our love. Something is not letting us move. Love moves the mountains. If we are not reaching somewhere, if we are not moving then there is something wrong in ourselves. Don't look around. Something is wrong in ourselves. We must correct that.

The ones that Allah loves and the ones that Allah hates cannot be together in the same heart. You must remove the ones that Allah doesn't love. If you don't then you are never going to find peace, not in Dunya and not in Akhirat. No peace to those because there is no sincerity there. Why are you running after somebody that Allah doesn't love? There is some benefit to you. Some benefit. That's why you are running. There is some worldly benefit, not heavenly. There is no heavenly benefit to that. It's worldly. If you are running after someone that Allah doesn't love then that's enough trouble you are having to yourself. So many people pray and they do everything but when you look at them you see that they have no peace. It's because they love the wrong ones and the burdens that those ones have is crushing them. So they are not sincere ones in the Divine Presence. We must correct, we must look, we must check, we must understand and we must know who to love. And once we love, we must hold tightly to the ones that we love.

We love our Sheykh. You must hold onto him tightly. You cannot love that one who doesn't love Sheykh Mevlana. If you are loving him then you have no place in your heart, you must not have any place in your heart for those who are talking against him, who are saying words against him. What kind of love are you claiming to have when on the one side you are saying, "I love Sheykh Mevlana and I will die for him" (and on the other side you are associating with the ones who are against him)? Is that love? As Umar (ra) is saying, "I love you more than anything else Ya Rasulullah, including my life." Your love must be like that. Our love must be like that to our Sheykh. If it is not like that then check yourself because somewhere somehow Sheytan is ready to fool you. He is going to fool you. You must look and check yourself every single day saying, "How much love do I have? How much more am I reaching to?"

It's not going to come out just like that too. No. Allah (subhana wa

ta'ala) has put that secret into the heart. But if you put the seed outside and you don't put it inside the ground then never is it going to open up. If you put the seed into the ground but you are not putting water then it's not going to grow again. So you have to give water constantly for that seed to grow, to open up, to reach to its maturity and start giving fruit. The love that we are putting in our heart towards our master must be like that seed. We must put water everyday. And putting water is not taking the kind of water that we drink, because 'X' may tell me later, "I am drinking water. Everyday I am putting one bottle there." Not that kind of water. You must look, you must think, you must remember, in everything you do you must know that he is watching. If you think that way then you are fitting yourself and slowly things start opening up. Things start growing because the Rahmat starts raining on you and it starts growing. When that starts growing and you reach to your maturity station then you start giving the fruits out. That is the real love that you have reached to the station where the fruit that comes out from you is the same fruit which that one is giving. So that is the real love.

Look! The rain is coming down. We are looking and seeing that it's coming to the ground, to the dirt area, and on the asphalt ten minutes later it dries out again. Nothing comes out. But when rain comes down on the earth and the sun shines then a little bit later you see the grass growing right away. It's giving. The grass is never going to grow in the asphalt, on the roads. So you must turn, till your heart inside, turn things upside down, throw out the wrong things, the weeds and everything for the real fruit, for the real tree to grow to give fruit. If you are not giving fruit then that love is not good again.

So everything is concentrating on that and we must learn how to love and who to love. Firstly, you must love Allah and His Prophet (sws). Then for us, (for murids), we must love our Sheykh. Then we must love those that Allah loves. We must love those who are beloved to Allah. If we don't love them then we are missing something again. So claiming to love Allah and His Prophet (sws) is not complete then and Sheytan somehow, someday will show you something from other places, tempting you, showing you something saying, "Oh, it is so great, you must love this one too." Then you run and you love somebody that Allah doesn't love and you are in trouble. All the things that you do becomes zero. We must know that before the angel of death reaches to us inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-122

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

PAYING THE PRICE FOR UPRISING AGAINST SULTAN

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Friday 13 Rabi-ul Akhir, 1427

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

This is Shariat. The laws and the ruling that is given in the hand of the king is that if seventy five percent of his nation uprises against him, by divine order, law is given to his hand to cut the necks off the seventy-five percent. If he does so, in the Judgment Day that king is not going to be responsible. When he is ruling justly and his nation wants to go out to the wrong road, they are following their ego and Sheytan, the king watches. He asks his wazirs, "What is the percentage of the people uprising against the truth?" They say, "More than seventy-five." He says, "Our time is finished. Allah is removing us from this power because the percentage is more than what is given to us (to suppress). We are not fighting back. We have to wait until Allah removes us from this power." And then every individual in that kingdom will be severely punished--them, their children, maybe their grandchildren or maybe their great-grandchildren.

This is what's happening to the world today. This is exactly what had happened today to this world. (Sheykh Efendi pointing to the wall of the mesjid). There are two Sultans' pictures over there. Who are they?

(A murid replies: Sultan Abdul Aziz Khan and Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan.)

Sultan Abdul Aziz and Sultan Abdul Hamid. In the time of Sultan Abdul Aziz Khan people started uprising. They started running to build the kingdom of Sheytan. They started supporting the kingdom of Sheytan and eventually they didn't like the laws and rulings that the king was putting on them. So they started uprising against him here and there slowly. Sultan knew. They took him away from power and they hanged him. Allah removed him. He asked to be removed, to go out from this world. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Any justly ruling person who is taken away from power and sentenced with death penalty becomes the highest martyr in the Judgment Day." He reached to martyrdom. All those who did that to him are suffering from that time until now. Their children and grandchildren are suffering. The history is showing who went to him and whatever happened to all those people after that. Years passed and they watched where they went, which countries they went to, how they suffered, how they died and what passed to their children. Some of their children became priests in different countries. Then they suffered that way too because even Christianity didn't accept them.

This nation (ummah), these people right now are paying the price for that. We didn't come to Sultan Abdul Hamid yet. When it came to Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan he checked saying, "How many people, what's the

percentage that is uprising?" So Sultan Abdul Hamid looked and he checked. He checked those nations that were under his ruling and he saw that they were uprising. Against what? They said, "We want to be free." Free means what? Without the laws of Allah. He saw that these are the nations, this is how much percentage there are in each nation uprising and Sultan Abdul Hamid sat and waited. He said to his people, "Don't do anything." The Generals said to him, "Oh Sultan, we have a big power. We have a big army. We can crush them down." He said, "No. All these soldiers who are with me, if one dies in this way then I will be very sorry in the Judgment Day. They should not. But they may become martyrs with me." And they didn't (take military action). He didn't use the army. He let them uprise. They took him, they sent him to exile and he died as a martyr too.

They are paying. People are paying the price, nations are paying the price and still they are not waking up. Now from Afghanistan to Iraq, from Indonesia to Malaysia, from the Philippines to Qudus, from Africa to Morocco, from Bosnia to Chechenistan, everywhere it's burning. People are paying the price. People are paying the price of uprising against the Sultan. Nothing else. Allah's mercy is always opening and He is sending other people to call people to the right way. They are not waking up! Don't wake. Other ones are coming. Never is it going to become easier. Allah is not going to give in. We are going to give in.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-123

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

NO PARADISE WITHOUT GOOD MANNERS

Juma Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 14 Rabi-ul Akhir, 1427

May 13, 2006

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent the prophets and the books to us to stay on their way and to learn good manners to go back to Paradise. Anyone who learns how to have good manners is going back to Paradise. No manners, no Paradise. You can pray not five time but fifty times a day, you can recite the Quran twenty-fours a day but if a man doesn't learn the manners then he is not reaching anywhere. (We are talking about) the manners that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has put on man, not the manner according to the understanding of today's people that have been educated in the schools. No. Not that kind of manners.

There is no manner today. There is no manner in the east, west, north and south. That's why the whole system is collapsing. One bad behavior, one wrong manner made Sheytan to be kicked away from the Divine Presence forever. He was worshipping. If you put the whole mankind's worship together you cannot equal as much as he was worshipping. With one wrong attitude, one wrong manner that he did he was kicked away from the Divine Presence and from Paradise. With one bad manner that our father did, (he became disobedient to Allah,) he was sent out from Paradise. He was the beloved one of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). He has created him and He gave him the Paradise. He did one wrong action, he lost proper manners and he was sent out from Paradise. It took centuries for Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to accept his repentance and to forgive him.

From that time until now so many prophets came and every one of them concentrated on that. All actions, all works, all prayers, all worshipping, all fasting and everything that we are doing are to teach us to have good manners. A man who is going to enter into the palace, who is going to go next to a king, they take him and they train him first. They teach him how to have good manners. If he doesn't have good manners then he cannot go there. It is not possible. The ones who are learning proper manners may stay there. They may reach to higher stations.

We are going back to the kingdom from the dirtiness of this world. We have to go back to our kingdom. If we don't learn how to have good manners then we cannot enter back to that kingdom. We cannot go back to our Paradise. You must understand, that (good) manner is what Allah (subahana wa ta'ala) has ordered us and what He has forbidden us from. We must carry those. Then a man may say, "I have good manners." Otherwise, all teachings now in the east, west, north and south has failed. It has failed so badly that today the religious leaders are accepting man to man and woman to woman marriages. That's how ugly and that's how bad things became in the east and west, north and south. We must wake up to our own selves. We must hold on tightly to the teachings of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). You may not have seen so many things. Through the blessings of our Sheykh, Allah (subahana wa ta'ala) is making us to see and to say, "Don't look here, don't look there, don't do this, don't do that", to teach you good manners. All these actions that we are doing around here, that we are trying to keep up with, is to learn to have good manners. We don't know how much time we have left in this world and we must prepare everyday for the hereafter.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-124

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

FIGHTING SHEYTAN AND EGO

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Sunday 9 Rabi-ul Akhir, 1427

May 8, 2006

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

The role of Sheytan to believers is similar to our two feet. With two feet we can walk. If we have one foot then we cannot walk. We cannot make any progress. We cannot reach anywhere. There is Haqq and Batil. There's truth and false. The false is there and we are fighting against it. So the truth is appearing. We are understanding the value of truth because the wrong is there, the false is there. People usually say, "Well, I am good." How do you know you are good? You have to know the evil to be able to understand the good. There is evil. So we are understanding the good. If there was no nighttime how were you going to understand the value of the day and the beauty of the day? You will never be able to understand that then if there was no dark and no night. So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created Sheytan for that reason. His ordering is coming to us and the whispering of Sheytan is also coming to us. When we are fighting against the whispering that is coming and what is coming from the ego for our own desires, then we will be able to make progress and reach to higher stations. Otherwise, we will be sitting in one station and that's it. There will be no progress if you are taking Sheytan away and if you are taking the ego away.

The ego is a means for us to make progress and to go to higher stations. If there is no ego then who are you going to fight against? Sheytan is saying, "Sleep." If you are closing your eyes and sleeping then you are following Sheytan. Why not fighting back saying, "This is not a bedroom. Why am I sleeping here?" Sheytan is saying, "Sleep. You are very tired. Sleep." Very tired? Shake a little bit to see if it's going to go away. It's not the time to sleep. So if we do anything that comes to us anytime then how are we fighting against that? How are we winning? That's why Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Everything that man desires, he grabs and he eats, it is enough sin for him." It's enough wasting. Anything he desires he grabs and he puts it in his mouth right away is enough sin for him. That's enough for him because what happens when anything that is coming he is putting it in there? It brings lots of problems. Your system works so hard that you become heedless. Now you have to sleep. You cannot be awakening no matter where you are then. The only time you wake up then is where there is food again (saying,) "Ah, I woke up. There's food. Let me eat." We have to fight. We have to fight with our ego and the best way of fighting the ego, the time when you grab the ego under your control

is when you are fasting. Other times, eh. Fasting is not only one month Ramazan and then finishing. Fasting yourself from unnecessary eating and drinking, stopping yourself from that.

Now Sheytan says to you, "Don't get up early in the morning." You say, "I am used to it." Which ego is ever used to it? You got your ego so trained? Subhanallah. But if I say, "How many times in one year you didn't get up for fajr prayer on time?" I can count. We can download your files from the computer. Hmm.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-125

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE SHARR CORPORATION

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Saturday 8 Rabi-ul Akhir, 1427

May 7, 2006

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Auzu billahi min-ash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyil azim

Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel

Medet Ya Seyyidi Sultanul Awliya, medet.

We are asking support from our Sheykh to make us to say a couple of words that will benefit us inshaAllah ar-Rahman. If someone takes them and lives according to it then they will win. If not then we do the part that is given to us and blessings are coming with it inshaAllah ar-Rahman. We must renew our faith saying, "Ash-hadu an la ilaha ilallallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu sallallahu ta'ala alayhi wa alihi wa ashabihi wa sallim."

124,000 prophets have been sent to this world to show people, to teach them to turn their way from Dunya to Mawla, from the world to Akhirat. When they passed, they left their inheritors in this world and they called to those nations until another prophet came to those nations. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is the Seal of Prophets. No more prophet is coming until Judgment Day. He also left behind those people who are reminding themselves and the mankind to turn from Dunya to Mawla. The majority of people are always in need of reminder. They have forgotten. They are forgetting that they have not been created for this world. They turned around and fell in love with it and Allah send somebody to them to remind them. If people take that seriously and hold on tightly then they find safety in Dunya and Akhirat. If they are saying, "Well, I know but we are living in Dunya and we have

to work." Of course. We are living in Dunya and we have to work. And at the same time we are living in Dunya to earn our Akhirat, not to work only, but to earn our Akhirat, earn the hereafter life while we are living in Dunya. You cannot earn that in the grave or in the Judgment Day. At least we have to make some work right now through which maybe we will leave some pages open that when we enter to the grave we will still earn higher stations in Akhirat inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

It is so valuable but we are treating it in a very lousy way. We are not treating it properly, this value that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given to us. The value is the Shahadat and with Shahadat the Akhirat is coming, the eternal life is coming with that Shahadat. But while we are living in this world we are treating it very badly. It is so valuable but we are not taking any care of it. The little devices that we have here and there, the little things, the computers, the cameras, the cars, we show more care to those than the Shahadat. You cannot call that one so intelligent who is treating such a valuable thing very carelessly because that has a very big enemy also. Because it's very valuable, the enemy is running after it to catch it and take it away from us. The enemy is coming to us in so many different forms to steal that Shahadat away from us. They became a big company together. Nafs, Hawa, Sheytan and Dunya. These four are tying us, chaining us. Nafs is one chain holding from the right hand like that. Hawa, the desires, are holding from the left hand, Sheytan is holding from the right foot, tying with that chain and Dunya is holding from the left. We are in chains. We cannot move. And everyone is saying, "I am free. I do as I like." Mashallah. If you do as you like then don't die. Why are you dying? Every single day you are running top-speed to die. One day is gone again and we came one more day closer to our death. Don't speak foolish words saying, "I am free." What free? If you are free then you should not die. Man is running to find the cure to that. He is not finding and he is not going to. When he is going to through science, when Allah is going to open to them from that ocean a little bit, then they are going to beg to die. That's what they are trying now.

We are living the last days on this earth. It's not only man's life that is finishing but the whole world and all worlds that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created are coming to an end. The Judgment Day, Qiyamat, is coming very close. We are the nation that reached to the end of that era. We are not in the beginning, in Adam alayhi salam's nation to say, "We still have time. Oh, generations are going to come after us until Judgment Day." We don't have too much left. So we should be more careful because we are the last nation on earth and we are very close to the Judgment Day, to Qiyamat. We are keeping ourselves busy everyday with so many other things. The unbelievers keep themselves busy with other foolishness, the believers keep themselves busy with other things and the man who is in the way of Allah keeps himself busy thinking, "This is coming, that is coming, I am preparing for Mahdi and I have to have a nice life afterwards." Qiyamat is coming! Prepare yourself! When the angel of death is reaching to you it's your Qiyamat.

There are two Qiyamats. One is when the angel of death reaches to man and the second one is for all things, anything that you can think of, you can imagine that is existing in this world, the end is coming to that too. And we are very close. These young people, maybe they are in early ages of their Qiyamat, but the whole mankind today is very close to the big Qiyamat. So we must prepare ourselves. We don't really need too many people to tell us that that's the direction the world is going top-speed. If you have a little bit of sense and you put it together then you see it. We are seeing it. Everyday we are watching the news, we are watching the activities in the world, we are watching the activities that are happening around us and activities with our families and with our friends. Everyday we are seeing how fast everything is changing and in top-speed it's going to its destiny.

We cannot escape from it saying, "It was my destiny." Yes, there is a big destiny. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) drew the plan and everything is moving according to that. But we have to take care in that walk ourselves. We are responsible from what we are preparing for ourselves. We are responsible if we say that we are intelligent people, that we have intelligence. If we don't have intelligence then we are not responsible. But even the animals know their reason of creation and even the animals are putting curses on today's people saying, "Man has been created in Ahsani Taqweem and the Lord of the Heavens has created us for their service. We are remembering our Lord and they are not remembering their Lord." In the old days, at least the general main groups were remembering. Now, only a handful of groups are remembering. It turned around completely. The 20th century's uncivilization. The 20th and the 21st century's barbarism. The history books must write saying that they were the people who had been educated with the worldly knowledge so much but they were the worst ignorant ones ever living on earth. The second Jahiliyya Time. We should escape from that. We should not let our names to be written in that book.

The reality is not changing whether they are putting it in the history books or not. The reality is there. The angels are holding the history book and they are putting, "The 21st century: Ignorant man. The worst ones that ever lived on the face of the earth." The curse is raining. We must escape from that. We must try to escape with every opportunity that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is opening for us. Then they will not put our names in that list. And if we are holding tightly in fighting against these four Sharr Corporation, Nafs, Hawa, Sheytan and Dunya, if we are looking and understanding that these are our enemies then we must be careful with these ones. Then the help will reach to us and inshaAllah ar-Rahman we will be able to keep our Shahadat strongly. We will live and we will pass with that Shahadat. That is Marifat. If a man is looking for Marifat, Karamat then that is Marifat. That is Karamat. All the secrets of all Books and all the prophets came to teach man to take that faith that Allah has granted to them, to live according to that faith and to go out from this world with that faith. MashaAllah to those who did and inshaAllah we are asking from our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) for the sake of those who are most beloved ones in His Divine Presence, we are asking their Shafa'at to reach to

us, and for their sake Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to make us to live and to go out from this world with this Shahadat inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-126

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

REMEMBER DEATH VERY OFTEN

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Sunday 9 Rabi-ul Akhir, 1427

May 8, 2006

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Let me tell you a story. There was a righteous man. He was worshipping a lot and trying to do everything correctly. Sheytan was coming to fool him but he wasn't getting fooled by Sheytan. One day Sheytan came to visit him. It's another blessing to us that because of Holy Prophet (sws) Sheytan cannot appear to us in a man's form. There are man sheytans, yes, but real sheytans cannot enter into a form to come to us. Before the time of the Holy Prophet (sws) it was like that. He will appear to a man in a saint's form coming to be a guest. So he appeared in that form coming to be his guest, knocking on the door and the man opened to door saying, "Yes?" He said, "I am the Lord's guest, Allah's guest." He said, "Oh, please come in." According to the laws of Islam for three days you don't ask the guest anything. He can stay, he can eat, he can drink, you have to serve him and you cannot ask him who he is, why he is here etc, until after the third day when you see that he has no planning to leave, then you say, "Well, let's talk."

So Sheytan came as a guest, the man took him inside and he saw that he is not sleeping, he is not eating and he is not doing anything. This guest is always praying and worshipping. He liked it because he is a righteous man and he said to him after the third day, "Selam aleykum, welcome to you, I am very happy that you are here. What are you doing? How did you earn this secret that without eating and drinking you can worship only. I would like to do it too because I am spending time in sleep and I am spending time in eating. If I don't spend time in sleeping and eating then I will worship good during those times too. So teach me." He said to him, "Well, once upon a time I committed a big sin. With that big sin I repented to Allah and I was so sorry because I did that big sin that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has forgiven

me and He has given me this ability, and I don't need to sleep, eat or drink anymore. So I am worshipping constantly."

He said, "Tell me. Maybe I can do that too."

He said, "Well, looking at you I don't think that you can do it."

He said, "Tell me. Maybe I can do it."

He said, "Yeah, well, there are three and you have to do one of them at least. Then maybe when you repent it's going to be accepted."

He said, "Tell them to me. Maybe I can do one of them."

He said, "You have to kill somebody."

"Oh no, that is impossible. I cannot do that. Somebody who is innocent?"

He said, "Yes."

He said, "I cannot do that."

He said to him, "I have one lighter than that. You have to commit adultery."

He said, "No, no. That I cannot do. I didn't do that all this time. I cannot do it now."

He said, "Then you have to drink."

"Drinking?"

"Yes."

"Liquor?"

He said, "Yes. Drink, get drunk and later when you wake up ask for forgiveness. Maybe Allah takes this eating, drinking and sleeping away from you."

He started thinking about that one, that light one, he thought that it's light. But Sheytan is not sitting. He said, "Now I finished my job here. I have to continue going somewhere. I will come back to you sometime later." He said, "Okay, I am going to think about that." So Sheytan knows now. He looked at him and he said (to himself), "He is definitely preparing to get drunk."

Now there was a big king at that time and that king made an announcement that he had a most beloved daughter who is ready to die and nobody can find a cure for her. If anyone can find a cure then he is going to give a big reward. Sheytan appeared coming to the king saying, "Oh my majesty, I know someone who can cure your daughter."

He said, "Who is he?"

He said, "It is a person living outside the village and he is a very righteous one. He is always worshipping. So he has a strong breath. But you have to keep your daughter in his house. He wouldn't come here. So you have to keep your daughter in his house and she has to stay there a couple of days because he has to read and blow to her for her to get cured." The king is ready to lose his daughter anyway. So he said, "Quickly, take her there to that man." So they took her to the man. Sheytan came and said to him, "Look, I have a work for you. You are going to reach to higher stations." He was already drinking now. He found him drunk and said, "Look, this is the king's daughter. I am leaving her here. Cure her. She is sick. I am going to come back to take her back to the king."

So he put her there. She was half-sleeping, half-sick, she couldn't control her garments and everything was opening when she was moving around. Now he was drunk. The faith was out of the heart now. He was looking at the girl thinking, "Well, I already drank. This Sheytan told me that if I do the adultery too then who knows maybe Allah will accept my prayers. Maybe He isn't taking it only with this liquor. Nobody's around here." Sheytan was whispering to him and he thought, "I should do it. She is sick. She wouldn't know. She is not going to say anything." He did it. As soon as he finished Sheytan came saying, "Oh! What did you do?"

He said, "I did the second one."

He said, "To the king's daughter? He is going to hang the both of us. We are finished."

He said, "What can we do?"

"We have only one way of safety for the both of us."

"What?"

"We are going to kill her and we are going to bury her together."

Now he was scared. Fear entered. They killed her, buried her and Sheytan ran to the king saying, "A terrible thing happened."

"What happened?"

"Your daughter disappeared. She is not there. And I think he killed her."

Sultan sent his guards and everything to look. Sheytan pointed out the area where they dug and they found her dead. He got death penalty right away. They were bringing him to hang him and Sheytan appeared. He said to him, "Hmm. Do you know that I am Sheytan?"

He said, "I figured that out."

He said, "But you have one chance for safety."

He said, "What is it?"

He said, "You know it is impossible for you to escape from this rope. The king gave order. You are finished."

He said, "Yes I know. I am scared."

He said, "Well, give me your faith, I will save you from hanging and sometime later you may earn it again."

He said, "But..."

"You have no choice. Give me, otherwise, I am leaving."

So the fear of death entered. He said with his mouth, "Take my faith." Sheytan took the faith and said, "Good bye, hang him." He lost.

Hmm. This is a lesson for every one of us too. If we are not prepared for death then Sheytan may fool us. InshaAllah he doesn't, because Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "Remember death very often. Never forget."

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-127

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE SECOND CONQUEST OF ISTANBUL

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 29 Rabi-ul Awwal, 1427

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

What did Sultan Mehmet do? What did he do before he conquered Istanbul? He moved the ships over the mountains. He dragged the ships over the mountains and he brought them to the sea. That's why the Greeks at that time, the Byzantines, were shocked next morning when they saw the ships, because they never expected that the ships will be on that side. And if the ships couldn't enter from that side through the Bosphorus then it was impossible at that time to conquer Istanbul. It's because they put a very big link chain from one side to another

side of the Bosphorus and when they were coming there, they had to enter through the range point of what we call the Greek Fire. They were throwing it in the air, it was flying and falling on the ships, like the kind of today's cannons, and the ships would start burning. So it was impossible for ships to come near even to that big chain link and it was impossible to cut it also.

When they said that to Fatih he said to them, "So if we cannot go from the sea then what about the mountain? We have a mountain. Move the ships over the mountains and bring them to the other side." Everyone was shocked. He said, "Yes, I am giving order. Tonight everything has to move to the other side." And (they moved) seventy-three pieces of ships, like today's ships, very huge ones. They cut big logs from the mountains, they put it on the ground, they brought oil, they put it on the logs, tied the ships to the soldiers and all these things, they pulled it on top of the mountain, they dropped it on the other side of the sea and slowly they entered into the sea overnight. And everyone was sleeping. In the morning when they (Greeks) saw all the ships on this side they were all shocks. That was the winning part of the battle because once you see that they have entered then it is impossible to stop them. They bombarded the castles from this side and from every side they were entering and they took over the city.

That happened because the Greeks at that time, the Byzantines, were becoming weak with their religion. They were holding their religion very tightly before. When the Turks came in front of Istanbul, the scholars and all priests came in front of the king of the Byzantines and they warned him. They said to him, "Make preparations because they came." He said, "Who?" They said, "The Turks." He said, "Are you joking with me? Twenty-three times they (Muslims) came to conquer Istanbul. It was impossible to conquer. And these handful of Turks are going to take it?" The scholars then said to him, "These ones are different. They are different than the Arabs. They are honoring what their Prophet said and the Prophet said that this city is going to be conquered. This one who came, he came with preparations. For seven generations they are preparing for this and this one came to stay. He is not going back." The king got so upset that he put everyone in jail. All the priests were in jail. Now he doesn't have the support of the wise men too. So he was alone with his anger.

Then the Sultan entered and he brought everyone out of jail and he said to them, "Why were you in jail?" They said to him, "This is what happened. We said to him that you were coming and he was upset. We said to him that you will conquer if he doesn't prepare." So the Sultan said to them, "Now I am asking you something. Is anyone going to conquer this city from my hand? You are the scholars. You knew what was coming. You said to him that I was going to conquer. So is there anyone conquering it from me?" They said to him, "Give us three days to circle around where you are, where your army is and in three days time we will tell you. So they went out and in one day, within twenty-four hours time they came back. They said, "It is enough for us what we have seen. As long as you are a just ruler like this and your soldiers are like that it is impossible. No one can take over."

For seven hundred years no one did, because they were ruling correctly and the army was just. Seven hundred years later they weren't allowed to rule correctly. People wanted to bring democracy and the army weakened. Istanbul is gone now. It's in the hand of seculars. It's not in the hand of Turks. It's in the hand of unbelievers. So a second time Istanbul is going to be conquered, Holy Prophet (sww) is saying, a second time. In that second conquering we are the ones who are going to conquer it. Don't forget this. You are going to remember one day in front of Istanbul. So this is a message.

(Sheykh Efendi recited some verses from the poetry of Sulayman Celebi Hazratleri and someone translated it for the listeners.)

"You are at the hand, you are at the tongue, you are at the heart, you are on top of the head

You are the same age that Fatih conquered Istanbul

My young men, when you take the sign from your grandfathers

You are going to move and the whole nation is going to move behind you

I have brought salam from Ulubatli Hasan."

Ulubatli Hasan was a soldier. When they first came in front of Istanbul and Fatih put the first battalion who was going to go, they didn't choose Ulubatli Hasan. He was one of the soldiers who wanted to be the first one to be going, fighting and becoming a martyr. But they didn't choose him from the first ones who were going to attack. He was from the second ones. That night everyone was preparing because next morning everyone has to go to war. This is not a war like now. They were going with their lives, running in front of the arrows and everything. So there is a ninety percent possibility that you are going to die the next day. So all night long the soldiers were sitting and reciting the Quran.

The Sultan changed his clothes and he was going from tent to tent to see how the army was doing, what was their hope and how were they feeling about the first hitting to the city. He entered into the tent of Hasan and he was reciting the Quran. As soon as he finished, the Sultan said, "MashaAllah, you are reciting very good Quran. You must be very beloved to Allah." He said, "No, I am not. I know that I am not because He didn't choose me from the first ones to go to war." The Sultan said, "Well, the Generals must know something and you must submit." He said, "Yes, I submit but I am very sad that I am not from the first ones." And he (Sultan) said to him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am a person from this village called Ulubat." It is not too far from Istanbul. And he said, "My name is Hasan." He said, "Who are you?" The Sultan said, "My name is Mehmet and I am from Edirne." Sultan is not saying that he is the Sultan. He said, "I wish to see you after the war." Hasan looked at him and he said, "How are you talking like this? I didn't come here to live after the war. I came

here to become martyred in the war." So the Sultan realized it. He said (to himself), "With these soldiers I am going to conquer this city."

When the second time they were hitting, he (Hasan) was from them and he was carrying the flag. The flagmen were going first. They have to go bringing the Prophet's (sww) flag to the highest point and put it high. Once it is up, new electricity generates in the whole army, they attack and nothing can stop them then. So the one that is carrying the flag must go first. So all those were running. If a person is carrying the flag, they have a battalion of army around them too. So when one is dying, the flag should not fall on the floor. The other one has to grab it.

Look, (Sheykh Efendi recites another verse in Turkish). Understand what the meaning is? The poet is saying that just because of one crescent so many suns are disappearing, they are dying. Ulubatli Hasan carried it and he went up to the castle and he was holding it. When he was holding it, hundreds of arrows were coming towards his body. He was holding but he was falling. He was dying but he was holding the flag. Then other soldiers were coming and holding and they calculated that more than fifty people died on top of each other just to hold the flag up like that. After it stood up, the whole army entered from every side and the city was conquered.

It was impossible to conquer Istanbul then because it was the biggest city and it had the most powerful army, with everything they had and everything they built it was impossible to penetrate through. And they did it. That's why when you check the encyclopedia about the conquest of Istanbul, what does it say? Check 1453 in the encyclopedia in English and see what it says there. What does it say?

(A murid replied: "The end of Roman rule.")

It says the end of Roman rule but it's not saying anything else there after that. Sultan Mehmet finished the Middle Ages and he opened the New Age. The beginning of the New Age is 1453. The end of Roman rule, the Greco-Roman, the Byzantine rule is finished. So everything changed. The whole world changed turning from the Middle Ages to a new era.

So that's Ulubatli Hasan. The poet is saying, "I am bringing you salam from Ulubatli Hasan", meaning, get ready to become martyred. (Sheykh Efendi smiles). That's what it means.

(Sheykh Efendi then continues translating the poem for the listeners.)

"You also can get rid of the mother's love, father's love and all those you love." (Meaning, you also can sacrifice these also for the sake of Allah.)

"So let's read your legend through the hearts."
(Show your legend to us. That's what it means there.)

"It looks like you are not even realizing the value that you are carrying.

This history is of Fatih and Selim and Sulayman.

This mihrab is of Cinaneddin and this minaret is of Sinan."
(Meaning, those people of old who built these are speaking to you.)

"Let's go and wake up your sleeping legend."

Hmm. The sleeping legend. Wake up your sleeping legend or they will wake you up and send you to the other side. Be careful. Everyone should wake up. This is not a circus. This is reality. (Sheykh Efendi smiles and everyone smiles with him). Anyone who is with me should prepare themselves for that. This much is enough for you and for me.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-128

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ALLAH HAS HONORED US WITH HIS SERVICE

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Thursday 21 Rabi-ul Awwal, 1427

April 20, 2006

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La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyyil azim

Medet Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

We are asking support from our Sheykh who is the Sultanul Awliya. If support is coming then we will speak. If support comes then we can speak. Not speaking nonsense that comes out from the ego but (speaking) what is necessary for those people who are attending. And when we are taking those words and applying to our lives, then we see the differences and we will win in Dunya and Akhirat. If we are not taking, then even if Holy Prophet (sws) or any other prophets appear in front of you, speak to you and you are not taking, you are not going to do anything. You are not going to reach anywhere. That's what happened during the times of those prophets. 124,000 prophets came but there are only a handful of people who followed them while they were giving the message. Those who followed the teachings of the prophets, took it and applied to their lives saw the changes, they became more attached to that prophet and they ran after him more, more and more. Every single day they were thirsty for new knowledge. They were never leaving the sight of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) or other prophets, but especially of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

That was their faith and faith is making man to run towards Paradise.

Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Wa laqad karramna bani adam. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "We have honored the children of Adam." The honor is given to the children of Adam. Honor is not given to a donkey or the animals or other creatures. What is the honor that Allah has given? "We have honored the children of Adam. We are sending them to this earth for representing their Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Khalifatullah." If you are carrying, if you are running after what prophets brought, you take and you apply to your life and you live according to that then you are running after that word where Allah is saying that He has honored you. If you are leaving the teachings of the prophets, saints and all those who came to help the work of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), if we are leaving and putting that aside then we are going to act and live according to our ego, not according to the teachings of our Lord.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). He was an illiterate man. He didn't have a father. He became orphaned. He had a father but he passed away from this life and he became orphaned. In a very early age, everyone who was supporting him through family lineage was gone. He was alone in this life. Allah was his teacher, teaching him. He was his guide showing him what to do, how to do and how to show to others what Allah wants from them. They came and they said to him, "We love Allah, we follow His orders." And the ayat came saying, "Say Ya Muhammad, if they love Allah they must love and obey you for Allah to love them." Loving the Prophet (sws) is obeying the Prophet (sws), obeying his orders. That is the sign of loving him. If you are saying, "I love him" and you are not obeying anything, then what kind of love is that? That's ego. Selfish love. Only for yourself and nothing else. You don't want anything else but you. (You say) "I love this one." Why is that? "Because my ego likes it." Hmm. Do you love him because Allah loves him? Or (you say), "I hate this one." Why? For your ego? "Yes." Then you are living for your ego. Love for Allah's sake and hate for Allah's sake. Then you will be running after those who have knowledge. You will be like a thirsty man sucking that knowledge all the time. It's never ending.

If you are running for knowledge, learning more, more and more everytime and you have a guide from whom you are taking then when he is not around you are going to live according to the knowledge that you know. So then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "If you are living according to the knowledge that you know then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will teach you the knowledge that you don't know." Then He will become your teacher. But don't make any mistake now because that happens to me all the time. After I say some words they go around and say, "Oh I am taking from Allah." No! As long as the guide is there, as long as the teacher is there you must run after that teacher. If you are not running after a teacher and you are

saying, "I am learning", then your teacher can only be Sheytan. Nobody else. Sheytan did the same thing saying, "I am taking from You". He was saying to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), "I am making prostration to You." It was not only the matter of prostration that he would just go and make two raka'at in front of Adam (as) and finish. No. When Allah said to him, "Make Sejdah to Adam", he knew (what Allah subhana wa ta'ala meant) that, "From now on, don't ask from the Divine Presence. Whatever you need and whatever you want, whatever you want to learn ask from Adam. He will teach you. Not Me. You are not going to get it from the Divine Presence." He didn't like that. His ego didn't like it saying, "How can it be? I was taking it directly from there." He wasn't even taking directly from Allah of course but that's what he was thinking. He was dizzy and he became disobedient directly to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). That disobedience made him to become the cursed one and kicked away from the Divine Presence until Judgment Day. And he will be severely punished after Judgment Day.

We are now getting closer to the Judgment Day. Don't think that we are in the beginning of the world and every one of you are preparing a new world to yourselves, getting dizzy with this world, with this foolish lifestyle, from eight years old to eighty years old. Wake up to yourselves! Wake up to understand that Azrail is waiting. When you go to sleep don't forget that you may not get up early in the morning. When you get up early in the morning don't forget that you may not make it through the day, if you are wise. If you are living for your ego then you have no business here. You have no business listening to these words. These words are not going to do any good to you if you are living for your ego. If you are living for Allah then there are lots in it to take and to live according to the way that Allah wants from you. Every sohbet, every association is coming with their own secrets that if a man sits only once in that association, if it's a holy association and he sits one time, that should be enough for that man until Judgment Day, if he is sincere with himself.

We are very fortunate ones that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has put the most beloved one to Him during this time in the Divine Presence, our Sheykh, the Sultanul Awliya, and He made us to follow that one. And if we need, every single day we can hear his sohbet. You can take one page, read, understand and take it to the road to safety. But I am still watching that every single day so many are becoming more arrogant, more dizzy with this world and more heedless. Heedlessness is not accepted in Islam. You have to be in awakening station. If you are not in awakening station then Sheytan is going to fool you. Sheytan is never becoming heedless, never sleeping, watching twenty-four hours, "How am I going to fool that one." If there is no protection reaching to us then instantly he will put us into that hook right away. Protection is reaching to us from Sultanul Awliya and now it's making you dizzy to think that it's you. "It's me. Ah, I am so good. It's me." Hmm. Think again.

And if man is not carrying the honor that Allah gave to him in this world and he gets up for Judgment Day without that honor then he is finished. You can live as you like in this world. Permission is given

to mankind saying, "Live. The doors are open." When Prophet (sws) was seeing what Allah was preparing for them, what He was giving to them through the Prophet (sws) being there and their being disobedient to the Prophet (sws), he was crying for them from the inside. So many times (he was crying on the) outside also, going out of his way to give them the message again and they were being so cruel and so tyrant to him and he was crying for them. Then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent another ayat saying, "Ya Muhammad, we have not sent you to be oppressor on them or to use force on them and to bring them to the Way. Your duty is just to say to them. Say, and then leave them to My hand."

Prophets have vision. They have wisdom. He didn't want that word to happen. So he was going out of his way trying to pull them out from the fire that they were in. But they were being arrogant and stubborn to the Prophet (sws). And Allah is saying, "Leave them. Just say the words to them. Don't go out of your way explaining them so much. Give them what messages I send you. I have given them intelligence to understand. When they hear you they have to understand you. I have given them a tester here, in the heart, and if they have any sincerity then that heart is going to balance it. The heart is the tester. It's going to test what is right and what is wrong, what is truth and what is false. If they are not using that then you cannot do anything to them too. Say to them and leave them."

That message was to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and all those coming after him until Judgment Day, if they are given the permission to speak. If they are given the permission to speak and they are speaking to you then their duty is to say. If you take it then take it. If you don't take it then leave it there. But you are not going to reach anywhere then. If we are not taking what is coming to us from our Sheykh then we are not going to reach anywhere. You can take the Quran and read twenty-four hours if you want. You are not going to reach anywhere with that because you need a living guide. If you are taking the Quran by yourself, you are reading by yourself and you are not looking, then that means you didn't understand the ayats of the Quran where Allah is saying to you, "Go and find a guide." You are looking at that Quran with blind eyes. So you are not understanding anything.

Quran is not just for you to recite nice words and that's it. It's for us to read, understand and to live according to that. When Holy Prophet (sws) passed from this life they came and they asked Hazrat Aisha (radiyallahu anha) saying, "What was the Prophet's life like?" She said to them, "Don't you read the Quran?" They said, "Yes." She said, "His life, his manner was the manner of the Quran. He was a living Quran." Not words, but he was a living Quran. His actions, his works and everything that he was doing was a living Quran. Hmm. Who asked her? The Sahaba-e Kiram. The Sahaba and those who came to Islam right after. So many of them have experienced the Holy Prophet (sws). It is to teach us that we must not leave a guide aside. Leaving the guide aside, meaning, you may listen, you may hear but don't listen and hear like a donkey. Hear, listen, understand, take it, put it into

your life and change, change from the wrong way to the right way.

Animals can listen too. They hear. Those dogs out there hear, listen and they obey too. So many times you don't have to speak to them. I don't have to speak to them. When that one (Karabash, the German shepherd dog at the dergah) is running down, coming, getting a little bit tired and sitting over there, where is it looking? Somebody check him to see where he is looking when he is walking away from his area. He is not looking to this side (dergah side). He is looking up there, at the window (of Sheykh Efendi's room), to see if I am watching him. I don't say anything. As soon as I go like that to him (Sheykh Efendi made a clicking sound with his fingers), he hears, he looks and he runs back right away. We are not dogs. We are humans. We are saying through the tongue all the time. Where is it going? Entering from here and coming out from there? Or not entering at all? Something is wrong. Something is wrong somewhere. If we are hearing our Sheykh saying and we are continuing back to the same things that we picked up somewhere, somehow from that lifestyle, if we continue living according to that lifestyle and our life is not changing everyday for a better one, that means we are not listening to our Sheykh. We are hearing what he is saying but we are not listening. We are not caring. And it's not making too much difference then.

(Sheykh Efendi pointing to a voice recorder) That device over there is listening. It's recording. It's not missing a single word. It listens better than anybody here, anybody in the world. But that device is never going to get up and walk. It's never going to think what it's doing. It's a robot. "We have honored the Mankind", Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying. "We have honored the Children of Adam." That is the honor that is given to man that he can sit, think, understand, change from wrong to right and turn around asking forgiveness saying, "Astaghfirullah Ya Rabbi", and going to those who are helping him to say, "Thank you, thank you for helping me." That's being human. That's what Allah is saying to us anyway. He is saying, "If you are not being thankful to those who are helping you then I am not accepting your thankfulness. You have to be thankful to those who are helping you on the Way. Then I will be accepting your thankfulness." In everything Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) putting a condition to us in every way for us to understand that we are not completely independent in this life by ourselves. You may think that Allah is watching you, Allah is knowing you and Allah is knowing everything that you are doing, but if you are not keeping yourself with Allah twenty-four hours a day then where is that knowledge? Anytime when Sheytan is coming your ego is going to interfere in it and you are going to forget about your Lord. Then you may be doing everything that He is ordering to you, but one minute that you forget about your Lord Sheytan may put his hooks on your neck like that. So all those works that you are doing is becoming nothing. It's very fragile. Take good care. Don't say to me, "I am driving for forty years. So I am just going to take my hands away from the steering wheel, put my head to sleep and the car is going to go on the same road and it's going to continue. Being in awakening station means until the angel of death comes, you have to be holding that steering wheel all the time. If you let it go then instantly you crash

and you finish yourself. We have to hold and we have to be in awakening station.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has not created us and sent us to this world to sleep, to eat or to have sex. No. He has created us only to know Him and to worship him. Then He is giving us a present on top of all other things. If He tells us, "I am putting that burden on you and you are going to worship twenty-four hours", what are we going to do? Are you going to say, "I cannot handle it?" As soon as He gives the order, it means we can handle it. Allah is saying to us, "It doesn't fit to My Majesty to burden My servants with something that they cannot carry." The first priority must be to carry what He has given to us in this world. If we carry that properly, then we see so many other blessings are coming from every side. Then He is saying to us, "If you are properly carrying the honor that I have given to you then I am asking you to come to My Presence." Coming to His Presence five times a day. For a Sufi it's not five times a day. It's seven times a day (including Ishraq and Duha prayer which are very important sunnats). (You are thinking,) "Where are you taking this from Sheykh Efendi? Aren't the new Imams now saying that the prayers is only three times a day? You are making it seven now?" Of course, new Imams now, new Sheykh in this world are saying, "Allah is ordering only three times in the Quran." Some are saying, "Only two times." Some are saying, "Doing it one time is okay." Hmm. Then we say, "Are you Sufi? Then seven times." Leave seven times. If you do one time properly in these days then you are flying directly.

So firstly we must carry what has been ordered to us. Then all other favors are running and coming. Then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "If you are carrying that honor and if you are keeping My orders (carrying the honor is to keep My orders on you) then when you are sleeping I will count it as worshipping, when you are spending time with your family I will count it as worshipping, when you are enjoying yourself I will count it as worshipping. You will be with Me twenty-four hours then. So these chances are given to us right now. We have a life that is granted to us and we have a healthy body. You must do it now. Not when you become crippled. If you become crippled you are not going to be able to do it anyway. And then you are going to find so many excuses but you are just going to fool yourself again. There are a couple of people right now, at this minute that I am talking, they are calling me from different areas saying, "Please Sheykh, pray that they are going to die. They entered to Sakharat but they are not dying." And everyone around them is so fed up with them that they want them to die. But they cannot die. So they are looking at our faces hoping something. Yes, you cannot do anything to them and they cannot do anything to themselves.

But that chance is given to us now. Right now we are healthy. We are okay. We are strong. Our mind is together in our head. Hmm. Now is the time that we have to take care. If you are taking care now then if Allah decides to give us something like that then we will be comfortable. He will give us the comfort again like Ayyub (as). When he was healthy and wealthy he was in the service of his Lord. When

Allah took his wealth away he was still in the service of his Lord. Then when Allah was slowly taking his health away he still found other ways to be in the service of his Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). He wasn't able to get up to worship, he wasn't able to go to do good deeds to other people but he was sitting and he was remembering his Lord. So that was enough for him again. When the worm reached to his heart and it started biting his heart, tears started coming down. Divine sound came to him saying, "What happened Ya Ayyub. Are you complaining about Us that We are doing that to you?" He said, "No Ya Rabbi. It is known to you that I cannot do anything anymore. I cannot get up to worship, I cannot make wudu, I cannot go to give your message to the people, but I was with You. I was remembering You with my heart. Now the worm came there and it's going to eat my heart. I am not going to be able to remember you too then. That's why I am sad. Hmm. Allah is saying, "You passed the test Ya Ayyub. Now get your health back." Instantly he became healthy again.

We are going through different tests. Don't get into the delusion and illusion that something is wrong with you. Nothing is wrong with you. It's only ego. Your ego is only fooling you. Nothing else. Sheytan is fooling you. If a man knows what his name is, what his address is, if he knows that he is hungry and if he knows that he is thirsty then that's it. He is okay. Don't get fooled by Sheytan to say that you are not okay. Then they say, "You are not okay? Okay. We will take you, we will lock you inside and we will pump you with injections. Then even if you want to be okay you cannot be okay." And right now, at this minute again, another person is in that place calling me twenty-four hours now. Today I have another fifty messages. Now that one is understanding again there saying, "Sheykh, something just struck me. If I die here they are not even going to bury me. They are going to burn me. Please pray to Allah that I don't die here." Huh. So tell me, is he crazy? No, he is very well all right. A very well good one. But it is this system. Do you think because you fooled the system you are going to fool Allah? Think again.

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has honored us. He has honored us with His service. If we run for His service, our honor goes higher and higher everyday. If we run away from His service, our honor goes down everyday. And we may not be able to save our faith then when the angel of death will come to us.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-129

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Response to Accusations in the NY Times

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Auzu billahi minash shaitanir rajim

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Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel

Wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyil azim

La ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu min az-zalimeen

Medet ya Seyyidi ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

We have been created and sent to this world for one purpose. The reason of creation and being sent to the world is to know Allah and to worship Allah. First we have to know Allah to be able to worship Allah. The reason of creation is to worship Allah. Nothing else. If a man is doing nothing but only worshipping, that one is better than anybody else. One day Isa (as) was passing through the mountains and he saw a man in a cave. Isa (as) greeted him and he greeted Isa (as) saying, "Welcome to you ya Ruh Allah." He said to himself, "He knows that I am Isa." Isa (as) said to him, "What are you doing here?" He said, "I am surprised. You are the prophet of Allah and you are asking me what I am doing here? Everyday I am worshipping Allah only." Isa (as) asked, "How long have you been here?" He said, "Only seven hundred years, not moving from here and worshipping only." He said to him, "Ya Isa, your nation and the nation of the Seal of Prophets Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam) are going to have such a short life but they are going to run away from the worship of Allah. So don't think that I am doing something big."

There was also a time when Isa (as) was worshipping. All of a sudden he felt hungry and he wanted to have bread. He hadn't eaten for a long time. He just felt inside that he wanted to have bread. As soon as he felt that, bread appeared in front of him. He said, "Thank you Ya Rabbi", he took it and he started eating. He looked that another man was passing from there, and Isa (as) said to him, "I was just worshipping. I desired to have some bread and my Lord just put it in front of me." The man said, "Astaghfirullah Ya Rabbi! It is known to You that I have never desired anything except to worship You." Isa (as) looked at him and said, "Ya Rabbi! Please don't let me desire anything except to worship You." People at that time had peace. They didn't have anything worldly but they had peace.

People in this time have everything but they don't have peace. The refrigerators are packed. The houses are like supermarkets. The bed is made out of feathers. They are living better than the kings' lives. But everyone is in trouble. Everyone is running top-speed for Dunya.

And when we are saying to our own selves, "At least, let's escape from time to time, at least for one hour a day. We are living twenty-four hours. Let's escape at least one hour a day from the slavery of Dunya and turn our faces to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)", then we are finding even the Muslims attacking us. MashaAllah. Leave the non-Muslims. Leave the Christians or others. Muslims are attacking us saying, "They are mad people, madmen. They don't know what they are doing." Huh, alhamdulillah. We are in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. We are following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). He said, "Work for this world as much as you are going to live in it and work for Akhirat as much as you are going to stay there." We just finished another Maghrib prayer. We don't know if we are going to reach to tomorrow morning. That's how believers should live, always preparing himself for the journey, the great journey, the big journey that is waiting for us.

Islam is the lifestyle. Islam teaches us how to live, Islam teaches us how to work, when to work, when to eat, when not to eat, when to worship, when to enjoy, what to have and what not to have. Islam is a lifestyle. Without Islam, without the Holy Prophet's (sws) traditions and sunnats we cannot know how to live. What we will learn then is only from television, from media and from other people that we copy. But Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given a secret to every individual. Every individual has one secret and you have to discover that secret. You have to discover that secret while you are in this world. And you have to discover that secret through the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws). You cannot discover that in any other places. You cannot buy that with money. You cannot have that because you are famous. You cannot earn that because you reached to high stations in Dunya (in this world) or you have worldly power in your hand. The angel of death is waiting right behind your neck blowing air on you, on me, on those and on everyone.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is Merciful, the Most Merciful One. What are we doing? We are trying to give the love of the Holy Prophet (sws) to others, for them to understand the love of the Prophet (sws), for them to reunite themselves with that love, to understand their reason of creation and to turn themselves to their Lord with the love of that Prophet (sws). And that is an obligation to every believer, to share the beauty they have with others, to try to reach to others, to try to reach somehow somehow to those who are suffering in the holes of this Dunya. You cannot do that by force. You cannot have people by force. Islam is not a forceful religion. In Islam, you have to take Shahadat willingly by yourself accepting through your heart. You cannot say Shahadat through the tongue and not accepting by heart. Both have to come together. No one can force anyone. But you may just give the message. If the person listens then he may find better in his life. You cannot have forceful ways with your children. Most of you know me. Many of you don't know me (you know me from far away). You are here right now. Do you see my sons here? I have two sons, one is twenty-six years old and the other one is twenty-one years old. I have a daughter who is eighteen years old. I just say to them. I have no way of forcing them.

So I think anyone who knows me and is reading that story in the NY Times newspaper (April 9, 2006) will be laughing at the story because it's all cheating and lying. And yes, as I said to the media, as I said to this person, to this lady reporter, "Why are you running after me? There are so many people in the world. There are so many Muslims organizations." She said, "I am making a story about Sufism. I am researching about Sufism." I said, "I am just a simple man, I have a couple of people around. There are so many other ones, big ones." She said, "I think you are interesting." I said, "No. I think you are already trying somewhere, someway, somehow to put that I am a bad guy. You can try your best but you are not going to be able to do that. You are just going to lie about it."

I am speaking to the whole world. I have her recording. I have her speaking. And I said to her, "Well, of course you can come here. But you already have enough information from here and there, (people that you spoke with lied about me and you lied to me about them) to label me with whatever you are planning to label me with. But you are not going to be able to do that because I am not a bad guy." And I said to her, "Yes, you are welcome. I know your intention, why you want to come here. But you are still welcome." But I said to her, "Don't think that I trust you or any media because this is the same media who is attacking my fourteen-hundred-years old Prophet (sws). You started attacking him non-stop now. You are the same media. If you want, then put this in the newspaper too and I will be very happy." Hmm.

So if anyone is looking to find something other than what they are seeing (at the dergah) then they are going to be very disappointed because we are sitting in the middle and our door is open to the whole world. We have no fear and we are not hiding anything from anyone. Anytime anyone wants, they can come to see what we are doing. Things that we see are right we say that it's right. Things that we see wrong, according to the teachings and traditions of the Holy Prophet (sws), we say it's wrong. Wrong is always wrong and the right is always right.

Fear. Majority of the people are fearful. When you are in the way of Allah you have no fear. Allah sent Yunus (as) to his nation to give them the message. He was addressing that nation everyday and not one of those people accepted him. He was a prophet. Not one individual accepted him. They were attacking him, they were cursing at him and they were cursing at his Lord, our Lord. He was so fed up with them that he turned to leave away from that nation saying, "These people are never going to get the message. So I am leaving." The story is very long. He was taking the ship, escaping and all of a sudden the sea started moving with waves and the ship was ready to sink. Yunus (as) knew that he was escaping from the job of Allah that He gave to him because those people were tyrannizing him. And he said, "My Lord, I know I was running away. But there is no place where I can escape. You are everywhere." In that dark night he said, "I sacrifice myself

to you. Do as You like." And he jumped into the sea. And the big fish came, looked at him and it swallowed him. But he said, "La ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu min az-Zalimeen." You are the Subhan, the Most Perfect One and I have become one of the tyrants because I am running away from the job that you have given to me. And You are enough for me." His fear was gone and that darkness of the sea became light to him. The fish became his friend. It came in top-speed and threw him to the shore. He went quickly back to his nation saying, "Oh my nation, leave this foolish lifestyle. Turn your way to your Lord." They started attacking him again. But he never gave up.

He didn't (give up). No prophet did and we are not going to also inshallah. Our job (which I take as a job from my Lord) is to speak to people who come and who want to hear from me. I speak. If you want to take it, take it to yourself. If you don't want to take it, leave it here. You are not under any force or any authority. You are free. If you take it and apply to your life you will win for yourself. If you are not taking it, leaving it here and going, I collect those rewards for myself.

I am not asking any money from you or from anyone and all of you know that up till now I have never asked and I am not intending to ask. We also do not ask for donations on our web site. We are not in need of your money to keep our masjid up masha'allah. We are working and paying for this; but because Allah cc has ordered believers to take care of the masjids, we have a sadaka box there. Otherwise, you know that when you want to make a donation, I check your intention and where the money comes from; and we send it to Sheykh Mevlana.

Most of the people lied in that newspaper. One was saying that he was giving money to us. This message is to him. Most of you know that they went bankrupt and I gave them shelter for months, to their children and to the whole family, and I put money in their pocket. I helped them, I put money down so they could buy a house. 'X' is witness. He is one of the guys that signed the papers for an interest-free loan. They left the association because they did not want to pay the loan back. But that shows that they have no fear from Allah. What I do for people, I like to keep secret. But when they start lying and attacking us worldwide in the media, then we have no choice but to clarify for people who may start thinking bad about us. That's why we are opening this up.

So I am clean. Anybody can attack. All those words that are attacking me, I am clean from those words. Allah is my witness. And up till this age I have not put one haram penny in my body. And not to the people around me too. I never gave any food to anyone that is from haram money. If wrong money is coming, then I sent that money to other places. Every food you are eating here are halal and it's always going to be halal inshallah. It's not mine. This is the dergah of our master (Sheykh Mevlana Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani). I am just sitting here now not knowing what will happen tomorrow. Allah knows. He has the authority in His Hand and I submit myself to Him. Everyone has to know it like this and this is how it is. As long as I live I am a dust under his feet and I am asking Allah never to make me become disobedient to him

and always to follow his orders through the tongue and through the heart. So many times he is not giving me any orders through the tongue but I am following through the heart inshaAlalh ar-Rahman.

So, in a night like this, (the most beautiful night of the Holy Prophet's blessed birth,) the world has turned into darkness. Everywhere there is darkness. This is the second Jahiliyya time. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that the second Jahiliyya is going to be worse than the first Jahiliyya because in the first Jahiliyya time people were ignorant. They didn't know and when the Sahabis were explaining it to them they knew right away. They turned and they submitted. They knew that they were doing wrong and they reached to safety. And with that safety and with the love of the Holy Prophet (sws) they reached to the heavens. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that the second Jahiliyya is going to be worse than the first because in the second Jahiliyya time everyone is going to be able to read and write and they are going to be very proud with their knowledge. But the sources of knowledge that they are going to have are going to come to them from the wrong places. They are never going to understand the Quran because they are going to interpret the Quran according to what fits to them. And they are going to leave the sunnat of the Prophet (sws). They are not going to carry the sunnat of the Prophet (sws).

So there are some Imams that are attacking us also in that paper who are planting hair into their heads. Yes. I know those Imams who plant hair in their heads. And they are attacking us saying that we don't know Islam. (Sheykh smiles). And the Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "Anybody who puts other people's hair on his head is carrying the curse of Allah on him." Meaning, once you start losing your hair, don't be sad. If you are a woman, don't be sad because you have a hijab and you are covering your head. If you are a man, don't be sad because Holy Prophet (sws) was shaving his head every time he was going to the Kaba. Do it like that. That's how I have been from twenty years of age. Before that I was in the army. That's how I have been there too. I had hair only for a short time when I was working in some places. (Other than that) I always keep my hair zero. And also, the other time when my hair grew is when they put me in jail. They didn't want me to cut my hair. So my hair grew then in the jail. So don't worry if you are losing hair. And my message is to those ones too. They should shave their heads again because they are carrying the curse on their heads.

From that kind of Islam, yes, we are definitely far away from that kind of Islam. We are following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sws). Yes, definitely we are far from their Islam.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

May Allah give a long life to our master and keep him with us always spiritually and not put any fear in our hearts because we are with him. And everyone of us should know that Holy Prophet (sws) and all the

Sahaba-e Kiram went through so many difficulties that we cannot even bear to think. We have good days and good times still, alhamdulillah rabbil Alameen.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-130

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

HIMMAT FROM THE HOLY ONES

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Ghaflat is forbidden for a believer. A believer cannot be in a heedless station. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Beware of the vision of a believer. He looks with the Nur of Allah." You cannot fool that one. He will know. He will understand. If you are in ghaflat then you cannot even understand what's happening around you which you have to understand intelligently. So we have to get rid of that. You have to ask in every prayer in order to get rid of it. In every du'a you have to ask Allah saying, "Remove ghaflat away from us inshaAllah ar-Rahman." If we are in ghaflat then we don't wake up until the angel of death comes to us. When a person is in ghaflat he cannot have good manners.

Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet ya Seyyidi ya Sultanul Awliya.

We are asking support from our Sheykh Sultanul Awliya. Before I do anything I always ask his support. Sometimes I may say openly and sometimes I don't. If I am going to touch the knob of the door to open it I am asking himmat and support. If I am going to put my step I am asking support. In these days some hidden ones with ghaflat, with wrong ideas and some wrong intentioned people are saying that I have disconnected myself from Sheykh Mevlana and Sheykh Mevlana excommunicated me from this Order. That's why I am making intention now to make more clear for everyone to understand that every time I am speaking now, if whatever I am saying is something good then I have no credit in it. It is not from me. It is from Sheykh Mevlana. If it's something bad then it's my ego. But if it's something good then the credit goes to him and not to me. So everyone must know that and if anyone is saying other than that then as Mevlana Jelaleddin Rumi is saying, "I am away from that word and I am away from that person also."

And I am very serious about this from now on. Everyone has to be

sincere around me. They have to try to be sincere and they have to speak the truth. Don't lie about anything. When for things that you do, you say, "I don't" and for things that you don't do, you say, "I do", you are lying. Then I am away from you. You can say whatever you want. I am away from those people who lie. Some are doing it with evil intention, some are doing it with heedless station and some I still don't understand why they are doing it. I am still trying to find out why although I am saying over and over and over. If the person is still doing it then there is something wrong there. Something big is wrong there. So I am away from that word and I am away from those people whoever they are and whatever they are, whether they are here or they are on the other side of the world. That is my policy. That's how I am living and that's how I have been living, Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. So as long as I live I make intention that inshaAllah I will die in the way of Sheykh Mevlana. I will not be disobedient to him inshaAllah. And he prayed for me not to be. So it's good. But as I said, some have evil intentions and they are running here and there trying to prove something that is not there. They are not going to be successful.

Without himmat from the holy ones you can go only a very short time with your knowledge. Without himmat you will be like this recorder. It has a battery inside. When that empties out then it's finished. It's not going to work. If you are asking himmat and support then it will be like you are connecting yourself to that electricity, continuously coming. Without himmat you can read, you can study, you can go anywhere you want but as soon as the battery finishes you expire. No matter how valuable this device is, when the battery finishes then it's not going to be good for anything. You have to throw it to the garbage.

Himmat can only come from higher stations to the lower ones and I am always saying that I am under the feet of Sheykh Mevlana. I used to speak on everyone's behalf but I am not going to speak on everyone's behalf anymore. I am speaking for myself. Everyone should know that I am under the feet of Sheykh Mevlana and I am never going to raise my head higher than him. Never. I am always going to be under his feet. And that is an honor for me. People also say that I just met Sheykh Mevlana. For everyone's information, me, not my brothers and not the other ones, but me, we are serving Sheykh Mevlana for five generations. This is another miracle that is not happening all the time. It's happening rarely but it's happening. My grandfather served Sheykh Mevlana very happily, my father did very happily and Sheykh Mevlana is happy with both, I did, my sons did and I gave something to my grandson to give to the hands of Sheykh Mevlana to say that he served him too. And he did so. So for five generations we are serving Sheykh Mevlana and that is a big honor for us, alhamdulillah, and we are not trying to go higher than him.

Some have that idea and they are trying to dump it on us but it's never going to work. My father [Haci Fuat] always said to me, "My son, always stand like a straight wall." A straight wall will never come down. If you are a little crooked then one day that wall is going to come down.

If you are straight then no one is going to bring you down. And he said to me once, "Be disobedient to me or to other family members. If you want then be disobedient to us. But never be disobedient to Sheykh Mevlana. If you are disobedient to Sheykh Mevlana then I will never forgive you in Dunya and in Akhirat." Alhamdulillah, my father passed away. Being disobedient to Sheykh Mevlana is being disobedient to my father. My father also said, "If you are disobedient to that one then you can be disobedient to the whole world and if you are obedient to that one then you can be obedient to everything he is obedient to."

So alhamdulillah, this is just a reminder for people. This is not a sohbet that I am making inshaAllah. It is also because there's so much confusion going around again in these days here and there. People are trying to make confusion. But I am clear from that. We are going to make another portable sign, we are going to bring it here and we will put it up there saying, "Welcome to those that come and farewell to those that leave." These doors are open for people who want to come here for the sake of Allah. Anyone who wants to leave, don't say anything to me. Don't try to be threatening me in any way. Turn your way and leave. You don't have to say anything. It doesn't matter if you are with me one day, one year or ten years. Everyone should also understand that I am not going to run after anyone. The door is open for everyone to come and the door is open for everyone to leave if they want. Don't make yourself to think that you are doing a favor to me by coming here or going anywhere. No. You are favoring yourself, not me. So inshaAllah it's understood that this is how it is and that's how it's going to stay. It's not going to change. If you are looking for something other than that, then put it in your mind that this is not going to change. That is the law that I put on myself too. Selam aleykum.

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BEING PROUD WITH KNOWLEDGE

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Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim

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Tariqatuna sohbet wa khayru fil jamiat. Our tariqat can only continue, can survive through sohbet, association. Religion can only stand up through associations, through sohbets. Din-i Nasihat. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying, "Religion is advice."

Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim

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Medet Ya Seyyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet

We are asking support from our Sheykh, Sultanul Awliya Sheykh Mevlana Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani. If support comes then we can speak something that benefits us and others. If support is not coming then we cannot speak anything. We are nothing. Everyone must know this. I am hearing so much backbiting and gossiping here and there. They say that I have deviated from the way of my Sheykh. InshaAllah I will not until I die. Without his support I cannot move my finger and I cannot open my mouth. Anything I know and anything that I have learned up till now, if it's benefiting me and others, the credit is not to me, it's to my Sheykh, Sheykh Mevlana Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani. Everyone must know it like that. I am saying that I know nothing and everything I learned is from him. Any bad thing I am doing is from my ego and any good thing that I am doing, the credit goes to him. Everyone must know it, must understand, must acknowledge to themselves and the whole world must know it like that inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

My aim is not to make anyone happy with words. My aim is inshaAllah to make ourselves to be in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim and to try to follow the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Anyone who wants to fight against their ego may be happy with what I say. Anyone who wants to support their ego, it is impossible. If it is me then it is also impossible to accept the words that I am saying because the words that I am saying are not good for the ego. It's good for the spirit. It's good for those people who are really trying to find the way to connect themselves to the road from this Dunya to Akhirat. If anyone is understanding to say, "One day I am going to come out from this world. What is it that's waiting for me?", then it will be good for those and it will work on them. Otherwise, it's not going to work.

So Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "Din-i Nasihat." The Din is advice. The religion is advice. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is advising His servants through the ones that He sent, the prophets. He has the power (He still has the power right now, and all power and all authority is in His hand) to put guidance in everyone's heart and for everyone to find the right way. But as mankind has a protocol, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) also has a protocol. He is preparing His servants through the hands of the prophets and the prophets have passed. The last Prophet Muhammad (salatu wa salam) has passed fourteen hundred years ago. No more prophet is coming to this world. Isa (as) is coming back but he is not coming as a prophet. He is coming as a follower of the laws, Shariat and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sws). That's how he is coming back to this world.

Before he passed away from this life the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying to us what he has left to us. He is saying to the Sahaba-e Kiram what he left to them. He is saying it to the Sahaba-e Kiram and through the Sahaba-e Kiram (he is saying to us) what he has

left to us. He is saying, "I am leaving you the Book of Allah and the Sunnat of Rasulullah (the teaching, the lifestyle and everything that the Prophet did). I am leaving it to you." Sahaba are the ones who knew the Sunnat. They watched and they witnessed how Prophet (sws) was living. In another hadith he is saying to us, "I am leaving you two things. The Book of Allah and the Ahlil Bayt, my grandchildren. Anywhere they are and anytime they are in, if you hold on to them then you will find safety." So from that time until now and until the Judgment Day there will always be people among us from the Ahlil Bayt.

Who are the Ahlil Bayt? There are different types of Ahlil Bayt. Some people who are Ahlil Bayt are reaching through the bloodline to the Holy Prophet (sws). But Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that there are also those people who have taqwa and those people who are keeping on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, on the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws). (Holy Prophet sws is saying) "The ones who are trying to give guidance to my whole nation and they are keeping on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim are also from my Ahlil Bayt. They are from my family. I am accepting those who have taqwa." So anyone who is coming to us to teach us something of what Allah is ordering and what His Prophet (sws) is ordering, we must listen and we must obey. We must listen and we must obey the truth. Even if the truth is coming from an unbeliever, we must accept it. We must take it and we must apply it to our lives. We must not say, "It's the truth but it's coming from an unbeliever" or "It's from Sheytan and I am not going to accept it." Our duty is to accept the truth. But it is not our duty to look at the one who is bringing it and to search about that one. We have to look, "What is that one doing? The right thing or the wrong thing?" If it's the right thing then take it. His lifestyle is not your business. It's the business of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). It's not our business. Our business is what we are doing in our lives. How we are correcting ourselves.

If you follow the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) in that way then we are going to slowly find (even if you didn't follow someone up till now) and we are going to say to ourselves, "There is something there. There is some disconnection there." And we are going to run to find a Sheykh, someone who is following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sws), to watch him physically, submit our will to that one and to learn from that one. Otherwise, it is very easy for the ego to say, "I know. I am not doing anything wrong." You may not be doing anything wrong but are you doing everything right? Are we doing everything that Allah has ordered? Huh, for those who are saying, "I am doing everything that Allah is ordering", are you stopping from what Allah is forbidding you? Do you know which ones are those? Do you know how to stop yourself, your own ego from that?

You may be the best of doctors but you cannot make operations on yourself. If you say, "I can" then you are fooling yourself. Sheytan already fooled you. If you say, "I don't need a guide" then your guide is Sheytan. He already fooled you there. You are saying, "I read books" or "somebody taught me." If you read books then you are still following somebody. You are following some other people's teachings.

If you are saying, "I am taking only Quran" then we say to you, "Now you are in a very dangerous situation because the Quran came to the Holy Prophet (sws) and he taught to the Sahaba-e Kiram through his hadith, through his sunnat and through his lifestyle. The Sahaba didn't say, "We are taking the Quran. It's enough for us." They didn't. So many people today are saying and we are watching how they are deviating from the main road.

Sheytan's aim is to fool people. Whatever station they are in, he is going to try to fool them from that station. If we don't have a guide to hold on tightly then he is going to fool us someday, someday, somehow. He is more clever than us. He is more knowledgeable. He has the knowledge. He has complete knowledge. He knows the four books, Zabur, Taurat, Injil and Quran. He knows all other pages that came to the other prophets. He lived in Paradise. He knows Paradise. He watched the creating of Adam (as). Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created Adam (as) and he watched it, he has seen it, he witnessed it. All this knowledge made him to become ignorant and arrogant because he didn't accept and he didn't follow some guide. For instance, he didn't look at least to say, "Let me follow Jibreel (as) or other angels." He was teaching to other angels who were sometimes coming and asking him, "What is this and what is that" and he was giving guidance to normal angels. But he couldn't teach Jibreel (as) or Israfil (as) or the other ones. If he would've taken them as a guide knowing that those are the ones who are going back and forth to the Divine Presence, he may not have fallen into the situation that he did. If he would have accepted the order that was coming from Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and made prostration to Adam (as) then he would not have fallen.

So that shows to us that he had knowledge but he didn't have the wisdom and through the knowledge that he had he tried to compare what he has and what he knows and that knowledge made him to become disobedient to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). He became disobedient to his Lord. He became disobedient to the Lord of the heavens and the earth directly. So all that knowledge became zero now. If you are disobedient to your Lord then what do you need the knowledge for? All that knowledge becomes zero. All knowledge is to teach man someday, somehow, someday to understand his Lord. The ones who are running to learn that in the early ages, mashallah to them, very good. Some are going to learn maybe in their lifetime and during what is coming ahead. But that is the main knowledge that man must learn. Man must learn about his Lord, his reason of creation, why he has been created. You may know all the knowledge in the world, you may build rockets and go to the moon or beyond the moon maybe, but what is it going to give to you or to anyone? What is it giving to anyone? They have been trying for almost a century to go to the moon. What did it give to anyone other than more confusion and more troubles? It's nothing else. Man is trying to reach up there to control something else. The aim changed.

So knowledge must make us change. Knowledge. Knowledge must make us to become more humble. Knowledge must make us to say to ourselves, (nobody has to say to you but to yourself you have to say,) "I don't

know anything. Everyday that I am learning I am realizing that I know nothing. Now that I am looking at all these oceans of knowledge, I am realizing that I know nothing."

So knowledge without wisdom becomes very dangerous to man and then we will be following the footsteps of Sheytan. We should not disconnect ourselves from those that Allah sent to this world to show guidance to us in this world about how to reach to Akhirat and how to make that journey. Not by illusion or delusion, not by thinking, sitting by yourself and saying, "Yeah I did. I reached somewhere." Millions are saying that. But as soon as the angel of death is coming to them they are shivering. Or before the angel of death is coming to them they are shivering non-stop as soon as they are remembering death. If you know the road then you must be falling in love with your Lord. And the one who is falling in love with Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) cannot wait to meet the one that he loves. Nothing in this world really can make him to be connected to this world then.

But because we are living in this world, we have to work, we have to earn, we have to prepare things, yes we do. But at the same time every night when Maghrib azan is calling, we have to look at what we did today. How did we live today? Did we live for Allah or did we live for our own ego? If you lived for your own ego then you must say to your own self before anybody is saying to you, "How foolish you are. All day long you only lived for yourself? You didn't live for your Lord?" What did you do for your Lord? For the sake of that? Nothing. If you find nothing then you must be sad. You must become sad. You must say to yourself, "You don't feel ashamed of yourself?" You must say that to yourself. "You are living on the earth of your Lord, breathing the air, eating the food, drinking the water, He is preparing everything for you and you didn't make one Sejdah, one prostration to your Lord? What kind of a servant you are?" You must say that to yourself. Who are you waiting for? What are you saving your forehead for? For who? For Paradise? There is no sejdah in Paradise. Sejdah is in this world for man to understand saying, "Oh my Lord, You are the Highest One. Not just by word but I am putting my head all the way down to the lowest place declaring that You are the Highest One. You are the Lord of the heavens and the earth."

All prophets came to teach people this. No prophet came to teach people to be arrogant and stubborn. All prophets came to teach people to be humble. All prophets came to teach people, "Turn your face from the door of hell to Paradise." Everyone who followed those prophets are now comfortable in their graves. Anyone who left the way of the paradises are not too happy where they are. That day is going to reach to us, maybe tonight, maybe tomorrow, maybe next year, maybe ten years from now. It doesn't matter. We know one fact, that it is going to reach to us one day, to every one of us, from a simple man, from a porter to president, to a king, to ministers, to anybody, to the rulers of this world, to the richest people of this world. They must know. They know that they cannot run away from that. They know, "Angel of death is going to reach to me one day." If we sit down, if we think, if we calculate and if we try to understand then we may say to

ourselves, "Yes, we need to prepare ourselves." We cannot just live like animals, eating, drinking, having sex, multiplying and that's it. No. Eating and drinking is just to give us enough energy, enough power to be able to work and to be able to do things.

This is not Paradise. This world is not Paradise. No matter how beautiful you made it or you are going to make it, it's still not Paradise. You love baklava? The sweet, the most beautiful thing that you love, you eat one. Eh, then somebody says, "Eat one more." You eat another one. It's the most beloved thing to you that you are eating. Then somebody else says, "Have one more." You say, "No." They say, "One more." Then you have another one. Three. When it comes to four you say, "No." You try to force yourself. If it's `X' then four, five. Eh, five, what happens? Seven? Ten? Can you eat the whole tray? No. If you eat the whole tray then the most beautiful thing that you love is going to harm you. It's going to make you suffer. So that's enough sign to show you that this is not Paradise. But in Paradise, if you love baklava, it's going to come right in front of you, one. From the taste that will be on it you will say, "Let me have another one." Another one is going to come. The taste on the second one will be at least 700 times better than the one before. Another one. If you are sitting over there eating baklava non-stop, the taste is never going to disappear. It's going to become more and more better and you are never going to suffer from it. That is Paradise. This is not Paradise. And angels are going to come to you to say to you, "Oh servant of Allah, Allah has prepared something else for you here." Then you are going to leave that because you cannot live by yourself then. Angels are going to come to say to you, "Look, Allah prepared something else for you there." You run to that enjoyment and you are stuck there. Because every time you are doing that you are going to get enjoyment more better. Then non-stop angels will say to you, "Oh servant of Allah. Leave this. Look what Allah has prepared for you here." Non-stop. That is Paradise. This is not Paradise.

But those people who believe, those people who connected their hearts to their Lord, with their Prophet (sws) and with their masters find peace inside. Everything around them may start collapsing but there is peace inside. If people build everything around them but they didn't build their hearts, everything around them is so good but it's collapsing inside every single day. Every day it's falling down. So Sheytan has hundreds of thousands of tricks on a man in every level. We must not fall. And through association we may learn and we may earn some bullets to work against Sheytan. Every day Sheytan is sending the arrows to us, to our hearts. In associations like this at least we may learn how to hide ourselves. That is the lowest station. At least you will learn to gain ammunition to be able to fight back. You must attend to the associations that are holy (not so many associations that are happening today where some groups of people are gathering, eating, drinking and talking only worldly nonsense and later saying, "Allahu Akbar, No.). We must work on our ego non-stop to say, "My ego likes this. I must try to stop from this." Move the ego to this side. "My ego is getting used to this." Move it from that end to there. We must do constant work. If we do that then we will win for our own

selves. If we leave it then we will lose it.

Tariqat and religion can only continue through association. Those who want to continue, who want to make their religion better and want to make progress in the way that they believe, they must attend to associations. They must learn and they must take what they learn and they must apply it to their lives. They must live according to that. We must live according to that. We cannot just say the words and later live according to what our ego wants again. That is not accepted. Holy Prophet (sws) and all prophets came to teach people how to turn their faces toward their Lord while they are living in this world. If anyone is following that way then they will win for themselves. If anyone leaves that way then they will lose for themselves.

All blessings is to Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). We have entered the birth month of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). All praise is to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), to His Prophet (sws) and to all those who are guiding us on the right way, especially to our Sheykh, Sheykh Mevlana Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-132

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SALAWAT ON THE HOLY PROPHET (SWS)

Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Medet ya Seyyidi ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. Thanks to our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala that he has counted us and put us among the believers, not only by words but inshaAllah through actions. We are crooked like this and like that, here and there, but it's still okay. In the 20th century when there's kufr everywhere and the majority of people are running after building and trying to build the kingdom of Sheytan, a handful

of people are here and there standing on the way; trying to stand. Whatever mistakes we are doing is going to be forgiven inshaAllah. Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing to his Sahaba saying, "If I am ordering you ten things, if you keep nine and you leave one of them, you will have hardship in the Judgment Day. But there are people from my nation who are going to come, if they keep one from that ten and they leave nine of them then they will be entering paradise easier and they will be coming to me easier." InshaAllah, we are making intention to be those ones under the flag of our Sheykh inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

Estauzu billahi minash shaitanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Inna Allahu wa malaikatihi yusalli `ala nabi, ya ayyuhallazina amanu, sallu alaihi wa sallimu taslima.

Allah (subana wa ta'ala) is ordering us in this ayat saying, "Allah and His angels are praising and giving good titles to the Prophet (sws). Oh believers, you do the same." There is one thing man can do that the angels and Allah is doing. That is giving salawat to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Allah is saying that, "Allah and His angels are giving salawat, praising, good titles to the Prophet (sws). Oh believers, you do the same." If we do that then we are doing what Allah is doing and what the angels are doing. Look at the reward just in Dunya, just in this world. If man is really understanding the meaning of this ayat then he will give non-stop salawat saying, "Allah is giving, His angels are giving. Why am I going to sit heedlessly and empty? I must give." The heart will continuously give salawat to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

He is not in need of us to give good titles to him. Allah is enough for him. But Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) wants to bless us also through that way. The more salawat we give to the Prophet (sws), the more we will be known in his presence, in the presence of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). In one hadith Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "When you come to my tomb site and you give salawat to me, I will hear you directly. When you give me salawat from far away, there is an angel standing at my grave. As many humans give salawat, that angel has that many mouths and tongues. And instantly that angels is reporting to me saying, `Ya Rasulullah, from the children of Adam, from this tribe, from this generation, the son of this man, this person has just given you salawat." With one salawat you give, Holy Prophet (sws) sends you back salawat. He greets you and that enters into your book there. Angels take it and they put that salawat that the Prophet (sws) gave on you. When it reaches a certain amount you get the blessing of the Prophet (sws). That's enough for you then. That should be enough in Dunya and Akhirat. Prophet (sws) is giving blessing to you, meaning, "I am happy with this one. I am happy with this servant." Whatever the Prophet (sws) is happy with, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is happy with, saying, "As you like my Prophet. Ask and I will give to you."

It's a very big news for believers. It is enough news for us, and for those who call themselves Muslims, running around doing evil here and there or running to do terror or running to do wrong things. Just sit somewhere and give salawat instead of running here and there bothering others or terrorizing people and the world. It's better for that person to pull himself into a cave, sit and give salawat non-stop until he dies. That's the biggest blessing that he may get. They are running heedlessly and blindfolded (Sheytan put blindfolds on their faces) under the name of Islam or some are running under the name of Islam saying we are going to protect Islam. Some are running heedlessly and blindfolded, again under the name of Islam, saying, "The terrorists hijacked Islam and we are going to get it away from them." Some are foolish like that too. Some foolish ones are saying, "These ones, this group is giving a bad name to our Sheykh. We must get rid of them." Running like that too. The damage is going to circle around and it's going to come to you. Whatever anybody does, they are filling their own books. Whatever I do, whatever you do and whatever anybody does, they are filling their books.

The supreme authority of this world and everything else is in the Hand of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and He has given to one individual the power to change things in this world. But that one has proper manners and he is sitting and waiting, watching the signs of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and waiting for permission, not interfering. He is sitting nicely, quietly and very humbly. Sometimes he makes people to think that he knows nothing but he is watching the whole world, alhamdulillah rabbil alameen. To give news to you, that is our Sheykh if you don't know. That's the one who is watching everything else. He is watching us and how sincere we are too. He is watching everyone, what they are doing and in that action what is their intention, what is it that they are trying to do. He is watching and he is knowing. There are things that he may not know now but when he wants to know Allah will let him know instantly. Don't make any mistake to think foolishly to say that he doesn't know. Some are saying that too. Blind, they became blind.

We must leave all that aside as believers. We have entered the holy month, the month of the birth of the Holy Prophet (sws). We must concentrate on giving salawats to the Holy Prophet (sws), we must concentrate to understand him more, we must concentrate to learn more from his hadith, from his teachings and we must concentrate to take those teachings and apply to our lives. As in the world now, some words are good words but they turned it and they made it look very ugly. They say, "Fundamental Muslims." Yes, we are the fundamental ones. Fundamental means we are trying to go down to the roots, to the teachings of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), holding tightly to his teachings.

Anyone who lives just a little bit of his teachings these days, the evil sources are going to pull them away because those evil sources have entered into different disguises, they wear different masks now. It looks like they are from the truth side but they are not. If you are looking only with these eyes then they are going to fool you. They

are going to pull you to their side. Without realizing you are going to become ally with those evil ones, you are going to turn around and start attacking the friends of Allah and those who are trying to bring down the kingdom of Sheytan. For you or for anyone attacking them, they are not going to be damages because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the one who is supporting them. And when the time comes, they can instantly change what is given to Sheytan and all these kingdoms that he built will instantly collapse.

You know how long it takes to build the buildings. Some buildings take 50 or 60 years to build. You put a couple of plastic elements under the building and instantly, 1-2-3, before you turn left and right it falls down. That's why they put so many cameras from every angle. They are trying to see how it's coming down. Everything is coming down so fast. You are looking at that building and if you turn your head to the other side when they press that button, before you turn back you are going to see that everything has disappeared from there. That's how the kingdom of Sheytan is going to come down when the permission is given to those who are holding the button. All this technology and all this democracy-hypocrisy that they are running after will come to an end. Allah's laws and Allah's orders will be restored on the face of this earth. No one can stop that. Impossible. Allah is going to do that.

So inshaAllah ar-Rahman, we must concentrate on what is for us. What is for us? Is that duty given to us? No. That duty is given to those hidden ones. We don't know where they are. We are sitting and waiting for them, watching them. InshaAllah they will do their job soon. If they don't then it's okay. It's better for us. We will make more. In these days run after as much as you can to earn because in these days there are only a handful of Muslims, handful of real believers. As many humans there are, that much blessings are coming down. Angels say, "Ya Rabbi, these ones are not ready to receive. These ones are running away from Your blessings. Where should we put these blessings?" Allah is saying, "It doesn't fit to My Majesty to take back something that I give. Go and share it among those believers that are standing on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Give it to them." So today instead of receiving one blessing (because the other ones are not collecting) you may receive 700. For one you may receive 7,000, maybe 70,000, maybe 700,000, maybe 7,000,000. Each time.

This is the time to collect because everyone left, running around trying to fix things. Sheytan is fooling and we say, "Sit here. Don't run around. You have empty time? Sit in the mesjid of Allah or do some work around the mesjid of Allah. Keep your heart busy giving salawat, good titles, and that is enough for you." When Mahdi (as) will appear and Isa (as) is coming down, no one is going to leave what is for them. So if one blessing is coming then you are going to collect only one. Everyone is going to take what is for them. They are not going to leave it for us. Now they are leaving heedlessly. Be happy. Take it. Collect. Let them run around trying to destroy things. They can only do as much as Allah allows them to do. They can only do as much permission as is given. Not more than that. If Allah does not permit

then nothing is going to happen. But some are running to build their own hell too. It's not our business. Our face is towards the Qibla, meaning, we are facing the doors of Paradise. Don't turn to look at that side. Leave them.

Our duty is to try to live Islam correctly with ourselves, with our own ego. That is the biggest Jihad that you are going to make and that is obligation to every believer, that Jihad. The other Jihad that they are talking nonsense about all the time may happen once in a person's life or it may never happen. And that is not obligation to everybody. That is only obligation to those people who fit to that category whom the Khalifah is ordering. It's not obligation to everybody. But the Jihad-ul Akbar, the biggest Jihad with the ego is obligation to everyone, from young to old and from male to female, it is obligation. Everyone must try, must run and must work on their ego. That is obligation. Don't say, "I reached to seventy or eighty and I am going to leave it." No. Sheytan may come around again. He is tired with those ones and trying to run away from them but if you give him free invitation then he may come around again. So smile. One invitation you are giving to Sheytan is when your face is like the judges of the Turkish courts. (Sheykh smiles). Nobody smiles there. Hmm. Then you are giving invitation to Sheytan saying, "Come to me." Leave that. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) loves His happy servants. The more happy they are the more He sends to them.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-133

ismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE LAST DAYS OF THE KINGDOM OF SHEYTAN

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 24 Safar, 1427

March 24, 2006

39th St. Dergah, Manhattan, New York.

(As everyone sat down in the form of a crescent in the circle of Zikir, Sheykh Efendi began.)

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

We are holding the last crescent inshaAllah. The last crescent is coming down now and we are holding that last one. InshaAllah this is the crescent. Divine help is with us inshaAllah ar-Rahman. Sheytan is

living his last days in this world too, the last days of his kingdom. He is paranoid, going crazy because he knows that Judgment Day is coming nearer now and he knows that there is a severe punishment waiting for him for challenging his Lord. He is still not putting his ego down saying, "I am asking for forgiveness." • He is still running top-speed doing harm. He cannot do more inshaAllah. He is not going to be able to harm those who are protected. Those who are supporting his kingdom are going to be punished with him. No mercy to those.

Auzu billahi min-ash shaitanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

You may be wondering why I am saying all these things tonight. I will tell you why. It doesn't matter what happens to us, or who comes or who questions or what. I just heard the news from Cyprus that some evil ones, Sheytans from Army and Police, are running to question our Grandsheykh. They are preparing their books, the prosecutors and everyone, thinking that they are going to bring him to the court because Grandsheykh said that this kingdom of Sheytan is going to come down and Allah's laws are going to come back up. That's why they are upset. Who is upset to that? Only Sheytan. But they are saying to themselves that they are humans. Hmm.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman Allah will not let anyone to touch him. Mevlana saying "My meat is very old and very raw. You cannot eat it. It stays in your stomach." If anyone understands from messages then that was a message for them. And he said, "My feet are already inside the grave." That's another message to them saying, "If you are thinking that you are going to scare me then think again." I am speaking for myself. I don't know about you. InshaAllah with Allah's (subhana wa ta'ala) help, I am behind my Sheykh one hundred percent and I am ready to die for him. I will sacrifice this life right now for him and I believe that there are tens of thousands in this world to sacrifice their lives for that one.

So many did this to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) also. We have nothing to lose. We have everything to gain. We came to the last days and the kingdom of Sheytan is going to come down. If they are looking for something thinking that they are going to remove us away then they should think again because we don't need any guns or any soldiers to bring this down. [If we are] in the jail cells we can bring this system down. We only need the order coming down from the Divine Presence saying, "Go ahead." •

Maybe you don't know and neither do the evil thinking ones. The good thinking ones know already. I will tell you about Hallaj-e Mansur. Hallaj. Hallaj-e Mansur, the one who was beloved to Allah. He said something and the court took him. I am not entering into those details. They judged him and they gave him death penalty. He smiled at them. They put him in jail. When they came at night, they looked through the window of the jail and he wasn't there. It was locked everywhere but he wasn't in the jail. They were shocked and surprised

saying, "How did he escape? Everything is locked." • They looked everywhere to find him. Next morning he appeared in his jail cell sitting and praying. They looked and he is there. They said, "He is making some magic and that's what we saw last night." • The next night they went looking for him. They didn't find the jail there. The next morning the jail was there and he was inside. They took him for questioning again. They said, "Where were you last night and where were you the night before?" • He said, "The night before when you came to the jail, you looked and I wasn't in the jail, I went to visit my Lord. Last night when you came and you didn't find the jail, my Lord came to visit me."

The next day they were taking him to hang him. They put people on the sides of the street to throw stones at him. Every stone that was hitting him, he was looking and smiling at them. That is Hallaj. Believe me, our Grandsheikh is thousands and thousands of times more beloved to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). I am saying that to you. He is not going to say that to you. I am saying that to you. He is more beloved to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). And all secrets are given in his hands. This is for us to know and to live according to. Don't have any fear. We have no fear from Shaytan. We have fear from Allah. We have fear because we love Allah. We don't want to break our friendship, our relationship with our Lord. That's why we are fearful. It's not because we are fearful that He is going to punish us. No. He will not punish us. But it is because we believe in Him and we try our best for Him, for His religion. Live according to that and you will find this world Paradise for you and you will find in the Hereafter angels greeting you, playing and dancing for you saying, "One more beloved of Allah is entering to Paradise. Paradise is becoming better." •

Do you know why it's Paradise? Do you know why Paradise is Paradise? It's because all beloveds of Allah are in that place. That's why Paradise becomes Paradise. If you become beloved to Allah in this world then this world becomes a Paradise to you too. If we all become beloved to Allah then the whole world becomes Paradise. Leave your sheytan outside. Don't support your sheytan and don't worship sheytan. Anyone who is supporting their sheytan is worshipping their sheytan. That is the biggest sin because you are giving partnership to Allah. That is the biggest sin that you are committing. Either you are a servant of Allah or you are a slave of Sheytan. And those who are slaves to Sheytan are going where Sheytan is going.

InshaAllah this message is to you, to me and to those who are trying to harm the beloved ones of Allah and to the whole world for them to know that they are not going to be able to harm Islam because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has promised us and we believe in Allah's promise. And that promise is coming closer and closer. It looks very dark, yes. That's the way it's supposed to be. It looks like it's going to get worse. Yes. But it's going to get better. It's always better for the believers. Allah is promising us saying, "Ahirat, Ahir life is always better for believers" • , meaning, tomorrow's life is going to be better than today's life. That is the Quran speaking. And the Holy Prophet

(sws) is saying, "The believer's today has to be better than yesterday and tomorrow must be better than today." • It must be. If it is not happening better then search yourself. Look. You are not doing something right. You are doing something wrong. Correct yourself. You will be responsible for your daily activities.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-134

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Wake up! Avoid the Confusion of Sheytan!

Khutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah. All praising belongs to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'la) and to His Rasul, our Habib Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam), to the Ashab-e Kiram and to all those who came. They stood in the way of Allah and Islam came to us. Fourteen hundred years has passed and it has reached to us. They did their part. They did their job. Now we must think how far we are going to take this. Where it is going to reach and what we are going to leave behind us. If this world is going to continue for another thousand years then how far what we are doing today and what we are leaving is going to reach. Man must sit, think and calculate to himself to understand whether he is leaving something behind or not. It's not like today everyone running top-speed like head-cut chickens trying to reach somewhere. Hmph!

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "I have created you man and I have given you intelligence." The religion spread in the world not with miracles but with one man. The Habibullah. Yes, he is Allah's Prophet (sws) but he was one person. One man. He came to awakening station and woke up the whole world. Through him it passed to others and the other ones, the other ones, the other ones and it reached to us. How are we today? Are we sleeping or are we in awakening station? You check yourself. Leave what anybody else says to you. Check yourself. Check your activities. Check yourself how sincere you are with your Lord and with His orders. Check yourself to find out which one is priority to you, Allah and His Prophet (sws) or your ego, or this world. (If it is ego or this world) then your problem never ends.

Don't worry. If you don't keep Allah priority then it's never going to end. It never ended for anyone and it's not going to end for you.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created man for His service. He created the donkey for your service. He created you for His service and you have to find your part in that service. "What is it that I have to do in this service? What is for me in this work? What has Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) given to me?" You must know, you must find out, you must work and you must go according to that. You must live according to that.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying in another Ayat in Surat-ul Ale Imran, "You are the Nation that I have created. You are the Nation that is ordering good things and you are forbidding people from the bad things and you are believing in Allah." Check yourself. Are you fitting into that Ayat? Are you fitting really and sincerely? Not because Allah is saying, "You are the Nation". Allah is saying to that nation. Check yourself. With your activities, what you are doing and how you are living, are you fitting into that Ayat? If you are fitting then be happy but if you are not fitting then alarm yourself right away. Say to yourself, "What am I doing? Sheytan got me from somewhere. He put me to sleep." Wake yourself up. Whatever it takes and whatever you have to do, you have to wake yourself up because otherwise you will fall out of that Ayat and if you fall out of that Ayat then in the Judgment Day you will not fall into that category that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) said, "You are the nation". You will fall with the other nations.

So the believers cannot live a heedless life. The believer is that one who is in awakening station all the time and forces himself (finding a tariqat and going into tariqat, of course). Tariqat is to make the believers reach to higher and higher stations, not to go to lower stations, not to go to sleep, not to talk nonsense here and there, or as so many today are saying, "My Sheykh is praying in my place. My Sheykh is doing this and my Sheykh is doing that." If your Sheykh is doing then what Allah has created you for? To be donkey? You are not even good for a donkey then. What are you doing? What is in it for you? How are you going to bring that message to others? If that is so good and you like it then have you brought that message to others? Anyone who lives in the foreign countries, don't make any mistake. Questions will be asked to every one of you. When you come to the Judgment place it will be questioned to you, "You love Islam and you lived according to Islam. Who did you bring with you in the Divine Presence? For whom did you become a reason for that person to enter into Islam? Did you bring anyone here?" If not then even if you earn the whole Paradise what is it good for? Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying that you are a selfish one. You want Islam only for yourself.

If a man is not in awakening station then never mind about reaching to others, he cannot even reach to himself. He only falls into his own illusions and delusions. And later some squareheads that saved themselves from hell are trying to save Sheytan from hell too now. That's what happens to man. When a man leaves the main road, the road of the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), Sheytan

is going to find so many ways to fool that man. And so many are sitting on that road but they are not doing anything, they are not getting up, they are not moving. They are not getting anything. We must wake up because the danger is waiting for us. If we are heedless now then when the big wind is coming then we are not going to have time, not even a minute to look around. We are not going to have people to warn us then. You are not going to find anybody to tell you, "Turn this way or turn that way." Warning is now. Everyone is going to fall into their own problems then. They are going to run to find their way out. Don't make any mistake to think that, "Oh, everything is so nice now. America, beautiful country", or whatever you are in, or to think that it's going to continue like this. No. It's coming to an end.

Of course, there are so many people suffering right now in different parts of the world. Right this minute they are suffering. They have woken up and they are screaming. But their prayer is not accepted now. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "If you stop forbidding people from the wrong ways and asking people to turn their ways to the right way, to the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws), then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will put punishment on you, on that nation, He will put terror on that nation and then you will beg and you will cry but your prayers will not be accepted." Check it out. Look around the world. Is this how it's happening or not? If it's not like that then ask questions again later. We will tell you specifically what's happening where.

But leave that part. We must worry for ourselves now. Man must worry to save himself first before reaching to others. If you cannot save yourself then you cannot reach to others. Allah's order is not a game as so many people today are taking Islam and they are acting like they are representing Islam and they are saying, "The more Sheytan is disobedient to Allah the higher station he gets." Squarehead! And they are not feeling shame to say that they are following the Sultan-ul Awliya. But leave them. We must look at our acts. You must look at yourself. Don't get fooled by fools like that. You know by yourself whether you are in Paradise or you are in Hell in this world. You know by yourself. Nobody has to say to you anything. If you have reached to that station and your heart is so open to the whole world then you wouldn't live that kind of lifestyle. You wouldn't have any single minute in your life that has any problems. You will live in peace.

But that is the time that you will not have any peace. Sultan-ul Awliya is not having peace because he is looking around the world and the whole mankind has lost the direction. The whole mankind is running towards Jahannam and he is screaming. For over eighty years now he is screaming to mankind saying, "Oh mankind! Turn. Turn your way this way. You are going in the wrong direction." Nobody is waking. And some of his so called deputies, who call themselves deputies, they are running to bring Sheytan out from Jahannam. Don't get fooled by that kind of foolishness. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) punished and perished so many nations before this nation. Nothing can stop Allah. Everything is in His Hands. All authority is in His Hand. He does as He likes. Don't make any mistake. Those people must be in drugs anyway. The drugs that they have been taking are still working in the body. The

body is not clean from the drugs.

You must wake up. Sheytan has so many ways to fool man and Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has so many Ayats in the Quran-e Kerim saying to us, "Wake up." He is warning us from the confusion of Sheytan and Dajjal. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is warning us in hundreds and hundreds of hadith. Where are we going to put these? Which side should we put these? Should we ignore all these now? Is it another new style now? Everyone is talking from the spiritual aspect? Where is your Shariat now? Where is the law that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given. The Nation lost every Shariat today. Today, the Nation is living worse than the unbelievers. The majority of the Muslims are living worse than the unbelievers. And now you are going to be that tolerant (to Sheytan)? You cannot. That is only Sheytan fooling the man. But those who do not want to be fooled must check themselves up. They must watch out, they must look and they must be worrying. In every higher station that they are going they must be worrying. They must be watching out because the higher station they are reaching they are seeing the danger that is waiting.

And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given this job, this duty, to man. Man must establish the Shariat again in this world. Man must open the Quran-e Kerim. Man must work to bring the Khalifah and man must open the flag of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). It's not going to come from the sky. It's going to be from these men that are living today on earth. We are all responsible. In the Judgment Day we will all be questioned. Allah will ask us, "What have you done to bring the Khilafat back and to put My laws back on. What did you do? What did you do?" Everyone will be questioned according to their level and according to their station. So is this the time now that you are going to worry to save Sheytan from hell? Sheytan is not worrying to save you from hell. Sheytan is running to bring you to hell with all these kinds of foolishness, with ideas.

You must wake up. We must wake up. "O my nation, wake up. Don't sleep", Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us. Don't sleep doesn't mean going to sleep in the nighttime. Be in an awakening station! Ahir Zaman! Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "In the end of time, the man will walk out from his house early in the morning as a believer and he will come back to his home at night as an unbeliever." He will hear so many things here and there and he will start questioning. He will start making ideas, thinking and accepting some of those things. He is going to lose his faith. That's what it means. If you are sitting and thinking, "Yes, this is okay, this is okay, this is okay, everything is okay", you are losing. Have you become more merciful than Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)? Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the most Merciful one. That Me'lun will not be forgiven unless he goes and submits his will saying, "Oh my Lord, I made a mistake. I have been a fool and I am asking You to forgive me and I am making Sejdah to the Children of Adam." Then he will be forgiven, yes.

People want to take some parts for themselves saying, "Well, I have been forgiven." What did you do? Did you at least cry for the mistakes

and the wrong things that you did? When you and Allah are together and every time you are remembering it, are you crying for it? Are you being sorry for it? This is what we have to remember. Otherwise, Sheytan is going to fool us. Sheytan has fooled so many ones, so many people. He has fooled people who reached the level of sainthood in the time of Musa (alayhi salam). As soon as they gave an inch, he knocked them down bringing them all the way to Jahannam.

So, if we take the hadith of Holy Prophet (sws), we apply it to our lives and we try to live according to that then we will find safety. There is no other safety. And also not every hadith. You have to know which one is for you. You have to know which one is working for you. All the hadith Holy Prophet (sws) is addressing is good but maybe it's not for you. You have to take one, apply it and you must live according to that every single day. When you wake up you have to check and you have to say, "I am living according to this hadith." Then you are following the sunnat of Rasulullah (salatu wa sallim) and then because you are in constant contact with Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) through that hadith, his blessings and his protection will reach to you and then you will not have any foolishness like that to think and to say such words, but you will run to clean yourself up. Every time you think you have cleaned one part you will find that another part is dirty. You will be continuously running and then you will see that you are going to have doubt, "Am I going to be able to clean myself before I leave this world or not?" So you will cry for yourself and you will run for yourself. Leave crying for Sheytan. Cry for yourself because Sheytan is not going to cry for you and for me. Holy Prophet (sws) is crying for us, Awliya Allah are crying for us and they are saying to us, "Oh nation, turn your face this way. Turn your face this way. Turn your face to the way of the Prophet (sws) and not to the way that Sheytan is showing to you."

So we must say one (as I always say, of course) hadith from our Grandsheykh. Whatever we learn, we learn from our Grandsheykh. Grandsheykh is saying what his Grandsheykh Sheykh Abdullah Daghistani (ks) is saying. He is saying, "My son, the whole mankind today have entered into a big truck." Think that there is a big truck and the whole mankind is behind that truck, sitting inside the trailer in the back. The driver is driving that truck towards the ocean and everyone is going to sink. Everyone is going to die. The driver is Sheytan and all man is sitting in that truck. And Sheykh Abdullah Daghistani (ks) is saying, "We, the Awliya, are holding that truck from behind for it not to go into the ocean. But the power that the engine has is dragging us with it together." He says, "We must know where to let it go. If not then the power that the truck has in its engine is going to pull us into that wrong place." InshaAllah this will be enough for us to clarify so many matters that are happening.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-135

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE WAR OF CANAKKALE

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Thanks to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has chosen us to be among the believers. Whatever we do we are not going to be able to give enough thanks for that. When we look at the history and we try to understand how much value this has and how we are keeping it, then we should check ourselves again. 91 years ago on this day, the believers, those who were sincere with their faith, with their Lord, proved and showed their faith to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). They passed their test and because of them today we are still able to walk on the face of the earth and we are able to say that we are Muslims. But the price they paid is very heavy. That happened a couple of more times in Islam but this one was different than all the other ones too. When the so-called Allied Forces came together, they were coming from every side to the Empire, trying to bring an end to the Empire and they made all their calculations and all their planning. Bringing an end to the Empire means bringing end to Islam. That was their aim. The Khalifah and the soldiers of the Khalifah surprised them very strongly. When they made all those planning and they reached all the way to Yemen, Arabia, Egypt, and from every angle to the lands of Islam with the help of so many traitors inside Islam, they were aiming for the Capital of Islam, Istanbul. Once they enter there they will declare and they will finish it. That was their aim. They collected soldiers all the way from Australia to Canada, from one end of the world to the other end. They came and they surrounded the whole land. The Ottoman soldiers were fighting in 28 frontlines. The world has never seen such a thing like that before. The world has been at war but it has never seen a war like that where all nations came together and squeezed only one nation into the corner and they were ready to hit the last hammer and bring an end to Islam.

They came with over 525,000 soldiers trying to pass through Canakkale, Gallipoli. That's where the soldiers of Islam surprised them all, the last area for which they made all their calculations and said, "This is finished now. We came to the end. We will pass from here and Istanbul will be gone." The people who were believing in Allah and His Prophet (sws) and who have submitted themselves, their wills and their lives to Allah and His Religion stood up and all their planning sank into those waters and those soldiers drowned them in their own blood,

teaching a lesson to the whole world since that time up till now never to think that Islam will be taken down so easily. It is impossible. It looks that it's down now because heedless Muslims are around. But it's not. Still there are others sitting and waiting like those soldiers who have already sacrificed their lives for Allah and His Prophet (sws).

They didn't reach to their aim then and they are never going to reach to their aim. Impossible. As long as there is one believer living on earth, it is impossible. They are not going to. This is to give us the understanding of what is Islam and when the time comes for us to be able to sacrifice our lives. This is not a matter of running, attacking and trying to take something or steal something from someone. No. But (it is a matter of) standing up and holding tightly to the Rope of Allah as the Sahaba did. When a Sahabi-e Ikram was in the frontline and an arrow came to his eye, entered in it and made him blind, he took the arrow out. In that war some betrayal happened and they turned their backs, and they came to greet him, and he said, "What are you saying? Instead of having two eyes and to look back (meaning, to run away) it is better to have one eye to look forward always and to run to give this life for the sake of Allah."

This is what these soldiers did in Canakkale. No one can say, or treat them, or give them the (deserving) title of where they belong, as the poet is saying, "I cannot give you and I cannot do anything for you but the Holy Prophet (sws) is waiting in front of you. He has opened his Jubba to every one of you." When we are sitting, thinking, concentrating and trying to understand what had happened and how those people gave their lives, if we are not finding in our hearts to be able to say, "If I was in that situation, I would also be able to sacrifice my life", check your faith then. With that faith you cannot reach anywhere. You need that kind of faith to pass Sirat, the bridge, if you understand what it is to sacrifice your life for Allah, His Prophet (sws) and for His Religion. If we are not finding that in our own hearts then we must check ourselves and we must work on ourselves to be able to understand what is it to sacrifice for Islam. When it comes to talk, it's easy talking. We must, think and concentrate to understand. That will make our faith to grow then.

For your information to understand how great a war that was, how ugly it became and how close it was, (you should know that) the frontlines of the soldiers were from this wall to that wall (Sheykh Efendi pointing to the walls of the dergah). The Ottoman soldiers were at that wall and the enemy was trying to penetrate through passing from that wall. They were coming. They came so close that it was only 10 meters between them. I went to those areas and I looked at those places. When you look, that is the time you understand how much those people sacrificed. It was impossible for them to have a doubt in their hearts that they were not going to turn back alive. But they were continuously coming, non-stop from everywhere. They were holding the flag of the Holy Prophet (sws) high. They gave their lives and Allah honored them with that title. It is impossible for us or anyone to honor them with any titles but Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) did.

One incident that happened was that one captain was looking very deeply and thinking, "If they pass through from here, what are we going to do?" They all understood that if they pass through from Gallipoli then Istanbul is gone. The Sultan and the Khilafat will be imprisoned in the hands of the enemy. And everyone put something from themselves into that war, from individual soldiers to the Generals. A man named Ali Chawsh appeared behind the captain. The captain looked at him. He was in big pain and he was still smiling and comforting the captain saying, "Oh captain, don't worry. We still have a lot behind to make a mountain of men for these enemies not to pass." He said, "But I am just in big pain", because one big bullet came, hit his hand, everything was destroyed and only one piece was holding the hand to the body. He took his knife and said, "Please cut this part. This way I will be able to fight more freely." The captain looked, took the knife and cut his hand. They didn't have any medicine or anything like today's people. Then he turned and he ran to the front (which was ten meters, as I said) saying, "I must give up this life. Before I die sitting here I must die in that way." He entered into the enemy line and so many bullets came to him. He was on the floor. Other soldiers also attacked at that time and they took that enemy line. They went to that one and the captain asked if anybody had a piece of bread for this soldier who is ready to give out his life. That battalion didn't have a piece of bread to eat for one week. One piece of bread appeared from the other side and it came to their hand. That one was laying down smiling and saying to the captain, "Oh captain, please save that piece of bread because I am already counting the minutes to go out from this life. Save that bread for another one of my brothers so that it may give energy to them to fight."

If this is not moving your heart then you are losing your faith. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given everything to us. They had nothing, not even a piece of bread to eat. But they stood up for their faith, to save Islam and to give us ways to live, inshaAllah ar-Rahman. As I said, if we are sitting and talking about them from now until next year, it is not enough. If we praise them until next year it is not enough, if we pray for them until next year it is not enough. It is not one, it is 253,000 soldiers who died in that way. The enemy came 525,000 soldiers. Comparing with what the enemy had and what these soldiers had, comparing the technologies that they had, (we find that) it is impossible to compare. But it was impossible for them to pass.

Also, (to mention) another incident. Seyyid Chaush was the one who put the last bullet inside the cannon and he stopped one of the big ships that was passing. He picked up the bullet alone because all his friends died. So there was nobody to help him to pick up that bullet and to put it inside the cannon. He used all his power asking support and medet and he picked up the bullet to put it in the cannon. But that bullet weighed 300 kilos. 300 kilos is almost 600 pounds. And that bullet did the last job. It blew up the whole ship and that is the time that the forces said that it is impossible to pass through the channel to enter to Istanbul. They stopped and they pulled back.

So many other incidents happened of course. We are talking about

253,000 martyrs. Then we have to talk 253,000 times. Everyone has different stories. This is in order for it to enter to your heart and to your brain and never to forget because I am watching that some people are even hesitating to slaughter Kurban in these days even though they have everything. That year in the whole nation, in the whole Turkey, no one slaughtered a Kurban. They took the Kurban and they gave to the army, supporting the army and the Ulema and the Awliya say that the whole nation have already sacrificed their Kurban. Every house had one martyr that they were giving in the way of Allah. So we must understand where we are and where they were. If we sit, think and understand deeply for ourselves then no depression, no problems and no worries can come to our way because we have a bigger worry then saying, "What did we do? What are we doing for the sake of Allah and for the sake of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam)?" We must understand this. We must think about this from time to time, we must think about them from time to time and we must read for their souls from time to time. If you do then you will receive visitations from them too. Someway somehow they will be happy knowing that there are still people living on this earth who are trying to live for the sake of Allah and they are still continuing what they left.

It was not only the men fighting. There were also so many girls who died in that war. One Anzac soldier was saying, "I was watching in the frontline this young girl who was shooting so bravely and she was knocking down everything that she was hitting. She was sitting from morning to evening and everyone was trying to aim her. But they were not able to finish her and we thought that there was a big battalion in that area because so many bullets were coming from everywhere. By the evening one bullet reached to her and she fell down. When she fell down we entered to that area and we only found her and another boy and we have counted sixty-three bullets in her body." That kind of faith saved Islam.

So inshaAllah, I have no hesitation to say that they couldn't pass then and they are not going to pass this time too because there are still the children and grandchildren of those people living on this earth. No matter what the enemies do. They are sitting and waiting quietly for a go ahead from the Holy Prophet (salatu wa salam). We have calculated, inshaAllah ar-Rahman, some Fatihas for their spirits and inshaAllah we will see what we did later and I hope that we have said at least one Fatiha for each one of those soldiers' spirits inshaAllah ar-Rahman. All those are still for us to give us the power to be able to continue in this life. Things may have changed but the matter of faith is never going to change. The lifestyle has changed but the faith is never going to change. This if for us to understand that we have to be able to stand up for Islam no matter what happens. One day Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) may test us through that way too. If we pass then we pass. If we fail then it is very sad.

So, those people believed in Allah, their Prophet (sws) and their Khalifah, from the soldiers to their mothers and to their fathers. As you know (I gave you the story before) that one time they put henna on the head of this soldier and they sent him to Canakkale. His friends

were taking him for a joke because he had henna. His captain asked him saying to him, "What is that on your head, Mehmet?" Mehmet means the soldiers of Muhammad. Mehmetci means the soldiers of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), taking that name from that time. And he said, "My mother put it and sent me." When they were making jokes with him he wanted to notify his mother. It's a long story. I am just trying to give you some ideas of where those people's faith is. He told his friends to write a letter. He didn't know how to read and write too. They wrote a letter. He was saying and they were copying, "Mother, you put henna on my head and you sent me here. I believe that now my brother is getting ready to come to this side because his age is up. Please don't put any henna on his head. This way they will not make any jokes with him."

When the mother received the letter she sent another letter right away saying, "My son, in our village, in our side, we put henna only on three events. One, we put henna to our daughters when we give her away (in marriage). It means we have sacrificed our daughter for the sake of Allah and she is never going to come to us. We put henna on the sheep when we are going to sacrifice them. And we also put henna on the soldiers when we send them to the war for sake of Allah sacrificing them because they are not going to come back. Don't tell me not to put it on your brother. I have already put it and I have already sent him. He is coming, he is on the way." Before that letter reached in their hands the soldier already got martyred and the letter reached to the hand of the same captain who was joking with him. Then he opened, he read and he said, "Yes, these are the soldiers and these are the martyrs that is going to save Islam. There is no other way."

So alhamdulillah, 253,000 soldiers gave their lives. Those who didn't give their lives ran away. Don't make any mistake now. The Nation of Islam left the Khalifah alone. There were no soldiers other than Turkish soldiers fighting in that war. The Khalifah's soldiers were fighting and all other Muslim nations pulled back. This is where we are concentrating for you to understand that those soldiers were only from one nation. And they understood and they said, "If we give up too then all the Muslims in this world is going to be finished. We cannot give up." So, today we are getting stronger from every nation. Those nations that attacked and came to destroy Islam, now their grandchildren are accepting Islam. It is impossible that they will win against that in any way. But Sheytan is never sitting comfortable and he is always running from every angle trying to fool people and bring them down. We must not give up and we must hold on tightly to our faith. We must hold on tightly to what Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) brought to us. That's the only thing we have.

And as have I said earlier, those ones gave their lives and their time has passed. There are only a handful of people living now from that time. I met one of the persons a long time ago who was always coming and visiting my father (rahmatullah aleyh). He was one of the veterans of Canakkale and I was not able to come close to him (because of his heybet, majestic appearance). I was always far looking at him and admiring this man. And alhamdulillah, he left me this (Sheykh pointing

to a decorative pin on his Jubba with the tughra inscribed on it). This is what was given by the Sultan at that time to the soldiers who became veterans in that war. When I was looking and thinking from my childhood, there are two wars that I have always wanted to be in and to really die in those wars. One is the war of Uhud and the other is the war of Canakkale. It didn't happen. But I reached to a war (The Greek-Cypriot war of 1974). I didn't die in that war. I became a veteran. They also gave us these medals. But I didn't feel like going and collecting it. I never did up till now. My name is still written there and they were also supposed to give me some money. But I never went and I never collected it. I never felt like going. Now I found out that this is the reason. Allah accepted me inshaAllah as one of the people (from the Canakkale war).

So, whatever man wants really and sincerely, Allah opens their way. So inshaAllah this is a lesson for us to make our faith to grow in Islam. Of course, we don't want to go to war to kill people. But we should be able to be strong and stand up for Islam and to give our lives if necessary because we have only that and the only thing in our life is faith. Nothing else. Everything is passing. If you give those soldiers one thousand lives, they will all give that life back one thousand times to die for the sake of Allah. If Allah gives them life continuously saying, "I am giving you this life. Go to the world and live the pleasures." They say, "No, we will never want to go to that world. But give us that life to go and to die for You again and again and again and again, in Your way." That's how much pleasure Allah is giving the believers when they are sacrificing their lives for Allah.

They are trying to remove this faith and remove this feeling away from the Muslims today. So many Muslims have already lost this feeling. They say, "It's okay to give them what they want and I just continue my life." If those people were to think the same way as we are thinking today then today we will not have Islam. So we are not guaranteeing too much for our future if we continue thinking like that. We are not guaranteeing that Islam is going to reach to our children and our grandchildren. The more you give up the more every generation that is coming is giving up. But we have only a limited time in this life anyway. If we sacrifice that for Allah's sake then inshaAllah we will find endless happiness.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-136

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Sheykh

The following is what I(YOzer) remember of Tuesday night's sohbət.

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

As Much as You Believe so Much You Grow

Sheykh Mevlana Nazim explains in his Oceans of Mercy that we have to believe in the unseen. We believe in Angels because they exist. We cannot see them. That does not mean they do not exist. We cannot see bacteria either. But using microscopes we can see them.

Sheykh Abdul Kerim gave an analogy. If a sick person goes to a doctor and asks for a cure, he can get well if he believes in the doctor. The medicine alone does not cure him. If he takes the medicine yet does not believe in the doctor, he will not get cured. But even if the doctor prescribes sugar-water and the patient believes in the doctor, he will get better. Otherwise, the medicine will only work temporarily. Just like all the pills people use and store in their cabinets. They are hurting here and there and they take so many different pills. But the pain only goes away temporarily and as soon as they stop taking them, they feel the pain again.

A murid must believe in his Sheykh to grow. His guide is his spiritual doctor and diseases of the soul and heart are the worst sicknesses. One can never get well physically if they are sick in the heart.

Holy Breath

If you do not believe in the power of holy breath you are in a lot of trouble. Your faith is at risk at that time. Evliya have that holy breath. They can heal and change people with it with the permission of Allah.

Isa (as) blew his breath and raised the dead to life. He was a prophet. And in an open hadith the Messenger (saw) says that, "The Evliya of my nation are like the prophets of Bani Israel." Many Muslims are in trouble today because they do not believe in this. Wahhabis do not believe. Once a man was about to come and see the Prophet (saw) and he was informed of it. He blew his breath before the man arrived. And before the man left his presence he had accepted Islam.

In the time of Abdul Qadir Geylani (ks) in Iraq, where some Christians lived, a Muslim and a Christian were arguing by a graveyard and Geylani Hazretleri happened to pass by. They were arguing as to whose prophet was higher. The Christian said his prophet Isa (as) was higher because he would raise the dead back to life. The Muslim got stuck since we do not know of an incident like that

of the Holy Prophet (saw). Hazret Abdul Qadir Geylani interrupted and asked what the argument was about. They were arguing as to which prophet was higher and the Muslim had lost the argument. Hazret Abdul Qadir Geylani (ks) called the Muslim an ignorant one and took the Christian to a side. He said to him that Isa (as) had raised the dead with the permission of Allah. Geylani asked him whether he would become Muslim if he also raised the dead in the graveyard. The man accepted. And Geylani Hazretleri said to the dead, "Get up with my permission!" All the dead got out of their graves. He said, "Lay back down," and they went back. Then he said that he was just a follower of Muhammad (saw) and the man became Muslim.

The souls are not dead. They are alive in Divine Presence.

El-Fatiha

Sohbet-137

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

TURNING ISLAM INTO CHRISTIANITY

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "Oh believers, whatever that Prophet brought to you, take it and whatever he forbade you from, stop it." It is a direct order from Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) to believers. Not to unbelievers. What that means is that you must follow the footsteps, you must run after the Sunnats of Rasulullah (salatu wa sallim). You must take whatever he brought and apply it to your lives. You must stop whatever he forbade you from. What will happen if you don't stop? You are turning your religion into Christianity. Some got used to it. They say, "Jesus" but none of them are following Jesus. They are not following the orders of Jesus (alayhi salam). It is religion according to their ego.

This is what happened to the Muslims too. "Religion according to my ego. The way that it fits me. The way that I like it." No! You cannot. You cannot have religion like that. That is your ego. You will be worse than the Wahhabis then. At least the Wahhabis are punctual to their prayer times. If you are not following the Sunnats of Rasulullah (salatu wa sallim) then why are you waiting for Mahdi (as)? Mahdi (as) is coming to bring out the forgotten Sunnats of Rasulullah (salatu wa

sallim). He is not coming with a new book to you. He is not coming with something like a magic religion as so many are thinking. You have to follow. He is coming with the power to make you follow. If you are not following then he is going to make you follow by force. He has the authority and he has the Divine Order in his hand. So it's about time for believers to put themselves together and start following the little that they know. Otherwise the message of Mahdi (as) that is coming is not going to give too much happiness to you.

Believers must live with the knowledge they know, with the knowledge that Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) brought to you. You must take that and you must apply it to your life. You cannot say, "I am a believer and I live as I like." You have in the Holy Quran the orders of Allah and you have the Sunnats of Rasulullah (salatu wa sallim). In these days and in these times when everyone is in darkness, you have a Sheykh. You have somebody to show you what is right and what is wrong. You are still running after your ego. Are you following the orders of Allah or are you following the orders of your ego? You are following the orders of your ego. You must leave it. You must drop it. You must be sincere with your word to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). You have promised in the Day of Creation, "I live only for You and I worship You." What kind of promise is that? You cannot even keep five daily prayers. You cannot keep one holy day in the week. How are you keeping that promise? Think to yourself and put it to yourself.

Going to Juma is not by force like the sheep that everyone is running in and everyone is running out. On Juma believers must get up early in the morning. Believers must do their errands here and there. They must clean themselves up. They must go to the masjids one hour before the Azan is calling and not running here and there when Azan is calling like prisoners whose prison doors have just been opened. What kind of belief is this? What kind of happiness is that, when you are running to happiness? You are running to Allah for that Holy Day, for that Juma. You are running because Allah is saying to you, "Come to My Presence in Juma time". Know that everything you are doing in that Juma time other than Allah is forbidden to you. It is haram to you. Whatever you are eating, whatever you are earning and whatever you are doing is haram to you! When Juma time is entering if you are busy with something else, it is haram to you! When are believers going to wake up? It's open Ayat. It's not closed. When are you going to wake up? You must wake up before the Angel of Death appears to you.

If you are not taking seriously what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has put on you and the Holy Prophet (sws) has put on you then you have already turned this religion into a kind of Christianity religion. That's why everyone leaves you alone then. They don't run after you. They are not upset with you. They say, "These ones are just going in like robots and coming out like robots. They are not applying Islam to their lives. They are living according to Western ideas. They are going inside the masjids like robots and they are coming out like robots. Don't bother them. It is good for us." Believers must take and must apply to their lives and when you are applying to your life your life must change. You must get rid of the wrong habits that you picked up

here and there. You must progress and you must go forward. If you don't then sit and wait. Sit and wait. Continue the same way that your ego likes. But in the end neither your ego nor you are going to like it. You are going to lose.

Believers must make it different because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "Your Ahir must be better than today. Your Ahirat must be better than today." I am watching. It's not becoming better for Muslims. Everyday it's becoming worse and worse and worse. There is no doubt with the orders of Allah. There is no doubt with His words. Something is wrong with the Muslims, those people who call themselves Muslims. You are not taking Islam priority to your life. You are not taking Islam to say, "This is what I am living for." You are not living for Islam then. You are living for something else, whatever the priority is for you. Then in the Judgment Day that's what you are going to find.

"Say to them Ya Rasulullah: They have accepted Islam but faith has not entered into their hearts yet." Allah is saying this. Accepting Islam is something and faith entering into the heart is something else. When faith is entering into your heart, you must change. So many of the Sahaba-e Kiram were worse than animals. They were destroying everything around them They were killing their own children. As soon as faith entered their hearts they became the most delicate individuals in the world. They have changed. They left all those wrong attitudes, wrong ways and wrong styles. It's one century now that Muslims have picked up wrong styles. It's about one century now that the role model of the Muslims everywhere in the world is western ideas, western ideologies and western lifestyle. You must get rid of it. You must apply Islam to your life, to your daily life, to your house life, morning to evening, to work, to outside, to friendship and to everywhere you must apply it. Otherwise, don't expect changes. You must make the changes. You must make the changes to yourself. If you are not making it then no magic is going to happen to you. Then waiting for Mahdi (as) or waiting for anything else will be just words. That means that you are not really believing in Mahdi (as) because the biggest reason of Mahdi's (as) coming back is to remove Muslims, the people who have faith, away from that low station that they put themselves, to carry Islam back up, to stand up again. That's why he is coming. And the only way to do that is to turn back to the traditions, back to the lifestyle of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

For one hundred years now, every time this nation dropped something from the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), every time they dropped one sunnat, they replaced it with something else. And what they replaced it with is these western ideologies, with these western ideas. Check your life daily and you are going to find how many wrong things you are doing and check your intention. When you are getting up early in the morning check yourself, are you saying, "Oh my Lord, I just woke up. You gave me this life back and I am intending and I am promising to live for You." Are you doing it? Check yourself every single day. That time you understand if you are living for Islam or

you are living for your ego. Anyone who lives for Islam, their Ahir must be better than today.

Tomorrow must be better than today for anyone who is living Islam from east to west and north to south. Anyone who is leaving Islam, their tomorrow is going to be worse than today. Every single day that is coming is going to be worse. If you want peace, safety and the door of Paradise then turn your face that way. Your face should be turned to the Qibla not in the prayer times only. Every time, twenty-four hours a day your heart must be there. Your physical form must be running here and there but your heart must be with Allah and with His Prophet (sws). If you do this then you will win for yourself. If you don't do this then you will lose for your own self.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-138

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BE PREPARED FOR MEHDI (ALAYHI SALAM)

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Auzu billahi min ash-sheytanir rajim

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Medet Ya Sultan Evliya, medet.

Holy Prophet (sws) appeared as one person. The time came for him to appear because there was complete darkness everywhere. And the Prophet (sws) appeared as only one person.

And as soon as he said to them, "La illa ha il Allah", those people that were worshipping idols and doing everything other than worshipping Allah all rose up against him.

But they couldn't do anything to him too. Understand the secret here. They all rose up against him but they couldn't finish him. He was only one man as an individual. In the human body he was one man.

Allah is talking about Habib-i Najjar in Surat-ul Ya Sin.

He says, "When the messengers came to them...". The messengers of Isa (alayhi salam) came to them to Antakya in today's Turkey. They came and they told them about that religion, what Isa (as) brought giving them invitation

to accept that religion.

When those people in that city came and didn't accept them then the messengers said, "Our duty is to say to you, to give you the message." And they turned back. When Habib-i Najjar looked at them he saw that they were messengers and when he listened to them he ran to the people and he said to them, "Leave (the wrong things) and follow those who do not ask of you any fee. Follow them because they came to you with the right message." They said to him, "You are from among us and you are trying to change our religion, huh?" They attacked him and they killed him there. They ripped Habib-i Najjar into pieces.

Those animals that were living in the time of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) were worse than them. They were worse than those people. Why couldn't they tear Prophet (sws) into pieces too? It's because he came with the divine protection on him. He stood up, Allah sent him the ayats and the laws and he put those ayats and the laws in practice in that nation where they were all against him. In twenty-three years time he built the world's biggest and strongest nation. One person. And it was all darkness everywhere in that time. So the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) went through all these problems, difficulties and burdens, and he worked, the people around him worked and they built the foundation of Islam and they put everything there, alhamdulillah.

The Prophet (sws) is saying that one time the kufr is going to end in the whole world. When the Prophet (sws) was living, in his time, and after him up till now when Islam was ruling, the kufr didn't finish in the whole world at once. Right? So the Prophet (sws) is saying that one time it's going to finish. Only believers are going to stay on the face of the earth. The other ones are going to be taken away. And that is the time of Mehdi (alayhi salam).

So the work of Mehdi (alayhi salam) is working now. He is not going to appear to say, "Oh! Let's do this work." It's (already) working, spreading everywhere in the world. It is entering in every nation, every country, every city, every town and every village. When everything has been taken everywhere and the job is complete then he will pull the flag saying, "Now I am declaring the Prophet's way." He is not coming to bring us another religion. No. He is not coming to bring us another book. No. He is going to open the secrets of some ayats in the Qur'an that are not open and he is going to bring back the traditions and the sunnat of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). This is what Mehdi is going to do.

Isn't that what Sheykh Mevlana is doing now? As much

as he can. Why do you need to see something else? Look at that one. Follow that one's orders. Then you are already on the way to reach to Mehdi. If those who are looking at Sheykh Mevlana's words (where he is saying,) "He is coming today", "He is coming tomorrow", and he is not coming and they are disappointed and they are running away, then they have nothing there for the Sheykh. Then you have no connection with the Sheykh because you are only looking at the words that are coming out from his mouth. So you have no connection at all. You are lost already.

And the betrayers will never be accepted in that work, in the first class work. They may be in the second class work. When Prophet (salatu wa salam) was going to war, in the front lines he was having the strongest Sahabis who didn't have any doubts in any way. Some who came, went back and came back later, they were behind. The same thing will happen. So we must prepare ourselves for Mehdi (alayhi salam). Mehdi (alayhi salam) may come tomorrow morning. When he says, "Allahu Akbar" what are you going to do? How are you going to run to him? How are you going to run? Are we going to see it on the television or in the newspaper or what? This is what the majority is looking to. They have that internet and everyone of them are now sitting at rooms like cells, smalls rooms and everyone became the predictors of Mehdi. Everyone is talking now about Mehdi (alayhi salam). What do you know? What you know are the four walls and that little machine in front of you. If I take you and put you in front of ten thousand people then you are not going to be able to speak. But now behind that wall in their rooms they are speaking to the whole world, they are seeing here and there people praising them and they are thinking, "Mashallah." Hmm. Eh, go out there and speak. Look what will happen that time. You know how it is.

So the one who knows about Mehdi (alayhi salam) must know certain things about him. And the ones who know the secrets don't open the secrets. Once you open the secret it's gone. It's no longer a secret. (People are) saying, "Allah knows." Of course, Allah knows. Do we say that somebody else knows? Of course, Allah knows. And He gives it to those people who are in authority for them to know also. To those who are in proper authority and who have been given the authority from the Divine Presence. Not the authority that people give or people cheer or people say, "This one is a big one." No. The ones who are supported from the heavenly stations with heavenly power know. They don't speak about it. They say, "You like to sit and wait? Sit. When he comes you are going to see. I am sitting and waiting." How many

times have we heard Sheykh Mevlana saying, "I am waiting for sixty years for him to come, seventy years for him to come, eighty years for him to come."

This is what my father (rahmatullah aleyh) used to always say, "We are waiting for him to come." He waited, waited and when he knew, when he understood that he was going out from this world, he said, "We waited for him. Our time is up. We are going." But he said to me, "As for you, there is a big possibility that you are going to see." He said, "Your grandfather waited, their grandfathers waited, I waited and he didn't appear." He said, "He didn't appear in our time and I am going." He didn't say, "I don't know anything about it." He said, "He didn't appear yet and we are going." He said, "You might see him." He left it and he passed. There were so many around Sheykh Mevlana that were waiting and they passed. The Sahabis were waiting and they passed. Our duty is to wait. To be prepared and to wait. That's all. Not to say, "Today he is coming", "Tomorrow he is coming", "Okay, let's run here", "Let's run there".

In the Millennium people drove themselves crazy saying, "Millennium, millennium, millennium, Y2K, Y2K, Y2K", later Y2K didn't happen and they said, "This was a test. You failed the test." Who are you fooling? You had no other choice but to say that, of course. So you were saying that. It's okay. We are closing the ears. But don't think that you are fooling the whole world. You may fool some people. It's okay. They believe in you. So it's okay because you said something and you believed on that too. Some people believed. They were believing that Y2K was going to happen. And then nothing changed. Hmm. (You proved to be) wrong. Alhamdulillah rabbil alameen.

So our duty is to prepare ourselves and to be ready like soldiers that are ready for combat in the front lines. This is what our duty is. To be ready and to wait. They gave you the guns, they gave you the bullets but they didn't give you the order to shoot yet. If you shoot then you will be punished. If you shoot one bullet then right away they search where that bullet came from, tak, tak, tak, they come down to you saying, "You used that bullet? Come." They take you inside and they punish you. But maybe the war is going to begin half an hour later. It doesn't matter. The order has not been given yet for you to pull that trigger. Because you pulled it, you will be punished.

Those people are pulling triggers all the time and making sounds here and there. Leave it. Let those who are in authority, who have the knowledge work. Let them do their work. Why interfering? Is it going to happen because you want it or I want it? When it comes to them to say, "Only Allah knows", they say that. Then believe on that word. Sit and wait. If only Allah is going to send him to you then sit and wait. Why are you going searching around then? Why are you listening to other people if you believe that only Allah knows? Why are you listening to say, "This one said this and it didn't happen and I am upset with this one. This one is not good." What do you care? Everyone is saying something. You don't know the situation why that one is saying that word.

So it is not an intelligent act that they are doing. But again it's not our business. Our business is to concentrate in our zikirs to get more power in our hearts, to be powerful so that when Mehdi (alayhi salam) appears we will be close to him. Those who are running around, doing nothing, appearing on pictures but are not doing anything about it, they are going to get tired and they are not going to be able to stand next to Mehdi (alayhi salam) then. So this is what we must do. We must prepare ourselves now when it is the time of peace. The war didn't begin yet. So the soldiers that are in the front lines are sitting in their camps, they are preparing their guns, cleaning it and keeping themselves busy. They are not running around because they know that there is a big event coming and they need all that energy then. So they are not going to be running around. Those who are running around are going to stay behind. They are not going to have the energy to be able to stand for what's coming.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman, Allah knows best.
These words are to you and to me inshaAllah.
If we take it then we win for our own selves.
If we don't then live as you like.
Everyone is free.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-139

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

TECHNOLOGY ONLY BRINGS LAZINESS

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya al-Hakkani, Medet.

Grandsheykh is saying that when man started treating the animals very harshly and not the way they were supposed to, the animals complained to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). The complaint was accepted and Allah opened from that knowledge for man to use all these jinn works (technology). All these computers and everything are jinn works. It's electricity with which everything is working. But that is not in the nature of man. So that gives another problem to man because man went out of his way.

Before man was plowing two acres of land with a cow and a hand-held plow, opening the dirt, spreading the wheat with his hands, doing everything with Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim, with the name of Allah and when the two acres of land grew, it fed the whole village. Now they are planting in two hundred acres lands. Check. They are not even feeding themselves. Go look at these farmers. Every one of them is complaining.

(You say,) "You have two hundred acres of land, you have these many cows, you have this, this and this."

He says, "I cannot keep up with the parts of the tractors, I cannot keep up with the parts of this, with this and with that."

So everything that they are taking is going to that side and there is no blessing in it. There is no blessing in any product that is coming because man is running heedlessly in top-speed to do them. What's the rush? You have some period of time that you have to stay in this world. And if you are rushing like that still you are not going to change the destiny. You have to go according to the way that Allah has given to you, slowly, properly, using the intellect to be able to do what is your share.

Daytime is for work and nighttime is for rest. This technology, these robots that you are saying and everything that they have invented didn't really make people's lives easier. They just made it more miserable, boring and they don't know what to do with their lives anymore. That's why committing suicide is found in the first world countries and not in the third world countries. The first class countries think that they are the highest. And the highest among them is Sweden. They have no laws. They are not accepting it. Everything is free. They have the highest rate of committing suicide. Then in America and Europe. People are not even thinking about committing suicide in the poor countries. They are worried and busy with what they are going to earn and eat the next day or for that day. So they have no time to think nonsense.

So all this technology didn't really bring so much to man. But as I said earlier, there are exceptions. But when power falls into everyone's hands then there is no longer any exception. Everyone has everything in their hands now and they are doing as they like. Their lives are becoming more and more miserable everyday, more emptiness and more sorrow is coming in and people don't know what to do with their lives.

(You say,) "What are you doing?" "I don't know. I don't know what I am going to do with my life." Hmm. You don't know? Sell it. Nobody's going to buy it.

So all this technology made man to become lazy. That's the fruit of that technology. The bottom point is that all this technology made man to become lazy. That's all. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) divided the day into three periods of time. Eight hours working, eight hours resting and eight hours spending in the way of Allah, with your family, with this and with that. How many is doing that now? They get up early in the morning before the sun rises, running in top speed for hours in their cars going to the workplace taking two hours or three hours, working like robots, finishing the day, when the sun sets, running back to their houses driving three hours, before they reach to the house they expire. They cannot cook, they cannot eat, they cannot sleep and they cannot do anything. They cannot spend any time with their children, with their family. This way family life collapses and everything collapses. Even if they are in the house, one kid has one television in that room, the other one has another television, the other one has another television or computer, if there are five family members in that house in five rooms, everyone is in their own world. Everyone is doing something else. No one is listening, no one is obeying, no communicating, nothing.

That's what technology brought to man. So if you say that it's good then something is wrong with those eyes, with that intelligence. (Sheikh smiles).

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-140

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

YOUR SHEYKH IS HIGHER THAN YOU

Sohbet given by Sheikh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya al-Hakkani, Medet.

If somebody is doing a favor to you, giving something to you and if you are not being thankful to that one then Allah does not accept your thankfulness (to Him). It is easy for the ego to say, "It's okay. It's coming to you from Allah." Everything is coming from Allah. But Allah chose that one, for you to look at that one and not to look at something else.

The Sahaba-e Kiram looked at the Prophet (sws). They didn't say, "The ayats came to us from Allah." They said, "Prophet." They concentrated on the Prophet (sws). The Prophet (sws) was a blessing to them, to us and to the whole mankind. Through his hand Allah's mercy reached to us. If it is not for the Prophet (sws) then no mercy is coming to us. Punishment will come down on us. The mercy has reached to us because of that Prophet (sws). Today mercy is reaching to us again because of those who hold on very tightly to the Prophet (sws) and who show proper respect to that Prophet (sws).

We cannot put our Sheikh aside and say, "I reached to Prophet (sws) and I reached to Allah." You will not reach anywhere then because mercy now is coming to us through our Sheikh. Allah's Help is reaching to us through our Sheikh's hand. If you don't like that one and if you put that one aside then you are losing. If something starts opening to us, if we are seeing that the world and everything starts working (for us) and when we are saying to people (the spiritual message of Islam) they start believing and following us, we should not take that to our own selves. We say, "This is happening because of our Sheikh. That person accepted because our Sheikh's light appeared through me to that person. If it's only me then it's not good for anything."

So many times we are watching, in these days especially, that some people... let me say a little bit more openly, some deputies of Sheykh Mevlana declare themselves to be Sultanul Awliya these days. But they are hesitating to say it and because Sheykh Mevlana's blessings reached to them and through them Sheykh Mevlana reached to so many areas, now they are trying to put Sheykh Mevlana aside to say, "It is me." As soon as you do that you are finished. And that's what's happening to those. And also those who are running blindfolded after those ones, they are looking for something for their own benefit.

If a man's station is reaching higher and higher then he must see that his Sheykh's station is also reaching higher and higher. It's not how much you work. I am watching those ones speaking these words also. They say, "It's not how much you work but it's how much your Sheykh works." If I say that to you then that goes to me also. It's not how much I work but it's how much my Sheykh works. So it's coming to me. From me it may come to you. It's like the army, coming from the top and going down, breaking down to different deputies. But there is a headquarter and it is one. Because you may reach that headquarters and that one gave you to become the head of let's say the air force, you are getting dizzy to say, "I am going to knock that one down to sit and take the whole control"? For what reason? Isn't it for the ego? If it's yours then it's going to come to you. If Allah appoints that to you then it's going to come to you and it's going to show in your manners.

When Grandsheykh Abdullah Daghestani qaddasallahu sirruh (it is not for us to speak about Grandsheykh Daghestani but it's just to give an example to you, to me and to everyone) was living in this world physically there were so many people around him. There were so many deputies around him also. When they were watching Sheykh Mevlana Nazim, every one of those deputies knew deep inside their hearts that he will be the next one. They knew that. Their ego was fooling them a little bit but deep inside they knew that Sheykh Mevlana was the next one. It's not because Sheykh Mevlana was running to push others aside to appear in front of people. It was completely the other way around. He was very humble and not appearing unless Grandsheykh was giving him orders. So his manner was showing. His perfect manner was showing that he will be the successor of Grandsheykh. And finally Grandsheykh blessed him with it and he passed from this world.

Those who didn't accept it, they didn't accept it for so many years. They had something because Grandsheykh gave to them. They had something but they didn't accept the last words of Grandsheykh. Grandsheykh said, "Whoever is following me now must follow Sheykh Nazim. He is the head." Some got dizzy at that time and some are getting dizzy at this time. They are putting Sheykh Mevlana aside now saying, "Well, I also took knowledge from the Grandsheykh." Hmm. So now Sheytan is fooling. It's nothing else. Sheytan is fooling. Some turn around and say, "Sheykh Mevlana retired." Retirement? Squarehead! Not even the Pope can retire. How can the Sultanul

Awliya retire? Retirement is for those people whose brains are not controlling them anymore. The higher stations that the Awliya are reaching, they are seeing more wisely and they are seeing more perfectly. How are you going to dare to even think such a thing like that? But some are doing it. There must be some hidden agenda behind that.

Those who are watching correctly see that. Sheykh Mevlana isn't going to make announcement to the world to say, "This one is good and this one is bad." No. He is just sending it to the hearts and people are watching and they are seeing. Who are not seeing? Those who are blindfolded with their ego are not seeing because they only see themselves now. Nothing else. So Sheytan is coming to man in every station.

These are words for me and for those who are the deputies of Sheykh Mevlana, for them not to think that they have reached to that station and they are going to do as they like. If you are driving the car for forty years and you are going back and forth on the same road for forty years, you still have to hold the steering wheel properly and you always have to be in an awakening station watching what's ahead, what's behind and what's around you. A little bit of heedlessness may bring an end to you. It's the same thing in this Way too. It's the same thing for those deputies of Sheykh Mevlana too.

This is to me and to every deputy. Of course, I am not declaring myself as a deputy. Grandsheykh gave me that title. Am I worthy of that? No. I know that I am not. But because he says, "You do it," I am trying to do it. Some might be in higher stations. They are. We are not looking to that. We are looking at the road that we are traveling on and we have to carry that correctly. We have to hold onto that steering wheel correctly. If you are driving that bus and if you make a mistake then you may bring so many people with you into danger. So there's more burden on your neck. So you have to be wise and opening your eyes more correctly and you must ask more, "Medet Ya Sheykh Mevlana, medet, medet, medet."

If the deputy is only seeing himself now and he is seeing something wrong in his Sheykh then he is losing. As I said earlier, you must not see anything wrong in your Sheykh. If you give one chance, opening one door, Sheytan is going to run to open ten doors. And that ten may multiply to a hundred. That hundred may multiply to one thousand. Then you will come to the station where you will declare war against your master. Eh, of course, they know that they cannot declare war openly because it may bring an end to them. They are still trying to go underneath. But there are eyes watching.

History is always repeating and through history we have always seen such things like this. When some people raised their heads against Abdul Qadir Geylani (qaddasallahu sirruh) they turned around and they became Wahhabis. They became the head of the Wahhabis. They had the knowledge. They learned the book knowledge. But they lost the spiritual

connection because whatever was going to reach to them from Allah was supposed to reach to them through the hands of Abdul Qadir Geylani (qaddasallahu sirruh). Because they put that aside, they learned the knowledge but they finished themselves. And in the history books today they are called Wahhabis. Wahhabis!

So we must open our eyes and hearts, and ask to be the correct ones to stay on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. In the days that are approaching it is going to become more dangerous. Of course, Grandsheikh is saying, and not only Grandsheikh is saying but all the saints that came and passed are saying, "The army of Mahdi, the believers in the time of Mahdi, are going to divide into three different groups. One group is going to turn to become unbelievers in Mahdi, one group is going to become martyrs in that war, and one group is going to stay and live with Mahdi and Isa (alayhi salam) after the war." Everyone is putting their ideas in it also (saying), this happened, that happened, this is going to happen and that is going to happen. Mahdi (alayhi salam) is not going to come from the sky with a basket. And the key of Mahdi (alayhi salam) is in the hand of Sheykh Mevlana. He is holding that key. He is the master of Mahdi. (You may) take it the other way. (But) he is the master. Those who have a little bit of idea say, "Okay, my duty is to look at Sheykh Mevlana and nothing else. Whatever Sheykh Mevlana turns me to, that's what I have to look to." Anywhere that Sheykh Mevlana is going to turn us saying, "Look to this one now", that's what we have to look to. Otherwise, it is very dangerous.

People have been tested in the time of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and Allah and His Prophet (sws) is saying to us that the people of Ahir Zaman are also going to be tested. And Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "Be careful from the confusion of Dajjal because the confusion of Dajjal is very great. It may swallow so many people in it." Dajjal is also human in his physical form. Allah is going to give some other powers to him just to show to his people and to test (the believers). The bottom point of the whole thing is coming back to faith now. If your faith is strong, if you are holding tightly and you are submitting yourself tightly to that one whom you have held onto then you are in safety. Otherwise, there is a big question mark staying there.

This is to me, to you and anyone who is going to listen. If anyone wants to take it to themselves then take it. If anyone says, "No, I am not accepting these words", then don't accept. Anyone who is going to attack me, the doors are open twenty-four hours. I am just saying the conditions that I am in and the whole world is in. Sheytan is coming. If you are finding a little wrong in your Sheykh then Sheytan is going to knock you down. Finished! Sheytan found one wrong... one wrong, not one million. He found one mistake in Allah saying, "How did You do this? I wasn't supposed to be making prostration to Adam. He is supposed to be making it to me because I have been worshipping to You for all these many centuries and You have just created that one." He said that it's a mistake. That knocked him down and finished him. Centuries of worship came to zero and he lost everything.

If we keep that alive in our own selves then we will watch correctly everything that we do, and we turn around and we ask our Lord, "Ya Rabbi! Don't make us from the disobedient ones. Disobedient ones today are the ones who became disobedient to their masters. We believe and we accept that our master Sheykh Mevlana Nazim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi Hazretleri is the Sultanul Awliya. He is the master of the masters. We believe in him, we accept him and only from him we hear Your words and Your orders. We don't know anything else. We hear through him. We are hearing through him his Prophet's (sws) and Your Prophet's (sws) words. We cannot understand the hadith or anything. We just watch him. Make us to understand more correctly and make us to show more obedience to him. If we have any wrong thinking in our hearts then take it away from our hearts for the love of that one."

Wa min Allahu taufiq

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-141

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE CLOUD OF HEEDLESSNESS

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya al-Hakkani, Medet.

Sheykh Mevlana was saying all this time, "I will move to Damascus and as soon as I move then things are going to be very dangerous after that." He went to Damascus and he came back. He said, "I am not moving to Damascus. I am going to stay in Cyprus." And the matters are about to begin. "I am not moving to Damascus," he said. Do you understand what that means?

He went to Damascus but he didn't like the situation in Damascus. He still didn't like those people because there are so many arrogant and stubborn in that country that are ruling. So he said, "The time is up now and I am not moving here for that reason." And he asked and Allah changed it for him. Holy Prophet (sws) changed it (for him) to stay in his place. He said, "If anybody wants to go then they can go." But the headquarters are staying there (in Cyprus). So the matters can happen anytime. Who knows what this Muharram is bringing? Who knows what this Hajj is bringing to Mankind?

And another thing is that anybody who is asking to go to Hajj this year, he says, "I am not responsible. Go alone if you want to go." So it's not too intelligent now to go to Hajj too. He says, "I am not having that spiritual protection around you. You go by yourself." Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that a big smoke is going to come out from that area, from that part of the world. That's one of the big signs of Qiyamat. The smoke is not the smoke that we are going to see up there (in the sky). It's the big cloud of heedlessness that is taking over and people are drowning in it, finishing. And even when you go to Hajj now, you look at it and it's Dunya there too. People turned everything to Dunya.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-142

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE MEANING OF RETIREMENT

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Tuesday 20 Shawwal, 1426

November 22, 2005

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya al-Hakkani, Medet.

They say that Grandsheykh Sheykh Mevlana is retired. And Sheykh Mevlana says, "There is no retirement. You have to earn your food. How are you going to be retired?" And he says, "Everyday I am going out to the fields. I do something, some work." Grandsheykh is saying this and we are watching him. He goes under the date trees or under the olive trees and he collects some olives here and there, directs people saying, "You do this, you do that." He is a manager, working. He works for one or two hours and he says, "I earned my food today. I earned with my sweat what I am eating. I worked."

Also some squareheads are thinking that they are giving something to Sheykh Mevlana. Some says, "I bought this house to Sheykh Mevlana", "I gave this to him", "I did this to him". He gives to people. Nobody can give anything to him. He is taking from higher stations. Allah gives to him. And all his life, anywhere he may be, he is working. He is working for earning, living and eating his food. So he is not retired. He doesn't have checks coming in the mail if he retires because he didn't go in the payroll of the governments. So they are not going to give him checks saying, "This is your retirement pension." Alhamdulillah.

Retirement. A man who is retired is like a lemon. You take the lemon

and you take the juice out. So there is no more juice coming from that. What do you do with that leftover? If you have a stove then either you put it on top of it for it to give smell and later you throw it inside and you burn it, or you throw it to the garbage, or you bury it. Retired means, "We took the juice out from this one. He has nothing to give to us anymore." No matter what station that one is in, no matter how big worldly title he has, even if he is the CEO of a company, they say, "Empty out this desk that you are occupying." You know when you go to them, in front of their desks it says Mr. Da da da CEO, they say, "Take that also, go home, take your diploma that is hanging there, bring it home, hang it in your room now where you are sitting, look, watch and say to yourself, 'Once upon a time I was this one,' and wait for the Angel of Death to come to finish you. That's really what the meaning of retirement is.

But the elderly people, wise people in the way of Allah, the more elderly they get the wiser they become. They become smarter, more intelligent and more experienced. So even the Presidents go to consult with them, to learn something from them. They never retire. It is impossible for them to retire until the Angel of Death comes to them. The Vatican Popes don't retire. Do they retire? They expire. They do not retire. They are expired and finished. The date is out. Expired, useless and finished. So they take them out from that chair or wherever they are and that place is empty now. The Vatican has to burn a fire to put smoke out there to choose another Papas who is going to come with black smoke. (Sheykh smiles). Hmm. See?

And if the Papas, the head priest is not retiring then how the Sultanul Awliya who is holding the time in his hand will be retired? All things are under his authority in that time. He is only one. He is the Sahib-uz Zaman for that time. He is holding that time in his hand. How is he going to retire? So now is he going to elect somebody saying, "Come here, I am retiring. You do this"? Allah, Allah! You see what ego does to people? What kind of game it's playing on people?

Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. May Allah protect us from the tricks and the traps of our own ego, from Sheytan and from all those people who are possessed by Sheytan and by wrong ideas from coming to fool us. May Allah protect us from their evil ways, evil actions and evil plans. If they are going to turn around to become good ones then may Allah open their ways. If they are not going to turn around to become good ones then may Allah take that planning and put it on their heads and may they sink in that wrong planning.

Fatiha.

Amin.

And also for all those who are taking, learning and benefiting from Sheykh Mevlana but they are not treating Sheykh Mevlana properly and

they have hidden plans and hidden agenda although in front of him (they go), "Oh my Sheykh", and they kiss his hands and feet and they have hidden agenda, may Allah take that power away from their hands that Grandsheykh opened. They have learned something (from Grandsheykh) and they have some power. May Allah take it away from them to give to those who are going to be always obedient to Sheykh Mevlana and make those (disobedient ones) slaves to Sheykh Mevlana until they die. Not to know anything else but to be slaves to him.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman, Amin.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-143

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

NOMINEES OF PARADISE

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Saturday 3 Shawwal, 1426

November 5, 2005

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya al-Hakkani, Medet.

Through sohbet the nominees of paradise will learn something. People who are nominees learn something. They take that and apply it to their lives. If the same sohbet is given every night then the murid must take lesson every night from that sohbet. So every night the murid must come to the association with an empty bucket, not thinking that he is knowing something. Whatever he learned tonight must be put in his bucket there to bring his cup empty again to fill up a fresh one. If you are coming here with a cup half-filled with water then you can only get half a cup. If you come here with a full glass then you get nothing. Whatever you come with is what you take back. You didn't get anything. You have to bring that cup empty.

That cup is your heart. You have to come empty saying, "Tonight I am going to fill this up again." Maybe that night secrets will be given that fits to your heart only. If you missed it then goodbye. You missed the train. Or, that may come again one year later, or seven years later. You have to wait again for a long time because you have lost your chance.

Tariqat is to make a person to keep his face towards the Qibla, to

prepare him to his destiny where he is going and to be ready always. And the only way to be ready for that is to have the love of Allah and the love of the Prophet (sws) in your heart more than anything else. If you don't have the love of Allah and His Prophet (sws) in your heart more than anything else then you are not ready for Akhirat life yet. That means you still have attachments to this world. Something is holding you to this world. So you don't want to go where your place is. That's dangerous.

So anybody who is in tariqat must make progress every single day and must fill up his grave with the necessary things that he needs because he is going to spend time in that grave or in the journey beyond the grave. All orders of Islam or all orders that all prophets came to give people and to make them to live according to those orders was only to clean them for the journey to where they came from, to clean them and to make them to enter into paradise. Nothing else. From all the prayers, all fastings, all zakats, all hajj, all zikirs, all good deeds and all voluntary worships is to prepare man to turn his face back to the Qibla and to be ready for the angel of death when he is coming to go clean, to clean himself in this world and to go out clean from this world.

That's the whole meaning of this life. All other things that we are keeping, the works, the worldly wealth, children, this, that and everything is an obstacle on our way. Allah is saying to us openly in the Holy Qur'an, "All your wealth, your children and everything that you own is only confusion for you." Isn't it? It is only a confusion. All the wealth that you have, worldly wealth and the children that you have are only confusion for you. If it keeps you away from Allah then it's a big confusion. If you use that properly in the way of Allah then it is a big blessing, moving you towards Allah better.

We must keep Allah and His Prophet (sws) priority. Otherwise, man is losing. There is no other way.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-144

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE VALUE OF LIFE

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 17 Ramazan, 1426

October 21, 2005

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Tariqatuna sohbet wa khayru fil Jamiat. The meaning of all (heavenly) Books is to teach man to say, "La ilaha illallah." All Books and all prophets came to teach man to say, "La ilaha ilallah. Falam an-lahu la ilaha illallah." There is no god and nothing to worship except Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). When man is concentrating, understanding and living according to that then his Dunya becomes paradise, his world becomes paradise, his paradise is paradise and his grave is paradise. Fear goes away. Fear leaves that one and Sheytan runs away. The evils run away and the evil people run away because he is with Rahman. He is with Allah. Those who leave Allah, Sheytan comes near them, all sheytanic creatures come near them, all human sheytans come near him until they make that one to become one of the sheytans.

That is in the hand of man. Allah gave that to our hand saying, "It is protection to you. Say: La ilaha illallah continuously." Your heart must remember your Lord. If you want satisfaction to your heart, if you want peace in your heart then you must say, 'Allah.'

This Mankind, the 21st century people of today are all sick. From the newborns to the ones that are ready to go to the grave, all are sick. All have problems and they don't even know what the biggest problem is. They think it's the world but it's not because everyone has the world. (Sheykh pointing to the heart) The biggest problem is emptiness here. The life is very sour. Anything they touch, anywhere they look and any place they go, after a while it becomes a pain to them. Everything that man is doing becomes very painful. Not satisfied with anything. Men, women, children, adults and elderly. All. Some people are exception. They are exception from billions.

What is the cure for that? They are not running to look for the cure. They are running thinking, "I am going to make more Dunya, more world and I am going to find peace." If finding peace is with Dunya, with the world then it will be easy. If you have a pair of clothes to wear, a shelter on your head and you can fill your stomach then you should be peaceful. Why then are you worrying? You don't know if Azrail is waiting behind the door. You are entering here but you don't know if you are going out alive. Who can guarantee that saying, "I am guaranteed to go out tonight"? Who can dare to say that? They are listening. He (Allah subhana wa ta'ala) may say, "That one is challenging Me? Take him away." Dunya is finished and Akhirat is finished (for that person).

So when man understands the value of this world, if he thinks that this world is valuable and runs after it for some time then after a while he must understand, "This world has no value. But the life has a value. What Allah has given, what Allah has granted to me is very valuable. Let me hold on tightly to that." When you are holding onto that life then you would be looking and saying, "Well, this life is going to go away from my hand too after a while. What am I going to do?" Then you will be able to concentrate on what is waiting for you on the other side. Otherwise, the majority is running away and they don't even want to think about death anymore. They don't want to be around those who are going

to remind them about death. They run away. They find it easier, they think that it's easier saying, "Let me run away from this one and my life is going to become better and easy because this one is reminding me all the time that I am going to die. So let me go far away." They go far away and if they had one problem then their problems become double. Now that they are not close to someone who is close to Allah, that little peace in the heart is taken away.

You may give them the whole world but they are not going to be satisfied by it. If you don't believe me then go and look at Rockefeller. They have the Rockefeller Center. The half of Manhattan belonged to him. But he was not in peace. He was running after more. What are you running after? You have everything. Anything you need comes to you. What are you running for? Everything you have is more than enough for you and your children to spend all their lives. He had to run because there was nothing that could replace that emptiness. It's a big emptiness and if man falls into that emptiness then he disappears. He loses his mind.

So the only way out of that and the only answer is Islam. There is no other answer. You can go to any place. You can go to any rabbi or anything. They have no answer to that. It is impossible. The answer is with those ones who are not walking around with books, (Sheykh pointing at the heart) whose books are there and who are able and capable to read people there (in the heart). They have the answer. They say to you, "You have this sickness and the cure is this. This is what you have to do." You don't like it. Who cares whether you like it or not? You got sick. You are going to get the recipe to get cured. Otherwise, you are going to die.

Dying in the spirit is not like dying in the world. (Sheykh smiles). If your spirit is dead then you have lost. You have perished. You are going to be swept away never coming back to existence again. Even Sheytan doesn't want that. Sheytan is saying (to Allah subhana wa ta'ala), "I would rather stay in the hell-fire forever. Don't send me to non-existence. Once You gave me a body and once You made me appear, don't put me to disappearing stations."

Of course, the ignorant men are saying, "So what?" They are ignorant and complete empty-heads. They are not knowing anything. When they start knowing something then they start worrying. For instance, you have one ring and you lose it. It doesn't have too much value but you go around looking for it. No? If you think that you left it in the toilet, do you leave it there? You go to look in the toilet. "I left it there. Let me get it." What's the value? Nothing. You get another one. But it's yours. So it's valuable.

Life is also very valuable. How are we spending that life, in which way are we spending and in what cause are we spending that life, that's important. If we are spending it in the way of Allah then we must do the work of Allah. If we are doing the work of Allah and we are spending it in the way of Allah then do you think the pain, sorrow and all these worldly disasters are going to come into your heart? No, even if you go through so many incidents in your life, ups and downs, with physical punishments, with materialistic punishments. When Allah removes material things to test your faith, your faith becomes stronger every time it's coming and you say, "Shukr Ya Rabbi. Alhamdulillah. You reminded me something Ya

Rabbi. Thank you. You reminded me that I am a weak servant." Then faith grows. When your faith grows, grows and grows then everything starts opening. Everything is with faith.

We must concentrate on that faith. Ash-hadu an-la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu. If we concentrate on that then our world becomes paradise and paradise cannot wait for us to go there.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-145

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BELONGINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SWS)

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi on the occasion of the Hair of the Beard of Prophet, aleyhi as-salatu ve selam, coming to the Osmanli Naksibendi Hakkani Dergah

Saturday 26 Ramazan, 1426

October 29, 2005

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

The first thing that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) created was the light of the Holy Prophet (salatu wa salam). He created all other things from his light, his noor. He created another human from every drop of sweat that he had. Whatever we do and however we praise the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is not enough and it is always accepted very highly in the Divine Presence. A man may pray twenty-four hours but if he is not showing proper respect to Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), then anything that he did may not be accepted. It may come to zero. But if a person is doing things with the love of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), then it is accepted instantly in the Divine Presence.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying to us, "When you come to visit me in my gravesite and when you give salawat to me, I will hear you, I will see you and I will know you. If you are far away, at a far distance, and you give salawat to me, then there is an angel sitting in the grave with me that has as many mouths as the humans have. Anyone who gives salawat, that angel gives me answer from that mouth." It says to the Holy Prophet (sws), "Ya Rasulullah, now, from this children

of Adam, from this generation, from the children of this, this and this (counting the lineage), has sent salawat to you." And the Holy Prophet (sws) does not leave it without any answer and he orders one salawat or maybe more (as many as you have recited) to be given to you, to be put in your treasury box. When those salawats where the Holy Prophet (sws) is greeting you back reach to a certain amount, then you will get the prayer of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). If you have the prayer of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), then neither in Dunya nor in Akhirat will you have any troubles after that. You will be trouble-free and your heart will always be connected with them.

What about just one salawat given from the mouth with which man commits sins twenty-four hours not knowing anything? What about if something is left from the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and showing proper respect to that? Of course, there are angels sitting and watching our behavior and watching our hearts. Some people's behavior is okay, but inside their hearts they say, "Why are they making such a big deal?" It is just for us to know because Sheytan may come. Throw him away. Throw the Sheytan away. Whatever respect we do, if we stand up twenty-four hours in the presence of the belongings of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), we are not doing wrong. But the 21st century man is so weak that he cannot stand up for fifteen minutes.

In this little box here, there is some dust that was taken from the Holy Prophet's (sws) gravesite. In the old days they were cleaning and they were collecting that dust. I am getting the smell from here. The smell is coming from that dust. Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. That dust was being collected and kept, and the kings, the Sultans had those things. It reached to his hands (Sheykh indicating the murid who brought the holy relics to the dergah) through his grandfathers from one of the Mughal sultans. Isn't it? It passed through them and it was given to his great-grandfather. It was in their hand, their property and they gave it to one of his grandfathers. He was a holy man.

And it has been passing, circling around the world, coming to America. It went to India. From India it came to America. It's the belonging of the Prophet (sws) and the dust from the Prophet's (alayhi salatu wa salam) tomb site. In the old days, when people were going and cleaning, they were taking all that dust very carefully. And the Sultans were going where they keep the Prophet's (sws) belongings in the Topkapi Palace. They were going every morning where the Prophet's (sws) belongings were and dusting that room. They were taking all that dust, putting it in a very special bowl and keeping it there. When the Sultans passed away, they put them laying next to that dust and that's where they were praying the Janaza prayer for them.

Those are the people who ruled the world. In the Divine Presence they are high and in the world they are high. And they showed proper respect to the belongings of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

What we have in our hands is coming directly from inside the Prophet's (sws) tomb, from the rawza. Before it was open. People were having access. So alhamdulillah, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) blessed us with this. These things have been passing through who knows how many holy people and how many holy places. It ended up coming here to this mountaintop that is nowhere. If you arrange it and if you have millions of dollars you cannot do it.

There was a prince who came from Dubai to Istanbul and they were planning to make over five billion dollars of investment in Istanbul. I think he asked to have one of the hairs of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) to be sent to Dubai in order to have some celebration in the month of Ramazan. The whole Turkey turned upside down because of that. It's not because they show so much respect too. They moved one of the hairs from the Topkapi Palace and they brought it to the airport. The minister was there and the minister said to them that he wanted to check something. So all those evilish ones said that the minister brought the Prophet's (sws) beard to his feet. Even the Sultans didn't do that but these evils ones are doing that. So they made a big mess in Turkey just because of that hair. Now they are saying that they were trying to steal it and to bring it to Dubai.

Anyway, whatever it is and whatever they were doing is a different story. What we are trying to say is that we didn't make any planning with the government, nor did we say that we have five billion dollars which we are going to invest here and there. No. It circled around and came here alhamdulillah. Very high level governments were turning upside down because of that hair and Allah brought it here to us alhamdulillah. How much thankful we have to be for that?

So as much respect we are showing and we will show to the belongings of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), to the Prophet (sws) and to the other Awliya Allah, that is what we are winning. Otherwise, the prayers and everything that we are doing is very crooked and it may not be counted. But if we have sincerity, a sincere heart and if we do things sincerely then inshaAllah ar-Rahman with the love of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) it will be counted. And as I said, now we are going to concentrate on making more zikir all the time, everyone, more Kalima-e Tawhid and more Salawat to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). And inshaAllah in every forty days we will present specially to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) with a mawlid. That night we will make a mawlid to present all the collections that we are making inshaAllah. As for this (hair of the Prophet sws) coming here, it is a big blessing Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-146

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROPHETS

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Sunday 27 Ramazan, 1426

October 30, 2005

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

In the last hutba that Prophet (sws) gave, the last sermon, there were over 124,000 listening. And everyone who came and went before among them represented one prophet. There are 313 prophets who have been given books. They are Nabi-i Mursal. They are not only prophets. They brought Shariat. All the other prophets didn't bring Shariat. They didn't bring law. But these 313 brought Shariat and law in their time. There is no comparison between what came to those people and what came to the Sahaba. No one can reach to the level of the Sahaba. Prophets are in a completely different station and the Sahaba are in a completely different station. But every Sahabi represented one prophet that passed.

Now there are 124,000 wali that are also representing those prophets. In every time they are living. One passes away and that chair doesn't stay empty. Allah takes another one and fills up that chair. Understand. Allah takes meaning the Awliya Allah choose which one is going to sit on that chair from those who are preparing themselves. People are going and changing the world and another one must take over. They are taking it from one of the high saints, replacing that one, and for the station that he leaves empty they are taking from the people who are in the lower stations to put them on higher stations. And also from one simple person they take replacing an Awliya's station. So that door is open to people, to everybody, alhamdulillah rabbil alameen.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-147

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE HEART'S THRONE

Hutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 10 Ramazan, 1426

October 14, 2005

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) for giving us these holy days, for making us to reach to these holy days and inshaAllah ar-Rahman we will complete them successfully and receive the blessings that are coming with it. Ramazan is coming with its own secrets. Every month has their secrets. But the holy month of Ramazan is blessed and in this month Rahmat and Barakat is raining down from the heavens for those who are looking to receive. If a man is not making any difference then he is not going to see it. He is still going to be in his own world, his own problems and miseries until the end comes to him.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has not created us to put us into that situation. He is not putting us there. We are putting our own selves because we are deviating from the reason of creation. We are deviating from what Allah has created us for. We are running towards this world and the world is running away from us. The peace then flies away. There will be no peace, and worrying will take over. Worrying will enter into the heart. When worrying enters into the heart of a believer and the worry is not the worry of Akhirat but it is for Dunya then sorrow, pain and all other problems come with it.

If a man does not care about this Dunya so much, then he has very little problems. The more you are worrying, the more you are running and the more you are trying to do better for this world, you are dividing yourself. In one heart, there must be the love of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), the love of His beloved ones, and the love of Akhirat. Dunya is here. We are in it. If you own it or you don't own it, it's around you. Allah has promised that He is going to send whatever is necessary for a man to live. And He is sending. We are watching the whole world. Everyone is getting something, even if they are unbelievers. They (unbelievers) have the better things because Allah has promised us saying, "As long as you live in this world, I am going to send you, I am going to provide you and them." But the more they are going to get, if they don't have the love of Allah and the love of Akhirat in their hearts, the more problems they are going to get. And this is what's happening because Allah is not giving any value to this world. If a servant is giving the most value to this world and he is not giving any value to his Lord, then it is impossible for that servant to have peace or to find peace. Not only on top of the Empire State Building but any place that you think is the best, palaces or whatever you think, you may go there and you are going to find that for one day or two days you will be admiring that worldly beauty; and then two days later, sourness is going to enter into the heart again.

So the problem is here (Sheykh pointing to the heart), inside, in

the heart. Man must concentrate and man must give his heart to his Lord. Man must clean his heart first to be able to say, "Oh my Lord, I have cleaned the heart and the throne is waiting for you. My heart's throne is waiting for you." Then you will find peace entering into the heart. Otherwise, there is no peace for you. No man in this world has ever been, and no one is ever going to be able to until the Last Day. And most of the time, after the Last Day, after the Judgment Day there will be more problems for those who constantly think and worry about the world. You may hide from people; but you cannot hide from Allah; and you cannot hide from those who have vision and they are looking.

So the most important thing is to concentrate on the heart to try to get rid of whatever is occupying that heart. If it's the world then get rid of it. If it's other things then get rid of it. The heart is firstly for Allah. Then His Prophet (sws) and then those whom Allah and Prophet (sws) love. Then slowly you may have other spaces. It opens up because all of them that you are putting into the heart is looking to Allah. Nothing else. If you are putting the Prophet (sws) into the heart, the Prophet (sws) is looking at Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). If you are putting your Sheykh, he is looking at Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). All those are looking at Allah. So in reality it's Allah who is in the heart. That's why it is said about them, "If you see them, then you remember Allah." They remind you of Allah because they are with Allah.

The love comes from them to you, to us, and it enters into our hearts. You have to know what you do with that love. If you know what to do with that love then slowly you may get used to it and you may feel familiarity because the Waliullah, the servants of Allah, the good servants of Allah come down to the level of very simple people to make familiarity with them to be able to come closer and to be able to send to them. But we have to know. You have to know to put the barricades, not to pass beyond your limitations, because after a while, sometime later, Sheytan comes whispering into your heart and then you may say, "He doesn't know too much. He's just like me." If you say that then the love that you had is out. You are saying but it's not there. If that goes then everything else slowly disappears.

So many are saying, "I love Allah." Where is the sign? It is easy to say that you love Allah. "Say to them!" Allah is saying to His Holy Prophet (sws), "Say to them Ya Muhammad, if they love Allah then they must follow you. They must love you and follow you." That is the sign. Allah is saying, "If they say that they love Allah, then they must love you and they must follow you. They must follow your orders. They must try to live like you. They must try to live the way that you are showing to them." Allah is putting there a scale for testing our love. In these days the ignorant squarehead Wahhabis are coming with so many Wahhabi ideas under the name of Ahl-e Sunnat people saying, "It is hadith, it may be a weak hadith, it may be a gharib hadith, it may be this hadith." Leave everything aside. If you are thinking that it is weak then this is Ayat. Are you going to

say, "This is a weak Ayat"? It's open. Allah is saying to us, "If they love Allah then they must love and follow you. They must follow you." Following means they must love him. You cannot follow somebody if you are not loving him.

Sheytan is coming in so many forms to change them because Sheytan knows that it is not going to be easy once one gives his heart that way. He knows that he is not going to be able to change it. So he is putting Nifaq, confusion seeds into the heart. Then you start debating with yourself, "This, that, this, that." When anything comes, move it out right away. Look how easy it's going to become, and look how much that love is going to grow. The idea of that love is to bring you to Allah. All prophets came to bring people to Allah. Prophets didn't call people saying, "Come to me." They didn't say that to people. They said to them, "Look at me. This is what your Lord wants. This is how you have to live. And look at what I am doing. Look at me. Watch. The way that I am living, you must live that way. This is the way that your Lord loves."

Hmm. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the one who trained and who taught the good manners to His prophets. That's why most of them had no fathers. Most of them. The big ones, the holy ones grew by themselves. Allah is their teacher. Allah is saying, "I am their teacher. I am teaching them." Ibrahim (alayhi salam), Musa (alayhi salam), Isa (alayhi salam), Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), Adam (alayhi salam). Count. So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is not accepting partners. Since they were prophets, He was taking the fathers away because when a young person gets into trouble he runs right away to his father, to his parents to find protection. When Allah took that away from them, then they were running to Allah saying, "Oh our Lord, this is our problem." And Allah was teaching them.

So Allah is their teacher and now Allah is saying to us, "You must follow them. You must obey them." What will happen if a man is not following a prophet? He is not any better than Sheytan. Sheytan was doing the same thing saying, "I am following Allah." Allah said to him, "Follow Adam (alayhi salam)." Making sejdah to Adam means to follow Adam. (Allah said,) "From now on learn from Adam." He didn't like that. He said, "I am taking from you. Not from that one. You just created that one." It doesn't matter if He created that one now or if He created him billions of years ago. It doesn't matter. The order is what's important. Allah is giving order saying, "Follow this." That's it. The duty of that Me'lun, that evil was to submit himself to Adam (alayhi salam)

There is a secret there. If he were to submit himself to Adam (alayhi salam), then he would have grown in knowledge and reached to higher stations. But in the beginning when he was worshipping to Allah it was not because of the love of Allah. It was the love of Maqam al-Mahmud. He was watching it saying, "This is the aim that I am going to reach." So many people you are finding in the world also who don't love to work. But they work so hard day and night, twenty

hours a day because they have an aim. They have to reach there and they know this is the way they are going to reach there. There's no other way. So that's what that one did. Allah tested him. Allah tested his love and he failed because if you love Allah, then right away you would submit to his order. It is so easy. "You are saying to me to submit to that one. Of course. That means you love that one too. So I submit myself to that one." It will be easy then.

Sheytan is circling around now with the same evil action that he did because with that action he has been cursed and he has been sent away from the Divine Presence. He has been sent away from Paradise. He knows that with that action he is going to move this little mankind also to be cursed and to be sent away from the Divine Presence. That's exactly what happened to so many today. They are running saying, "Eh, I don't accept anything."

"Hmm. What do you accept?"

"I accept only Allah."

Now you are in trouble. You are not a prophet. The time of prophets is finished. Fourteen hundred years ago the Last Prophet (sws) came and he is gone. It's finished. No more prophet is coming now. If somebody tells you that he is a prophet or if someone is declaring himself to be a prophet now, are you going to run to see that prophet?

"Maybe."

If you say maybe then it's a sign that you are weak, your faith is very weak and you may lose your faith for that because Allah is saying to us, "This is the Last Prophet, the Seal of Prophets. No more prophet is coming." It's gone. You must follow that one. And that one is saying to us, "I am living among you but I am leaving my inheritors, the ones who are going to follow my footsteps. Follow those. Hold on tightly to them and you will find safety." Otherwise, it will also not be accepted on the Judgment Day for a man to say, "I didn't live in the time of the Prophet (sws). I love the Prophet (sws) but I couldn't be with the Prophet (sws)." He left ways, he left means to people to reach to the Prophet (sws). Holding onto those will take you to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). If you leave them, then Sheytan becomes your good buddy.

Don't think that Sheytan is going to tell you to stop worshipping. No. To so many of them he says, "Look, prayer time is up, quickly go to pray. Don't miss a minute. Time entered. Quickly go to prayer." It's because now they are not thinking any longer. They became robots. Robotic actions. The minute enters and they are there. Most of the Wahhabis are like that. Very punctual.

"Calling Azan brother?"

"No! Wait till one more minute."

Or one is calling Azan and they are saying, "Stop! Stop that one! There's one more minute. It didn't enter." MashaAllah. Very nice. Punctual. Allah said to us to do the prayers on time. So we pray on time. But He is not telling us to be robots. How are you going to be exact by a split second like that? Sheytan is saying, "If I let these ones to go out of the mosque then they may wake up. They may see certain things, they may wake up and they may need the Prophet (sws). So it's better for them to be here." Meaning, as long as you leave the prophet, it's okay. Sheytan is very happy now.

This is what Sheytan did. He left his prophet. He left Adam (alayhi salam). Allah sent Adam (as) to him to be a prophet, to be a guide. This is what he is doing to the mankind saying, "Leave your prophets and be like me. I know everything and I am going to teach you everything." And before you know, a man comes from the dumpster, from the drug-world, from the world that never had connections in any way with Islam, with Allah, with Prophet (sws) or with anything, he is going to the store, buying ten books, starts reading those books and in two years time he becomes Awliya. He is understanding every secret now because Sheytan is sitting on his shoulders and pulling the reigns saying, "Turn left, turn right, turn left, turn right."

That's not the way. The only way is the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). The way is not to say alone, "Okay, Prophet." In the old days they would ask, "What is your Mazhab, what is your Mashrab, what is your Tariqat and who is your Sheykh?" Now they have eliminated all these. Who did this? Did the 21st century man become very smart all of a sudden in that way that they don't need it? Those people before the 20th century needed it and now they don't need it? Of course. Sheytan is saying, "You don't need it now. I put this technology for you. Be busy with these sheytans non-stop. Be busy in front of the computer, tik tik tik tik. Forget your prayers, forget your zikir and forget everything else. Be busy there."

"I am searching."

"What are you searching?"

"Islamic pages."

How many Islamic pages do you need? One thousand? Every Islamic page has to give you almost the same information. If they are giving other than that then there's something wrong somewhere. So you have to be content and you have to be happy with one of them. From time to time you may say, "Okay, I am going to look at it, I am going to read this and I am going to read that." It's okay. But don't sit by yourself with your own imagination and start giving fatwas according to those.

Ahmad bin Hanbal Hazretleri. He is a Mazhab Imam. These Wahhabis are saying, "We follow Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal." Look at what he is

saying. They were saying, "Ya Imam, what does a man have to know, what kind of knowledge he has to know to give fatwa involving the matters of Islam?"

He said, "He has to be an Alim in hadith."

"How much hadith does he have to know? Is knowing a hundred thousand hadith by heart enough?"

He said, "No. It's not enough."

"Two hundred thousand?"

"It's not enough."

"Three hundred thousand?"

He said, "If a man knows three hundred thousand hadith and he knows the connections of the hadith (the chain of narrators) then he may give fatwa in very small matters. Not in big matters but in small matters. He may give fatwa concerning the small things of daily life. Who is saying this? Ahmad bin Hanbal Hazretleri. He is giving us another way again saying, "When you are thinking that you know too much then check your knowledge. Understand what you know and speak according to that. Otherwise you will be in trouble."

Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying to us, "This is the worst thing that I am afraid for my nation in the Ahir Zaman. They are going to read the Quran and they are going to give explanation to the Ayats according to their own understanding. Then there will be big trouble." This is what happened. Anybody is taking the Quran, reading it and right away giving commentaries. Your commentaries are according to your knowledge. It's according to your own wisdom. It's according to your own worldly knowledge. Nothing else. If you are twenty-years-old then you are going to give according to the knowledge of a twenty-year-old.

So we must wake up. Before we enter into all this mess that we said earlier, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) put it aside right away and He put in our hearts the love of the Awliya Allah. We love them and we follow them. We must follow them correctly. We must not sit from time to time with our own ego to start debating, "Am I doing right, am I doing wrong?" If you are starting that then Sheytan is going to find a way to enter because you are opening doors to Sheytan. You have to say to yourself, "That one knows better." Even if that one doesn't know better than you, still you have to say, "That one knows better. My Sheykh is always going to know better than me. It is impossible for me to reach to him. It is impossible for me to reach to his level." That's what you have to say. That's what we have to say.

You may reach to certain levels that you may know. Of course. You are following the Sultanul Awliya and you are not going to know

something? Of course you are going to know. He is sending. He is sending big oceans to you. But don't get dizzy. Don't get drunk to say, "Oh, I know everything now," and turn around to say that he too is making shirk. (If you do so then) Sheytan has put a choking collar around your neck and now he is pulling you. He is going to choke you with that and you are choking yourself then with whatever comes out from your tongue. You are hanging yourself with that. So we must be careful. Rahmat and mercy is raining down. But if you are looking to find where the dumpy place and the sewer is and you are running towards the sewer then you are not going to find any Rahmat there. Even if it's running from up there but down there is a sewer. You are going to sink in it. You must come out from that.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-148

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

QUAKES IN IZMIR

Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 17 Ramazan, 1426

October 21, 2005

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya al-Hakkani, Medet.

Nasruddin Hojja was once planting and planting but nothing was growing. Every year he was becoming bankrupt. So on the third year he said (to Allah subhana wa ta'ala), "Okay, there's nothing to worry. This year You are my partner." He is talking to Allah saying, "This year You are my partner. If I lose then You are going to lose too." So he planted wheat that year and so much wheat was growing and coming. He said, "Oh, I made a good partnership with You, You see? I am a good worker. You are winning with me." He had all these piles of wheat. He separated them in two parts and he said, "That side is mine and this side is Yours." He separated correctly and he was sitting between them looking at that side and this side thinking, "Allah doesn't need this. I should take this too." So he said, "Well, we made partnership but You don't need this. So I have to take this too." As soon as he said, "I have to take that" then thunders started going in the air, rain started coming down and the side that belonged to Allah which he separated was taken away by the wind and the river. It was gone. His side was standing but the side of Allah was gone. Thunder and lightning was still going on. So he looked and said, "It's enough already. You took everything. You are still putting that light and looking if there's anything left down there?" (Sheykh smiles). He said, "This

pile is mine."

(Looking at someone in the audience Sheykh said,)

So you make partnership. Up till now you were alone. You didn't make partnership and you couldn't buy not the whole Long Island but not even one piece of it. Put Allah as your partner and in a very short time you will buy the whole Long Island. But if He says, "I want my part under the ground," then He may shake this Long Island as He is shaking Izmir everyday now. (Sheykh smiles). Everyday they are calling me at one o'clock in the night, "Sheykh, we are shaking." They are announcing in the streets, "Come out from the houses! There's going to be a big earthquake!" Everyone is running out in the streets at one o'clock in the night with their pajamas and everything and they are sitting there until morning.

I said to them, "Do you know why that happened?" They said, "No." I said, "Every Ramazan you are supposed to be playing drums and waking people up for Sahur. They stopped that. They banned that completely last year. They said, 'You are making a lot of noise bothering a lot of people.'" So this year through the whole Ramazan it's shaking. Now everyone is in the streets and everyone is up for Sahur. (Sheykh smiles). Next day they cannot work too. They cannot do anything.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-149

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BEING BUSY WITH MALAYANI

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Firstly, we have to make intention to become servants to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Then another first thing which is our business is to leave Mahdi (as), leave the Judgment Day and to look when our

Judgment Day is. We must be busy with when Azrail is going to come to us. If we are busy with that then we prepare ourselves for Mahdi (as), for Judgment Day and for everything. Judgment Day to you and to me is the day that Azrail comes to us. He takes your life away and it's finished.

This is what we have to be busy with. The murids should be busy thinking, "Azrail can come to me one hour later." That's what you have to be busy with. When you are busy with that then you wouldn't have too much time to be busy with the other ones and when you are busy with that then the other ones will open up to you. When you are busy with what is all the way in the end then you are not seeing what is in front of you and you are going to fail. You are not looking down. You are looking to the sky.

We must put aside malayani stuff. Malayani is that which does not concern us. It may be knowledge but it does not concern us. We must put it aside. For instance, you are a car engineer, fixing cars and you may know something about rocket engines. You read and you may know something. But you should not enter in it so much in details because you are a car mechanic. You are not a mechanic for rockets. So you should leave that knowledge aside and you should concentrate on what is for you and to be expert on that. When man is concentrating on that then he is not doing malayani. But if the man says, "I am a mechanic and so I have to know all the engines in the world," then he is not going to reach anywhere. He is going to be busy with malayani then. That's what malayani is.

If you are a doctor then you have to know all the principles of the body, the physiology. You have to know everything in general but what is your expertise? The heart. Then you have to concentrate on the heart. You may know the general ideas of the body but you should not be concentrating on the liver so much. Your job is to be concentrating and knowing the best about the heart. If you are a dentist then you must concentrate on the teeth. What is related, what is reaching, what is going, what is happening and what is affecting the teeth. That's what you have to be busy with.

There are endless knowledge everywhere that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) gave to us. We cannot know all those and it is not obligation for us to know all those. It is also not obligation for us to go around and to search certain things that are not concerning us. We must leave that aside. We must not stick our noses in it. Sometimes you may get corrupted with that nonsense and before you know it you are spending your time, your aim and your life for nothing, and you are coming to the end of your time. That's what's happening to millions of people. They are busy with so many things.

It is Mubarek Ramazan now. I just called some people somewhere in Turkey. They finished the Teraviah quickly to sit and watch the football game. The murids. I was talking to the person and I said, "What is that noise behind?" He said to me, "They all went crazy." I said, "What?" He said, "They are watching a football game,

they are jumping up and down and they forgot about everything." Subhanallah. Football game. A ball. The murids are sitting and watching football, being busy with football knowing how much their Sheykh, Sheykh Mevlana talks about that nonsense. He is saying to them, "Your head will become empty like a football if you are watching it so much." They are leaving zikir, they are leaving everything and they are sitting and watching football. Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel! What are you going to say to that?

Eh, they are like that, we are another way and everyone is in other foolish ways running. Leave it. Leave unnecessary things. Don't let the time pass in emptiness. We should not interfere into the knowledge that does not concern you and me. We should ask, we should learn, we should progress, we should take and we should put in our lives the knowledge that concerns us. If it doesn't concern us then we should leave it. It's not our business. Otherwise, we will not receive anything from it. We will just be getting more burdens from it.

Wa min Allahu taufiq inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-150

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

CONCENTRATING IN SOHBET

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya al-Hakkani, Medet.

As we always say, let me remind us again: When Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was making sohbet, the hypocrites among them were sitting around. When it was coming to a very delicate point, one gets up, moves slowly and cuts off the divine secret that is coming down. So the Prophet (sws) stops. As soon as he starts talking again, another one gets up, moving to cut the sohbet, what is coming down. All those Sahaba that the Holy Prophet (salatu wa salam) was making sohbet to, they were sitting and they were concentrating on the Prophet (sws) in every way to be able to receive everything and not to leave one thing out. So the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) said to us, "To do that (moving around in sohbet) is a sign of hypocrisy. Don't do it and don't carry the sign of the hypocrites."

It is necessary to know. We always say this and we are going to say

continuously, especially when we are not speaking from ourself. I don't know this knowledge. It's coming to me. It's coming to me according to what you need and what I need. I have to say it to you and at the same time I have to receive what is for me and to live according to that. It's not that easy a job to do. So if you are here, then you cannot cut what is coming. If you are speaking to someone on the phone that is a normal and ordinary person and a high level one enters, then you stop that one from the phone saying, "Hold on one second." But if you are talking to an important person and somebody enters inside, who cares? You continue. You just turn your face to the other side saying, "I don't want to see anything. I am continuing to speak." So we are receiving from the higher sources inshaAllah ar-Rahman. I believe that you believe that. If you don't believe, then concentrate by yourself. You may see and you may hear too. But concentrate.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-151

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

KNOWING WHAT IS FOR YOU

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Tariqatuna sohbət wa khayru fil jamiat. Our way can only continue through association. Our way means the right way, the way from Dunya to Akhirat, the way away from the ego and to the spirit, the way to understand what is for you and what is not for you. If a man is not understanding that then he will run all his life and in the end he is not going to catch that which he was running after because it was not for that one.

In the 21st century people are egoistic, selfish and stubborn. They are running fast forward to enter into the fire. It's like a scorpion. If a scorpion is moving to go into the fire and you put your hand to try to stop it, it's not going to stop. It's going to bite your hand and it's going to enter to that fire. From the beginning of the first man until the end of the last man there is only one thing Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) says that He has created the man for. It is only to know Him and to worship Him. Nothing else. All other things around that man is doing is to keep him running and to keep himself from exploding and losing his mind when

he is turning to himself completely for that divine knowledge that he is not going to understand overnight. So Allah is making the man to go being busy here, working, doing this, thinking, then something else is coming the next day, something else, something else and (thus) improving himself from this Dunya to the Akhirat life.

The world has always been in trouble because of arrogant and stubborn people whom Allah sent prophets to. They didn't listen and divine punishment reached to them. At that time they didn't have bombs to go around and to put them to become terrorist ones. Allah was punishing them through different ways. But the world has never before seen such a thing like this. The arrogance is reaching from east to west, north to south, among believers and unbelievers. Arrogance everywhere. Knowingly. People know. People know what is waiting for them. They know what the trouble is, they know what is right and they know what is wrong. They are still running towards that (arrogance) to enter to the fire.

And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has finished sending His prophets. He says, "No more prophets. Fourteen hundred years ago the Last Prophet (sws) came and until Judgment Day no more prophet is coming." And He says, "But there is always going to be people living who are representing those prophets and guiding the mankind saying to them, 'Go this way.'" If they listen then they will win and if they don't listen then they will lose for themselves. Some says, "It's okay." It's not okay because when you reach to the end it's not going to be okay. You are not seeing now and you are not knowing now.

(They say,) "As I like." Not as you like. As the One who has created you likes. Not as you like. Who are you? Do you understand yourself? Have you understood who you are? Have you understood what you are occupying in this world? And what is your power? What is your knowledge? What is your wisdom? If you understand that then you will become humble. If you understand that then you will lower yourself and you will put yourself down saying, "My Lord is watching me twenty-four hours. How will I continue being arrogant stepping on His earth, drinking the water that He is providing for me, eating the foods that He is sending to me and taking the air that He is giving me?"

So the farther you are away from association the more you may become arrogant and stubborn to bring an end to your own self. That's what people are really doing. They are bringing an end to themselves. They are bringing trouble to themselves and they are bringing miseries, pains and all kinds of things that Allah has not created man for. But man is giving invitation to himself because man wants to live wrongly and he doesn't want to live according to the laws of His Lord. He wants to live according to the laws of his ego and ego is the enemy of the Creator. Allah created that one for a reason and He is showing to us that, "This ego that I have created is arrogant and stubborn and it is always disobedient to Me. And I have put that in you in this physical form but I have also put the spirit in too."

The spirit is obedient and it wants to go back to his origin."

They asked, "What is the spirit Ya Rasulullah?" He said, "The knowledge of that spirit is very little for you to know." That means first we have to know what the ego is. If you are understanding what the ego is and what the traps and the tricks of the ego are then you start discovering what the spirit is and what the spirit is for. We have to know what the ego is to be able to understand what the spirit is and where the spirit is taking you. No man in this world goes to a beautiful place, a nice and clean place, and says, "I don't like this. I like to live inside a sewer." No man. But usually the majority of the man are running towards the sewer. Allah says, "I have prepared for you Paradise." Paradise is what it means. You cannot give any explanation to it and it is the most beautiful thing which you cannot even imagine. (He says,) "And I have prepared for you palaces in the Paradise and I have prepared for you life. You think that your ego is enjoying this life for a split second. That's nothing compared to the life that I have prepared for you there. But you have to pass through certain levels to appreciate and to understand what I am giving to you." Otherwise, man is not understanding.

And it's a very short life that Allah is giving, especially to the people of this century, especially the people of this last 1000 years. From the time of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) man's life started becoming very shortened. Prophet (sws) passed away at 63 years of age. Before that people were living 150, 200, 300 years. But after Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) very rarely will you find people living 125 years. And that is a very short life. Short life compared to the life that is waiting for man.

So the prophets came to teach us how to live in this world and how to prepare ourselves for the hereafter life. All those people that were longing and looking for the truth in their hearts ran around those prophets. Once they came to those prophets, they didn't leave them after that, until either the prophet passed away or they passed away from this life. Those were sincere ones, sincere ones who were looking for the truth in their hearts. They stayed clean, they lived a clean life, they passed from this life clean and there is no doubt that they are entering to their own paradises in their own stations, of course.

When prophets passed from this life, especially Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), those people didn't run wild again. They didn't say, "We all know. We do as we like." They ran around the companions of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), those ones that knew Prophet (sws) most and those ones that spent time with Prophet (sws) most. They stayed around them. They didn't separate themselves. When that one passed away they ran to the other one. They accepted whoever came. They ran and they stayed around. None of them was heard in one-year time, ten years time or until they died, to have said, "Well we know. We have taken knowledge from the Prophet (sws). So what do we need this one for? We don't need it." They didn't say

that. They ran more and they learned more. People at that time were thinking that they knew but they didn't understand how they were knowing. They were knowing the knowledge that the prophets know.

For example, one night Ali (radiallahu anh) was seeing a dream before fajr. Omar (ra) was the Khalifah and as they were doing to the Prophet (sws) in his time, now they were running after Omar (ra) to keep the salat, especially in the morning time. They didn't say, "Why don't someone come pray behind me?" They ran after that one. So Ali (ra) had seen a dream in the nighttime before fajr. He saw that he was praying behind the Prophet (salatu wa salam) early in the morning. After the fajr prayer finished, as we are doing, the recitation of the Ya Sin and everything finished, the Prophet (sws) sat and there was a very beautiful maid (jariya) entering inside. In her hand was one plate with so many beautiful dates on it. She brought that to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and all the Sahaba were watching. Prophet (sws) took one put it in his mouth and then put it in the mouth of Ali (ra). He put another one, put it in his mouth and put that one in the mouth of Ali (ra) again. Ali (ra) was saying, "Such a beautiful taste they have," and he was thinking to have another one but he just woke up. He heard the azan and he woke up to go to the fajr prayer.

So he came to the fajr prayer with the life of that dream which was so alive. He came behind Omar (ra). Omar (ra) started praying and he started reciting the same surahs that Prophet (sws) was reciting that morning in his dream. Ali (ra) was thinking, "How did Omar know? He is sounding like the Prophet (sws). The same way." After everything finished Omar (ra) turned, sat down, looked at Ali (ra) and before you know it, Ali (ra) was surprised and shocked to see the same Jariya that he had seen in the dream entering to the room with a big plate in her hand and gave it to Omar (ra). Omar (ra) took one, put it in his mouth and put it in the mouth of Ali (ra). He took another one, put it in his mouth, put it in Ali's (ra) mouth and Ali (ra) was saying, "This is the continuance of the dream and I wish to have the third one." He was thinking from the inside and Omar (ra) said to him, "Ya Ali, Prophet (sws) gave you only two. He didn't give you three. So why are you wishing for the third one?" Later it continued and whatever had happened we are not entering into that part now.

This is to show us which Allah is saying to us through the Holy Quran that, "The Prophet (sws) is among you." Don't think that the Prophet (sws) died or he finished or because he just physically disappeared, everything is going to disappear also. That Prophet (sws) is among you and when you have trouble call to that Prophet (sws). Ask that one to pray on your behalf. People today became very ignorant, very arrogant and very stubborn. All this is because of their ego. They are not putting their ego down to say, "Oh Sheykh, pray for me. I am in trouble." Yes. People they get into trouble. We watch them getting into trouble. It is not obligation for us to go to say, "You are in trouble." You have to know what your trouble is, you have to put your ego down, you have to go to your Sheykh and you

have to say, "I am in trouble." If you don't, if you are not going to a doctor to find a cure then that sickness is going to kill you, finish you and then it may finish your Dunya and Akhirat.

It is not a game. Tariqat especially. Tariqat, the Way, the way people must live. Everyone is sick spiritually. Everyone needs a doctor. They need a doctor to direct their spiritual connections to reach to their stations. If they don't have that doctor then they are not going to reach to their stations. If they don't have the guide then they are not going to reach to what is for them. And as they are not going to earn what is for them in Dunya, so they are not going to earn what is for them in Akhirat. Holy Prophet (sws) and all prophets came to teach people how to live. And the prophets came in the worst times when the people lost their directions completely and they didn't have any way to turn anymore except to their own ego. Allah then sent prophets to them to show them the way. Whoever held onto those prophets found safety. Whoever left those prophets are in trouble, right now.

Don't think that the world has never seen such things like this before, the buildings or anything that people are building today. The world has seen all these things before too and everything came to an end. The people before us built better world, in luxury ways, in art and in every way. But it came to an end, it disappeared, it fell into the oceans and it disappeared into the oceans. 21st century man has not reached anywhere except in arrogance which is reaching all the way to the skies. We must clean and clear ourselves from that if we are looking for the truth and if we are running to defend the truth. It doesn't matter how the world is living. It's not our problem. It is not your problem. You cannot save anybody until you learn how to save yourself. If you don't save yourself then you are not going to be able to save anyone and those ones that you are trying to save are going to pull you into their own hell. And Allah is saying to us, "As you like. I have created you for Paradise. But if you are running towards hell then you are going to open the door of hell by yourself."

So inshaAllah ar-Rahman, this is for me and for you. If you like it, then take it. If you don't like it, then say, "It does not apply to me. I know what I am doing." If you know what you are doing then I will ask you what your connection is with your Lord and what He is telling you. What do you know? And you know the answer better than me, what is it that you know and what are the answers and the questions that are coming to you. If you have built that bridge between you and Allah then you don't need anything. Then you are the guide. Then if it is necessary you will reach to the other side of the world and you will pick up what is for you, what Allah has appointed for you saying, "This one has to come out and it's written in your book. You pick that one out." But maybe one million people are sitting around you. You don't touch those. But you reach to the one who is all the way to the other side of the road, you pick it up, you clean and you prepare.

That is knowledge and knowledge has no end. Endless it is coming continuously, and as we said earlier, Ali (ra) didn't know that knowledge (in that context). Holy Prophet (sws) said, "I am the city of knowledge and Ali is the door of that city." Ali (ra) didn't say to himself after Holy Prophet (sws) passed away, "This is what Prophet (sws) said. So this is what I am going to do." He followed Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) step by step. Then he turned around and he followed Omar (ra) step by step. Then he turned around and followed Osman (ra) step by step. He accepted them all.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman, this is to teach us where we are, who we are, what we are, what is our expectation and where we are aiming. Are we aiming to the right place or to the wrong place? Sometimes people say, "I have aims." Sure, you have aims but are you aiming to what is for you, or are you aiming somewhere that you are never going to reach? That you have to know also.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-152

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE ERA OF TYRANTS

Hutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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(Sheykh Efendi began the hutba in Arabic and then continued in English)

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alameen. Endless thanks to our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has granted another Juma to us in an area of the world that has never mentioned the name of Allah. Holy Prophet (sws) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman, in the end of the times, the believers are going to get up in the morning as believers and they will come back to their houses in the evening as unbelievers. Everything is going to be so bad everywhere that people are not going to be able to hold onto their faith."

He said in another hadith, "After me the Khulafa-e Rashideen will

come." Before Prophet (sws) passed from this world, he said, "The Khulafa-e Rashideen, the rightly guided khalifahs will come. And after the Khulafa-e Rashideen, the `Umara will come." They were calling the Umawis and Abbasi Khalifahs Amir-ul Mu'mineen. (The hadith continued,) "And after that Maliks will come. Sultans will come. They will rule justly and correctly in this world. And after the Maliks the world will enter one era when the tyrants will come." Prophet (sws) was talking about how the times will be in that time, during the tyrants' time. That time entered in 1924. In the Divine Book it entered in 1924 because in 1924 they removed the last Khalifah. Although he was not powerful and he was not ruling but still he was there, appearing. They removed it and the Jababirah, the tyrants took over everywhere. First, they divided the nation of Islam and then they selected and elected some leaders on top of their heads. So the Jababirah, the tyrants, the dictators, the dictator regimes came in all Muslims countries.

So when Prophet (sws) was saying that, the Sahaba were listening and they knew how much hardship they were going through at that time. So many were crying and saying, "Ya Rasulallah, Islam is going to come to an end like that? We are running to put it up and it's going to end? The Judgment Day, Qiyamat is going to come to them in that situation?" The Prophet (sws) said, "No, that is going to continue until one of my grandsons will appear. Up to that time no one is going to be able to fix anything because that century is given to the hands of the tyrants, to the Jababirah. They are going to rule." He said, "If you reach to that time then pull yourselves away from those communities. Have small groups and hold on tightly to what I have brought to you. Follow their rulings and laws as long as they don't stop you from the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws)."

And this is the time that we are in. We are following the rules and the laws of those countries. It doesn't matter where we are as long as they don't force us to stop from the way of Allah and His Prophet (sws). That's their responsibility on the Judgment Day. Our responsibility is to hold on tightly to what Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has blessed us with. In one hadith it is a very sad thing and in another hadith it is a very big news that the Prophet (sws) is giving to the people of the Ahir Zaman, the people this time, saying, "I cannot wait for that day when I will meet my brothers on the Judgment Day." The Sahaba said, "Ya Rasulallah, aren't we your brothers?" He said, "No, you are my companions. You are seeing me, you are watching me and you are learning from me. But those who are going to come in the Ahir Zaman are not going to have any guides. Their leaders, their rulers and their kings are going to run to teach them only wrong things. Their family members and their parents are not going to teach them what I have brought but they are going to teach them only worldly lifestyles. If they escape from that life and if they hold on tightly to what I have brought then the end is very bright to them and those are my brothers who are going to hold on very tightly to what I have brought."

In this time, the whole world of Islam, the Muslim world of one and

a half billion does not have a head. Do you ever hear of a country that does not have a president? Do you ever hear of a country that does not have a king? Islam, with one and a half billion doesn't have a head. And the Muslims are running, the Muslims countries are running not to have the head. They are not looking, they are not running to find that head to see, "Yes, we are in this trouble, we are in this big trouble. We fell into this very humiliated station. Once upon a time our words were accepted but now nobody listens to us." Never mind about not listening, they are pushing us around like slaves. For us, for simple people like us, we will go into the book of this time as slaves. So many things are not obligation to us when we are slaves. We will enter into that category because we don't have a head. We don't have that one who was ruling Islam.

But still we are trying, alhamdulillah. Allah gave us freedom and here we are making Juma. We are making Juma means we are free. We are free in our own land. We are free to speak what Allah and His Prophet (sws) has brought to us. Everywhere they are speaking. In the City and in other countries they are making Juma. But most of them are connected with those governments. Whatever the government gives them on paper, that's what they read. That is another (new) way of doing the Khutba. They go up there and they read whatever is on that paper to the Jam'at. Juma has a meaning. Juma must be addressed to that community according to the problems that they are in, to wake them up, to warn them and to give them the good news for that community. Every community must have the Juma according to whatever the problems or whatever the situation that they are in, to address to them, to wake them up, to warn them about what Allah and His Prophet (sws) warned and to give them the good news.

So alhamdulillah that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has blessed us in this time, in this Jababirah time. Holy Prophet (sws) was saying to those Sahaba-e Kiram who were crying. They were crying for us and they were saying, "Ya Rasulullah, the time is never going to come back to Islam again for them to hold onto unity?" He said, "Yes, one of my grandsons is going to appear and that one is Ahl-e Karamat." Meaning, he has extraordinary powers in his hands. He is not going to do things ordinarily. He is going to remove the wrongs with the heavenly powers that is given to him. He says, "Good news to those who are going to reach to that one. Hold onto that one because he is the one that is going to hold the flag of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam)." So when that one appears three times saying, "Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar!" that means everything in this world that is working ordinarily is coming down to an end.

People are running here and there trying to fix things. You cannot fix now. What you have to do is to sit and fix yourselves. Sit means keeping yourselves busy with worldly activities out of that jungle, keeping your heart busy, keep yourselves busy reciting Quran, making your tasbih, being strong, preparing yourselves for that one who is coming. Since that one is coming with extraordinary powers, his appearance is also going to be extraordinary. Those who are not ready are not even going to be able to look at that one. The light

and the power coming out from that one is going to melt people. So this is the time to prepare and this is what we are doing in this place inshaAllah ar-Rahman with the guidance of our master Sheykh Mevlana Muhammad Nazim al-Hakkani.

(Sheykh Efendi continued the hutba in Arabic and then led the Juma prayer)

El-Fatiha

Sohbet-153

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

HOLDING ONTO THE ROPE OF ALLAH

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Saturday 27 Shaban, 1426

October 1, 2005

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Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Murids can only learn and progress if they listen and follow, if they take what they learn and apply it to their lives. If you don't apply to your life then it's as if words are entering from one ear and coming out from the other side. There is going to be no progress. You may think you are making progress but Sheytan has hundreds of thousands of ways to fool people. It fooled millions and it's ready to fool millions, except those who hold tightly to the rope of Allah and they do not separate.

Allah is saying that to us. He is saying, "Hold on to the rope of Allah and do not separate." The rope of Allah is not a rope coming from the sky that you are going to hold. First you have to know what the rope of Allah is. If you don't know the rope then how are you going to hold onto that rope?

In the army if a soldier is not learning how to listen and obey the one that has only one stripe then how is he going to obey the General? How is he going to be able to reach to the General? Even those who are going to become Generals in the future time have to be under the training of that one who has one stripe. He is doing that. That is his job. When they come from the outside with all the wrong characteristics, his job is first to put them in training and to give them some discipline. When they are learning the discipline then slowly they may reach to their ranks. Otherwise, they are not reaching anywhere. Only illusions and delusions will be happening.

And if that one is not able and capable to listen, to learn and to follow the orders of the one with one stripe or two stripes then he is not going to know how to act in the presence of the General. With one wrong move that he is going to do in the presence of the General he may receive a very heavy punishment for that. Every army in this world that still has discipline go according to this. Otherwise, no army can stand.

There is no election in the army. Why not? There's election everywhere. Let the soldiers elect the Generals. The governments are showing to the mankind, with whatever they are doing they are showing to the mankind, look we are doing the foolish act (of election), but that's what we want (no election). No democracy or this kind of election is allowed where the feet is going to elect the head. When the feet start to elect the head, in the last 100 years look what happened to this world. The feet started electing the head in the last 100 years.

Then after that in the last 50 years they say, "Why does it have to be men and it's not women?" Now the world became a complete hell because the women rule, because the prophets have said and because Allah has ordered saying, "When your women become your leaders, it is the end of you. You are finished." That's what's happening from families to Jama'ats and to nations. From corporations to everything. You must know the reason of creation. The men must know their reason of creation and the women must know their reason of creation. Just because the secular governments are opening positions doesn't mean that the mu'mins and the believers have to follow. Even if they find themselves in that situation they must look to find one head, one master, to consult and to do accordingly. Otherwise, this world has turned into a hell and it's becoming more hell.

Escaping from that hell is only through obedience. Disobedient people are going to be perished. Allah doesn't love disobedient ones. His Prophet (sws) doesn't love disobedient ones. The Awliya Allah do not love disobedient ones. Sheytan loves them. They become good buddies to Sheytan. So what are we going to do? What do we care about what's happening out there? Don't we have our way that the Holy Prophet (sws) is showing to us? Why do we have to follow that? Because the ego likes it. That's what the ego wants. But your ego is only going to take you to the fire and no other place. The ego is only going to take man to the fire and no other place.

The one who is supporting his ego is worshipping to his ego. He is not worshipping to Allah. Allah is not accepting that worship. He is saying, "The first thing you have to do is obey My orders." And Allah didn't leave people alone to say, "I am obeying Allah only." He said, "Obey Allah, obey His Prophet and obey those leaders who are in the way of the Prophet." Some are changing that again according to their own understanding saying, "Allah says, `obey Allah, His Prophet and obey your leaders.'" Which leaders? The leaders that are running to make you to become unbelievers? That's

what some sheykhs say in these days because that's what fits to their bread, to put butter on their bread.

Allah is saying, "Obey Allah, obey His Prophet and obey your rightly guided leaders." Rightly guided are the ones that are following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). When they are rightly guided ones then you are not going to be liking them so much. Your ego is not going to like them because they are going to work against your ego.

What kind of an Ayat is this now? "Obey Allah." If we obey Allah then why do we need to obey something else? Who is saying this Ayat? Me or the Prophet (sws)? Allah is saying it. Allah is showing it to us like in the army saying, "If you are not learning how to obey the one stripe then you are not going to be able to reach to higher stations to obey the other ones. In every station you are going to show your disobedience." When you reach to higher stations and you show your disobedience then they don't look at whether you cry or you smile. You will be vanished and perished then. That's why training is in the early times.

So if we are obeying the Prophet (sws) then why do we need the others then? That means we are not knowing how to obey the prophets too. That means we have to come down, down, down until we will find someone that is familiar to us and start forcing ourselves, our ego to learn how to obey. Disobedience is coming from Sheytan. First disobedient one is Sheytan and everyone who is following disobedience is following the footsteps of Sheytan.

Ahir Zaman. The end of the times is coming very heavily to mankind because mankind made situations to himself like that and he is entering deeper, deeper and deeper. You must come out. You must hold on to that hand that is given to pull you out. You have no right now to fight against that hand. You are in a situation where the quicksand is pulling you in. You have no right to put your ideas in it. That one is out. He is going to pull you. Otherwise, you will sink into that quicksand. The quicksand will not listen. It doesn't care which person is in it. It doesn't look at the title, it doesn't look at the shape, it doesn't look at whether the person is male or female and it doesn't look whether the person is older or younger. It's pulling in. Once you start sinking in you must hold onto the rope that is reaching to you. You must not be arrogant. That is the ego. That quicksand is the ego. It's pulling people in and swallowing them. It's finishing them.

You must wake up. We are entering the month of Ramazan. You must wake up. You must not fast only from eating, drinking and sexual actions. No. Animals do that too. That's only the animal self who is fasting. Man's animal body is fasting then. Eating, drinking and sex. There is an animal sitting over there. It's not having any sex and if you don't give it food and water then it's not going to drink and eat. We must make it better than that. We are humans. We must make intention and correct intention. Not only hearing these words

now and saying, "Yes, yes, yes" to yourselves and five minutes later forgetting about it.

This is association. You can forget it if you want. You can take what is for you or not take what is for you. If you like the words then take it and if you don't like the words then leave it. This is association. There is no force to anyone. It doesn't matter who are the listeners. The prophets were speaking and their people were listening to them and among the listeners were their wives, their children, their loved ones and also strangers. To some prophets, the strangers listened, obeyed and followed but their wives didn't. They sank. The prophets couldn't help them. For some, the strangers listened to them but their own children didn't listen to them. The prophets couldn't help them. They sank. They perished. For Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), so many from his beloved family whom he loved so much didn't listen. Even Holy Prophet (sws) couldn't do anything. They sank and they finished.

The stories are repeating all the time, every single day. Every single day that is passing it's happening somewhere somehow to somebody. It's happening. Nothing that is here now was here 200 years ago. Everything is different. You can go back a hundred years. Nothing that is around here was existing only a hundred years ago. What happened to those people a hundred years ago and all those things. Everything is gone. It's something new now. We are going to finish and something new is going to take over. The only thing that is going to stay with us is what we have learned, what we have followed and what we have applied to our lives.

Learning is to put what you have learned into your life and to make a difference. It's not to learn so much to go around giving lectures and not helping your own self. No. There are so many today. Not one but millions. They are learned ones. They know very well so many things. If they are not applying it to themselves then they will be like a candle, lighting up, giving light to others but it's finishing itself, destroying itself. Don't be like that. Be such that when the other ones are looking at you they must feel comfort. They must feel the Paradise. But don't get mixed up thinking feeling comfort means that one has to be smiling 'Hehehe' and laughing at you. No. When it's necessary he has to smile, when it's necessary he has to scream and when it's necessary he has to force you to pull you out from that situation. That one is real. If he only speaks to you what your ego likes then that one is not good. Run away from that one. If he speaks words that your ego doesn't like then hang around. You may get somewhere then.

InshaAllah this is sohbet for you and for me. If we follow then we will win. If not, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created the Paradise and the Hell saying to us, "Choose whichever one you want." Allah is the Most Merciful One. He is not creating creatures to put them into the fire. But when the creatures become disobedient to their Lord then they are choosing that and they are running towards that way. No man can carry that. We should not run after that.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-154

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

GIVING VALUE TO THE SHAHADAT

Juma Hutba given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 19 Shaban, 1426

September 23, 2005

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(Sheykh Efendi began the Hutba in Arabic and then continued in English)

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

We are thanking our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that He has created us as humans, He has created us as those who accepted the invitation and He opened our ways to give Shahadat. If there is nothing else given then this is enough for us to be thankful to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) non-stop until the Angel of Death comes to us. There can be no space to complain if a man understands the value of Shahadat. If a man is not understanding the value of Shahadat then he is always looking around, looking for something and running after something. But if a man understand the value of the Shahadat then he doesn't run anywhere. He knows that it is the only thing that he has to concentrate on and whatever he is, whatever he is doing and whichever place he is in, he will concentrate on that, which means that he will concentrate to be the servant, the Abdullah. That man has nothing to claim. He will not say, "I am this one and I am that one." He will not brag about things and he will not be upset when others say things about him because he is busy with something else.

So elhamdulillah, we are thankful, we should be thankful to our Lord that He has counted us among believers. This life is very short. It looks very long but it's very short compared to the Akhirat life, the Hereafter life. (When we are thankful) then even in this life the believers live the best of lives. But the believer must be sincere with his Lord. The believer must be sincere with his

actions, with his deeds and with his intentions. The most beloved thing to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is not so much to do (good deeds) sometimes and sometimes not to do anything at all; but it is to do something continuously, even if it's little, to do it continuously and non-stop until the Angel of Death will reach to you.

Also it is not when you are around the people who are doing that. In a way you are forced to do if you are staying with us or living in other places like this. What about when you are away from this place, what do you do? How do you do? How much do you do? So you have to set yourself for some things and when you set yourself then the place you are in is not making too much difference. That's why Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) didn't give it to any other nations except the nation of Muhammad (sws) to be anywhere in the world, anywhere in the globe and to be worshipping to their Lord. Now you have no excuse to say, "I didn't have a mosque to go, I didn't have that to go." Eh, what did you do? You couldn't stand up in the place that you were sitting? Where you are sitting, stand up and say, "Allahu Akbar." That is the time.

The days are approaching for the calculations of our deeds for this year. We should try to make it different. We should try and we should force ourselves. These days are never coming back. Every day that is passing is never coming back. Every day that you are excusing yourself, you are finding yourself in a weaker position, next day weaker, the following day weaker, weaker, weaker and before you know when we are approaching to come to the gravesite, you are going to stop doing everything. When a man is growing older he must sleep less, he must eat less and he must be busy with Allah more, more and more. For a young man, if he is busy with this Dunya, if he is busy with the nonsense of the Dunya then maybe it's understandable. But if an elderly person is busy with the nonsense of the Dunya non-stop and he is only remembering, "Eh, Allah ordered me five times. So like this or like that I am doing five times", then that's not a good sign for a servant. Servant is that one who when he is coming closer to the gravesite, coming closer to his end, he will be busy more with his Lord. Things don't bother that one anymore. Nothing around bothers him. His aim must be pleasing Allah and leaving all the desires of the ego aside completely. A young man has ways to go. But an elderly man doesn't have much to go. Nobody has reached to their stations yet. So you have to force, you have to be forceful to your own self.

Are you not taking any lessons from what happened to the Holy Prophet (sws), the Sahaba-e Kiram and those people that followed them? Why did that happen to them? Why did that happen to the prophets and the most beloved ones to Allah and it's not happening to us? We must be worrying if it's not happening. If it's not happening then we must be sitting and crying. (Some may be thinking,) "Are you alright? Are you normal Sheykh that you are saying this?" Yes. When the Prophet (sws) is saying to a Sahabi, "When everything is correct with you a hundred percent then sit and check yourselves. That is enough sign that Allah doesn't

love you." So the next day her husband came to the Prophet (sws) and said, "Ya Rasulallah, I want to divorce this one." And she was saying the same thing (about her husband). Prophet (sws) said, "Why do you have to divorce? Everyone knows that you are living such a nice life." (They said,) "That is the problem Ya Rasulallah because yesterday we heard you saying that. But we have no problems. We have no problems at all." Don't think that they were rich like today, no. They didn't have anything in their house but they said, "We are not tested with different unusual tests that are happening to others. It's not happening to us. So maybe we should separate and maybe that will start happening to us."

Hmm. Where are they and where are we? We are making intention to reach to them but we cannot reach to them like this, laying down in luxury beds and counting the stars. You know what that means. All this luxury life and not even moving from the bed to do your obligations on time. Everyone is rushing last minute always non-stop. What's the rushing? Allah doesn't want something from people that they are rushing towards and they have no time for. (He says,) "If you're rushing, stay, finish your job and later you do Mine. You didn't finish yours yet. When you finish yours maybe you will remember then."

So how much value you give to the Shahadat shows through your actions, with your lifestyle, with the things that you do. It's not what you say through the tongue, no. Through the tongue you will not find a single man saying, "I will change this Shahadat for something." So many of you know that we are asking almost every two months or three months saying, "How much would you want in exchange for the Shahadat." Nobody is seeking to change that for this room full of gold.

"Hmm, you are not going to, huh?"

"No!"

"Then why are you missing the prayers? If you are not changing it for this room full of gold then how are you missing the prayers?"

Oh, you already changed it. Since you already changed it, at least change it with gold. Maybe Allah will give you life later and you will be the richest one after that. Don't change it for anything. It may be a test that Allah is sending to you saying, "Let Me give to this one." Then once you are finding it then you may change. Eh, He may send Azrail at the same time saying, "Take this one's life." What would you do then? Dunya is gone and Akhirat is gone completely. That's how difficult it is and that's how fragile it is.

If you think and you understand the reality of that then you will not be relaxing so much. There will be something always forcing you. Then you may be resting a little bit but you cannot be heedless. InshaAllah the days that we are in (are from) the month of Shaban, which is one of the holiest months that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala)

gave to His Prophet (sws). InshaAllah during this month if we make intention to change ourselves and our behavior, then we may enter Ramazan strongly and during the Ramazan time we may catch our ego.

Test yourselves. Test your ego. It's noontime now. Everyone is going somewhere. Everyone is somewhere now. You don't have anything out there to enjoy anymore. That's why you are here. If there were then you wouldn't be here by chain. Even if I tied you by chain you would find ways to break it and go. Hmm. (Sometimes) it's not even a test that you are doing to your own selves (here). (Sometimes you may feel that) it is a necessity for you to be here because you are having a social gathering. Remove the social gathering. Be here for Allah's sake and not for social gathering's sake. If you are being here for social gathering then lick your hand. That's what will be written in your book. These are not going to be for Allah's sake. Make intention to do everything for Allah's sake. Otherwise, you are not winning anything. You will be the worst loser because you will be on the Sirat-ul Mustaqim and you will be losing. That's not too intelligent.

InshaAllah ar-Rahman we will check our own selves and we will try to correct our own selves. We will try to be forceful to our ego and any little difficulty that is standing in front of us, we will try not to fall into that. Otherwise, those are all tests. Allah is testing us with very simple things. How will it be if we are tested with very hard things? I don't think that then we will be able to hold onto our faith. If you fail in very simple things then in the hard matters you cannot hold onto your faith. So we must turn back to our own senses to wake our own selves up to know that we are here for Allah and we must do it for Allah and not for our ego.

(Sheykh Efendi then continued the Hutba in Arabic and lead the Juma prayer.)

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-155

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

BEARING HOSTILITY AGAINST THE AWLIYA

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Tariqatuna sohbət wa khayru fi Jamiat. Alhamdulillah wa shukr Allah.
The biggest problem that people are in, and for which they are

receiving punishment on themselves, or they are not being happy with their lives, is not because they are not worshipping or they are not doing so many of the orders of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). That is a big reason, but in these days people are attacking those who are beloved to Allah. The person who is worshipping and doing so many things may not find safety, but maybe intercession will come from someone who is beloved to Allah for a person who is not worshipping, praying or doing so many things, and he will reach to safety.

Allah is saying to us, "Don't think that your prayers and your deeds are enough to save you." But Shafa'at, intercession is enough for safety, the intercession of the Holy Prophet (sws) and the intercession of those who are given permission. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering us saying, "Be with the Saliheen. O people! Be with those righteous ones." Anyone who is with the Saliheen finds safety. They find safety in Dunya and they find safety in the hereafter. Anyone who is against them has not found safety in this world at all, and in the hereafter, eh, if you don't believe (me now about their final end), then when everyone of you will go to the hereafter life you will see if they found safety.

Holy Prophet (sws) is saying that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) says, "I will declare war on those who touch the ones that I love." The Waliullah. The Friends of Allah. He says, "I will declare war on that person." If a man sits down and thinks just a little bit, "What is the meaning of Allah's declaring war on me?" Uff! Your declaring war to Allah is not the same as Allah's declaring war on you. A little kid may say to a wrestler, "I am declaring war to you." The wrestler is not going to take him or his words in counting. A weak man may say, "I am declaring war," or a weak nation may say, "I am declaring war," to a great powerful nation. That great powerful nation will say, "I am not taking you in counting. You can say as much you want, I am not moving my finger. You can declare war." But if that great nation says, "I am declaring war on you," what's going to happen to that little one?

This is not even a close example of what we are saying. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "Anyone who touches those whom I love, I declare war on them." By His declaring war, their lives are crumbling twenty-four hours a day but they are still not understanding. So it's not too intelligent to touch the ones that Allah loves. If you don't know who those are, (Sheykh Efendi pointing to a picture of Mevlana Sheykh Nazim on the wall), there's one standing over there. He is always smiling; but anyone who touches that one, Allah is declaring war on those people. (If they touch) anyone who is holding on tightly to that one, war is still coming to those because he is representing that holy one. When you are given some permission (to represent) you are under the protection.

So when people run into so much difficulties in their lives they should sit and think to say, "What's happening to me? Isn't it the same Allah who created me as the other one? Why is He doing like this to me and He is doing like that to the other one?" In reality

without His permission nothing can happen. If a person is in a suffering situation or his life is sour then there must be something cut off from him from the Lord of the Heavens. If a man sits down and thinks just for five minutes he will understand this reality. But Sheytan is not letting him. Eh, who says to you to serve Sheytan? Allah says, "You must serve Me. I have created you to serve Me, not Sheytan."

So the way to safety to a man is to hold onto the prophets. The way to safety to a man is just to say the Shahadat, what Prophet (sws) brought. There are so many Sahabis who just said that they accepted the Prophet (sws). Then they died and they reached to the highest stations. There was a war (in the time of the Holy Prophet sws) and one Bedouin came there saying, "What's happening here?" They said, "We are preparing. Our enemies are coming to attack us." He said, "Why are they coming to attack you?" They said, "Look, we don't have too much time for you. The Prophet (sws) is there. Go speak to the Prophet (sws)." So he came to the Prophet (sws) and asked, "Why are they attacking?" Prophet (sws) said, "Because of this." He asked, "What is that you are giving to people?" Prophet (sws) said, "I am calling them to their Lord." He said, "This is the reason they are coming to attack you, to kill you?" Prophet (sws) said, "Yes." So he said, "What will happen to me if I come alongside you and I go to war with them?" The Prophet (sws) said, "You cannot come alongside us to go to war. First you have to become a believer to fight with us." He said, "How will I become a believer?" Prophet (sws) said, "This is what you say, 'I believe in Allah and His Prophet.'" And he said, "Then what happens? If I go to war and if I die in that war, what happens?" Prophet (sws) said, "You will reach to the station of the martyrs which is the highest station after sainthood." He said, "I accept what you say." He accepted right away. He pulled out his sword, he ran and before he could put down the sword on anybody, a spear came, hit him and he fell down. He didn't even put down the sword one time on anybody.

After the war when they were collecting the dead bodies Holy Prophet (sws) said, "This one just said the Shahadat and he made the intention to fight for the sake of Allah and he went to the highest station." He didn't make Sejdah yet. Some are saying, "Oh, I am praying so good," or "I am fasting, I am doing this and that." All these are for us. But that one pulled out the sword for the sake of Allah. He said, "They are attacking you because you are saying this? That's not fair. I will be along your side."

That's how it was at that time and after that time centuries have passed and that's still how it is. Nothing has changed. Anyone who attacks the Friends of Allah must prepare themselves to be under that curse. Anyone who attacks innocent people may be under the curse too but Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "Don't touch those that I love. They are My friends and I will declare war on you. You cannot escape then."

There was a dervish who went to a barber. He took off his turban and

said, "Shave my head." So the barber started putting the soap and shaving the head. When half was done and the other half still had lots of soap on it, another person came into the barbershop. He looked very strong, a tough and rough guy. He came next to the chair, knocked on the bald head of the dervish saying, "Hey squashhead, get up from here. He has to fix my hair first." The barber was a small guy. So he couldn't fight or say anything. The dervish was also a pretty heavy guy but he was humble. So he looked at him and said, "As you like your majesty." He got up and he sat on the other chair, half of his head with soap on it and half of it clean. The other one was wearing nice clothes. It looked like he is a very wealthy one. He was saying, "Cut my hear like this, do this, do that," and the barber was doing it but he wasn't liking what he did to the dervish.

After he finished, he gave the barber the money with pride and he was passing next to the door where the squashhead was sitting and waiting. He came to him, knocking on his bald head again on the side that was shaved, and said, "Squashhead, you are very smart that you got up from that chair. If you would've said, 'I wouldn't,' then I would've broken this squashhead of yours." He said, "Yes, your majesty. I know you would have. I have no business (pending). I am a dervish. I can wait. You must be very busy, rushing, going somewhere. So I gave you the chair."

That one didn't understand so much. So he went out, sat on his horse, started going top-speed and inside the shop the barber blew up (at the dervish) saying, "What kind of an idiot are you! He cursed at you first, you got up from your chair, you gave your right to him, then he says this to you and you say, 'Yes, your majesty'? You look strong like him but what a scared person you are!" He said, "Nah, I am not rushing. I am not going anywhere. I am a dervish. I am waiting for my time to go out from this world. The man must be rushing." The barber said, "What do you mean?" He said, "I don't know. We will see."

While they were talking the horse circled around, came in front of the barbershop again. The man had fallen down from the horse. His feet got locked in the stirrup and the horse dragged him around the whole town; and the head that the barber fixed so nicely is now smashed. He came in front of the barbershop and he got released. It was Divine order. So that one fell right in front of the barbershop. The barber ran out, everyone ran out and the dervish was sitting nice and comfortable, not looking. The barber looked (and exclaimed), "This is the man that was just here earlier!" The barber understood, he looked at the dervish and said, "You are something else. You put a curse on him." He (the dervish) said, "Don't get me upset now. I didn't say anything. I didn't put any curse on him. But didn't you see? The Owner of this squashhead didn't like what that one did to this squashhead. He is the one who punished him, not me. Don't put the blame on me."

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-156

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ALLAH IS ENOUGH FOR THE BELIEVERS

Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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(Sheykh began the Khutba in Arabic and then continued in English)

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel. It is enough to have Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) as your Protector. If a believer holds onto that, then not seven nations, but if the whole world comes together, they cannot do anything. They cannot move anything from the truth except that they are showing more and more of their anger towards Islam and they are opening their doors wider to Jahannam. There's nothing else man can do.

If you are a believer then you must hold onto that. And if you are a believer... Today everyone is believing. In today's world everyone says, "I am believing." But believing in what? Believing (has to be) in Allah and His Prophet (saw), believing in all the prophets, believing that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has no partner, saying ash-hadu an-la ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu sallallahu ta'ala alayhi wa alihi wa ashabihi wa sallim. We believe that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is the Creator. He has created everything before us, us and everything after us. There is no limit to His power.

There is no power over La ilaha illallah. There is no power over the power of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). All other powers that are standing are fake. They are going to come to pieces soon. Sooner than soon. That's why Sheytan is running top-speed from every angle knowing that the end is coming to him and to those he is helping. And he is trying his last chances. But no chance for him. No chance because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has promised to the believers saying, "Be patient now. Sit and wait. The day will come that Allah will take revenge on them."

We are approaching those days and we are watching the hadith of Rasulullah (salatu wa sallim) and we are very happy about it. He is saying, "Islam began strange and it's going to end strange.

Blessings and protection to the strangers. Especially those who are going to come in the Ahir Zaman, in the End of Times." That news is for the people who are living now because we are in the second Jahiliyya time and we are almost at the end of that Jahiliyya too. The good news is that the Protector is waiting to appear inshaAllah ar-Rahman.

We must be looking forward to that. Are we ready for that? Are we ready to leave our mothers? Or are we ready to leave our fathers? Are we ready to leave our wives? Or are we ready to leave our husbands? Are we ready to leave our children? You must search in yourself. You must look into yourself because Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying, "Those who are going to reach to those days, when entering through that door, a difficult test is going to be waiting for them too." The Sahaba-e Kiram have been tested. They have been tested with their lives and with everything that they had. They have been tested and they passed. And Allah is warning us, saying to us, "Do you think that you are going to enter into the same paradises with those without going through the same tests that they went through?" Do you think so? Think again.

So Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "If you hear the takbir of Mahdi, if you have a newborn baby in your hand, you must drop it and run after that." It is to show you and I, it is to show the believers how serious that matter is going to be. That matter is not going to be such that (you are going to be able to say,) "Ah let me make time, let me run after this one, let me try to protect that one." That door is closing too now. That door is shutting down too. Anyone who wanted to turn their way it was enough time for them. Fourteen hundred years. For fourteen hundred years (Islam is) calling. There is no place on earth, there is no space on earth where the name of Islam has not reached. Like this or like that. It has reached. But so many are attacking Islam under the name of terrorism. Allah has given intelligence to man saying, "Search and find out. Don't come to quick decisions by yourself. Search (about Islam) to see what happens."

And it's the Ahir Zaman. It is the end of the times now. Sheytan knows it. Who doesn't know? The believers. The believers are still sleeping. But Sheytan knows that Mahdi's hands are almost on his ears to say, "Allahu Akbar." He knows that. That's why he is running top-speed to say, "Who am I going to move from that, that have escaped from my hand." That's what Sheytan is running to do and he is using whatever is necessary to do that. But he is not going to reach to his aim. It is impossible to reach to his aim.

Islam is not standing up because of you and I, because of weak servants like us. No. But Islam is still standing on the shoulders of 124,000 Awliya Allah. They are holding it. Any one of them can fix all these problems instantly. But they have proper manners. They are sitting and waiting because every hadith that the Prophet (saw) said must come out. For that they are sitting and waiting. And we are sitting and waiting. Allah is putting us through certain tests

every single day. When the tests are happening don't think that announcements are going to come non-stop to say to you, "We are making tests." Simple things are coming as tests.

This is being said from the time of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). So that's also enough warning for us for fourteen hundred years. It's enough warning for the unbelievers for fourteen hundred years. It's enough warning to us for fourteen hundred years. Why do you think that Allah and His Prophet (saw) are mentioning in the Quran and in the Holy Hadiths about the lives of the Sahaba-e Kiram? Why do you think they are saying whatever difficulties came to them? Do you think it's just to fill up the papers? To fill up the books? It is to show us, it is to say to us, "Watch out, this may happen to you. And for that you must take that one as an example because now that one is your role model. You must follow the footsteps of that one if you want to enter into the paradise of those."

So alhamdulillah, Sheytan is running top-speed but the Awliya Allah are not moving yet. They are sitting and waiting. When the order comes, one-two-three, the kingdom of Sheytan that they built is going to come down. The humans built it. The humans work for that kingdom. Everyone who works for that kingdom is going to pay the price for it. Time is coming to pay the price. The door is still open for everyone to say, "Astaghfirullah," and to turn around. Still open. No matter what the person did, it's still open. The door of forgiveness is still open to say, "Astaghfirullah," turn your way, ask forgiveness for what you have done wrong and it will be taken away. But no. Sheytan is insisting on declaring partnership to Allah and saying, "No You did wrong and I am going to continue doing this." And anyone who is running with that Sheytan is going to pay the price for it. Allah is saying to us, "I have not created you for the fire. I have created you for Paradise. You belong to Paradise. That is the reason I have created you. Don't run after Sheytan. His job is to take you to the hell that he is entering." It is easy to turn away from that. Turn your faces to Allah and His Prophet (saw) and you will find safety.

Curse is to those in this Juma time, curse is to those who put the bombs and shook the whole London. It's not that they are Muslims but they cannot be humans. We are not saying this because we are afraid from those governments or anything but we are cursing them because Allah is cursing them. Allah is cursing those who are going around and who are making terror. Allah is cursing those who are going around and who are destroying the lives of people. Allah and His Prophet (saw) are cursing those people who are going around and trying to put difficulty into the lives of people. Curse is to those in this Juma time. Don't you dare to let your heart soften in any way for those saying, "This one is Christian, this one is Jew, this one is a believer, this one is an unbeliever and we are getting the revenge for this and that." Revenge is not coming like that. Revenge is not coming according to man's ideas. Allah is giving enough time to those people to turn around. He didn't shut that door yet. Since He didn't shut that door, we have no right to move one step ahead.

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "In that time, in the Ahir Zaman, walking in the streets may become very difficult for you." Then they said, "What should we do Ya Rasulullah?" He said, "Pull yourselves into your houses. Become small groups and stay together." And the Sahaba-e Kiram said, "Ya Rasulullah, what should we do if they enter into our houses too? If they come to damage us, to kill us and to do something wrong to us, what should we do?" Holy Prophet (saw) said, "Instead of being a killer become a martyr." Look and understand the difficulties. He is saying, "If they enter into your house and they are ready to shoot you down, they are ready to kill you, and if the Takbir (of Mahdi) is not given, if the Khalifah is not declaring the war against unbelief, you should not do anything." He said, "Be like the children of Adam that one killed the other one (Habil and Qabil). One became a killer and the other one became a martyr. Be like those."

So this is Islam and you should be proud of it. There is nothing to be proud of yourselves. There is nothing to hold (about yourselves) to say, "I am proud and I am superior." But you should be proud of Islam and if anyone is coming in front of you then you should be able to say, "Yes I am a Muslim, yes I am holding onto this, and yes this and yes that." Don't be shaking like chickens. If you are going to shake like chickens then you have no place with me. You must go to other Sheykhs. You must go to other Imams who are shaking. I have no fear from anything. We have no fear except Allah's fear. We are holding Islam high and we are going to hold it high. If you are in it then you must hold it high.

Believers must be intelligent. Believers must use the intelligence that Allah has given. They must use it and they must show it. Allah is watching us to see how we are and whether we are escaping and circling around. Eh, you are still a believer then. They are not going to say that you are not believing. But it's going to be like the Sahabi whom the unbelievers held. They held a Sahabi and they said, "Say, 'I change Islam' or we will put you into the fire." He said, "Until the last breath I am going to say, 'Islam and Prophet.'" And they threw him into the fire. Think, think. There was a big fire and everybody, all the city officials of that time were holding that man, his wife was there and his son was there. They were saying, "Change or we will put you into the fire." And he said, "Until the last breath this is what I am saying," And they threw him into the fire alive. Then they took his wife and said, "You saw what we did to your husband. Say that you give up Islam and Muhammad or we will put you into the fire." She said, "Whether you do so or not, death is going to reach to me anyway. So I go faster to my Lord this way." They threw her into the fire and the kid was watching. The kid was your age. Around the twenties. They grabbed him and said, "Say or you saw what happened to your mother and father. We will put you in also." He started shaking and he said, "I change."

So they left him but in his heart he wasn't comfortable. He ran and

came to the Prophet (saw) saying, "Ya Rasulullah, this is what happened. This is what they did and I got so scared that I told them I have changed but now I am not finding comfort." So the Prophet (saw) looked at him saying to him, "If they do that to you again then say the same words again. But never forget that the station that you are entering in Paradise is nowhere near your parents. You will never see them again."

(Sheykh continued the Khutba in Arabic and then lead the Jamat in prayer.)

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-157

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

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Medet Ya Seyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

I believe everyone here has given beyat to Sheykh Mevlana.

What is the meaning of beyat? Who knows what beyat is? I will tell you what beyat is. When the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and all those believers with him were going to Hajj, they stopped before entering Mecca. Prophet (saw) sent Osman (radiyallahu anh) to Mecca to talk with the Mushriks, with the unbelievers, to make some kind of a treaty for them to know that they are not coming to make war. They are just coming to make Hajj and they are going back. To make some kind of an agreement so that this way they won't attack them when they enter Mecca.

When Osman (ra) came to Mecca then words started spreading everywhere that the unbelievers have killed Osman (ra). That is the time the Ayat came where Allah is ordering those believers to give beyat. Beyat means taking an oath, swearing to Allah. (They swore) that they will not separate from the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) no matter what happens. They will not leave him and if it's necessary then they will all die.

Prophet (saw) put his hand and everyone put their hands on the Prophet's hand and Allah is saying, "Allah's Hand is on all of you." Meaning, "Allah's protection is on all of you as long as you are with that Prophet." And they gave their beyat to the Prophet (saw). They swore that they are never going to betray the Prophet (saw) and they swore that whatever is going to happen they are going to continue with that beyat until they die.

What do you think? Do you think that if some of them later decided to change their beyat in their lifetimes, they would have found safety then? No, they wouldn't because when Osman (ra) came back he said, "Ya Rasulullah, they are not letting us enter Mecca this year. But we have made a treaty that next year we will come and we will be allowed to enter." So Prophet (saw) thought and he said, "We are accepting that treaty." Then he said, "So now slaughter your animals as if you went to Hajj. It's accepted. Shave your heads and come out from Ihram because our Hajj is accepted."

When Prophet (saw) entered to his tent some didn't like the idea and they wanted to go to Mecca. Prophet (saw) came out shaving his head, coming out from Ihram and slaughtering his animal. When they saw that they all did the same thing. Now they saw that there is no way to turn. (They said,) "If the Prophet (saw) did that, it's finished. We have to do it too." Then Holy Prophet (saw) said, "Don't make any mistake to think that you are swearing by Allah and you are going to change your beyat later and you are going to find safety."

Anyone who did so from that time until today has not found safety. There is no safety to them. There is no safety in Dunya and there is no safety in Akhirat to them. Beyat is swearing on Allah that you are in the way of Allah and His Prophet (saw) and continuing. If we are in the way of Allah and His Prophet (saw) then we have to take Allah's orders very seriously. Then we will become beloved to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and His Prophet (saw).

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-158

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LOVING THOSE WHOM ALLAH LOVES

Khutba delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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(Sheykh began the Khutba in Arabic and then continued in English)

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is addressing us through His prophets what He wants from us and what is it that we have to do in this world. It

is a great blessing to mankind for their Lord to send a message saying, "This is what I want from you." If He didn't send any messengers and if He didn't send any books to us, then the intelligence that He has given us was going to make us responsible in the Judgment Day. We were going to be appearing (on earth) and saying, "Oh, what happened? Who put us here?" And that way we would have been forced to think and find our Lord. But Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) made it easier for us with His mercy. He sent prophets, books, messengers (rasuls) and (holy) people who came after.

No group of people in the Judgment Day is going to be able to say, "I didn't know. I didn't know any better and so I didn't do this and I didn't do that." Allah is saying to us, "We have sent a reminder to every nation." Somebody to remind them, somebody to tell them and somebody to give them the good news also. The messengers didn't just come to remind us and to put fear in us. They also came to give us the good news, to teach us and to show us how much our Lord cares for us and loves us.

If a man is not showing any love back to that Lord who is giving everything, that one is Kafir. Kafir (unbeliever) is that one. Twenty-four hours a day the Creator is sending His mercy, His rahmat. Everything around us and everything in and out of us is because of His mercy. If you are not returning that love even with mere words by sitting somewhere saying, "O my Lord, You love me and I love you," then for that one it is better to be under the earth than to be above it.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) knowing how weak we are, knowing that we are going to leave everything and run away from His orders and run after our ego, He made some special days and some special nights for us to catch up with the things that we have left behind. In one Ayat He is saying to us, "O you who pass your limits in every wrong thing, going under the heavy burden of sins, don't lose hope from Him, because He is the Most Forgiving One. You will find Him forgiving for you whatever you have done, as soon as you turn to Him." This Ayat is a sign showing to us that in the holy days and holy nights that are coming, if we turn sincerely to our Lord and if we prepare ourselves for those days sincerely then we will be finding comfort and peace coming to our hearts. We will understand then that we have been forgiven. If a man is not forgiven then with the burden of the sins that he is carrying he cannot live in this world (in peace).

Allah creates reasons to forgive us. In one hadith Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying to us, "When the days are approaching for the night of Berat (night of calculations, accounting night) spend that night in worshipping to your Lord and spend the day in fasting. Then you will find Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) forgiving you and forgiving your sins.

We are all full with these (sinful) ways. Especially, being the people of the 20th and 21st century, we are not caring anything for

our Hereafter life. We are so busy caring for this life, and this life is occupying us twenty-four hours and this world is taking us as hostages. We are working, working, working day and night non-stop but before you know the world comes to an end and the life comes to an end. As soon as the life comes to an end then the work is finished. All the mountains of work that you have is going to stay there. You cannot do anything about it. I am finding so many people like this in these days, from the believers, from the people who gave Shahadat. (I am saying,) "Just come for Juma once a week. Once a week respond back to your Lord saying, 'Oh, You love me and I love You. That's why I am obeying Your orders.'" Once a week!

You are running for the world to earn things from the world but you are not going to. If you are not making Allah happy with you then the world is not going to give you the best of it. It's going to give you only the headaches of it and the burdens of it because the world has also been ordered by the Creator Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) that, "Those who run after you, run away from them. Cheat them and fool them saying to them, 'I am yours. Come, come.' And they will be busy with you running after you all the time. But never give any treasure to them. Keep them wandering, keep them in pain, keep them in suffering and keep them running after you. Any minute, any second they turn away from you and they turn their faces towards Me then put all the treasures under their feet." This is the order that Allah has given to this world. Except man, all other creatures are obeying the order. Except man. Man has been created in Ahsani Taqweem, as the most perfect one, but man is the one that is disobeying the order. All other creatures and anything that you are seeing, alive or dead (to you it's dead but in the Divine Presence everything has a life, everything in existence has a life in their own world) are obeying that order.

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has ordered to this world and this is what this world is doing. Anyone who leaves Allah and runs after the world just gets tired. Tired, tired, tired and in the end they retire and after that they become retired to the other side. What is the benefit of this world then? What did you gain? You must think. If everything was given to us, if the whole world was given to us by tonight, what are we going to do if we don't have Allah? What are we going to do if we don't have Islam? What are we going to do if we don't worship? What are we going to do then? Sit and eat non-stop and sleep non-stop? Your life has no meaning then.

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given this world to us to keep us busy somehow because when a man is alone and he turns only to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and he thinks non-stop trying to understand, trying to know and trying to come closer to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), then he may lose his mind. It's because the capacity that has been given to the intelligence is only limited but Allah has no limitation. So if a man is trying to find his Lord with the limited capacity of the intelligence then he is going to lose that. He is going to blow that box away. So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has also given us this worldly work so that when we are

tired of thinking so much then we can keep our head busy with these worldly things and while we are doing those things He will give us answers from different angles and different ways that are coming to us. He is the one who is putting the question in us and He is the one who is going to give the answer. When the question is coming, if you are asking and waiting properly, then you may get the answer.

But it is also another thing about this century that people have no patience. No patience at all. They want to do everything that comes to their mind right away. Nineteen-years-old man is only going to understand nineteen-years-old intelligence. He cannot understand what is going to be for him when he is eighty-years-old. Every age is giving different maturity to a man. That's why Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is showing to us again that He made His prophets, almost every one of them, when they reached to forty years of age. That's when He sent them prophethood. He could've prepared them at twenty years of age to give them prophethood. It's showing to us that we need to have the maturity age to be able to carry.

And when a man is preparing himself in early ages for that then he is going to find the answers. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will not leave us without any answers. He has created us and He is promising to us that when we are obeying Him then He is under our service. We are saying we are serving Allah. What are we doing? Praying? Prayer is for you. Musa (alayhi salam), the Kalimullah, one of the Ulul Azam prophets to whom a Book is given, Allah is addressing him saying, "Ya Musa, what have you done for me?"

The Prophet is saying, "O Ya Rabb, I am praying."

"That's for you."

"I am fasting."

"That is also for you."

"I am making pilgrimage."

"That is also for you."

"I am giving in Your way what You have given to me, sharing."

"That is also for you."

He says, "Ya Rabbi! I don't know what to do for you."

So Allah is addressing saying to him, "Love those that I love and leave those that I don't love."

If we just obey this then we will find ways because if we love those that Allah loves then their blessing is going to reach to us before anything else because they are sitting in the Divine Presence. Whatever they ask Allah will not say `no' to them. They ask and

Allah says, "I'll give. Whatever you want I'll give." But we must try to reach to those and reaching to those is not running and giving something, taking something or whatever you have. No. It's the proper manners. Proper respect. That's what they are looking at because where every knowledge, every intelligence and every `ilm is finishing, that's where proper manner is beginning. And then, who has proper manners has intelligence.

All intelligence is to teach people to have proper manners. We are seeing it from Sheytan that he lost and he has been kicked away from the Divine Presence only because he lost the proper manners. He was worshipping. No one can worship the way that he was worshipping. He was doing everything but he lost the proper manners. When the Lord of the Heavens said to him, "Make sejdah to this one." He looked (at Adam alayhi salam) and he said (to Allah), "No, it is wrong what you say." That's how he lost the proper manners. He didn't curse. Today so many people are cursing to Allah and His Prophet (saw). He didn't curse. He didn't say ugly words that man is using today. But he said, "You made a mistake. That one is supposed to be prostrating to me, not me to him. That's a mistake." He lost the manners and all these worship and everything that he did, Allah counted them for zero and He said to him, "Get lost from the Divine Presence, and wherever I am sending you is a punishment to you. Stay there until the Last Day. And after that I will put you into accounting."

So when a man loses proper respect then he will also be kicked away from the Divine Presence. The Divine Presence (for murids) is the dergah, the dergah of Allah. It is not such that (after losing the Divine Presence for improper manners) a man is going to leave this area, going somewhere else, living there and worshipping. No. Then anywhere you turn your way to worship, (you will find that) you have been kicked away. You have been cursed away. You can turn, you can go up and down but you are not going to benefit anything then.

So all knowledge is teaching us to have proper respect. And all these things that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering us to do, He is saying to us (about them), "You are doing those and through them you are learning proper respect. Through that proper respect I am bringing you closer to Me." And as He said to Musa (alayhi salam), "All these that you are doing is for you." If a man is praying, fasting, giving zakat and going to hajj, it is all for him. As soon as you enter into the grave, they cover the grave, the Imam gives the last words to you, he takes off and then you are alone in the grave. As soon as everybody leaves from there then the fire starts coming from four sides. If you were praying then one wall comes to one side covering that part. If you were fasting then another wall comes, it becomes a fireproof wall and the fire cannot penetrate through. If you were giving zakat, it was for who? For yourself. If you were giving zakat and sadaqa then another wall comes covering the fire not to enter to your grave. If you did the last principle of Islam, if you went to Hajj then another wall comes and it covers it. So you will be surrounded by those four walls and the fire will not touch you then. You will be in safety. If you

didn't do the last one, if you didn't get the chance to do it then another good deed that you did covers that and you will be safe there.

But only being safe there is not enough again. Now two windows are going to open on two sides, one on the right side and one on the left side of where you are laying down. From the right side you will see the paradises and from the left side you will see the fire, the hell. The angels show to you saying, "Look, this was the place that you were supposed to enter, in the hell, but the mercy of your Lord came and it put you in the paradise. Then your grave becomes one piece of paradise. There is no worrying for you then.

So Allah is saying to us, "You will become beloved to Me when you are keeping the orders that I give to you." The orders are the five principles of Islam. If you do that sincerely, without making any show to anybody, then you will become beloved to Allah. Whatever you are, if you do that sincerely then you will become beloved to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Do you think when you become beloved to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), Allah is going to send that fire to you? What kind of love is this? When we have just a little bit of love for someone in our hearts, or let's put it this way, you hate someone so much but that person has one good thing that you always liked, and if the chance is given to you then you won't put that one to burn in the fire saying, "Ah, this one has this good behavior. Let me forgive." So if you are doing these five principles then you will become beloved to Allah.

When you become beloved to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) then you don't sit alone again. You don't sit doing nothing again. You try harder this time to run to do the voluntary worships that are not orders, that are not obligations but it is common sense and your heart is not leaving you alone now saying, "Do this, you will benefit from it." So then you start coming closer to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and all spiritual worlds then slowly starts opening. Otherwise, today spirituality is only a word that people are using. So many are saying, "I am very spiritual. I have reached to this station."

(You ask,) "What are you doing? How did you reach there?"

"Umm, I am thinking. I love this one."

"Do you love the one that Allah loves? And do you leave the one that Allah leaves?"

That's one of the most important things. If you do that then all the other ones come along and you run to do them.

Alhamdulillah Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has permitted us to come forward and to make intention to worship Him. We cannot say that we are worshipping Allah. We are just practicing here. People these days are practicing - except the friends of Allah, the Awliya Allah. They are worshipping. Even those are not seeing their worship as

worth something. Why? Because Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "O my Lord, Do not ask from me the worship that You deserve to have because I cannot do it. It is impossible for me to worship You the way that You deserve to be worshipped." If you put two rakats of prayer of the Holy Prophet (saw) on one side of the scale and on the other side of the scale if you put the prayers of all the angels, all prophets, all the Awliya, Saliheen, righteous people and believers during all their lifetimes, that two rakat is more beloved to Allah. The two rakat that the Prophet (saw) is doing is more beloved to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) because Allah loves that one and He has created everything else because of that one. So the little that he is doing is more beloved to Allah. But that Prophet (saw) is saying, "O my Lord, do not ask me to worship the way you deserve to be worshipped because I cannot handle it."

He also said, "O my Lord, don't leave me in the hands of my ego even for the blink of an eye. Don't leave me to my ego for even that much because I am fearful that I will lose." With that, the understanding is being given to us that the Holy Prophet (saw) has never done anything from his ego and Allah did not leave him to his own ego for a split second. And because of that every second he is going through different stations, reaching to higher stations and he is seeing how great Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is. Everytime he is reaching from one station to another he is understanding the mercy that Allah is sending to mankind and how great our Lord is and because of that he is saying, "I cannot worship the way you deserve to be worshipped. It is impossible."

But even the small things that we are doing here, the small deeds that we are doing here, inshallah will be counted and the big sins that we are making, inshallah will be erased off before we reach to the other side because we are living the Last Days of this world. We are living the Last Days. And in these Last Days the majority of people and almost every government is teaching people the wrong things. It's forcing people to do the wrong things. The parents of children are trying to teach the children wrong things. Because of that the little that you are doing becomes very valuable. You must keep it. You must not let Sheytan fool you. Everyday now are holy days and holy nights but there are special nights. We passed the Miraj and another holy night is waiting for us.

InshaAllah Leylat-ul Berat, coming Saturday night (the night from Saturday to Sunday)

We are intending again to be here and inshaAllah this time we are intending as Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "Try to sacrifice that night only for Allah. Try to worship more that night." Now you know. You have almost two weeks to prepare yourselves for that night. Try to prepare. If you do then you will win. If you don't then one day you may say, "Why didn't I do?" Because every holy night and day is coming with their own blessings. Even if you reached all the other nights of Berat before, this time it's coming with something new. So inshaAllah this is what we must prepare for. That way we will always take the heavenly orders high and we will run after our Akhirat. Then the world will start running after us

inshallah ar-Rahman.

(Sheykh finished the Khutba in Arabic and then made the following dua)

Ya Rabbi, forgive us for the wrong things that we are doing. Keep us in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim. Keep us with those You love, keep us with those whom You said to us to love and give us understanding to know the ones You don't love and we will turn our faces away from them.

(Sheykh then said how to know the ones that Allah doesn't love)

The easiest way to know that is the love of the Prophet (saw). Love of the prophets. Love those who love the Prophet (saw). It is very easy to understand then. You don't have to go into details, "This one is beloved and this one is not beloved." Those who have a drop of love in their hearts for the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) or for any other prophets, it is a sign to us that we must try to have some communication with those. Those who don't love Allah and His Prophet (saw), leave them. They are not any good for you and not any good for me.

(Sheykh then lead the Jamat in prayer)

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-159

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

HONORING THE HOLY NIGHTS AND DAYS

Sohbet by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Monday 16 Rajab, 1426

August 22, 2005

Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya, Medet.

This is association. You don't have to listen, you don't have to take the words seriously and you don't have to take it and apply it to yourselves. It's like a marketplace. When you go to a market, whatever you like you buy and you come home. The rest you leave there. You don't take it. Whatever you like. Whatever

suits you, that's what you take.

This is association. Through association people who are nominee to become better servants to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) learn. They learn only if they take the association seriously and what's coming through the sohbees seriously. If they don't then they don't learn. So it's like a marketplace. You go, you watch and you look around. If you don't buy then you come home and you die from hunger. If you don't take from the association then something is waiting on the other side. Don't make any mistake, none of you here, no individual who is going to listen to this sohbe should make the mistake to think that you are the one that everything circles around. No. We are just weak servants. Nothing else. To know that is Marifat. To know that you are a weak servant who is not good for anything, if the Lord of the Heavens does not permit you then you cannot move your finger, that is Marifat.

In these days I am watching, here and everywhere, when people start worshipping a little bit and when they start doing certain things a little bit, they think that they have reached to Sidrat-ul Muntaha and they want do whatever they want to. So they run after their ego again on the other side. No permission. No permission to you and no permission to me. Especially for those who are around me, there is no permission at all. As long as my eyes are open, there is no permission. You may run far away, that's okay. You can get up right now, everyone of you, and run.

You are not coming here for me. Your being here is not for me. It's for Allah. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering to you, to me and to everyone to be a Jamat and to worship in Jamat. If you are not taking that seriously then you are not taking Allah seriously. Do you think that I am going to care for somebody who is not taking Allah seriously and His Prophet (saw) seriously? Think again.

Through obligation prayers the believers will become beloved to Allah. Through the obligation prayers. If you keep what Allah has ordered then you start becoming beloved to Allah. And through voluntary worship you start becoming closer to Allah. If you are getting closer to Allah then don't think that you are going to drop the obligation prayers. Obligations! Not only prayers but other obligatory worships, as soon as you drop them then you are good for nothing. And slowly it becomes a shaky situation that you may not save your faith before the Angel of Death will reach to you. Either you take Allah and His Prophet (saw) seriously or there is a big question mark, "Are we going to save our faith in the last breath or not?"

Who are we? The Sahaba-e Kiram who gave so many things in the way of Allah and His Prophet (saw), some of them made one wrong mistake and they lost everything. Do you think that you are going to reach to the level of the Sahabi, any one of you? Any one of us? What do you think? Do you think that because the other guy next door is not praying and you are praying, you reached somewhere? Reaching somewhere is taking Allah's orders seriously. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering to us, "Take Me seriously." Hmm.

If we don't, then we will cry a lot in Dunya and Akhirat. You lose everything in Dunya. Those who are beloved to Allah and His Prophet (saw) don't love you then. You can do whatever you want but they don't love you then. That love only comes when you are obedient to Allah and His Prophet (saw). If you are not then you

are separating yourself from them.

Week after week, year after year I am saying, Sheykh Mawlana is saying and we are going to say. The holy days and the holy nights are approaching. In these nights take it seriously. Take it seriously! It's only five nights a year, not ten. There are three hundred and sixty five days in a year and there are only five nights that are very holy. You cannot keep up with that? What kind of faith you have then? Where is your faith? Are you going to give me excuses? Give me one million excuses but it's not good for anything. No excuses can pass for that for a believer. If a believer says, "I have an excuse. In three hundred and sixty five days I cannot save five days for Allah and His Prophet (saw)," then I have doubt with your faith. We are not playing here. We are not here for picnic. We are not here to have only good times and tea parties. We are here to worship. And those who does not want to worship, they have no place with me. They have a very short time.

So in a night like this you get sohbet like this. You wanted it, and that's why you're getting it. Take it. If you take it then you win. If you don't take it then it's for me. It's for me then. But on the other side, you get nothing of what is coming also.

El-Fatiha

Sohbet-160

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

ZIKIR OF RAHMANI

Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi
Friday 24 Jumad Awal
July 1, 2005.
39th Street, Manhattan, NY.

Ala bi zikrillahi taqma'in qulub. We are trying to make the zikir of Allah, remembering Allah and being with Allah. Zikir of Rahmani, not zikir of Shaitani. Zikir of Rahmani is putting your heart with that one who is leading, and to continue in the same harmony. If you want to make zikir alone then you must make zikir alone at home. This way you will be able to participate. You cannot participate because you are not making your daily zikirs, you are not making your daily wirds. So you cannot catch up. So if you cannot catch up, then keep

your voice down. Don't change the direction. There is only one chauffeur driving the bus. Not two or three or four. There must be one.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-161

HAVING GOOD MANNERS

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Sunday 26 Jumad awal, 1426

July 3, 2005.

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Auzu billahi min ash-shaitanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim
La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyil azim
Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

All prophets have been sent to the world to teach people how to live. How to live in this world and what to expect and how to prepare themselves for the hereafter. Holy Prophet (saw) has been sent to this world to complete the good teachings, the good living, learning the good lifestyle and to complete the good manners. The reason of Holy Prophet's (saw) being sent by the Divine Order is complete the good manners. That means up until the Prophet (saw), all other prophets have been sent to teach manners to people, because if there is no manner then there is no religion. If there is no manner then there is no respect, if there is no manner then there is no friendship, if there is no manner then there is no business, if there is no manner then nothing happens. Everyone is taking it lightly these days and that's why nothing is working today.

The manners start from seven years old until seventy years old. It's never ending because every age is bringing something else to a man that he didn't know before. Those children do not know so many things now which the adults are knowing. They have to reach to certain stations and they have to change that lifestyle that they have learned as a child and they have to enter to a different station. What are they going to do? How are they going to make that transition? From where are they going to learn that? Either they are going to learn from their parents or they are going to learn from the schools where they educate themselves, or they are going to learn from their friends. They didn't live before. So that's where

they are going to learn. Or, they are going to look at the elderly people and they are going to say, "This man is older. So he must be doing right. So let me follow."

But we are living in the 21st Century. So the doors of the manners and the doors of good behavior have been broken. Sheytan broke down the doors of good manners and good behavior in 1789. When the French Revolution happened, that was a big hit to good manners and to good disciplined ways. People wanted to live wild. They said, "No, we don't want anything anymore." They tried to remove everything. Slowly that didn't work. "Let's remove this too, let's remove that too, let's remove this too". Now they don't have anything to remove anymore. Still they are running to remove. What are they running to remove now? They are running to remove the clothes that they are wearing. Hmph! They are running in the streets now. Tomorrow you are going to see in America more demonstrations. Why? They are going to say, "Spain passed, Canada passed, everybody passed and America is not still passing the gay and lesbian marriage rights?" You will see tomorrow. You will see them running in the streets.

This is not good manners. Teaching those children in the schools to say, "Gay and lesbianism is okay." It's not okay. It's not okay to you and it's not okay to me. They should not say that it's okay. It's not okay but if they are living then they should live far away from us. You should live far away from them because prophets came to teach us to have good manners. Everything that the other people are doing, their eating, their drinking, their having pleasures, their having sex, their having children, the way they are having everything, that's exactly what we are doing too. We are not separating ourselves from that. But we have limits and we have borders. We cannot be wild. Anybody who wants to be wild must be in the wild kingdom. They must be living in the forests with the wild animals. They should not be living under the name of civilization, calling themselves the civilized world. What kind of a civilization is that? What kind of a civil world is that where the man is going to walk in the streets naked when even the animals are not walking naked? Have you ever seen dogs taking out their clothes? Or the sheep taking their skin out? No animal, and every animal has something to cover themselves. But man wants to run top-speed and that action happened in 1789 when those Sheytans forced the break down. And since that time until now it's continuing.

But now time is coming to shut that door again, because Divine Order is coming down now. No prophets are living, but the representatives of the prophets are living and Order is coming to them now slowly saying, "Shut this door to them, shut that door to them, shut this door to them and put them in jail. Put them in jail inside their own bodies. Don't give them any peace. Let them to be in depression and problems twenty-four hours. Either they turn themselves to the Lord of the Heavens and Earth, or bigger problem is waiting for this mankind.

And it is a duty, an obligation to everyone who has children, that

if they love their children then they must teach them otherwise than what they are learning in the schools because those schools now are teaching completely wrong things to them. And in the houses you must teach them what are the good manners and how to have good manners. The children should not address their own fathers and their own mothers by their names. I am hearing that all the time. You have to call, "Father" and "Mother," whatever it is that you are going to call in whichever language. How is it that are you addressing your fathers and your mothers with their own names? That is the beginning of bad manners.

Of course, (they say) it's a small thing. Small things. Everything starts small. Nothing starts big. There was a man in the old times. He killed someone. He entered to steal and the owner of the house entered, he found him, they started struggling with each other and he killed that man, the owner of the house. So they caught him, they held him, they put him in the prison and they put him to the court. There was death penalty at that time. Now there is no death penalty too. The court said, "He did this because of this and this reason and he should be hanged." And in the old days, in those times, when a man was going to be hanged, they would ask him, "What is your last wish in this world?" He said, "I know what I did wrong. That's why I am sitting here in this situation. I am paying the price for that and the price is very big, very great. I am paying the price with my life. I have learned my lesson now but it's too late. I am going to pay it with my own life. I understood. All these days that I was sitting in the jail, I thought and I understood that it was my fault. But I would like you to bring my mother up here. I have to speak to her about something private before you hang me." They said, "Is this the last wish you have?" He said, "Yes."

They said, "Although it doesn't fit to our rules and laws, but bring his mother." They started looking around for her and they brought his mother. His hands were tied. Mother was crying, "Oh my son!" He said, "Mother, don't cry. Please, let me be hanged with peace. Don't cry." (Mother said,) "My son, how am I not going to cry?" He said, "No, mother. Please, as my last wish, I would like to kiss your beautiful tongue before they hang me. All these times you were hugging me and you were kissing me and I want to kiss your tongue before they hang me. Mother said, "Is this what you want?" He said, "Yes." She said, "Take it." So he said, "Give it more." He put it in his mouth and he bit it so hard that he cut that tongue out. He cut it. He spat it out. They (the guards) said, "What the heck did you do?"

But it was too late. The King was watching too. He said to them, "Today I am in this place to be hanged. All the things (that I am accused of) I did it and I deserve it. But the beginning was really with that tongue that brought me up here." They said, "What happened?" He said, "Firstly, I remember the first day when I went and I stole an egg from the neighbor. I was five years old. I didn't know anything. I just thought that it was some game. I stole it, I came home and I showed it to my mother. My mother looked at it and

said, "Oh my son! Where did you find this? You should bring more when you find." She didn't ask me from where I took it. She didn't ask me whether I stole it. She convinced me to find more and to bring more. And because I loved her so much I went searching, sneaking in everywhere trying to bring more everyday to get her approval everyday to say, "I love you more." That's what she did to me and slowly I grew up to become a thief and I learned how to steal. I stole a lot of things and she knew that I was stealing. She knew all the while. She knew from the beginning that I stole that egg. She didn't scream at me and she didn't punish me.

I continued this way until I reached to that man's house. And when he entered, I didn't want to kill him, but I had no choice because he was one of the officials. He was going to bring me in and I was going to be punished. I thought that by killing him I was going to escape. And this brought me up here. This tongue brought one man to be hanged and I don't want anybody else to come to be hanged through that tongue. That's why I cut that tongue. She doesn't need to speak anymore." They brought that to the King. They said, "Your Majesty, this is what happened, and the man is ready, and he is begging us to hang him." So the King says, "I am not hanging him. For that reason, put him in jail. He is not going to be hanged."

So why are we bringing this up? Nothing comes to people's heads in their lives just like that. If you and I are sitting here everyday, we are 90% far away from troubles, from fighting, from argument or killing each other. If we don't sit here and we go to a club or a bar every night then it is 90% certain that we are going to end up fighting one night when we are drunk. We don't know what that fighting is going to bring to us and we don't know where that fighting is going to bring us.

So it's the man who does everything to himself. That's why man is responsible for every action. That's why man is responsible for his children until they reach to the age of maturity. When they reach to the age of maturity and they are not listening after that, you are not responsible. But until (the children's) maturity age, the man is responsible. And maturity age in Islam for boys is 16 years old and for girls 13 years old. You will be responsible through those girls until thirteen years of age. After thirteen years old if they do something wrong, in the Judgment Day you are not going to be questioned. They are going to be questioned. For boys you are responsible up to sixteen years of age. For whatever they do, they are going to be questioned and you are going to be questioned on the Judgment Day.

The governments are not questioning. Let's say a child went and killed somebody. In the old days they would say, "Where is the father and mother. Bring them to the jail too. What was this kid doing out at this time? Why didn't you look after this kid? Oh, okay." In these days (they say,) "The kid did it." Of course. Some people buy the kids and they make them to go to do the crime because the kids are going to be punished very little. They are bought by

their parents. They say, "We are going to give you this much money. Let the kid go and kill somebody. For three years he is going to stay inside and three years later he is going to come out." It's big money.

The Shariat, the law of Islam is stopping and closing the doors for wrong activities. And wrong activity is not only that, but stopping it in every way, and especially today the relationship between men and women. So the kids must know this too in these days. They must know that there are so many wrong things happening in this world and they should prepare themselves for that world that is waiting and that is very wild. We should prepare them and ourselves. We should know how to watch and how to protect. Watching is protecting. Protecting your children is not to give them everything they want. Sometimes it is to give them things that they don't want and sometimes not to give them things that they want, because those things that they want are not good for them for the future time.

So Holy Prophet (saw) came to this world to complete the good manners. People should learn up to this time (of maturity) these manners and right after they should learn how to have the best of the manners because he came to teach people the best of the manners. The better manners people have the higher they go in spiritual stations and spiritual levels. If a man recites the Qur'an twenty-four hours a day, if the man prays all night long going to Sejdah but if the man does not have manner, he is not reaching anywhere. There is a big possibility that he is not entering into Paradise. But if a man doesn't know anything, he's just going to Sejdah, reading with sincerity and he has good manners, every door may open to that man. That man may become a saint very easily. But if a man knows everything, recites the Qur'an everyday, he does everything and he doesn't have good manners, the doors of hell will open to that one.

So everything is with good manners and we should look to prepare ourselves and our children for that because we are believers and because we are not only living for this world. We are living in this world for Akhirat. We need this world to live nicely and comfortably in it to be able to worship and to do things properly for Akhirat. This is not our house. This is only a temporary place that we are staying. This is not my house and not your house. Your house is not your house. You are just there temporarily. You are going to go to your original house. Your original house is not in Dunya. It is in Akhirat. It is in Paradise. Don't lose the address. Your original house is Paradise. It's not hell. Their originality is Paradise but the majority (of the people) is running to the hell side. And the hell will say, "Your originality is not for this place. But you have come. Enter. What can I do?" The road to both of them is from this world. The road to Paradise is from this world and the road to hell is from this world. In everything we do, we must have good intentions and we must have sincere intentions to do things for the sake of Allah. If we have that as priority in our lives then the result is going to be good.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-162

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

PARTICIPATION IN ZIKR CORRECTLY

Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Friday 18 Raby' al-Thani, 1426

May 28, 2005.

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Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel.

Wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyyil azim.

Medet Ya Sayyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya.

For participating in Zikr we are closing the lights. Close your eyes. Don't look around. Follow by heart. When the Sohbet is happening the lights are open. You watch. You listen. You watch. When the Zikr is going on we are closing the lights for you not to be busy with what is around. This way you will be able to participate. And don't worry about what the guy sitting next to you is going to say. Whether he is going to say you are crazy or you are a wali. It doesn't matter what anybody says. You are here for Allah, remembering Allah and if you are remembering just like that, mashallah. This will take you directly to paradise. (Sheykh teasingly laughs).

Remember! Remember. If I tell you to get up and sing, 'X' is making more voice than everybody else when he is singing songs for nafs, for ego. This is for Allah. Keep your self to your self. Turn back to your heart. Keep your eyes closed. Don't be busy with around. Look into your heart. Follow the leader who is making the Zikr. If the voice is going higher, then bring yours higher. If he is bringing it down lower, then bring yours lower. If you close your eyes and you follow with your ears then you will be able to participate. Otherwise, you are not going to.

Ala bi zikrillahi taqma'in qulub. Allah is saying to us, "If you want your heart to be satisfied, you must say Allah." Leave what others say. We want our hearts to be satisfied and we must say Allah. That's why we are here and that's why this is a loud Zikr.

It's not a silent Zikr. It's not by heart. When it's by heart you have to be able to keep your tongue from even to touch the upper side (of your mouth). You must not move anything of your body. But then I am seeing everyone is moving. I am hearing so much voices.

Now you must move. You must participate. You must put yourself into that harmony in the circle. Then you may find something, you may feel something, you may see something and you may hear something. Not only you are here. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying that when a group of people are sitting and gathering for the sake of Allah and they are ready to remember their Lord, there are angels who are walking on the earth and as soon as one hears it, then they call the other ones and they encompass that area. And the ones who are looking from the paradise come down. They will be in that part.

There are others that are participating with us. If you are not seeing them then something is wrong. You have to see. We have to see. We have to fear. At least, we have to fear just a little bit. But you are not giving your heart, your self into it. You are busy looking around. Leave it! What are you going to see? It's dark. Close that light too. Completely dark. Turn to yourself. Don't worry! Don't worry what anybody is going to say. Look what your Lord and what your Prophet (saw) is going to say. We are under the watch. Some ones are watching us. Watch yourself. Watch your heart. Turn to yourself. That is Zikr.

This is open Zikr, as much as you participate in it. When you need to be silent, be silent. When you need to make loud Zikr, you must make loud Zikr. Inshallah ar-Rahman. If you do then you will win for yourself. If you don't then you are just saying (the zikr) like a cassette. If you put the cassette in and open the volume, as much as you open, it's going to say. It's not going to get anything. We must get something.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

Bihurmatil Habib.

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-163

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE PATH OF SUBMISSION

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
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It is a blessing for a man to have an owner. It is a blessing for a man to have somebody to go and to consult. It is a blessing for a man to be able to submit his ego, his will to some other hand. That's a blessing. If he is not (submitting his will) then that's arrogance which shows that the individual has not learned anything from this life yet. The individual has not found himself yet. He has a lot of circling around to do to go and to find. The blessing becomes extra blessing, double blessing when you are submitting your will, yourself. Then you are consulting and you are taking what he is saying, what has been told to you. It is a blessing to you.

But for mankind since the beginning from Adam (alayhi salam) until today it has been continuing and it's going to continue until the time of Mahdi (as) and Isa (as) in these two struggling ways. The ego is not letting man go so easily and it is pulling him in different direction to become disobedient to his Lord. And the spirit and intelligence is ordering saying, "You are not the authority to yourself. You have a Creator. Submit yourself to that one." Everyone's coming according to their own ideas and their own understanding is not submission. That is ego. Your own idea and your own understanding is your ego. Your ego is never going to want to submit to the power that is given to somebody else. No one's ego is doing that.

From the first man Adam (as), from the beginning, that was the problem. Whatever you call yourselves here, whatever race you come from, whatever your nationality is, it goes back down all the way to Adam (as) and to Hawa. So they are our father and mother. Adam (as) lived in this world for over a thousand years. He was the father of all the children at that time and at the same time he was a prophet to them. He was a Guide. Allah sent him to be the father and at the same time to be guiding his children saying, "Say to them! If they want safety then they must submit their will to you." If they want safety, they must say, "As you like father." Not "as you like my Lord." No. They must say, "As you like. As the way you say to us. We don't know any better. We know that you know and we are following you." The ones who did that, who submitted their will to their father found safety and their generations are finding safety. The ones who didn't, they haven't found safety, they turned around and they started doing the most cruel things on earth and their generations are continuing.

So when you look at man, he can be pulled from two different sides. One is to be disobedient and one obedient. If you are finding disobedience then know that you are running somehow to the first disobedient one. Qabil. He first became disobedient to his father when his father was sitting with their mother and saying to them, "O my children, I and your mother are not like you. You all

have mother and father. I am your father and this is your mother. You all know that. But I and your mother, we are not like you. Allah Almighty has created us, he molded and he gave shape to us with His Divine Hands and we are not like you. We don't have fathers and mothers. Your mother and I, we are not like you. You have mother and father. But we are not. We don't have that." So when Qabil started having different ideas, he became disobedient to his father. His ego didn't like the reality and what he has seen. So he says, "It's better to become disobedient to him. So in this way I will have what I want." What he wanted was not good for him.

When Hawa (as) was giving birth she was always giving twins. One boy and one girl. Always twins coming. Those who come from the same womb, it is forbidden for them to get married. It is like today's understanding that they are brothers and sisters. But for the ones coming before or after, order was coming to Adam (as) saying, "Marry that boy to that girl. Marry that girl with that boy." So he was marrying them. And there was a divine secret that when the twins were coming, one was boy and one was girl. If the boy was good looking one, the girl was... in Islam there is no ugliness, so the girl's shape was not cut the way as the most perfect one, a little crooked. But the boy is most perfect. And if the girl is most perfect then the boy is a little bit crooked, coming from that same womb. So Allah was giving order to Adam (as) saying, "Take that perfect boy and marry him with that perfect girl. Take that boy who is a little less perfect and marry him with the other one." So they fit to each other.

The same thing is happening in today's world. People are not looking whether it is fitting. They are not looking. (They are) saying, "I like it. I want it." Hmm. Go ahead. So later they have problems. Look if it is fitting. If it is not fitting then you are going to have problems later. So since that time the problems continued. So Qabil... let's say it another way so that you can understand. When the plain looking one was looking at his sister who was the most beautiful one and looking at Habil who was also the most beautiful one, he was knowing that he is going to take that one. He knows that. He is seeing some wisdom there and he is saying, "If I continue being obedient to my father then I have to accept what he says. So let me start being disobedient to him. This way I will have some others following me. Then one day I will pull my plug from him."

And that's what he did. When his father was saying, "My children, we are not like you. We came from paradise. Allah created us differently." He (Qabil) said, "What are you talking about father? You must be getting old." As some people say today to their Sheykh that, "Sheykh is getting old and he is not knowing what he is saying." (Sheykh smiles). Astaghfirullah. He (Qabil) was saying, "Father, what are you talking about? You are getting old. You don't know what you are saying. You must have a father and a mother. You and my mother forgot where you came from. There is no such thing." His ego was forcing him to become disobedient because

his ego wants something, opening some other doors to become disobedient. That's also how man is in general. Check yourself. You will find it out. When you are becoming disobedient to certain things you (try to) understand, "Why am I being disobedient? What is my benefit in this?" You will look and you will find it.

Then when the time came the father was looking at him and he said, "My boy, I know where you are coming from. I know what is your idea. But let me tell you, it is forbidden and Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) made it against His laws for you to marry your own sister coming out of the same womb. So don't even think that." He said, "Why do I have to listen to you? I do as I like." Complete disobedience. So one day he takes his sister and disappears. The first disobedient one. His father was saying to Habil, "Don't let him come around where we are. Now he is disobedient to his Lord completely."

Then (one day) he (Qabil) was looking at Habil saying, "You are the reason for me to be disobedient and I am going to kill you." So Habil was saying to him, "I have fear from the Lord of Heavens. Even if you try to kill me I am not going to do anything." So when he knew that, Sheytan was sitting on his shoulders saying, "Do it." So he took a big stone, hit it on top of the head of Habil and he killed him. So the first killing happened and from that time continuously until Judgment Day whoever kills somebody else, that same burden goes to Qabil. It is written into his book.

He was the first disobedient one, the first one who started doing wrong things. And after that it continued. Allah gave him life. He took the other one (Habil) and he gave him life. When you go to the mountain where that happened in Damascus, they call it Arbain where the forty Awliya meet, Jibreel (as), Khizr (as) and all are appearing there sometimes, there you will find that exactly where the incident happened the mountain opened its mouth and it was going to swallow him. Then Allah sent Jibreel (as) to hold (the mouth of the mountain) open like that and he was holding it open and it did not swallow him. There was a divine secret that He was going to continue him and his generation is going to continue living until the time of Isa (alayhi salam) and after that another disobedience is going to continue. But during that small period of time of Mahdi (alayhi salam) and Isa (alayhi salam) there will be no disobedience. Everything will be perfect then inshallah ar-Rahman.

We are approaching those days. It doesn't matter what anybody is saying and what anybody is believing. As you like. But we are watching what Holy Prophet (saw) has said and step by step we are entering into those days. We have entered into those days. There are not so many things left now between those ones who are having the power and their appearance. There are not so many incidents left. We are sitting and waiting inshallah ar-Rahman.

So safety is coming to man with obedience. Disobedience brings man problems, troubles and sometimes endless troubles. We have to see

and we have to know where, how and who we are disobeying. Allah is saying to us in the Holy Book of Qur'an, "Obey Allah, obey His Prophet and obey your rightly guided leaders." Allah is saying, "Obey Allah." If we learn how to obey Allah then why do we need to obey the Prophet (saw) or others? You are not seeing that? (Sheykh smiles). He is saying, "Obey Allah, obey His Prophet (saw)." Obedience to Allah is obeying His Prophet (saw).

Then He is saying, "Obey your rightly guided leaders." Obedience to Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is obeying your rightly guided leaders. In thousands of hadiths Prophet (saw) is showing and saying to us who those are. Watch. You don't need to be a scholar also for that. It comes to your heart. You must run after the ones who are following the footsteps of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). You want safety? You must run after them. If you don't want safety saying, "I am obeying Allah", eh! You are just being Wahhabi, alone, going up and down, and there is a big question mark on your end, what will happen. Allahu `Alem. I know what will happen but I don't know what you know will happen.

In order to be obedient to Allah you must be obedient to Prophet (saw). If you say, "I am not accepting prophets. I am accepting Allah," Allah is not accepting you. No man never and ever, since the beginning from Adam (as) until now and until Judgment Day, no man is going to be able to say, "I am not accepting any prophets but I am accepting Allah." Who are you? You are higher than the prophets? Mashallah. That shows your ego. Your ego doesn't even want to submit to a prophet. And Allah is saying to you, "We have created those ones special and We have put them under your service to bring you from this hell back to paradise." Why are you not obeying them? Because your ego is fooling you to go to the fire. That's why you are not obeying. Obedience is bringing you safety.

The prophets came and passed. If you were living in the time of Prophet (saw) you could have said, "I am not obeying anybody. I am directly obeying the Prophet (saw)." Hmm. The Prophet (saw) has passed physically from this world. He is not here physically. If you want to have a connection to the Prophet (saw) spiritually then you must have a living Guide to bring you to his presence. You cannot go to his presence with your feet smelling. Leave the other parts. If your feet is smelling then you cannot go to the divine presence of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

So you have a protocol in this world and Allah has a protocol on us in this world and hereafter also. If we break that protocol then we are in big trouble. If you break the protocol in civil governments you may not have so much problems. You may just lose your position. But if you break the protocol in the army, you don't only lose your position but you will be punished. In the army you will be punished. People will punish you saying, "You broke the law. You broke the protocol. It doesn't matter however many stars you have. You broke the protocol that is higher than you. So you will be punished."

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "Don't break my protocol if you want to live a comfortable life in Dunya and to pass easily from this Dunya to the grave." You don't know how long it is going to be. You don't know how long that grave is going to take. Are you going to say to me that you know better than that man sitting as a companion of Prophet Sulayman (as)? His companion was sitting with him and listening to Sulayman (alayhi salam). When another man appeared next to Sulayman (as), he looked at him and a fear came to his heart and he started shaking. That one disappeared again and he (the companion) said, "Ya Sulayman, there was a man sitting next to you. Just by him looking at me, fear came to my heart and I am shivering. Please use your powers and send me to China. I don't want to be around here." (Sheykh smiles). So Sulayman (as) said, "As you like." He said to the wind, "Take him to China." Instantly he appeared in China.

Then that man appeared again. Sulayman (as) looked at him saying, "What did you do earlier? You came and you looked at my companion and he got so scared that he wanted to be in China. I sent him there." He is the Angel of Death coming to Sulayman (as). That is his friend. He says, "Ya Sulayman, I was looking at my book and saw that I was supposed to take his life in China. But he was sitting in your presence. That's why I looked at him like that and that made it to come to his heart to say, 'Put me far distant.' And I went there, I just took his life and I came back."

Don't forget. That man was sitting next to a prophet who was showing so much miracles left and right and because of the fear that came to him he wanted to be far away from there. He was following a prophet. He wanted to be far distant because he didn't know where he was going to die, when he was going to die and how he was going to die. If you know that you must die someday, then you are okay. Sit and wait. You don't have to go anywhere because you know the Angel of Death is going to come to you in your time and place. So you already know that and you are preparing yourself. You have no fear then. That means you have some knowledge from a Guide.

Eh, some Wahhabi square-heads are saying, "Guide is only Allah. Only He knows." For what He knows? For Himself? For Himself He knows? He gives it to His Prophet. What kind of Prophet is that, what kind of prophets are they going to be if they don't know any hidden knowledge more than any ordinary man? What kind of a prophet is that? What kind of a guide is that going to be that he doesn't know the road that he is taking you? You want to go from here to the airport and a man comes saying, "I will take you to the airport." You first say to him, "Do you know how to go?" He says, "Ofcourse, I went there thousands of times." You trust him. If he comes and says to you, "No, I didn't go. We are going to go together now." (You say), "Why do I have to follow you? You will be lost and I will be lost too. I need somebody who is going to bring me there." If the guide doesn't know certain things, what kind of a guide is he going to be? But the square-heads never think.

Allah is ordering to us to think. That's why Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Sitting and thinking, meditating..." Not today's understanding of meditating. They are sleeping and you say, "What are you doing?" (They say) "I am meditating." Meditation is thinking. Taking a subject, an object, understanding and thinking about that matter trying to find ways. (Holy Prophet sws is saying), "Sitting one hour alone with your Lord and meditating on that is better than seventy years of voluntary worship." So as much intelligence you have, that much religion you have. That is what Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying. As much intelligence you have, that much is your religion.

But you reach to a station where you put the intelligence aside too because through intelligence you cannot reach beyond that. It's not possible. You have to use a different transportation. Intelligence is saying to us that Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) moved from Makkah to Quds with a different transportation. And intelligence is saying to us that the same transportation that was bringing him from Makkah to Quds was not taking him from Quds to higher stations. Intelligence is ordering saying to us, "When he reached to Sidrat-ul Muntaha he had to leave all other transportations and then he had to use some other transportation." In Isra-i Miraj (Surat-ul Isra) Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is telling us how His Holy Prophet (saw) went. If you have a square mind then you are reading that Book and you are going to say, "That's only theory." Is Allah Darwin? Saying theories? How foolish are you?

But so many fools these days. Elhamdulillah. We are asking safety from that kind of teachings, we are asking safety from that kind of arguments and we are asking safety from our Lord to take us away from that kind of association, to make us submit our will to our Holy Prophet (saw) through the ones that Allah sent to us to take us to those prophets. And the more you will become intelligent to say, "I am not clean enough to reach to the divine presence of the Holy Prophet (saw). Let me reach to the presence of my Sheykh," then that's what you will concentrate on. That's what we will concentrate on. And once you reach to the divine presence of Sheykh then that (divine presence of Prophet sws) comes step-by-step inshallah ar-Rahman.

And everything comes back to submission. When we submit our will to someone that we trust, to that Guide, then we may reach to our aim. We may reach where we are aimed to go. If not, we may get lost on the way. If you get lost in this building and you don't know the address and you don't know which room you are going to go, you can come down to the street saying, "I know this building number but I don't know the room," but it may take you a long time knocking on every door, every window on every floor, and you may find somebody grabbing you and throwing you down from the seventh floor saying, "Why are you bothering me?" You see? You may have so much trouble. But if you know the address then easily you can come and you can reach inshallah ar-Rahman.

This is for those who are accepting. If you are not accepting then all these words are for me.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

Bihurmatil Habib.

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Inshallah we are here to be with our Lord and to remember Him. And remembering Allah is remembering His Holy Names and praising His Holy Prophet (saw). Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is ordering us saying, "When a group of people are coming together somewhere, remember your Lord and praise His Prophet (saw)." People are saying, "Bidat! Zikr is bidat!" and Allah is saying to us, "When you are coming together, remember your Lord and praise His Prophet (saw)." This is what Zikr is. Remembering Allah and praising His Prophet (saw).

Elhamdulillah Rabbil `Alameen. And Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "My nation, your faith grows old like the clothes that you are wearing. It's getting worn out, it's disappearing and it's ripping off. So (when that happens) you get new ones and you renew your clothes. Your faith is like that. It's getting old and slowly you may lose it. Always renew your faith." Renewing faith is saying, `Ash-hadu an-La ilaha il Allah wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu.'

[And the Zikr began with the Shahadat]

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-164

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE ACT OF LIFE

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Tariqatuna sohbət wa khayru fil jamiat. Our way is through association, through gatherings, and through gatherings we will know

and we will learn what we are missing and what we need to learn and to make our spiritual journey. Before anything, first, man must discipline himself, his options and his way of life. Children are born and when they grow up they are free. They are running around doing so many things. Nobody is putting any boundaries to them. We are putting certain limitations on them saying, "Don't pass beyond this," but they are free growing up. But after they reach to a certain age and when they go to school or anywhere, first they have to discipline themselves. In the kindergarten they don't care so much but when you start growing up then you cannot lie down. You have to sit. Then you have to sit on chairs. You have to sit properly. When you go to university, you have to sit properly and watch correctly what the professor is saying to learn. People need to discipline themselves for anything they do in this life. The religions are coming to people to discipline them, to put certain discipline to their lives and then to bring them to their own stations.

We don't give value to each other so much but the Creator is giving very big value to everyone of us. We don't even give that much value to ourselves so many times. But the One that has created us has made us very valuable ones, and He has forbidden us fighting, destroying, killing and doing all these wrong activities. To be able to follow and lead according to that we need to discipline ourselves and discipline our lives. And the more we are disciplining our lives the better it is for us to be able to continue on our journey. What we are looking for and what we are understanding, that's what we will prepare ourselves for.

There are different ways of disciplining. (For instance) through the prayers. In Islam we have five prayers in different times, meaning whatever you do, drop it. Come to pray. You are disciplining yourself. Not this and that, but you have something that is priority. You always keep something very high priority and for that you drop these worldly values. And that is one way of disciplining yourself very highly. Once you start doing that, then once the body is learning what it's going to do, then you are going to pick up easier and better whatever is sent to you.

There are actors and actresses who are acting. In reality we are all acting. This world is a theater and we have all been given something to act for this world. If we do our acting part correctly and if we understand what has been given to us and we act according to that then we are the winner. We will find safety. If we don't then there is no safety. In the theaters they have to act correctly. They cannot act as they like. They have to act as they were programmed to. Whatever they show to them that's what they have to act. They cannot say, "I don't like that. I have to act like this." You have to act according to that. And then you become a good actor because you are acting according to what is in it. Not according to what your ego likes or what you like. Acting is not easy. I learned from 'X', the master here. I think it is pretty difficult (Sheykh smiles).

But acting in this world is more difficult than acting in a theater. First you have to find out your own reason of creation and you have to act according to that and you have to live according to that action. You have to live and you have to pass. If you did that journey properly then you will find safety. Otherwise, there is a very difficult time waiting for a man at that time. So if we are thinking that this world is a place of acting and there is that One who put down the script saying, "This is for you, that is for you." You have to find it, you have to practice it and then you have to live according to that. Then you will have a good picture because that One writes very good script. Elhamdulillah. We are not seeing so many good pictures in these days because everyone tries to act as they like, as their ego is saying.

So as small communities and small groups of people, we must concentrate on our own acting. We are not responsible for the world. We are responsible for our own selves. If an individual does what is for him then the community instantly changes, then the world will change too instantly. We are not giving up hope for anything because only unbelievers give up all hopes. Hope is never ending and until the last breath of our lives we have to try our best for acting correctly and properly for our own selves, to others and to what is around us. It doesn't matter who says what, it doesn't matter who attacks, it doesn't matter who curses, it doesn't matter whatever is coming. We don't have the same luxury to turn the same way to act the way that those people are trying to act to us. Then we will become one of them. Then we will lose. We know better and we have to act correctly according to what is given to us. We have to open our eyes, our hearts, our hands and our ways to everything around because mankind is only suffering in this world today. Majority of people suffer. They suffer. They have everything. They have no peace. Then maybe with one word that you are going to say to them they may find peace.

So many people are hesitating, talking or trying to exchange it, but don't. You don't know what action is given to you, what act you have to do and with that act you don't know where you are going to reach. You don't know who you are going to influence for that person to come out from the mess, from the hopeless and helpless situation that they have entered. I never knew before the so-called word 'Depression.' I learned it very well now in America. Half of America is under depression and I am finding that half of the people are under pills. They go to a doctor.

(I say), "Why do you go to a doctor?"

"I was thinking so much."

"That's why they give you pills? Not to think anymore? "

Now there is a problem (Sheykh smiles). If man does not think then he cannot know what is right and what is wrong. Once the man stops

thinking for a little bit, he will be under depression. Then you go to doctor, the doctor looks and says, "Oh, you need to have some Prozac." All these kinds of drugs we are finding now. What happens after a while? After a while they are killing their brain cells and they are not even acting anymore. They are becoming a whole bunch of zombies.

We were not created for that and I don't see any reason for that, specially for the first world countries. We came from third world countries. Third world countries should be under Prozac or depression. But they are not. They are all happy. (Sheykh smiles).

"What do you have?"

"Nothing."

"What are you so happy about?"

"Don't you see that I am alive? Don't you see that I am happy about it?"

Of course. People have everything but they are not happy. What is it that you are looking for? The spirit is not happy. That's the problem. When the spirit is not happy then your physical form is going to get tired whatever you give to it. You can feed yourself the best food, you can go to the best restaurants, you can go to the best clubs, you can go to the best night-clubs in the nighttime and in the end you are going to come home circling around either drunk or losing yourself not really knowing what you are doing. That we must not try because that is not giving happiness to us. It is just bringing us more into delusions, problems, divisions, depressions and (we will be) finding big walls in front of us which we are not going to be able to break through then.

So when man loses hope from His Lord, when man disconnects his spiritual world, one way or the other he is going to circle and he is going to end up in that mess. The system is going to use you as much as they need you. As soon as they finish with you, it's like a lemon. They squeeze the juice and then the rest is not good. They throw it to garbage saying, "You are retired now." Retired means, "Pack your packages from here, take your special names from here, go home and sit and wait to die." Hmm.

So now we are watching and facing that reality. Every one of us. Don't wait for somebody to tell you that you are retired. You retire yourself from this world correctly and start working for your own reality. Then you will always be alive, you will always be active in this world and when the Angel of Death comes to you, you will say to him,

"Welcome."

"Do you know who I am?"

"Of course I know. I was waiting. My time is up. I need to go now. Take it."

You will give it so easily because now you are going somewhere that you know. It is not unknown to you anymore. It is known to you. And when it is known to you then it is not a hundred times, it is not a thousand times, it is millions of times better than what it is that you are leaving. But although we know that, still we cannot go there. If they gave the option to me I would say, "I don't want to live. Take it now." But you have to live according to the breath of life that has been given to you. You cannot die even if you want to. People are running away from death but they cannot die. (Sheykh inhales and exhales a couple of times). If the breath of life that is given to a man is not complete, he cannot die. The life is not given to us daily or yearly. It is given to us according to how many breaths of life you are going to inhale and bring it out. So in reality when we are knowing that, we can no longer say that we are so free. We are prisoners! We are prisoners. When we realize that we are prisoners between two breaths then we know, "Oh, it's really so close." If the permission is not given, the air does not go out and you die. If the permission is not given, the air does not come in and you die. Tell me how free you are now. Aren't you a prisoner between two breaths? Tell me otherwise.

So now we know that we are prisoners between two breaths. So there must be something beyond that. There must be some secrets beyond that. Eh, people say, 'Sufism.' Sufism means that when man is running to perfection and he is reaching to higher stations and slowly he is able and capable to leave this animal body because this body has the same characteristics that the animals have. Eating, drinking, sleeping and having sex. Majority of the people today are living for that only too. Even animals don't. But the people, that's only what they are running for. Eating, drinking and enjoying.

But there is an unknown destiny. Aren't you seeing that there is an unknown destiny waiting for you? How are you enjoying so much? If you are knowing that unknown destiny then you must be enjoying. If you are not knowing, and if you are saying, "I am enjoying myself" then you are just fooling yourself. You are not enjoying yourself. And before you end up in the doctor's office, please, come here. Don't go to the doctor's office. Those people will roast you using Prozac and all these kinds of poison. You are only killing yourself faster then. Don't use those. I will give some programs to you and if you enter into that you will come out fast from that depression if it ever circles around you or if it comes around the people you know. Of course, we are not charging money. It's pretty cheap. (Sheykh smiles). It is only what you have to do to your own self.

Safety. Safety in Dunya, in this world and safety in the hereafter. What I said I did not write down to say. It's coming from somewhere and I am giving it to you. I am just a tool. My master, my Sheykh is sending saying, "This is what you need for tonight." Take it. If we

take it, if we put it and apply it to our own lives then we will find safety. If not, there isn't too much safety.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

Bihurmatil Habib.

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-166

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

LAST DAYS: SITTING IS BETTER THAN RUNNING

Juma Khubta delivered by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Ahir Zaman. We are in the Last Days of this Dunya. People everywhere in the world are running topspeed for the fire. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman, in the Last Days, the one who is sitting is better than the one who is running, the one who is laying down is better than the one who is sitting." What's the meaning of this? He has ordered us that when those days come, pull yourselves out of the populated areas. Stay with yourselves and don't go around circling, looking to find more, to learn more because the confusion is going to be everywhere. Through the confusion you are going to think that you are learning, you are going to think that you are doing something but you are just preparing yourself for arrogance and disobedience.

The biggest sin that brings every other one behind is disobedience. That is the first sin that the first man committed and Sheytan committed. Disobedience. When an individual is disobedient he must turn, must ask for forgiveness, must put a lock to the mouth and must not speak because every word that comes out of your mouth, they catch it. The angels take it and they write it down. You are responsible for every word. You may fill the whole building and you put one dynamite underneath. You press the button and you blow up the whole building. What do you have in your hand? Nothing. Only a destroyed place that you are going to suffer from.

Ahir Zaman. Yes. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) loves His servants and loves His creatures. And He sent different ones to them to take them and bring them to safety, to take them and put them to Siratul Mustaqim, or to take them and pull them out from that mess. If

someone is in mess, he still has to wait for someone to come to take them out from that mess and to bring him to safety. What about those who found safety? What about those who found everything around them and continuously non-stop being disobedient because of their own ideas, "I know this and I know that." Have you not learned yet that what you have known and what you have learned was only taking you to the fire? Have you not learned that yet? All these years what you have learned, didn't you see that your face was in the direction for going to the fire? It is so hard for you and for those people to accept the words of those ones who have the authority and who are showing something to them, who are showing them to bring them out from the fire. It is so hard. Mankind is always like that.

The nation of Musa (alayhi salam) has seen so many miracles from the hands of Musa (as). Yet every minute they turned around to become disobedient until the Lord of the Heavens was fed up with them and He said to them, "Now you are in jail." They said to Musa (as), "How are we in jail? Are you a fool telling us that we are in jail? We are free people. We go anywhere we want." He said to them, "Because of your arrogance and disobedience Allah put you in jail. Go if you are free. It's a big Desert. Go to see if you are going to find any way out." They got up in the morning running topspeed going to east. When the sun was setting they were very tired. They said, "We sit here all night and we relax. Then we get up in the morning and go." They sat, they slept and in the morning when they got up to go they looked around, "Oh, this is the beginning point. This is where we started. How did that happen?" Hmm. In arrogance and disobedience again, they did not think to turn around to say, "Oh, it is a miracle. Allah is locking us. The Prophet said this to us. Let's go to that Prophet and ask for forgiveness." (Instead they said), "Next day, let's go to west. We went in the wrong direction. That's what happened. Let's go to west." They went to west. At nighttime they sat and in the morning time they got up to go, they looked and it was the same place again. North, south, east west, north, south, east, west they continued for forty years. It is surprising to me how a man can be so disobedient and arrogant like that for forty years. Check yourselves with that to see. With simple things that are coming to you, check if you are arrogant and stubborn and if you are disobedient. Then compare yourself with them (and you will say), "I must be one of them." Forty years later every one of those disobedient people finished and Allah opened the way to their children, Allah sent Yusha (alayhi salam) to take them and to bring them to safety.

That is the nation of Musa (alayhi salam). This is the nation of Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam). What's the arrogance? What's the stubbornness? They were worshipping gold and they were worshipping Dunya. Who are we worshipping? Who are we worshipping now? Who are we going to worship now (at this Juma prayer)? Standing up, going down, up and down like robots? Is that obedience? Robots going up and down saying, "I finished my job." As soon as you finish you start with your arrogance and disobedience again. Think. Think! Don't count yourself away from those ones because so many of them

were also connected to prophets (through their Israelite lineage). But Sheytan does not sit alone not doing anything. Non-stop he is running, topspeed he is running until he changes the man's face from the direction of paradise to hell. They did that, they suffered in Dunya, who knows what suffering is waiting in the hereafter. What do you think is happening to them now? Do you think somebody is telling them, "Please come and have a treat here because you were disobedient to your Prophet (as) which means you were disobedient to your Lord."

Those people who passed away being disobedient to their masters, to their Sheykh, do you think they are saying to them, "Come, we have a treat here because you were going up and down like robots. So we have a treat for you." We must think again. When a man forgets his past, when a man is not able and capable to turn and to look back where he came from, that is the most dangerous thing man can do to himself and to herself. The most dangerous thing. He forgot. Don't forget. No one must forget. You must keep it to yourself. You must not go around making announcements but you must not forget any wrong things that you have done. That time you will be able to keep your tongue tied, you will be able to keep your eyes tied, you will be able to hear words, from those who have authority, to be able to swallow. Otherwise, you cannot. Why are you not swallowing? Because now you are comparing yourself with them. You cannot. You cannot compare yourself with those.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is testing people through different ways and He is putting certain responsibilities on them and they must carry that. They must hold on tightly for their own benefit. You cannot say, "This is heavy for me" or "This is easy for me." Allah is Just. Allah is not a tyrant. Allah does not give burden to His servant that he cannot carry. Whatever He is giving that is what he can carry. If it is too much, it is too much because you are keeping yourself weak and because you are still admiring the lifestyle that you came from. You are admiring. Close the door to that one first. Say to yourself, "Everything I had learned was wrong." Say! What happened? If there was something right it's going to come out. Say, "Everything that I have learned was wrong. Now I have to learn new things. I have to learn new ways. The way that the prophets lead, the way that the prophets came with to teach people how to live."

"But I was a good Christian before."

So what did you do to Jesus? Hang him? That's enough.

"I was a good Jew."

What did you do to Moses? Are you following his footsteps? No.

"I am a good Muslim."

According to what? To your own ideas? You are a good Muslim. Who

gave you that title that you are a good Muslim? Good Muslim does not mean only that one who does not hurt himself and others. That's a good human. Good Muslim is that one who does not hurt anybody including himself and goes out of the way to bring others or goes out of the way to help those who are bringing others in. That is a good Muslim.

So the confusion has spread. Every word that you may say, everything that you may do, it may be written against you. Holy Prophet (saw) is always saying, "Either speak something that benefits you and others or keep silent." Sheykh has the right to scream at you but you have no right to scream back at Sheykh. Sheykh has the right to curse at you but you have no right to curse back at Sheykh. Sheykh has the right to punish you but you have no right to punish the Sheykh. If you don't like that and if you don't accept that, that means your Shahadat is not complete yet. That means your faith is not complete yet. Your faith is according to your ego again. When your ego likes then you accept and when your ego doesn't like (you say), "If I had the fire in my hand I would burn the world too." That's ego. With that ego even fire runs away. Even Jahannam runs away from those people with that kind of ego.

So the one who is sitting is better than the one who is running, meaning those who are running to the good things for the sake of Allah and they don't have the wisdom, they don't have the vision of Divine knowledge that is coming down to this earth and they are going trying to fix things, they are making confusion. Things must move according to the plan, to the way that Holy Prophet (saw) has foretold. No one is giving you or me the authority to go change the world. You have got to change yourselves. When you finish changing yourselves, when we change ourselves, then we will find that we may go and change the world. But that is the time when you may start seeing visions knowing, "Oh! I must not interfere because there is a Divine destiny and Allah is drawing these things into that direction." Anyone who is running like that, anyone who is thinking that they are going to change, they are wrong and they are losing. They go against the hadith of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). So many times here when the (heavenly) words come to you and to me, I don't say this hadith. I try to work my way showing you the underlying history to that thing first and later for you to realize, "Oh! This hadith speaks about what we were doing." This was a sunnat. But I am finding very quickly every one of you being disobedient. If I say one word you have hundred words back. That is disobedience and through that disobedience you can have the whole world, you can build the whole world, but if you are breaking my heart then you can spend all your worldly time here but you are not here for me. Don't make that mistake, if you think that way.

(Sheykh then delivered the rest of the Khutba in Arabic and lead the Juma prayer)

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-166

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE GOOD NEWS AND THE WARNING

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Thursday 10 Raby' al-Thani, 1426

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Auzu billahi minash shaytanir rajim

Bismillahir rahmanir rahim

Nawaitul arbain, nawaitul itikaf

Nawaitul khalwa, nawaitul uzla,

Nawaitu riada, nawaitu suluk,

Fi masjid lillahi ta'ala, Ya Rahmatan lil Alamin

La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliiyyil azim

Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel.

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,

Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Tariqatuna sohbet wa khayru fil jamiat. Association is important for people who are looking to find ways to get rid of their own wrong characteristics and to try to become better ones. Association does not give anything to people who are arrogant and stubborn. It does not give anything to those people who come to association thinking that they know so much. It only raises their arrogance and stubbornness. Everything we say, they take it and they try to understand it according to their own egoistic understanding. It is impossible for somebody to understand through his ego what the prophets were speaking, or to understand the people who inherited secrets from the prophets.

It doesn't matter if you are with the Sheykh one day, one year, ten years or a hundred years. Every sohbet comes with different secrets in their own times. Sheykh may be giving the same sohbet everyday, but every day different secrets are coming out. If you come, you sit and instantly you say, "Eh, I already know this", then you come with what you know and you go with what you know. You don't take anything. (Sheykh holding up a cup of tea) If you are coming here like this cup you are not taking anything. This cup is full. Whatever you put, it's not going to take it. If you are coming here throwing this (tea) away or leaving it in your house and you are bringing the cup empty then you are going to find your cup getting filled again, and every time you are tasting from that cup you are going to know that it's different than what was in it before. But if

a person is coming that way (filled), then he is only going to take what he brought. Nothing else. And if he continues that way then Sheytan will be guiding that one. Sheytan will say, "You see this one? This word from him is wrong, that is wrong, this is wrong, that is wrong" and that is the time you hang yourself because you are finding wrong in your guide. You lost the case.

Of course, if a man, if a murid builds a close connection with the Sheykh and the Sheykh is able and capable to scream and to curse at that murid and if that murid is not taking from screaming and cursing, never is that murid going to take from sohbet. The murid, if he is not taking from the anger of the Sheykh, seeing that Sheykh is angry because he is doing this, and if he is not taking something for himself to fix himself, then he is not going to take it from sohbet. Impossible. But we still have to say. What we have to say is that we enter into this room and we may not be going out alive. Azrail is waiting. Only those people to whom it is given and who know that they are doing things 100% correctly according to the Divine orders and not according to people's understanding, they may feel some comfort when they are knowing that "the Angel of Death is going to come to me." Because everyday they are checking themselves up, and they are watching, "Hmm, today I am correct again" or "I have this and I fixed this. Good. So if he comes, I did my duty. I am ready to go." But even then they don't want to go because they have to build more, because it's necessary to have more extras where they are going.

What about the arrogant and stubborn people? (They say) "I don't care that I am going to die." Of course you don't care. How are you going to? You don't know what is waiting for you. You are arrogant and stubborn thinking that everything is going to be like in this world. (You say) "So what? Today this happened and tomorrow something else is going to happen to me. Someone else is going to come along." No! It's not going to be that way. That way is only in Dunya. In Dunya whatever life Allah is giving to a man, he is going to run to finish it. That's what everybody is running for. To finish their lives. Nothing else. But when the life is finished you can no longer say, "Eh, I don't care." That's when you see the reality. The veil is removed from your heart. You are seeing.

Allah is saying to his Prophet (saw), "Give the good news to my servants." And He is continuing and saying, "And also warn them. Give warning to them." The good news is that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created us for paradise, He wants us to go to paradise and He is making our way, our road, our direction to go to paradise. No person in this world is ever going to go to the Divine Presence to say, "I didn't know the road to paradise." And Allah says, "If the person did not know and if no messenger came to them then I am responsible to put them in the highest station. But for sure to every nation and every tribe We have sent messengers, prophets and people to warn them." But they didn't take Allah's words seriously. As they got used to playing around in Dunya, spending their time with playing, they think that in Akhirat it's going to be like that

too. But it's not.

So what about a man who prays five times a day? What about a man who recites the Fatiha forty times a day at least? If you pray with the sunnat then at least forty times a day you recite that Fatiha. Surat-ul Fatiha.

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Alhamdulillahi Rabbil Alameen

Ar-Rahmanir Rahim

Malik Yawm-id Din.

You are saying it being thankful to the Lord of the Heavens and the earth, the Creator who is the most Merciful and the most Beneficent and who is that one who is the owner of the Judgment Day. He is the owner, meaning, "We are coming to Your Presence O our Lord. We are coming to Your Presence to be questioned for our deeds, our actions and our intentions." So if a man keeps that alive in his heart, meaning, if a man recites the Fatiha lively and sincerely, he cannot find, she cannot find any way to run around with the ego again. For sure he knows that the ego is the enemy. For sure the man knows that, "the ego is pulling me to the wrong direction, and what my ego I wants, I must do otherwise."

And then the man looks, because the man does not know what is coming from the ego and what is coming from his Lord. So he looks to find somebody who is a guide to show and to say, "Do this, don't do this. Turn this way and don't turn that way. Walk that way and don't walk this way." Then you submit your will in that one's hand and you already left one responsibility because you are in somebody's hand and that one is working on you.

A sick man can only get cured if he submits himself to the hands of a doctor and obeys the doctor, not disobeying the doctor. If doctor says, "Take three pills a day before the meal", you cannot take four pills a day after the meal. You cannot take six pills a day before the meal. You cannot say, "I only take one a day." You have to take three. What will happen if you disobey the doctor that way? Your sickness gets worse. Then you come back to the doctor and the doctor says, "You are in this station now, you are in this level with the sickness. That shows to me that you are not taking the pills."

"No, I was taking it!"

"If you were taking it then you were going to be cured. You weren't. But leave that part now. You weren't. So now you need to get injections because you are not taking the pills. So everyday you are going to come to take three injections a day."

You go one day and then for one week you don't go. The doctor is not

going to lose anything. Then you are going to be fed up with the doctor and you are going to go to another doctor. And if that one is a doctor he is going to look and he is going to say, "Okay. You need to undergo an operation. We have to cut you to cure your sickness. There is no other way because you didn't obey that doctor who gave you pills and who gave you injections. Now if you are looking for a cure, lay down there, submit your will to me, I am going to put the (oxygen) mask on you and practically you are going to die." If the doctor doesn't give you death, you are dead. You cannot get up.

So you are going to submit your will to the doctor now. Whoever the doctor is, he is going to cut and he is going to do whatever he wants. Now! Now it is in the hands of Allah. It's not in the hands of the doctor. All that the doctor is going to do is to make the operation and then he is going to say to you, "I cannot give you cure. Now it's coming from your Lord, not from me. I cannot do anything."

That is physical sickness. And with that physical sickness, worse comes to worst, it's going to bring you the worst, and the worst is death. Not more than that. Physical sickness can bring death you. Spiritual sickness can bring you punishment forever. If you don't get cured in Dunya, you may find yourself in that punishment for a very long time. Do you think that we are favored ones of Allah? Everyone of us? Yes. He has created and He has designed every one of us. He has given us a perfect shape. But He said to us, "As long as you obey My orders, you keep Me and My Prophet high and obey the orders coming to you, then you are beloved to Me. If you leave My orders and you live according to your ego, the place of ego is in the fire. So choose for yourself." So Allah is saying to His Prophet (saw), "First, give them the good news. Then warn them. Then leave them. You cannot do anything else." He is saying to his Prophet (saw), "You are not an oppressor or a tyrant or somebody to force them. No." He says, "First, give the good news to them and then warn them. Then leave them to My Hand."

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

These words are for me and for you. Anybody who is here hearing, anybody who is not hear hearing, who is going to hear through that cassette, it's for them. Anybody who is going to read, it's for them. First it's for me and then it's for you. If you think that there's some benefit in it then take it. If you think, "I heard another thing before", then hear that, and put this aside. But you are going to face this one day. You and I, we are going to face this one day. We are going to see this one day and then we are not going to be able to escape. They are going to say to us, "Did anybody come to warn you?" You are not going to be able to say, "No". I am not going to be able to say, "No". What I am doing is harder than what you are doing. You just have to hear and obey. Me, I have to receive what is coming from my Sheykh to obey and to do and then try to give to you. At the same time, don't give me any hard time, because I am just saying this. If you don't like it then don't take it. Leave it.

I take it to myself. I did my part and I wish and I hope that those who are listening to this, they will do their part to win for their own case. Every creature is very special to Allah only when they obey Him and His Prophet (saw). If they don't, they have no value in the Divine Presence.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-167

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

People today are not searching about where they came from. They don't want to know. And they have no idea and no clue where they are going because they are so attached only to this world, the materialistic world or the world where people have been locked within the five senses. They are not knowing anything more than that and they are not trying to find out. Of course, the centers that were teaching that, majority of them have also become corrupted in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, the three main religions. And the religious figures, they call themselves religious figures, are bankrupt. They don't know what to teach because they lost the direction. They lost the way because the temptation of the materialistic world is so strong in these days that it is pulling millions in it.

And because people have disconnected themselves from their own original selves... you are here now, your figure is sitting here but your original body, your original self is in the paradise. You are just a reflection. Your original self is in the paradise. But somehow somehow people have disconnected that line and there is no electricity coming and they are left in this world alone. Because they are left in this world alone, they are taking this as the only thing now. So many are not believing that it is the only thing, but they are only worshipping it too now. They say, "We have no clue. We are not knowing where we came from and we are not knowing where we are going. It is unknown." So the evil sources are saying, "Instead of bothering yourself with that, why don't you live your life? Live

your life today and don't worry. Eat, sleep and live." And without his realizing, man's life is passing like a video cassette. Before you know it you turn back and say, "This many years ago this town was unknown to me and I just found myself in it." And I am looking and thinking, "Fifty years ago I was just born and I grew up in some other part of the world and now I am here, fifty years have passed and really I have not accomplished anything, and I have almost finished this world too and there is no other place to go."

Today it is also not like the old days because in the old days people still had some imagination of the unknown. The world was so big to them. But today because the transportation and everything became so fast, the world became very small. Yesterday or two days ago you were in Turkey, today you are here, tomorrow if you have money, cut the ticket, France, next day there, next day there and before you know it, in one month time you have circled around the whole world. What's next? If your spirit is thirsty and it's continuously asking, then what's next? If your spirit is not thirsty, that means you have not fulfilled your physical form yet. Your physical form is not fulfilled with the worldly matters. Then we say, "First finish that. Fulfill your desires worldly." Then when you say, "This is the end. There is nothing else more" then come to us. We have something to put and then you can start your engines upwards to start making that spiritual journey.

But before that, we have to make some adjustments because you spent your time and your life in the wrong areas and wrong places. So the original form has moved out from that Divine correct way that the Lord of the Heavens has created for us to make the journey easier. And we have to take that body, some parts of it, to the emergency room because some parts are very rotten. We have to get rid of it and try to attach others to be able to make that journey. It looks pretty hard but for the one who knows, for the doctor who knows how to make that operation, it will be very easy. It is hard for you to even think how they make the heart operations. If I tell you now to make an operation on my heart you wouldn't even know how to cut the body. You wouldn't know which side you have to use and which side you have to cut from. But for that doctor who is making the operation it is pretty easy.

So when a man loses the connection from the spiritual world, from his own reality, he is not knowing really what he is living for. Whether he is admitting it or not, he is not knowing what he is living for. He can say whatever he wants but originally he is not knowing that because, we came and there is a cycle that we are going to turn around, and go back to our own origin.

So for centuries, from the time of the first man, millions and billions of ideas are coming. People are coming with their own ideas. Somebody giving lecture to people, if that person knows how to give lecture and if everyday he gives one, then there will be millions of lectures. Imagine. Everybody is giving certain lectures, meaning, everyone has their own ideas about the matter. But the

original plan is not according to our own ideas. It's according to the Divine Order. And if we are not knowing that then we may be spending a lot of time in different areas, where we are spending our time, our energy and our physical body. Because it is necessary for this physical body to be strong in order to be able to make that journey, if we are spending it in the wrong places then we may be damaging our own selves.

So Islam is coming with do's and don'ts, with the laws, and Islam is telling us, "This, this and this you cannot do. This and this you are allowed to do." Those orders are not coming from man, from someone like you and I. It's coming from the Creator. (Sheykh picking up an I-pod). For example, this little tiny machine here, who knows how many different programs are inside it and you can do so many different things with it, so many people are not even knowing. Although it is in your hand, you look at it, if you have the booklet you will be able to use this correctly and for a long time for its own purpose and it will be useful. Otherwise, if it's just like 'X' who is recording, he may not even know how to download it.

So this little tiny thing has so much programs inside. What about a man? Man is the one who invented this. A new word for invention that they are coming out with now, specially in America, saying, "Creation. I have created this." This is an invention. You can only create something from nothing. Only the Creator does that. You used so many different parts, you used some materials from this world, you used intelligence and you invented this. You did not create it. You are a creature. You cannot create. We are creatures. We cannot create this. That is the difference between us and the Creator. We are creatures and He is the Creator.

When we understand that part, that is the time we start thinking, "So how many creators can there be?" The reality that is in us is showing and saying to us that if there is more than one creator then they must fight, because this is what's happening with us. One says, "Do this" and the other one is going to say, "No, I don't want this. Today I don't want sunshine. I want rain." But everything is perfectly moving, when we watch not only this world of course, but when we start going beyond this world and we watch from the small atoms to the galaxies and we see how everything is perfect, moving in their own orbits and in their own places and nothing moves out from their places. Somebody gave orders to them and somebody has authority on them. Otherwise, everything will collapse.

So Creator cannot be two. It must be One. And He cannot be a man like me. He cannot be a human like me. He has to be above me. And if the Creator is above me then it is impossible for me, for a man, ever to discover his Creator a hundred percent correctly. You may discover certain things to understand, you may come closer to that one, but as much as the computers today are going to discover man, that much man is going to discover his Creator. Not only 21st

century, you may bring another 21st century in it, millions of years in it, this is how it's going to be. Because if you discover, you understand and if you unpuzzle the Creator that means the Creator has a limit. And when there is a limit then he cannot be the Creator.

We have limits. That's why we cannot be creators. We are inventing things, we are bringing things from different areas, we are doing certain things, changing and we are inventing. We have invented the machines and whatever we say they obey us. We program them and they obey us. They do what we want. But the machines are never going to understand us and they are never going to be able to come out of their own programming. Whatever has been programmed inside them that's what they are going to do. Don't look at these Hollywood movies where some machines are taking over man (Sheykh laughs), drilling the brain, going inside, coming out, what is that movie?

(Someone replied, 'Matrix')

Matrix. These are certain inspirations that are coming to some people because everyone in the day of creation, when the Lord of the Heavens had created every one of us, we were all there. The ones who passed, the ones who are present and the ones who did not come to the world yet, we were all there once and the Creator had given something to every one of us because the spirit that we are carrying is very special. The spirit is the one who really has the value, not the physical form. Once the spirit leaves the body (we say), "Take him quickly, go, put him inside the box and bury him quickly under the ground." (Sheykh smiles). Because that physical form is not good anymore. The spirit is making this body valuable. Once the spirit is out from this body, it falls down and you cannot even move a finger. That is something that is enough for a man to sit down to think, "What happened?" The man that is running, inventing, changing, thinking, jumping, sleeping, crying, doing all these and all of a sudden in just a split second everything finishes, nothing moves and he cannot move himself. Now you have to grab the man like that, you have to pick him up and now four people have a hard time to carry that man. Imagine what will happen to 'X'. If the spirit is not there then we are going to need six people to carry him (Sheykh smiles).

Hmm. If something is coming out from the body then the body has to become lighter. But it is becoming heavier. If you put it in the scale it should be lighter. But it's heavier because the spirit is making things so easy. So once we are able to use that spirit not only for this body but to be able to bring that spirit out from this body, then we will be able to discover what's other than us in this world and what's other than this world. And then the journey that you cannot make with this technology, with these rockets and with these planes, with the spirit you can make that journey very easily.

All teachings and all prophets (from the first man and first prophet Adam alayhi salam 124,000 prophets came), they came to teach people

that, "First turn yourself to your Lord, then take the secrets from there and start discovering your self, the world that you are in and then see where you came from and make the journey back there." All prophets came really to teach that to people. When people start deviating from the main roads going to wrong directions and they start living only for their ego and only for their own desires, only for worldly matters, then the prophets came to put people back to the main road.

Of course, the Seal of the Prophets (alayhi salatu wa salam) came. No more prophets are coming now. The Lord of the Heavens is saying to us, "We have sent you enough books, enough prophets and enough guides. If you are sincere with yourself then you will find that road back to where you came from." Especially in this world today, the majority of mankind is educated enough to understand that and to look for it. But you can only look for something, as I said earlier, when you are fed up and when you are filled up with these worldly activities. If these worldly activities have filled you up then you look to find another way to your life, to keep your life and to keep your spirit alive.

You need to eat everyday. We are eating everyday and we are not getting tired. Really we are getting tired. But it is necessary to eat and it is necessary to drink. There are certain things that are necessary to our body. But once we start programming our own selves then we will see that it is really not the reason of our creation. Eating and drinking. Excuse me, but the only thing we do is eat, drink and fill up toilets. Some people say, "Oh, I am so big." Yeah, you are good and you are big. When you finish the problems with the toilet then you are big. When a man is carrying his own toilet inside of him and when you look at it, everything made (as food) is so beautiful, nice and clean. Our body is taking that, consuming it and making it so dirty and it's changing right away. Hmm. Something is wrong with our body then. We should correct that too.

But how are you going to do that? They don't have it in the universities. They don't teach it in the universities because the main teachings in the universities are to teach people evolution. You came from monkeys. That is the main teaching now worldwide. Worldwide it is being taught saying, "You came from monkeys." I am wondering what kind of monkey I am. There are seven different categories. Now you have to think. I am thinking and I am finding that no way. No monkey looks like me and no monkey acts like me. So there must be something wrong there. But I am watching a man 200 years ago, he came with that idea saying, "I am thinking...". Theories again. That's really a theory, saying, "I am thinking that I came from monkeys." The whole world is running top-speed now taking that man's idea. They are teaching it in the schools. Then I say to the Christian world, "Are you really sincere with your Christianity?" Then I say to the Jewish world, "Are you really sincere with your faith?" Then I say to the Muslim world, "Are you really sincere with your faith?" I am finding that they are not sincere.

These three main religions are teaching people creature and Creator. There is a Creator who has created you. The three main religions are saying the same thing. When you go down and when you start learning, you find that what Moses (as) brought, what Jesus (as) brought and what Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam) brought are the same. Nothing is different in reality but the practices are a little bit different. Yes. In different nations, different people and different environments they have different prophets. But in reality all these three are teaching people that they have a Creator. And when we look at the whole world now, the Christian world, the Jewish world and the Islamic world, everywhere, from kindergartens to universities, of course kindergartens and universities are places where they are raising the new generations and making knowledgeable people. What kind of knowledge? Saying, "Always don't forget that you came from monkeys." If you tell the man, "Hey, monkey", he will sue you right away. (If you say) "Your grandfather was a monkey." They will sue you again. (Sheykh laughs). They are saying that we came from monkeys, evolution, but as soon as you say to a man 'monkey', he is suing. If you say to him, "You look like a lion", he will be very happy. But in reality both of them are animals. He likes one of them and the other one he doesn't like. One of them is very wild, it destroys everything and the other one is at least in his own world.

The bottom point is, if the people are believing what their faith is ordering to them, why are they not questioning themselves, their people and their education system to say, "Why are you teaching this to the children?" Once you are putting that poison into them then how are they going to grow up? Where are they going to learn that there is a Creator? Where are they going to learn that the Creator wants something for us? The Creator has programmed us for something. Man has programmed this (I-pod) for something. If this machine is not doing what it's programmed for, why are you going to carry it? It's not good for anything. It doesn't matter how valuable it is. It's not doing what is necessary for it to do. Now man is not really doing what he is programmed to do. He is losing himself, losing his time and he is losing Dunya, this world and the hereafter.

Also people today are fed up with religion and with religious figures saying, "I want to know nothing about religion." Some religious figures used the religion wrongly and still they are doing it, of course. People take the laws to themselves and they start acting like they are the owner of the world. That happens everywhere in every religion. Especially in Islam. When a man takes the Qur'an by himself to himself and he takes only what his own understanding is, that man can easily become a terrorist. That man can easily become a destroyer. It is because the Book didn't come to us. It came to a Prophet. And the prophets through their lifestyle teach people what that Book is saying because that Book is not only for you. The whole mankind is in it. All Books are special for everybody. There is something for you in it but also for the whole mankind. If everyone is taking it according to their own understanding then this is the world that we are living in today. This is what people are doing.

And all that happened years before when new revolutions happened in the world. Specially since the French Revolution it is coming down and the leadership have been corrupted. And when the people start choosing their own leaders that is another big problem. If I am going to choose my leader and I am going to say to him, "Do this and do that", what kind of a leader he is going to be? If my leader is equal to me, what do I need him for? The leader must be receiving something more than me and knowing more than me to do something better for me and for the nation. Otherwise, in today's world you don't need anybody to tell you. You can just sit and watch the news. Just watch the world and look where the world is directly going.

And everyone is running saying, "We don't want war." That's true. We don't want war. But all the preparations of the world and all the governments are spending, some nations almost 90%, some nations 80%, some nations 70% of their budget buying weapons, buying guns and inventing new guns. Why are you inventing these guns? When you drop something here you may finish this whole city. 15 million people may die instantly. They say, "Yeah we know that." Then why are you making something even better? Hmm. The preparation is to destroy the world. So now we say, "It is not man who is really doing that. There is some other force who is doing that." So when that evil source is taking man as hostage and when man starts only living selfishly for the ego, then he is capable to do everything.

When man has fear from his Lord, the fear that comes with love, and when man is knowing his Lord, understanding what his Lord wants from him and he is trying to fulfill his mission in the world, then he is not going to have any time running, trying to destroy or trying to get revenge on others. If someone does something to you, Islam says that you must forgive. You must know that it came from your Lord and you must forgive and turn yourself back to your Lord. And (Islam is) saying, "If you forgive them, know that it is better for you in this Dunya and hereafter." You will be rewarded for that. So when we look at this, when we are watching our world also, people are not forgiving. They are running top-speed to take revenge on each other. And it is all for materialistic reasons. No others. Everything is about who is going to control what and who is going to have what. That is enough sign showing that man is not happy with his Lord.

When Moses (as) asked saying, "O my Lord, when will you be happy with me?" The response to him was very simple, easy and very quick. (Allah) saying to him, "Oh Moses, it is very easy. When you are happy with me then I will be happy with you." (Sheykh smiles). From that time it is continuing until today and it is going to continue until the Last Day. When man is happy with his Lord, his Lord is happy with him. And when your Lord is happy with you and you are happy with your Lord, you have no problem with the world because this world is only temporary. You like it or you don't like it. You believe or you don't believe. You entered through that door but none of you can guarantee that you are going out of that door alive. We don't know what's going to happen to us, especially in these days. In the old

days, Hmph. In these days, don't you see? The plane is flying and it hits the building killing thousands of people. You don't know what evil source is going to be next.

So how are we going to live otherwise? There is no comfort in the heart. But again He (Allah) is saying, "Submit your will to the Lord of the Heavens." Then you live comfortably. Then whatever the life is given to you, you try your best for yourself, for your own friends, your own families, becoming stronger of course, for your community, if you are even stronger then for your nation and if you are even stronger than that then for the whole world. You try to reach out. Otherwise, we are seeing and watching and being very sad that the whole world is dividing and people are only hating each other because of their religion, because of their races and because of their nationalities. The One who has created us into different nations and different races is saying to us, "We have only created you into different nations, different tribes and different races to go and find each other to learn more and to make your lives easier in the world and to prepare yourself more easily for the hereafter life."

So we have to make the spiritual journey and to be able to make our spiritual journey we have to fulfill certain laws that our Lord has put on us. It doesn't matter what the schools are teaching and it doesn't matter what the universities are teaching. Now you know that you are not a monkey. If you believe that you are a monkey then my word is not for you. It is for the man who says, "I am a man, my father was a man, my grandfather was a man and it is reaching all the way to the first man and the Lord of the Heavens has molded us and given shape to us as man." Otherwise, all the words that I have just said, it is to me. If you like it then take it to yourself. If you don't like it then leave it there. I will collect that too and I will be keeping it until the hereafter life.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

Bihurmatil Habib.

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-168

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE DOOR OF THANKFULNESS

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Osmanli Naks-i'bendi Hakkani Dergah, Siddiki Center, New York.

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

How much must we say 'estaghfirullah'? Especially us, for this period, for this century in which Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is raining down His favors on us. Everything is coming from everywhere to us. With little movements we are earning and getting the best of the worldly things and we are not really thanking Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) the way we are supposed to be thanking Him. When we turn back and look to the past centuries and especially to the time of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), those people were working very hard. Not hard like the way we are working everyday. They were working. They were working very hard and they were not earning. They were not able to fill their stomachs from it. And so many nights the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was not eating. He was breaking his fast one day and he was making intention for fasting the next day.

We have everything. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given everything to 21st century man so easily. Holy Prophet (saw) said, "In Ahir Zaman people are going to get everything so easily. But they are not going to be thankful to their Lord." He talked about us. He said about us. We must try harder. When we look at the favors of Allah coming from everywhere so easily to us, we must not complain. We must be thankful because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) never likes complaints. And He is saying to us, "If you are standing at the door of complaining, when that door opens and if you stay there, then punishment is going to reach to you. Stay at the door of thankfulness and if that door opens to you, then I will shower you with more mercy and rahmat." All we are doing is going to work (at the dergah) sometimes, whenever, and because we are doing that we are getting more blessings and reward is being given to us because we are working. Believers! Those people who keep Allah priority, those people who get up in the morning to pray before they go to their work and those people who try to keep the orders of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) and His Prophet (saw), they will be rewarded because they are working, they will be rewarded because they are sleeping and they will be rewarded because they are enjoying life.

Sheytan is running top-speed from every angle to bring down what is established, what is good and what is coming to people. Sheytan is never happy when he is seeing that the servants of Allah are doing something good and they are coming closer to Allah. But Sheytan is not coming with his own physical forms to bring those things down. It's not possible for him. He cannot do that. Specially where there are people who have authority on him (Awliya), he cannot do it. But he will use other people, the weak ones, to bring complaints, to bring problems and to bring weaknesses to the community. When that enters, that is the beginning of the collapse of the community. And anyone who is opening that door and who is carrying that Sheytan inside will be cursed.

The snake was a very holy creature that was created in paradise and

the snake was very beloved to Adam (as) and Hawa. It wasn't moving itself under the ground or on the floor at that time. It had so many legs until it got fooled by Sheytan and it came to the door of Paradise, when Sheytan got kicked out from Paradise and he had no permission to enter inside. So he came next to the door of Paradise saying to the snake, "You know that I was a very big `Alim (scholar) in this Paradise." It says, "I know." He says, "If you don't bring me inside to give something to Hawa...", because the snake loved Adam (as) and Hawa. So he (Sheytan) says, "If you don't bring me inside then they are going to die and separation is going to happen between you and them. Although I am so disobedient to Allah but still I love them. So help me to get inside to save them." The snake said, "How can I do that? You are the cursed one. You have been thrown away from the Divine Presence." He says, "Yes but help me to come inside and help and then you can bring me back out. I am going to be in your hand." It says, "How are you going to do that?" He says, "Just open your mouth, I will get inside, we will go to Hawa, you open your mouth and I am going to speak through you. She is going to accept what you are going to say and this way I will be able to save them." And it got fooled by that Sheytan. It opened its mouth, Sheytan got inside, came to Hawa and said to her, "Eat from that forbidden tree or you are going to die." And she ate. The worrying of separation made her to go and do that action and forcing Adam (as) to do that action and they all became cursed and got thrown away from the Divine Presence.

"So what?" If it is American understanding (they say), "So what? They had a little bit from that fruit and they said sorry. So what?" Hmm. Of course. The Lord of the Heavens is not like us and like the Americans saying, "So what?" Nor is He like all the nations today, everyone of whom saying, "It's okay. So what? It's a little thing." Little things mean big problems. That little thing that the snake didn't think, it brought big problems to Adam (as) and Hawa, it brought bigger problem to him, that it has been cursed and sent away from the Divine Presence and it has been punished to stay under the ground and the snake is the first creature that Adam (as) gave order saying, "Anywhere you see it, crush its head. Anywhere it comes out you have the permission to crush its head." But it was one of the beloved creatures in the paradise.

So one small action, which looks small to us, it brought all these things to him. So Sheytan is using the same tactics, the same ways to destroy people, destroy communities and destroy nations. And anyone who is giving ways to Sheytan he will be like a snake. They will be called snakes. And you should close the door to Sheytan by closing the door to anger. Anger is the beginning of all wrong things. Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "The way fire eats wood, anger eats all the good deeds that you have made. It finishes it. It burns it out." For believers it is not permitted to be angry. For murids it is forbidden. It is a big sin for murids to be angry. When a murid is angry, it means that he is not pleased with what his Lord gave to him. That's why he is angry. He is not liking it. We are not here for our ego to like. We are here trying to make our Lord to

like us. It's not what we like. We are trying to please our Lord. We are trying to make Him to like us. Whatever it takes, the murid must do and the murid must go out of his way to try to do things to make his Lord to be happy with him.

How are you going to know that your Lord is happy with you? The sign of that is when your master is happy with you, that is the beginning of the steps that now your Prophet (saw) and your Lord is going to be happy with you. Allah is saying to us, "Obey Allah, obey His Prophet and obey your rightly guided leaders." Of course, so many people are taking this Ayat using it wrongly for themselves to make people to obey only them without any thing and without any thinking. But Allah is saying to us, "Obey Allah, Obey Prophet and obey your rightly guided leaders." Rightly guided leaders are those who are following the footsteps of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Not those who are preparing to destroy and to bring an end to Islam. They are not going to be successful but Sheytan is using them for that work. Should we become disobedient to them? No. Don't be disobedient to them. Pull yourselves away and try to live a simple life so that you will not be connected so much in so many ways.

That's how we live, elhamdulillah. We pull ourselves from that community and we are trying to build our own community. We are trying to bring all these orders that are given to us through Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). My duty is to bring the community together, to watch, to make you understand what is right and what is wrong and to work on people. Your duty is to accept when I say, "This is right and this is wrong." That way we can build. Otherwise, we are not going to be able to build and in the Judgment Day you are going to be responsible. Not only me. You will be responsible. Every individual will be responsible. You will be accounted for whether you did what is for you or not. Everyone knows what is for them to do and everyone knows what is their duty in this world. This (community) looks very small but who knows maybe it is one of the biggest works. For me it is one of the biggest works. It doesn't matter (if it's small). We are not trying to change the world. We are trying to build something. And whoever helps in that, whoever spends on the way, they will be blessed. Whoever tries to put barricades knowingly or without knowing, they will be cursed.

Our duty is to try to do what is for us today. We are not carrying the responsibilities for tomorrow or years ahead that is coming. But when we do what is for us today then we will become beloved to our Lord and when we pass away from this life even if the mission is not complete, that means it was not supposed to be for us to finish it, but we finished our duty and we go out clean from this life.

So Sheytan is telling to destroy anything that is built. And Allah and His Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Anybody who destroys anything that is built, they are under the curse. They will be under the curse in Dunya and they will be under the curse in Akhirat." So how much do you think we should be thankful? How much should we be saying 'estaghfirullah' to our Lord? For all these favors that He is

giving to us, if we say 'elhamdulillah' twenty-four hours a day, it is not enough. For all the wrong things and wrong deeds that we are doing and because in this century when everything is given to us so easily, if we say 'estaghfirullah' all our life, it is not enough.

Rabiat-ul Adawiya, one of the holy persons in Islam, she was saying to people who were coming and asking for advice. She lived only one century after the passing away of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). She was saying, "O my children, we need to make estaghfirullah for the estaghfirullah that we are making in ghaflat, heedlessness." When you are taking the tesbih saying, "estaghfirullah, estaghfirullah, estaghfirullah", she is saying to them, "We need to make estaghfirullah for that estaghfirullah because we are making that estaghfirullah heedlessly." All our works and everything are not working because our tongue is saying estaghfirullah but our heart is not saying estaghfirullah. Our tongue is saying, "Yes, I am wrong in this", but our heart is not saying, "Yes, I am wrong in that." We are fooling our own selves and when we check and we look what is in us and how we are treating the matters, we understand that we are very wrong and we need to say 'estaghfirullah' more often, all the time, sincerely and in an awakening station. If we do that we will come to that awakening station and then we will be able to understand and see the favors of Allah, what He is giving to us. Then we can say, 'elhamdulillah.' Because we are not saying 'estaghfirullah' sincerely and properly, we are not seeing the favors that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is granting to us. So we are not saying 'elhamdulillah' sincerely again.

We must work on this. This is one of the most important things in our lives, especially today's people. If we want to pull ourselves from that mess, not only physically but also spiritually, we need to be awake all the time, especially when the sohbet is being given. When a man sleeps when sohbet is being given, that is the sign that Sheytan is sitting on his mind saying, "Don't do this and don't listen." It is very important to wake up. If the person is not waking up from sohbet, from associations, he is going to wake up when the fire is going to touch him. Don't wait for that.

Wa min Allahu taufiq.

Bihurmatil Habib.

El-Fatiha.

Sohbet-169

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SUPERIORITY AMONG SERVANTS

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim
Bismillahir rahmanir rahim
La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyyl azim.

Medet Ya Syyidi Ya Sultanul Awliya.

Tariqatuna sohbet wa khayru fil jami'at. Association. Jamat. A Jamat can make association. Jamat is obligation. What Allah will give to a group of people, He will not give to an individual. When an individual is asking, he may not get what he may get when he is among a group of people. Whatever is necessary is given through Jamat; a group of people. The worship that a group of people is doing together is more beloved to Allah than an individual's worship. If an individual goes, prepares something and eats alone, and on the other hand, if he prepares something and calls somebody, a couple of friends to eat together, it is more beloved to Allah than an individual running and doing things alone and eating or enjoying alone.

Up until Holy Prophet (saw) Allah sent down to earth different nations and different tribes and the Prophet (saw) is the Seal of Prophets. He is sealing everything together and he is saying, "There is no superiority between Arabs and non-Arabs. There is no superiority between an Arab and an Ajam except in Taqwa, except in righteousness." There is no superiority with people's nationalities, with their races or with their tribe except in Taqwa. A person having high taqwa is the one who has the most fear from his Lord and who is the most obedient to His Lord. So whoever is most fearful and most obedient to their Lord, they are in higher stations than the other ones. But if that person is having that fear and he is keeping the orders of Allah when his blood (lineage) is reaching to a prophet, that one is in a higher station because he is coming through the generation of the prophets to guide people. Maybe an individual has fear and obedience to his Lord but he is from a lost tribe somewhere. When you are comparing that one to the one whose lineage is reaching to the prophets, then that one (from prophetic lineage) is in authority.

This is the problem that so many people that I am watching who are going back and forth not understanding the superiority, who is more superior or if anybody else is more superior than others, and this is how it goes. The prophets are like us humans. They were spirits that Allah had created and He chose them among the other spirits and He said, "You will be the prophets." They are higher. He put them in higher stations right away. As soon as He chose them saying, "You are prophets" then they became higher than the normal spirits instantly because the title is given by the Creator. It's not given

by man who are voting and giving titles. The Creator is giving titles saying, "I choose these ones to be my prophets." He didn't ask us, "Would you like it or not? Would you vote for these ones?" (Sheykh smiles). No. He says, "These ones are My prophets and you are My normal servants and you are going to obey them. You want to reach back to Me? You have to obey them. You have to follow their footsteps. Without following their footsteps you cannot reach to Me. You cannot come to Me. You are coming to Me through their doors. If you are looking to come to Me you must look through their doors. You must look to make them happy. You must look to make them satisfied with you. Then I will be happy with you."

Then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) chose a group of people again saying, "These are the helpers of the prophets." He is speaking to the normal spirits now. He is saying to them, "If you are looking to reach to Me you must follow the prophets. You cannot come to Me directly." No saints, no Awliya can go to Allah directly. No saints have reached the Divine Presence directly. One reached to the Divine Presence who was living in the time of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) but without seeing the prophet (saw), whom we call Uwaysel Qarani. But he reached to the Divine Presence with the love of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). He didn't reach to the Divine Presence by himself. So Allah is saying to us, showing to us that anyone who is a nominee to come to the Divine Presence from among those saints, He is saying to them, "You follow those prophets." And He is saying to normal people like us, "You are looking to reach to My Divine Presence? Follow My saints. Follow their footsteps. Follow them. And if you make any space in their hearts and if they are satisfied with you then I will be happy with you." If they are not happy with you then that's enough sign for you showing you that Allah is not happy with you. If you make one Friend of Allah to be happy with you then that's a sign that is showing to you that there is a space for you in the Divine Presence through that saint.

We should not let Sheytan to fool us and we should not say, "Oh we are all the same." Eh, by saying that "We are all the same", now the women and the men are saying, "We are the same." Now children are saying to their parents, "We are the same. Why are you telling me this and that? Who are you to tell me? I am a free man. I am going to eat in your house, I am going to grow up here but I am going to do as I like." Yeah, no way. (Sheykh smiles). It never worked. In these days they tried to make that work but it's not going to work. That's why everything is falling into pieces. Everywhere there is no discipline, there is no love, there is corruption, there are wrong things going on non-stop.

All these are happening because the high ones lost the direction, they lost the way to reach to their Lord and Allah is punishing them through their generations. If the leaders of the countries want their people to be obedient to them, first they have to be obedient to their Lord. Look how easily Allah will make those people become obedient to their leaders. But the first thing is wrong because the leaders are not obedient to their Lord, to their Creator. They

invented so many lords but there is only One. They are not obedient to our Lord, to the Lord that had created them. And their nations are becoming disobedient to them. When the parents are disobedient to their Lord then Allah makes their children to become disobedient to them.

*** ** (Sheykh then gave some advise and admonitions directed exclusively towards the mureeds present in the audience) *** **

So association is important to make people to wake up, to make people to improve in their lives. Through association people will hear what is left out and what is it that they have to catch. So we turn back tonight's association saying, "Wake up and be in an awakening station in association."

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Amin.

Sohbet-170

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

SICKNESS OF THE HEART

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

Spring 2004, Friday Night, Manhattan Dergah, New York City.

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Holy Prophet (saw) and all prophets came to teach people how to find peace in the hearts. If there is no peace in the heart, it cannot give peace to the body. When the heart is peaceful the body will be peaceful too. All prophets and all religions in reality are teaching people how to find that peace and how to make a smooth transmission from this world to the other side, passing smoothly and easily. All these religions, the orders of the religions, the orders of doings and not doings, the obligations, all these are to make it easy for us to move from one side to another side.

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, within one word he put everything in, he was talking to his Sahaba and he says to them, "There is a piece in your body. If that one is sick the whole body is sick. If that one is good the whole body is good, affecting the whole body." Another miracle of the Prophet (saw) of course, he held his fist and

he said, "Listen carefully O my Sahaba! This is the heart." And he showed his fist. That is another secret which today's science and medicine is finding now, that every man has their hearts as big as their fists. (`X' is checking his heart saying, "My heart is bigger." --Sheykh smiles and the listeners laugh--. It's okay. A bigger heart contains more in it. Elhamdulillah.)

So when the heart is good the whole body is good and when the heart is bad the whole body is bad. Physically, when the heart is good the whole body is good. If the heart is bad and if the heart is failing, they say, heart attack! They say, "Sit! Don't move! Quickly bring him to the hospital and keep him like that until then." Like a robot, not moving, because any movement that you make it will now do damage to the heart more and more and more, and if the heart is gone then what can we do? You are a heartless person. (Sheykh smiles). Then you cannot live.

So the heart is important. Tomorrow in the Judgment Day if the heart is not good you are not good for Dunya and you are not good for Akhirat too. If your heart is not good then your physical form is not good to go out there (in Dunya) to work, to earn money, to buy and sell, get a car, fly, this and that you cannot do. The heart is not good. If the heart is not good you cannot worship, you cannot move around, you cannot do things (for the sake of Allah). So the most important is that you must hold the heart good from physical and spiritual sickness. If the heart is bad and sick physically but spiritually if it is not sick then at least you can sit and you can pray inside your heart. You don't have to make body motions. It's acceptable. But if the heart is sick spiritually then you are in trouble.

The biggest thing that gets the heart spiritually sick, the main source, is the love of Dunya. When you have the love of this world so much in your heart, then that love of the world makes you go crazy. I know so many who were good people in the beginning, they did good things, but later you see that the love of the world becomes so much that they turn to become bad. So many times you are asking yourself too, "When this person was poor he was a good man. Now he is rich but he is a bad man, he is a tyrant." I don't think you didn't meet somebody like that. You met somebody in your life like that. That's what happens because the love of Dunya makes the person become tyrant, arrogant, stubborn, selfish and everything.

So we must keep that heart clean, and the heart is the Throne of Allah. Allah is saying to us, "You want more peace in your heart? First put Me in there and look all the peace is coming. If you put somebody else higher than Me in that heart, that one is not going to give you any peace. You are going to run to that one but that one is going to make you a slave." So many times in so many cases people are using each other under the name of love saying, "I love you honey." Aha! "Give me this, give me that, I want this, I want that." You know you cannot do it all but you say, "This one loves me. I must try." So you go out killing yourself and after you reach

somewhere that one says to you, "Look, you already expired. Your body is not good to get out of here anymore. I have to go to somebody new." (Sheykh smiles).

It is the same with most women and men. People are using each other without knowing what real love is. Real love is not limited only to the physical forms. When people love each other very much, slowly they get rid of the words, the words disappear and they speak through the hearts. They love each other so much that when one says (in his heart), "I wish to have a glass of water", the other one who loves that one goes and puts the glass of water in front of him. Look, now the hearts are speaking. That is the first sign of real love. Then when the two spirits unite then all the paradises will be opened to you. You must concentrate on that if you want to find peace. You must find. You must try. That way then is the easiest way and the fastest way.

There are so many other ways but they are very long ways. It's like if you want to hold your ear, instead of holding it directly with the closest hand you put your hand around your head and try to hold the ear from the back of your head. There is no need for it. Take the easy way, the short way. We have so many other things to do after that anyway. The love of Dunya has to finish and the love of Akhirat has to enter. Then the love of Akhirat has to finish and the love of Allah has to enter. But you didn't even finish Dunya. How are you going run to the love of Akhirat? The love of Akhirat cannot finish that easily. It cannot be that easy.

I heard from my Sheykh who is saying that everyone is going to enter into Paradise after a certain amount of time. He says that no matter how bad they are, they are going to enter into their own paradises and Allah subhana wa ta'ala in 100,000 years will let one window to be opened for them to see their best time in Dunya, their best enjoyment in Dunya. And when they see that, right away they get extremely scared and afraid saying, "Oh our Lord! Don't turn us back to that Dunya. That Dunya was only miseries, problems and sufferings. Please keep us in Paradise." Allah removes that window and the paradise that they are in, it becomes 700,000 times more beloved to them. As soon as that vision opens up they say, "Alhamdulillah, we did not enter into this Dunya again. We are in our own paradises."

It is the same way in this world. If you find a way to speak to children in their own mother's wombs... They don't put cell phones there now? (Sheykh smiles). But some cell phones are speaking to them saying, "What are you doing in there?" It says, "Oh, it is the best life." You say to that baby, "You are coming out soon." It says, "No, I am not coming out. This is my paradise." It doesn't want to come out. As soon as it comes out it starts going "waw, waw". Why are you screaming? Because he cannot go back in now. You say to him some years later, "You are going to die." He starts screaming again. You say to him, "Look! You didn't want to come out of that womb. Then you come to this world and you say how beautiful

this world is. Now you don't want to come out of this world to the paradise that is waiting for you? Foolish one! Wake up to yourself. You want it or not you are going to come out." We want it or not, we entered and we are going to come out.

And we must submit our will to that One who has authority over us if we want peace. If we don't want peace then we can say anything. You can claim that you have created this New York City. You can claim whatever you want. You can say, "I created the world." Some say, "I am the owner of the world." Some Firauns said, "Enal Rabbul `Ala." He was saying to the Egyptian people "Enal Rabbul `Ala." Whoosh... they were going down saying, "Yes, you are the biggest Lord." But Firaun is gone. He left something. So man today, years later, are saying, "That Firaun had a lot of money." No one goes to open ordinary graves in Egypt. They are running after the graves of the Firauns, opening and taking everything out. I am watching some from far away, they are stepping on the bones saying, "You stupid man! You are taking the world with you huh? Let me crush you a little bit." (Sheykh smiles).

This is Dunya. Let me tell you one more thing about the reality of this Dunya. You don't hear this always from everywhere but you are going to hear from me. The value of the world. You have to know what is the value of the world? What is the value of the world and why the world has been created? When Adam (as) and Hawa were living in Paradise, they were eating and drinking everywhere freely, they didn't have to work, they didn't have to run around, they didn't have to do anything, everything was coming to them. But that foolish Sheytan fooled Hawa and she ate from that forbidden tree. As soon as she ate from the forbidden tree nothing happened to her but because she loved Adam (as), she was saying, "Mmm... good taste. Let me give him some to eat too." So Adam (as) got upset in the Paradise for the first time saying, "Didn't Allah say to us not to eat from this tree? Why did you eat from this tree?" She said, "Don't get upset ya Adam, Don't you see? I ate and nothing happened. It's good."

(Sheykh smilingly recited a couple of verses in Turkish)

The desires and the love of the woman broke down the man. Adam (as) was so strong but he ended up saying, "Okay honey, let me taste." As soon as he put that in his mouth and he started chewing, the angel (Jibreel as) came and touched him saying, "What are you doing?" He said, "Ohh, what am I doing?" He didn't swallow. He tried to throw it out and it came out and got stuck there (at the Adam's apple). The woman swallowed. Allah was watching. Now as soon as the grain from the forbidden tree entered into the body all the peace in the body started to move right away. You know from experience that sometimes you feel so good and then you eat some food or some fruit and right away your stomach starts churning. Huh? You never felt like that? Sometimes it happens. No? It happened only to me? (Sheykh smiles and everyone laughs). It happens.

So that's what happened to Hawa and she started saying, "Oh,

something has to come out. I need to go to the toilet." They didn't know what toilet was before. In paradise there is no toilet. So Hawa doesn't know where to go but she knows that something has to come out. And then Adam (as) started getting the pain saying, "What are we going to do? We need to go to the toilet." Paradise is a clean place. So the angel said to them, "Well, you cannot do it in the Paradise, that kind of dirtiness. So you need to go down to the toilet." (Sheykh laughs). So they were sent down to the toilet.

We are here. As much as we eat, we go to the toilet. The toilets are always very near to us. It is so dirty but we keep it so near. 21st century men are putting it inside their bedrooms and now they are going to make their bedrooms inside the toilet. (Sheykh smiles). I went to some places where I found it to be such and I asked, "Is this a living room or is this a toilet." They said, "No, it's the toilet." I said, "I feel sleepy. It's so beautiful here." But it's a toilet.

So 21st century men, knowing and understanding that reality, he cannot separate himself from that toilet. If he can separate himself from that toilet, he cannot separate himself from this toilet (inside our stomachs). (Sheykh holds up a piece of fruit). Look how beautiful this is. Can one million men together make this? No. If I put this beautiful fruit inside, one hour later it is going to turn to become so dirty. Thuu... It smells. Hmm... Run to the toilet. Empty it out.

So Allah (subanaha wa ta'ala) is ordering us saying, "Make your toilet in that Dunya as much as you want. When you are clean then come back to Paradise." This is the reality of this world. If you want to love it more then you may do so. (Sheykh smiles).

Faitha.

Selam aleykum.

Sohbet-171

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE SECOND JAHILIYYA

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Manhattan Dergah, New York City.

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

When you put honey in the middle, the bees are going to come. But the mosquitoes, flies and all kinds of other harmful creatures will also come to the honey. Everyone has to take their share from it.

The bees are not going to fight with the mosquitoes, because they will take what is for them, elhamdulillah. The mosquitoes are going to take what is for them, and the flies.

There is Haqq and Batil, the Truth and false. Either we are on the side of Truth or we are on the side of false. The people who are on the side of Truth have to be on the same road. They have to understand each other. They have to respect their ways. The people who are representing false, they are all together anyway. They are eating each other but they are all together in front of us.

This is the worst time that happened to Muslims about which Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "The second Jahiliyya is going to be worst than the first one." And this is what we are facing today. The second Jahiliyya time. He said that it is because people in the second Jahiliyya time will know certain knowledge and they are not going to accept anything from anyone.

In the first Jahiliyya time people were ignorant. When someone from the Sahabi spoke to them, they were sitting and listening and comparing it with what they know. And so many were accepting. That was a Jahiliyya time, the first Jahiliyya, where Holy Prophet (saw) came only one person and then hundreds and thousands of people started following. Those people were against the Holy Prophet (saw) because they did not have any knowledge of what he brought. They were holding on to their traditions only. They were ignorant people. They did not know any better. When the other ones went and approached them properly and they showed them what Holy Prophet (saw) brought to them, they accepted. They did not argue about it. They did not feel threatened. The only ones who felt threatened were those people who were the knowledgeable people for that time. Like Abu Jahil and all the other ones. They were the people who knew how to read and write. They were the people who knew the activities of the world. They were the people who knew what was happening in the business world. They could not accept what Holy Prophet (saw) brought to them because it would not be good for their political and economical matters. What Prophet (saw) brought to them required them to change what they were doing. Not so for the ignorant. They did not fight. They sat and they listened. And sometimes later they accepted it.

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying that the Ahir Zaman, the End of Times, the second Jahiliyya time is going to be worse than the first because people are going to study the religion, they will know how to read and write but they are not going to accept anything, they are not going to accept anybody. They are just going to accept what is only for them, what is their understanding from what they read and write. So in this time people read and write. Millions read and write. So many people are reading and writing but they are ignorant. Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "They are going to be ignorant with what they read and write. They are going to become ignorant with the knowledge that they know."

As everyone of you know, by the law of the government today you have to send your children to school. They have to learn how to read and write. But learning how to read and write is not giving them any knowledge or wisdom. However they are programming them, that is the only thing they know. Today's people became more ignorant than the people fourteen hundred years ago. They became ignorant with the knowledge of reading and writing. Not being able to read and write is not the sole problem. The secret is to know, that you need to read and write to understand. Everyone who reads and writes does not understand. They say, "Take the Quran and read." If you take the Quran and read and understand only according to your own understanding most likely you will become a terrorist. That is what most of them are doing. You cannot even understand the newspaper. Take a part from the newspaper and read. Then I am going to ask you "Give me the summary" and you are not going to be able to put it together. To be able to write and read is to learn. To know what? To know your self. Not to know other things but first you have to study you, your self, you have to know yourself, who you are, what you are and what is your position in this world. What is your secret, what is your duty, what is your mission, why have you been created, why are you occupying this space, why are you leaving this space and where are you going? That is the most important matter.

The schools are only teaching people lying and cheating these days. They know that the theory of evolution, Darwinism is finished. It is bankrupt. But they are still teaching. Everything is on that. The foundations of schools are on that theory. All those children that are studying and coming out of the schools, now their foundation is evolution which is completely against creation. So they are going to become ignorant. So ignorant that they are not going to know that they are ignorant. Taking one man's word, ordinary man. Who is this man? Who is this Darwin? Why are you accepting him? (I am saying to the Christian world) You are accepting Darwin and putting his books in the schools and universities. You say you are accepting Jesus but you are not using his book in the schools. What kind of nonsense is this? (Shaykh smiling). You are saying, "Jesus is the Lord. We are the creatures, he is the creator." But you are not teaching in the schools to these people about that and you are teaching about Darwinism, about Sheytan. The same thing is with the Muslims and the same thing is with the Jews. In the Muslims countries they say, "We are Muslims. We are accepting Allah and His Prophet." But no school is teaching anything about Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). With the Jews it is the same thing. They are not teaching about Moses or the Tawrat. So everywhere in the world they are concentrating to teach people Darwinism. Evolution.

So Prophet (saw) is saying, "The second Jahiliyya is going to be worse than the first one." That is what we see. Not by individual ignorance but by general ignorance. You are sending your children to school and this is what they are going to teach them. When they are growing up if you want to plant something in them by saying to them, "Allah created you", they are going to say to you, "You are crazy. This is what they teach us in the school." If you say to

them, "They are wrong", they say, "Then why are you sending us to school?" So you are stuck between those two things and you cannot even touch your children in this time. Did Holy Prophet (saw) say that? Yes, he said this too. He said, "A time is going to come when you are not even going to be able to reach to your own children, your own families. Nobody is going to listen to you. There is not going to be one house left in the world where the confusion will not enter." This is the time. Of course, we are pretty happy that we reached to these days. And we reached to the end of this time too because every activity in the world that is shown to us (when you know the life of Holy Prophet alayhi salatu wa salam and when you know the teachings and the hadith that he pointed with, that when this comes this is going to happen and when this comes this is going to happen) we are watching that everything is moving towards the direction that Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) has pointed to us.

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "The nation of Bani Israil is going to deviate into seventy-one different divisions. One is going to be on the Siratul Mustakim, in the straight path and seventy is going to be wrong." He says, "The Christians, people who say they are following Jesus is going to divide into seventy-two different divisions. One will be on straight path and seventy-one will be wrong." He says, "My nation is going to divide into seventy-three different divisions. Only one will be in Siratul Mustakim and seventy-two of them will be in the wrong ways. And if they stay in that wrong road they will be punished before they enter Paradise." He says, "Those ones who stay on Siratul Mustakim will live clean lives and they will go out from this world clean." And when they asked him, "Who are those Ya Rasulullah?" He says, "Those are the ones who hold on very tightly to my traditions, to my sunnat." He says, "Although my sunnat is going to be forgotten in that time by my nation, by the ummat of Muhammad (salatu wa sallam). People are not going to follow my sunnats. If they keep one of them they will be rewarded the equal of a hundred martyrs in the Judgment Day."

So these are the days. And as you said, you went to one place and you were surprised. I want you to go around and see what is it that they are giving. What is it they have and what is it that they are concentrating on. Are they concentrating on other than what other groups are doing? So many people today, Friday, are making certain activities. Different celebrations. They are coming together, eating together, enjoying together, doing so many activities. They have so many social gatherings under the name of religions gatherings. But when you look at the lifestyle they are living, there is no familiarity with the lifestyle of the Prophet (saw) and his Sahaba-e Ikram. But you will find familiarity with what the Christians are celebrating or the Jews are celebrating. As a matter of fact, so many are celebrating with liquor, but they are Muslims.

There was a time, when I was working with the United Nations, the Palestinians one night made a Palestinian Night, celebrating and trying to express and show their rights to other nations, and they were making a big cocktail party. Of course I had to be there. And I

went and I looked. I saw all these Palestinians under the name of religion and the Arab-Israeli conflict were celebrating, they were trying to say their rights to others saying, "This is our problem, this is what had happened to us." But they had liquor in their hands, they were drinking and the time of the prayer was passing. So I said to the top official whom I know, "I have to go now."

He said, "But we did not begin yet."

I said, "Well, I know. Before you began you failed. So I have no business here."

"What do you mean?"

"I thought you were Muslims."

"Of course we are Muslims."

"But you are celebrating with liquor that Allah and His Prophet forbade you."

"But all these people are Christians and we have to show them that we have familiarity with them."

"Good, you are becoming one of them. They are not becoming one of you. So you lost. The beginning is lost. So I have no business here."

I left elhamdulillah. What I am trying to say is, when you are trying to get your rights you cannot get them from the way that Allah has forbidden you. Allah banned those things for you. You cannot say, "I do these things to be better looking to those ones in order to ask my rights". Your rights are going to be given to you by your Lord. By this one's hand or that one's hand but He is going to approve. If you are trying to please them you are never going to get your rights. The story that I told you happened maybe in 1979 and now we see that they did not get their rights and they are not going to get their rights and the worst is coming.

Everyone is saying, "What is our fault? What have we done?" What we have done is we have deviated into seventy-three different ways and we have left the one way, we left the Holy Prophet's way. All other ways are claiming, "We are following Allah's orders" and this and that. Everyone is claiming that. If the claim is right then you have to follow what Holy Prophet (saw) is teaching. Because Allah is saying to you, "Follow that one." He is giving order. He says, "Follow! Say to them: If they love Me they must follow you." It is an ayat-e kerim. Allah is saying, "IF they love me", they are claiming that they love Allah. He says, "If they love Me, they must follow you. Because you are the one whom I love and you are the one whom I showed the way and they must follow you for Me to love them."

Anyone who is dismissing the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam)

one way or the other, it is impossible for them to reach Allah. You can only claim. But Allah is not a little creature like you. You have not understood the Creator. If you did, then definitely you are going to look for a Wesil (means of approach) between Him and you, someone who is going to represent you. Otherwise, the ego is always representing itself and the ego is always seeing itself above anybody. That is wrong because no matter who we are and what we are, we are creatures. Allah is the Creator and we are creatures. That is what we have to know.

Time is up for Maghrib.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-172

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Shaykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

(November 2004, NYC)

THE LIGHTS AND THE DARKNESS

Nawaitul arbain, nawaitul itikaf
Nawaitul khalwa, nawaitul uzla,
Nawaitu riada, nawaitu suluk,
Fi masjid lillahi ta'ala, Ya Rahmatan lil Alamin.

(As the Zikr was about to commence Shaykh asked someone to put out the lights. And then he spoke thus...)

The turning off of the lights during Zikr represents the darkness we are doing. (Some people are also worrying, "This one is looking at me or that one is looking at me"). So we say (to them), "Stay in darkness and say "Allah". People do not feel shame to go sing a song or to belly-dance, but they feel shame to say "Allah". So for that reason we are putting the lights out, to be able to turn to our own selves, to be busy with our own selves and to remember our Lord.

Our Lord says, "I am remembering you. You must remember Me." We do not know Allah subhana wa ta'ala. How are we going to put a description to our Lord? So at least remembering His names will make us come closer to Him and one day we will reach that station where we will understand our Lord. Now those who are not close to Allah are claiming that they know their Lord. They do not know. The only ones who know Allah subhana wa ta'ala are the ones closer to Allah.

Who is the Creator? It is not something (that is) easy to know. We have not even been able to discover (what is) within our own selves or in this world. And this world is only a dot in this galaxy. And this galaxy is only a dot among other (countless) galaxies. So the greater understanding we will reach, the better servant we will become to our Lord (Inshallah ar-Rahman). That is why we are putting everything aside now (while making Zikr).

It is like when you leave everyone aside, your loved ones and everything, and go to work to earn money. That is for you, for yourself. You leave everything aside for taking a trip. That is for you, for your ego. We put everything aside to be with our Lord. That is for Allah. Then whatever you are earning is giving you blessings and Rehmet (mercy) in this world and hereafter. (As for the worldly things that you are earning) You work all day long and as soon as you earn the money, you go to a store to buy one thing and the money is gone. All day long you have worked for that material. This work that we are doing, (inshallah) we will find it in our graves where we need it more than in Dunya.

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Oh my nation, your faith is going to get old like the clothes that you wear and it is going to disappear. So renew your faith." As you are renewing your clothes, so also you are renewing your faith as much as you are remembering. And renewing the faith is saying, "I believe that Allah subhana wa ta'ala is the only Creator, I believe in all His prophets and (especially) the Seal of Prophets Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam)." That makes you to become a believer, to make you enter through that door (of faith)...

(...And the Zikr began with "Ash-hadu an-La ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu)

Sohbet-173

BISMILLAHIRRAHMANIRRAHIM

Selamun aleykum,

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Religion column: You never know what acts Allah will like, dislike

By Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Kibrisi

Millions of Muslims gathered this week on the plain of Arafat as part of the Pilgrimage to Mecca. The rite of Arafat is a foretaste of Judgment Day. It is a reminder of one's destiny to stand alone, but among all humanity, before the Creator, to account for one's life, and to await judgment. However, the lifelong preparation for Judgment Day is to overcome heedlessness and conduct our daily lives in an

"awakened station."

Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) says to us, "Allah (God) the Most Praised and Most High, has hidden His liking and His pleasure in the good deeds that you are doing." This means, he is hiding the good deed that will earn his pleasure among all your good actions. Is Allah going to be pleased because you pray a lot, or is he going to be pleased because you move a stone aside in the street so that no one trips on it? You don't know. You don't know which action is going to please Allah and cause him to be happy with you.

That is why Holy Prophet is saying that Allah is hiding his favor. Whenever a good action comes in front of the believer, he is going to run to do it. "Maybe in this action Allah is going to be pleased with me." You will always be looking for the key opportunity, because it is hidden and you are not going to know. Until the Angel of Death comes, you are going to run, moving and doing good things. The more things you do for the sake of Allah, the more pleasure you are going to feel in your heart. More satisfaction is going to come, and your faith is going to grow stronger.

Laziness is going to run away from you; weakness is going to run away from you; foolishness is going to run away from you. Finally, Shaytan is going to pull himself and his army away from you, because now every deed that you do brings you closer to Rahman (Allah, the Most Beneficent).

Prophet is also saying, "He is hiding His anger inside the sins that you are committing." You do not know which sin you are going to commit that will arouse the anger of Allah. You may say to yourself, "I committed all these bad actions and I got away with it." Just then, maybe you are going to turn your head to look at something forbidden to you, and you may attract his anger. So you learn to control yourself. You have to try not to do anything wrong, because the anger of Allah is not like the anger of your buddy. If you get your Lord angry with you, you may find yourself requiring extensive cleaning in the afterlife. So that is also hidden. An intelligent person cannot say, "Oh, let me do this and say 'I am sorry' later." You may not have the chance to say "sorry" later.

And Prophet is saying, "He has hidden His waliullah, His friends, among the people." They may appear like one of us, but they are not. They do not have to be religious clerics. They may not speak much or attract attention; but they might be the friends of Allah. So you have to be careful. It is dangerous to anger that one; but if you please him or her with good actions, you raise yourself. The prayers of the friends of Allah are always accepted.

A person has no value until he reaches the awakened station and his faith is growing. Allah is saying, "What are you? Your value is only as much faith as you have in Me. As much as you believe in Me, that much value you have. If you are not believing in Me, and if you are not accepting what I am sending to you, then you have no value." Worldly people may put you on top of the list; but if Allah puts you on the bottom, what are you going to do?

Who is the most valuable one in the Divine Presence? The Habibullah: Muhammad, Beloved of Allah. When he came, only a handful of people followed him. The foolish majority insulted him, just like today. But Allah put his name on the top of the list with a condition: "You want to become beloved to Me, you must love this one. If you do not love this one, you cannot come near Me, and I am not accepting anything that you are doing."

So if we take this and apply it to our lives everyday, and if we try to live with awareness, are we going to enter wrong situations? No, we will be in the awakened station. Waking up, we will observe everything around us clearly and will conduct our life with awareness that pleases the Lord.

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Sohbet-174

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

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Answering a questioner from the audience.

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Q: Seyh Efendi, What should be the lifestyle of a Muslim?

A: The lifestyle of a Muslim must be like the life of the Prophet (saw) or the Sahaba-e Ikram or those people who are following them.

What is the reason for Prophet (saw) to be sent down to us? At that time in the desert, people completely lost their identity. They did not know if they were women or if they were men. They had no mercy for anything. There was darkness everywhere and people were suffering. Whoever wanted to be a good one did not know how to be a good one also because there was not role model. They did not know what is good. Today we know certain things. But then there was so much darkness everywhere and people were doing so many wrong things that people did not know what is right and what is wrong.

It is almost the same as what is happening today. So many people are doing so many great wrong things thinking that they are right. They did not know what is right and what is wrong. So they needed to be taught and Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent His Prophet (saw). He (swt) is saying to us, "His teacher is Allah." He (swt) is talking to those people who are saying, "How do you know this?" Who is your role model? Everyone has a role model. Some people were following Abu Jahil. Abu Jahil's lifestyle. Some people were following the other tyrants. So they said (to Holy Prophet sws), "How do you know? Who are you following?" He (sws) says, "Allah is my teacher. The one who has created you and I, is my teacher. He is teaching me how to live and He is telling you to look at me and to follow me, because He put me here as a role model." So you (have to) look at the role model. What he does and how he lives.

The Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) has been sent to teach people how to live, how to eat, how to sleep. Did not Holy Prophet (saw) tell us how to do things even with our families? When and how? Yes, everything because people did not know. They were doing so many wrong things. So the Prophet (saw) came to teach people how to live and he built a lifestyle. (He was) one individual and all the other ones were coming around him, (and he was saying to them), "Do this do that. Live like that." Some were just looking at the Prophet (saw) and copying him. So they learned how to live. Those people who were so cruel that they were burying their own children in the desert, they turned around and they put their names in the history books with golden alphabets. Not (just) in the world but also in the paradises. But they used to be cruel ones.

There was a Sahabi, who from time to time was telling (his story). Prophet (saw) was saying (to that Sahabi), "Say" At that time it became a tradition for the people to kill their children. So many people are taking things wrongly and trying to blame Islam. If today people commit adultery, (let us say), there is a punishment everywhere, (in Europe) and in every country. Before Holy Prophet (saw) came, when people were committing adultery and they were caught, they were being stoned to death. So many people are thinking that (custom) is with Islam. No, that is not with Islam. That was before Islam. It was those people who were killing their own children, their girls, and burying them alive thinking "They are going to grow up and they are going to put shame on us."

So they were burying them. And if people were doing adultery the

penalty for them was the death penalty, with stoning. (This is) before Islam. When Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) came, the practice was so widespread that he could not change it in one or two days. So he started to bring it down, down and down by saying, "Before you kill the person with stone you have to have four witnesses." You have to have people to say, "We are witnesses" and then you have to have the court to decide. But before that anybody who does not like a woman, (let us say), would go, "This woman has committed adultery." Then everyone was throwing stones at that person killing her. Or anybody who does not like a man would say, "I found this man committing adultery." So the people who were the strong ones and who were in power were doing whatever they wanted and getting rid of anybody they wanted.

Islam came and banned those things. But they were so widespread and everybody was doing them (so frequently) that he (saws) could not shut it off just like that. So he tried to eliminate them by putting difficulties (in front of them) saying, "If you are going to say that a person has committed adultery then you have to have proof. Otherwise you cannot do it." This is what Islam brought. But so many people today, (for instance, what the Taliban and others were doing in Afghanistan and here and there), are saying, "This is what happened. Let us stone that one." Why are you doing that? For what? That was not with Islam. It was before Islam.

That is what the Holy Prophet (saw) said. He said, "In Ahir Zaman, people are going to come who are going to claim that they are living Islam but they are going to go back to Jahiliyya time. They are going to go back to the time before me when they were punishing each other very cruelly. That is what they are going to do again." And this is what they are doing. They are doing it in Saudi Arabia too. But Islam is not what they say it is. They are living a different lifestyle. Why? Because they are not following the Holy Prophet (saw).

The Holy Prophet (saw) is our role model. He teaches us how to live. Yes, a person can do crimes and a person can do wrong things. That is why we are humans. We are capable of doing wrong things. But when we are doing wrong things, what the penalty is for? (It is) to make us become better ones, to (make us) understand that it is a wrong thing. So turn around and become a better one. Let us say that a person is committing adultery and no one is seeing him. How are you going to punish him? Can you punish him? Allah is not (punishing him), so what is your business there? It is also not for you to go and search. Allah has forbidden it to us. So Allah is making people to understand how life is and how to respect this life. It is order for us to live like that and we have to follow what Holy Prophet (saw) has brought to us and what the other prophets have brought because every prophet came from the same source and they came to teach people how to live.

It took Holy Prophet (saw) twenty-three years. He lived, he sat, he ate with the people and people saw what he was doing, how he was

washing himself, how he was with his wives, how he was with his children and how he was with all the others. So that is a role model. The role model whom Allah taught. Those people who followed him found safety and those who did not follow him found darkness, in dunya, here in this life and hereafter.

So when that Sahabi came he was saying how he killed his child. He was saying, "When my girl reached ten years of age Ya Rasulallah, it was a tradition among every one of us that if we do not kill that child then it would be a shame." So you cannot live in that society. You have to leave, you have to go and there is no place to go." So the only thing (although we did not want it but we had to do that crime) is to kill the child." So he says to his wife in order to fool her, "Put nice clothes on her. I am taking her to her uncle's house to play." And the Sahabi himself is saying this story. (He said) "The mother fixed the girl beautifully knowing that I am going to bury her in the sand." Look at how their hearts became. Their hearts became like stones. Is this the law that the Creator wants? How foolish is that? How is anybody going to think like that? But that is what they were doing before Islam.

He was taking the child to the desert. She was playing as they were going. In the desert he opened a big hole beforehand because he was thinking of just throwing her in it. He knew that he couldn't kill her. His heart was very soft. So he wanted to just throw her there and go away. He is saying, "When I came there my child looked at me and said, 'Father, this is the desert. Where am I going to play? Aren't we going to my uncle's house? Why is this hole here?'" He said, "When she asked me why there is a hole here, my heart started to soften. And I said, 'No it cannot be'. So I pushed her, and as she was falling inside the hole she grabbed me by the pants and she was begging me to pull her out of the hole. I fell down, and because my pants became sandy she was telling me, 'My father pull me out so that I can clean your dress.'" He said, "I was so cruel that I pushed her in and I covered her with sand." The Sahabi was crying and the Prophet (saw) said, "Cry. Cry more. You need to cry more." So the Prophet (saw) came to bring mercy to these people (when) that custom was widespread. Everybody was doing it. If you did not do it then they would not accept you in their society. You cannot buy, you cannot sell, you cannot do anything. So what did Prophet (saw) bring? Mercy. Mercy to mankind. Through Allah's order he brought mercy to mankind.

Is this not what we are doing today? Same thing. In those days they were raising them (the children) to be nine or ten years of age and buried them. In these days, they are taking (them) out of the wombs right away. Is this not the same thing that men are doing today? We have to know who we are and who gives us that right to take other people's lives away. Allah is using us to bring lives to this world. Do we have the right to take that life away? So many people are attacking Islam by saying, "Look at the Westerners." Look at the Westerners. What? How do they live? Are they living like humans? Where? They are eating each other. The sons, daughters, mothers and

fathers do not even share a cup of tea. They are eating each other over a cup of tea. They are killing each other for money, for material things. Is this the life the Lord has created us to live?

So we must sit and think. Who is our role model? Our role model is the Westerners whom we came to teach how to wash themselves? Once upon a time they were not washing themselves. They did not have toilets. They did not have soap to wash and to clean themselves. And we got fooled. The Muslims got fooled. Now we are running after them saying, "Give us human rights." Of course. They moved, became better ones and turned around saying to us, "You are cruel ones." Of course we are. We are cruel ones. But it is not because we are Muslims. It is because we are not living the lifestyle of Islam. That is why. And (because) we followed them once upon a time. That is why we became like this. So if we follow Islam correctly and if we follow the role model, role model is our Prophet (saw), those people who followed the Prophet (saw) and those people who are following the Prophet (saw). Not the people who say to you, "Just take the Quran, leave the Prophet." It shows you that one is a cruel one because Prophet (saw) came to teach you how to live. He is a Prophet, not you. The Quran came to him, not to you. Every individual today has Quran in their hands and they think that they are prophets. They live as they like. So that does not fit. You have to live life the way Allah wants, the way Allah likes. Not the way our ego likes.

Inshallah, if we want that, it is easy to find. It is very easy. If a person is sincere with himself (or with herself) then all he has to do is to sincerely turn to his Lord saying, "I want to live as You like. I do not know how. Either sent me to that one or send that one to me who is going to be my role model." Then you will find it easily. Otherwise (if you say) "I want to live as I like" (Shaykh smiling) then you are worshipping your ego. Ego never wants you to live as your Lord wants. Ego is the enemy of the Creator. Ego is the friend of shaytan. So when you start giving endless rights to your ego then you find yourself in endless troubles. Endless freedoms endless troubles. There are troubles everywhere.

Freedom. What is your freedom? You are free between two breaths of life. If Allah does not permit you then the life does not come in and you die. Huu... (Shaykh breathing out) If He does not permit it does not go out and you die. What is that freedom that everyone is fighting and screaming about saying, "We want freedom." That is the freedom we have. Two breaths. And if you do not believe me then go home tonight close your mouth and your nose and look how long you are going to live. If you want write on a piece of paper, "This is what Shaykh said and I tried", then you put me in trouble too (Shaykh laughing).

But we come out again and say, "These are humans, individuals. They are carrying their own heads. They are right, they are free, they are intellectual people, intelligent people and they do as they like." We cannot do as we like. We have to do as that one who has created us likes. What He wants is good for us and what He does not

want is bad for us. Once you know that your life becomes very sweet. That sourness goes away. Today I am finding that Muslims, Christians, Jews, believers, unbelievers, (all of) their lives are sour. (When someone says) "I do not believe in anything." I say "You must be the happiest man in the world." He says, "I have this problem." I say, "Your problems are never finishing."

People have money today. They have all the luxury. They have everything. Food and whatever, you name it. They have closets with thousands of clothes, shoes in hundreds, everything, but nobody is happy. Why is that? In the old days people had nothing. They were very happy. Happiness does not come with the material things. (Shaykh pointing up) Happiness comes from there to the heart and the heart is the center. Then when your heart is happy the whole body is happy and the whole body is comfortable. When your heart is unhappy then the whole body is unhappy.

Now shaytan is not even leaving people alone. (He is saying) "Be angry with yourself." (People are) pulling their socks, their pants (saying) "I don't like these pants, I don't like this shirt". Even alone people are unhappy. They are fighting with their socks, their pants, they wear their costumes, then look at the mirror and say, "This pant is too loose." "This pant is too tight." "These shorts are this and that." People are not happy and they are fighting nonstop. They have new cars but they are not happy with new cars. They have new houses but they are not happy with new houses. They do not have just one house. They have so many houses but they are not happy. They know guaranteed that money is going to come tomorrow. Guaranteed. They know, "If this man dies I am going to get social security or insurance." Millions of dollars. They are still not happy. If you give them food saying, "Eat this." (They say) "This has salt. It is not good for me." "Eat this." "It is oily. I have cholesterol." (I say) "Don't eat anything. Sit and watch how I am eating." You are living this life and you cannot eat, you cannot sleep, you cannot enjoy what you have. The bank is full with money and you cannot touch a dollar. What is that? You became slave to the world, nothing else. That is what majority of men became. Slaves to this world. That is not the reason for our creation. That is not what we have been created for.

You can enjoy life. Yes. There are limits for everything but there are permissions to everything. Limits and permissions. So when we know our limits our Lord is giving us everything. When we pass our limits enjoyment becomes torture. For instance, you like sweets. Bekleva. Take one piece (saying I love it so much). Eat. "I want another one." Take another one. "Well, I have some more money. Let me get another one." Another one. So how many are you going to eat? Four. By the fifth your stomach is turning. Sixth, headache. Seventh, everything is coming out and you take to bed. You get sick with something that you love, something that is so tasty. This is in every part and every way in our lives. It is the same way for everything. If we pass our limits then enjoyment becomes torture.

Inshallah we will learn our limits and we will live according to those limits.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-175

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FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Salamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Ahir Zaman, the End of the Times, about which Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) said, "My nation is going to have seventy-three different ways, seventy-three different main roads. The Children of Israel (Bani Israil) separated into seventy-one different groups. One stayed in the Siratul Mustakim, The Straight Path and the other seventy went out of the road from what Allah has ordered them. The Christians separated into seventy-two different ways. One stayed on the right road and the other ones are all in the wrong road. The Muslims, my nation is going to divide into seventy-three different ways. One will stay on the main road and the other ones will go to wrong directions."

There are certain things in this Ahir Zaman. Majority of the Muslims are not living Islam. Being a Muslim is not only to say, "I am a Muslim". A Muslim lifestyle has to be different from other lifestyles. Majority of the Muslims today are admiring the European lifestyle. They are not admiring the Islamic lifestyle. So they are running after that. And since they are running to live the European lifestyle whatever the Europeans believe is slowly entering into them. What do the majority of Europeans believe in? Christianity. Before you know, the Muslims do not know their holidays. They cannot unite around Eid but go and ask every Muslim. They know when Christmas is. Christmas is the Christian holiday that they selected and elected as they liked. It is not because that is the day but it fits to their business. They make big business around that time.

Shaytan is the enemy of Man. Whatever will put us out of the road that is what Shaytan does. And Shaytan knows with what this one is going to get fooled by. So he goes that way. There is one hadith that is holding us now. Holy Prophet (saw)

is saying, "My nation is never going to come together in sharr [the wrong thing]." They are going to have all these divisions but still they are not going to come together approving wrong things. So we have deviated into seventy-three different ways. When they (Sahabe-e Ikram) asked him, "Which ones (are on the right way), what are the signs of those ones?" Everyone today is claiming. They are claiming that they are the right ones. Muslims are claiming they are right, Christians are claiming they are right, the Jews are claiming they are right. They say, "We are right, you are wrong." The Buddhists say, "No, our religion is right and your religions is wrong." The ones who are worshipping the moon say, "Our religion is right." So whatever everyone believes that is what they are claiming saying, "This is the right way."

Where is the scale? How are we going to know which one is right and which one is wrong? We are very confused individuals. When you go to school, before it was in the Western World but now it is in the Eastern World also, from childhood they are raising children with the idea of Darwinism. Darwinism is that you came from monkeys. The whole foundation of education is sitting on that in the whole West. But the Westerners are claiming that "We believe in Jesus and Jesus is God." (I say) If you believe in Jesus and that Jesus is God, why are you teaching in the schools secularism. And why are you teaching in schools that man came from donkey. Oh no not donkey...from monkey (Shaykh laughing).

There is a big question mark. Why are you doing this? Although you are going to the extreme by making a man to be God, Jesus was a man. So here (on one side) they are making Jesus to be God, and from the other side they turn and they say in the schools where the children are raised, all these Turkish guys too are going to school now, this is what they teach them, Turkish or Arab. They are born here. The schools say, "Don't forget. Allah did not create you. You came from mothers and fathers but once upon a time you were a monkey." Hasha Astaghfirullah (Shaykh laughing). So if you tell them, "You are a monkey" then they get upset. If your grandfather somewhere was a monkey then you are a monkey.

The idea of faith, belief, believing in One God and that God has created you from nothing. He does not need monkey or donkey to create you. He says, "Be" and it happened. And God is also telling us in the big main holy books (Tawrat, Injeel, Quran that everyone takes so highly), all those books are saying that God has created man from nothing. He just used the clay, mixed it up and made the man, the shape of the man. So on one side we see that every book, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, believe that God has created man from clay but from the other side when you go to their schools they are brainwashing. They are dirtying the minds of little children saying, "You are born from monkeys."

That is a big confusion now. The children go to school and learn that we came from monkeys, when they come home whatever parents they have in the house, if they are Muslims they say to them, "No, this is wrong. This is right." So the children get more confused. They say, "Well if the school is wrong then why are you sending us to

school?" I said to my son, "Don't listen to what the teacher says all the time." He says, "Father, if that is the case then why are you sending me to school?" I say, "That is another problem we have now. I have to send you to school, otherwise they will come and put me in jail saying, "He is not sending his son to school to be brainwashed." This is what they are doing.

Now 'X' is coming here and getting brainwashed with me then he is going home and he is getting another brainwash at home. The two are completely different. We are brainwashing with what? We are cleaning the brains now. We are not washing by dirtying. We are cleaning. We are letting you think. We say, "Here is this and here is that. Think and come to your own decision." I am not brainwashing you. No. I am just telling you that you are a human and that you have a mind and you have an independent decision that you are going to make. Not by my force or your force or this one's force, No.

These are the realities. These are the facts. This is what they are teaching you in the schools, this is what they are teaching you in the churches, this is what they are teaching you in the mosques and this is what they are teaching you in the synagogues. Whatever the teachings are I say to you, "Sit and think. Who you are and what you are." If you say and if you believe that once upon a time your grandfathers were coming from monkeys, I have no problem with that. You are not responsible also because you go into the category of animals. We say, "If you believe you came from monkeys, it's okay. You are not responsible." If you live like animals now there is no problem. Because that is how monkeys live. You are not a responsible individual. Whatever you do they should not punish you also, the government. They should say, "This one does not fit to the human category so we should not punish him." God is not going to punish you also. No punishment. You did not accept to be a human. You believed that you were a monkey and a donkey. It's okay. You are not responsible.

Now we say to you, if you believe you have a mother and father and they have a mother and a father and going back up that chain it is reaching somewhere and through their own technology through their DNA testing and all these kinds of things that came out in these last decades saying, "We are going to put man's profile out now", Mashallah. They know how many cells are there in your body. So if you know all that, then you must know that you did not come from monkeys. There is something different between a monkey and you. Man is different and monkey is different. So if you accept saying, "Okay, although I do not understand, it is a big question mark. I do not understand who created me but I believe that I am not a monkey. I did not come from monkeys." Now you should think and you should question yourself and you should look to find a way out. Because this life looks very short but sometimes it can be very long. Sometimes one day can be like one year to you. Sometimes one minute can be like a hundred years to you.

We have no control over our bodies in reality. Even though before we

go to the mosque, we trim our beard we cut this and we cut that but we cannot cut our skin. We cannot replace our eyes as we like. We try to put different shapes to ourselves but there are certain things that stay there. So we have no control over this body. This body is moving forward and getting older and older and older, and nobody wants to get old but slowly they are looking (at themselves) and saying, "Oh my hands are getting wrinkled." In the old days women were doing that and in the new days men are doing that. They are looking at the mirror and saying, "I am getting wrinkles. I must go for operation to pull it." So they pull, pull, pull and pull before you know there is nothing to pull anymore and the face becomes very ugly. It is a sign that we have no control over our own selves. Slowly this body that we love so much, that is what everybody loves, themselves really, and this body that we love so much is slowly dying. In these days it is not even waiting for your time to come. Any kind of sickness comes and whoosh... you will die right away. You do not know beforehand. Yesterday you did not know you were sick and today you find out that you have the worst sickness.

Also everyone today is asking, "Why is this happening?" People eat good and sleep good. They work less and they have all kinds of nutrition that they put in their bodies; but the body is not holding together. It is falling down. All kinds of weird sicknesses are coming in these days to every one of us. They are saying, "You have cancer. Now you have a problem." Why? Why do we have cancer? Now even the children have cancer. In the old days people reached seventy, eighty years of age and they were fine and they already made the road to the end. It was no problem. Now you find that at the age of forty, fifty or even thirty they have cancer. (You ask) "Why is all this happening?" Now because of the hormones everything that we are eating and drinking is poison. The cells in the body are not holding together. Cancer means that the cells in the body are not holding together anymore but they are separating. The body is getting weaker and weaker and dying. It is killing the muscle system and everything depending on what kind of cancer you have. The body is falling quickly.

Eh, if you are a believer then maybe there is a way out again. When you go to the hospital they tell you that you have cancer. (You ask) "What am I going to do?" (They tell you) "Go to this and that, this is going to give you cure". But now we are finding that there is no cure. There is only one cure, sit and pray. Or as they said in the old days, the "old-people medicine" (which is to) go and try the kind of medicine that comes from the natural world. It may affect. Otherwise everything that we are eating and drinking daily from animals to vegetations, everything that is coming into our bodies is already poisoned. The farmers are using hormones. Come Upstate and I will bring you to a farm where you will see a cow, the poor animal has her udders this big. It is bigger than the animal. I said to the man, "Why are you doing this to the animal?" He said,

"Well, we have to get this much milk from this animal."

"So what do you do to get that much milk?"

"We pump hormones into them."

"But you are killing the animals."

"It's okay. In three to four years I get my milk out from this animal and I make it up."

Same thing they are doing to humans today. And now everyone is against religion. Why are you against religion? Religion is teaching you how to live this life. How to live in this life. Nice and comfortable lives, worry-free. Not to be slaves. No. But worry-free because you do not know this body. You do not know this system and how it is going to work. So the Creator is saying to you, "You are going to get the best result from this body if you use it like this and like that." Everyone is going to operations to pull their skins. I say, "You want your skin to be beautiful? No problem. Get up at night for prayer 2:00 a.m. in the morning and then look at the mirror the next morning. (You would go) "Oh I am changing." You are going to see. Allah is saying to us, "That Tahajjud prayer makes you become young again." The day is twenty-four hours. When you are working all day long, expiring and at night relaxing a little bit and then getting up for prayer, the mercy rains on you and you start to become alive again.

Or you can go to a doctor. If you are Michael Jackson who has millions and everyday he is going through operations and now he has nothing to operate on anymore. His nose is falling, ears are falling, they are taking a piece from here putting there, a piece from there putting here and it is not holding. Why are you torturing yourself that way? Is that the reason of your creation? Who are you trying to look beautiful to? First you have to look at yourself. As long as I am healthy and strong who cares if you like me or don't like me? Don't look at me. But the mankind has lost their direction and they are running outside to please others only. They are not looking at how much they are suffering.

Last days, the signs of the Last Days. Mankind has lost their direction. The Holy Prophet (saw) came to this world to teach man how to live. Because mankind once upon a time lost their direction and they became worst than animals, they were killing and eating each other and in the middle of all this in that darkness the Prophet (saw) came out saying, "This is wrong, this is right. Do this, don't do that." The laws came. There was no law. The strong ones were bringing down the weak. Whoever was stronger tortured the weak. There was no law. So the Prophet (saw) came and said, "The weak has a right the strong has a right, the slave has a right, the master has a right. Everyone has their rights. You should not pass your limits. So Allah sent laws to us and said, "Live according to this so that you do not pass your limits. That is the time you live like humans and you will die like humans."

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "The way you live, that is how you are going to die; and the way you die is the way you will be resurrected on the Judgment Day." This life is very short. There is a life waiting for us that is eternal life but we have not understood the reality of this life. How are we going to sit to think about the other life? Everyone is so busy with only worldly life. This life. But there is another life that Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given to us. Man has four different stages of life that he has to go through. You know only two. The first, how many people here are going to deny that they came out of their mothers' wombs? Who is denying that? Can you deny that?

(Shaykh looking at `X') How many months did you stay?

(`X' replying) "Nine months.

I doubt it. You are always nervous which means you came out in seven or seven and a half months. But anyway... (Shaykh smiling).

Nine months. None of us deny and say that we did not live that life. That is one stage of life. You know that you came out from there but you do not remember anything of that life. You must remember. But you cannot remember. Because today's people cannot even remember what happened to them yesterday. How are you going to remember what was inside the womb? You are going to have to pass that (going backward) to the spiritual world to know from where you came from and how you came to your mother's womb. You may know that too. But you need to be trained for that. Anyway, leave that aside for now. It is a big work. We come back to say that there are two lives that we cannot deny. One is that once upon a time we were inside our mothers' wombs as humans. After four months you are a complete human inside. Little fingers, little eyes, little ears, little nose but you are complete. Everything is complete. You know that there was a period of life of nine months (some seven months, some seven and a half, some eight) but normally it has to be nine months. Nine months ten days maybe. You cannot pass beyond that too. It will be dangerous. So we know that we had a life there. And now we came to this world. If there was a possibility that someone was speaking to you inside (the womb) from the outside and you were speaking back to them, if they said, "You who are going to come out from the womb, know that you are coming out into a very big and great world", you were then going to say, "No that is impossible." Because all you know is that little area. And you are like this (Shaykh folding hands and ducking his head to show the posture of a baby in the womb). As soon as you come out, not one doctor but a million doctors cannot put you back in anymore. Impossible. You will die. One day ago you would have died if you came out and one day later you would die if you go back in. Allahu Akbar!

That is one period of life. And when we are coming out to this world we find that it is so big. It looks big. It looks very big. But today's men have made that big world very small. If you get into a

plane from here, an hour later you will be in Egypt. They have a service that they did not give us yet but those top ones have that service. They can go so fast that an hour later they can move out of the orbit of the world. Now you know how fast man is traveling. So when a man comes to this world and knows this life, he cannot deny this life. But when it comes to death and the hereafter life everyone is denying. I say, "There is a life in the grave." They say, "What are you crazy? You die." Of course we die (Shaykh smiling). But once upon a time in your mother's womb you were a dead one also. When you were three months old the whole body was complete but there was no spirit inside. It was dead. Little baby. If you do not believe me, then go and ask the secular doctors who think they know everything. Ask them. Say, "This is what this Shaykh is teaching us." He is going to tell you, "He is right." It is a dead body inside. It is moving and growing but it is dead. It has no life. When the angel comes and blows the spirit into you, that makes you YOU. You become YOU. Before that it is only a piece of meat. That is why when the women make abortions after three months you look at them, they are little babies. You can see it. Even before that time you can see it. They are little babies, but they have no life. They are dead.

This spirit is making us move, making us think, making us jump up and down, making us desire things and run after things, Huu... as soon as it comes out, the body falls down again. So the people who do not know the reality of death there is a question mark (on them). Not just some people but billions of them do not know and everyone is so afraid. They are running away from religion. But running away from religion is not solving the problem. Death is there. The Angel of Death is waiting right behind the door. Before your time comes he will not hit you. Don't worry. But if your time is up then nothing can stop him. All these sicknesses, accidents, this and that, they are only reasons for us to get fooled by saying, "Oh he died because of this, he died because of that." He died because Huu... the breath of life that is given to him has expired. It has finished. Wherever I go there are so many people who say, "Shaykh, come." I say, "Where?" You have to come to the hospital to pray for my father to die. Did you ever hear someone telling you that? They come to me. They say, "He wants to die but he cannot die yet. And the doctors do not have the right to give injections to kill him. Come, please pray. Maybe he will die." And I go through that so many times. Not just once.

(Once) I went and I saw the poor man (with open mouth, blank look in his eyes, frozen). He is living like that for nine months. He is not eating anything, drinking anything; but he is alive. His eyes are locked somewhere, he is not hearing, he is not responding, the only thing that he is doing is (periodically making a heavy sound as if trying to get a hold of his breath). Nine months. Allahu Akbar! Allah is showing to us that we should appreciate what he has given to us and to be thankful to Him. Now whatever the individual is going through may be a clean-up process so that he will be completely clean for the other life that he is going to. Allah is

saying to us that whomever He gives a difficult life in this world, He will not give a difficult life to that one in the hereafter. Allah is Just and He put people into different categories. How people are, what they are, how they are going to die, when they will die and what is the level that they will reach. If a person has any kind of inside sickness and he dies from it, he will die as a martyr. Martyrs will not be questioned. They will not be questioned about any wrong thing that they did. If a person dies from cancer he will not be questioned. He will go clean straight to Paradise. So now we know that we have to build ourselves for that life. Not only for this life. We are in this life and we have to live it. We cannot escape even if we want to kill ourselves. If the time does not come, we cannot die even if we try.

So there are four different periods of life that Allah has given to us. The life in the mother's womb, the life in this world, the life in the grave, and the life hereafter in Paradise. Because they do not know all the answers about the life in the grave, so many times you find people who are denying and running away. No. There are answers to that, there is a life there (in the grave; and it is a continuous life. People who know, they know that. If you also want to know, then you have to practice certain things. If you want to become a doctor you have to go study for years and then you have to practice next to a doctor and learn how to make operations. So if you want to learn that too. There is a possibility for everyone. Allah gave permission to everyone to learn. Or, you can build your faith by saying, "There is a life after death. I believe in that." And that enables you to live a correct life here as a good individual. No harm can come from your hands.

Today's world, the 21st century men who call themselves civilized, are doing cruelties that the world has never seen before. Never. In the old days, if a person got upset and went crazy he would go out there and kill one person. In these days huh, it just happened in Egypt. They put a bomb in a hotel killing fifty people and two hundred people are wounded. Who are these people? Why are you going and killing them? You do not know them. You do not know the individuals. Why are you killing them? Huh. That is what Prophet (saw) says. "In Ahir Zaman, in the End of Times, people are going to become so cruel that they are going to go out and kill. The one who kills will not know why he killed. The one who died is not going to know why he is dying." This is the time. Those people who were sitting in the hotel, or sleeping in the hotel, did not even think maybe once that something like that might happen. But it blew up. Finished. The same thing is happening in this country and everywhere in the world. Today's civilized people It shows how cruel they are to each other.

Islam is completely far away from that. Islam has no tolerance for those kinds of things. But it is a sad thing that Muslims are using that name and saying, "We are doing this for the sake of Allah." How foolish is that? Can you believe this is what they are doing? Islam is completely far away from these kinds of people. Yes, they can

claim that they are somebody who believes. But those should be and will be punished who are tyrannizing other people because they are of a different race, different nation or they are just different from them. Allah is not giving us the permission to go and destroy each other because somebody did something wrong to you. You cannot even go to that person individually to damage that person if he did something wrong to you. In the old days, there were no courts. You went to elderly people and they would decide. They would say, "Sit. We will punish him like this and you will be even." Today people are running out like animals and they are doing acts like animals. So they ask me, "Shaykh, why is it like this?" I say to them, "It is very easy. You do not know? Because we teach them in the schools that they are animals. So that is how they are acting." Once upon a time they were not teaching in the schools that people are animals. They were teaching, "You are a human. How are you going to scream at another person without knowing?" Today everyone is screaming at each other everyone is cursing at each other and there are no limits to it. It is not accepted in the Divine Presence. A man does not have the right to scream and curse at his wife. The wife does not have a right to curse and scream at her husband. The parents do not have the right to scream and curse and punish their children as they like. Yes there are some punishments they may sometimes need. Sometimes punishment is necessary. What is the punishment for? Just to make the individual understand that what he is doing is wrong. He must come around.

So people in today's world has become very cruel to each other and we should turn around. Because if there are cruelty around us then we cannot find peace in our own selves. We have to find that peace. If we cannot find that peace in our own selves then we cannot understand where we came from and where we are going to go. This is the game Shaytan is playing on us making us nervous all the time fighting and arguing always. This way we will continuously be busy with the wrong things and we would not have the time to think to become better individuals. Leave everybody. You have to become a better individual first to yourself. You have to have a clear mind and you have to have peace in your heart. This is not something they sell in McDonalds, Burger King, Macy's or here and there. You cannot buy it but you have to have it. It has to be found. Otherwise, this world becomes hell. We have already turned this world into hell because we do not know what is going to happen five minutes later, in the streets of New York City also.

We must make intention to become better humans, first to understand our own selves and to understand our Lord. When we understand that then we will understand what is the reason of our creation. We have not been created to eat like animals, to sleep, to have sex and to have children and to multiply. That is not the only reason. That is one part of our lives. But it is not the only reason of our creation. The One that has created us has the right to question us one day. You have the right to question your own children. The boss has the right to question his workers. The President has the right to question his deputies, the police has the right to question you

in the streets if he sees something wrong. So Allah has the right to question us, and when He does what are we going to say? How did we live? Did we try to make any effort to become better ones?

We are watching in the television these days. You want to have problems, watch television. Your problems will never finish. You are getting other people's burdens on your neck and you will never have any peace. Because everywhere you look you see those people suffering, and even if you like it or not your heart is moving somewhere somehow. So that pain comes to you. You cannot reach there. Leave it. You want to do something? Pray. There is nothing else you can do. Your hand cannot reach there. Our hands cannot reach. If anything is going to happen now beyond these walls (of the dergah) it is going to happen. It is not in our control. So first we have to know that we are weak ones, and then we have to ask support from our Lord to make us understand what He has given to us and how we are going to treat that life that He has given to us. The life He is giving us continuously, how are we going to live that life? This is what we have to concentrate on. If we do that, we will become better ones. If not then this life continues, and one day the Angel of Death will come to us even if we like it or not, and we go someplace that we have not prepared ourselves for. And there is no return back. We cannot come back because this life is given only once. We are not coming back to this life. Do not let anybody fool you with that because now I am seeing new age people and new ideas. People come to me and say, "Shaykh, I remember I was a cat and now I am a human. So I am going to come back to this life as a bird." (Shaykh laughingly) They believe in Reincarnation. I said, "No, You were not a cat. You were only a human, and you are not coming back to this world. But maybe Allah will open the reality of that animal to you so you will feel (like that animal) but do not think that once upon a time you were like that."

So much confusion today. Yes. Everywhere we turn there is confusion. Shaytan has built his kingdom everywhere. In every religion, every center, every house and in every place he has built his kingdom. You should escape from him to your Lord. And on the way of escaping you must look to find some strong one from whom Shaytan is running away saying, "This one is dangerous. Let me not go near that one." So stay near that strong one. Then Shaytan will not bother you too much.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

This much is enough for you and for me. Amin.

Sohbet-176

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

(Continued...)

HIDDEN PLEASURE HIDDEN ANGER

Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying to us in one hadith ... (If we take the hadith that I am going to say now and apply it to our lives, then it is another safety for us). It says, "Allah subhana wa ta'ala has hidden His liking and His pleasure in the good deeds that you are doing." Meaning, He is hiding the good deed that will earn His pleasure among the good deeds that you are doing. Is Allah going to be pleased because you pray five times a day or is He going to be pleased because as you are walking in the street you see a stone and you move it aside so that no one is going to fall on it? You don't know. You don't know which action you are going to do that is going to please Allah and Allah is going to be happy with you.

That is why Holy Prophet (saw) is saying that Allah is hiding it. So whatever comes in front of you, if it is a good action then a believer is going to run to do it. "Maybe in this action Allah is going to be pleased with me." Never is there going to be an end to it because it is hidden and you are not going to know. So until the Angel of Death comes you are going to run, moving and doing things for the sake of Allah. And the more things you do for the sake of Allah, the more pleasure you are going to get in your heart. More satisfaction is going to come and your faith is going to grow stronger. Laziness is going to run away from you; weakness is going to run away from you; foolishness is going to run away from you. The bottom point is: shaytan is going to pull himself and his army away from you because now you are getting closer to Rahman (The Merciful). Every deed that you are doing is bringing you closer to Allah; and as you are coming closer to Allah, shaytan is running away from you. So Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "Allah has hidden his favor in your deeds." That one is hiding and you do not know which one it is. So you have to run after it.

He is also saying (alayhi salatu wa salam), "He is hiding His anger inside the sins that you are committing." The anger is also hiding inside the wrong things that you are committing. You do not know which sin you are going to commit and you are going to get the anger of Allah. Now this is a very important point. You may say to yourself, "I committed all these wrong sins and I did not get the anger of Allah." Just then maybe you are going to turn your head to look at something forbidden to you and you may get the anger. So now you have to control yourself. You have to turn back to your self. You have to try not to do anything then because getting the anger of Allah is not like getting the anger of your friend or your buddy. If you get your Lord angry with you then you finish yourself. So that is also hidden. An intelligent man cannot say, "Oh let me do this and I am going to say Astaghfirullah later." You may not have the chance to say Astaghfirullah. You may not be given the chance.

HIDDEN FRIENDS

And he (saw) is saying, "He has hidden His waliullah, His friends, among the people." They may appear to you like one of you but they are not. They may not speak. They do not have to speak. They do not have to be a Shaykh or Imam. No.

They do not have to be a Muezzin. When they are sitting you may think that they may not even have tongues. But they might be the friends of Allah. So you have to be careful there more than anything else. If you get that one's anger, then you finish yourself. If you get that one's pleasure, you raise yourself. Because everything works according to what is between his two jaws (tongue). What comes out is accepted.

A man has no value until he reaches to that station and his faith is growing. If you have no faith in the heart you have no value. Allah is saying that. He is saying, "What are you? Your value is only as much faith you have in Me. As much as you believe in Me, that much value you have. If you are not believing in Me and if you are not accepting what I am sending to you, then you have no value." But the worldly people may put you on top of the list. Heh.. if the whole world puts you on top of the list and Allah puts you on the bottom of the list, what are you going to do?

Who is the most valuable one in the Divine Presence? - the Habibullah Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam), the most valuable one. But when he came, only a handful of people followed him; and the majority, the foolish ones, were insulting him. Until today, the foolish ones try to insult that one. But his name is on the top of the list; and Allah has put a condition there. "You want to become beloved to Me, you must love this one. If you do not love this one you cannot come near Me and I am not accepting anything that you are doing." So your value comes according to that Prophet (saw)- to believers and to Muslims. The unbelievers and the non-muslims still have a (long) way to go in that road, and then that road may bring them to the Siratul Mustakim - the main road; and in that main road, they have to understand who is the most valuable in the divine presence. We are not talking about those yet. They still have a way to go. We are talking about those who are accepting and who are saying (that they accept). Not who are not accepting. No. You are only going to find what you accept and what you do not accept.

So if we just take this hadith that we have heard and we apply it to our lives everyday; and when you wake up, if you try to live according to this hadith then tell me, are you going to find yourself entering wrong areas? You are going to be in the awakening station. Waking up then you would have to observe properly and look at everything around you properly. You are not going to just say, "To hell with you" and walk. That is what so many are doing.

"Well I did not like it."

"You don't like it? Too bad, get out of here."

"Okay. Good day to you."

Ohh! Look what happens to that man later. You are looking down on somebody. Especially in this country they are looking down on everybody. (Allah says), "I am writing it in your book. Don't worry. You are looking down? Look what happens to your life until you die."

So there are so many beloved ones to Allah and to His Prophet (saw). If you look down on those, you are in trouble. Never mind about those unbelievers. (I am talking about) those who pray five times a day. (Shaykh pointing at `X') He can tell you the story of what happened in 96th Street mosque. Insisting; the man is insisting to be cursed. Running, coming and touching fire to be burned. It is

fire and he is running to touch the fire. So Allah has hidden. Those Muslims know that but they are not accepting Waliullah. They say, "We are all Wali." Hm.. Of course. You are going to sink in the dirtiness of the world and all the garbage that you are going to do and later because you make two rakat of prayer you are going to claim, "I am Wali". Mashallah. Heh.. Not fives times a day but if you pray fifty times a day, what is your prayer worth?

IF NOT FOR HIM

It is not the prayers. Don't you understand? Allah is saying, "If the worship of all the angels, all believers and all prophets from the beginning to the end of times were collected together and were put on one side of the scale, and two rakat of prayer of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) addressing to the Lord of the Heavens Allah subhana wa ta'ala were put on the other side of the scale, those two rakat are more beloved to Allah than the prayers of all prophets, all saints and all angels nonstop." Those two rakat are more beloved to Allah than everything combined together. It will become more heavier. Say it is otherwise. It cannot be. Impossible. Because Allah is saying, "That one is My favored. If that one stands in front of Me, even if you all come together, I am not looking at any one of you. If I am looking, I am looking because of that one. If that one is not there then I am not looking. You are worth nothing in my presence without him." Allahu Akbar! You are worth nothing if not for that Prophet (saw).

Our value has no value. You may say to the world in the world, "Oh I am such a valuable one." That is what Firaun was saying. "I am so valuable." That is what Abu Jahil said. Holy Prophet (saw) was sitting alone in one corner of the Kaba in Mekkah. When Abu Jahil came with all his foolish friends he said, "Look at this one". He said to Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), "Are you a prophet?" Prophet (saw) looked at him and said to him, "yes." He (Abu Jahil) says, "Look at him. He is a prophet and he does not have a single person around him. What kind of a prophet are you? Look at me. Look at all my buddies around. If there was a prophethood given it should be given to me." Prophet (saw) was hurt by it. He was sad. Allah addressed him that day with the angels, "Oh My Prophet! Is that bothering you?" Right away He sent Jibreel (as) saying, "Take that one to Miraj. Bring him up to Me. Let him to see." It was not that he did not believe; but looking at their ignorance and arrogance, his heart was crying saying, "How are they addressing, how foolish the things they are doing."

STEPPING ON THE EGO

But if you do not see your ego worse than Abu Jahil's ego then you are in bigger trouble than Abu Jahil. Yeah. Compare and say. If you cannot say, "If I was at the time of the Holy Prophet (saw) and if Allah did not hold me, I would become worse than Abu Jahil to the Prophet (saw)", then you still have pride in your heart. Because the characteristics of the ego are the same on everyone. If Allah is not holding it, if Allah's favor has not reached to you, this time or that time, you are Abu Jahil. We are Abu Jahils.

So the only way to bring it (pride) down is to step on the ego. Stepping on the ego is not to say, "I am stepping on my ego." Huh! It has to be in action. If

you want to step on your ego then sit in the presence of someone and say, "I am submitting myself and my will to you. As you like." That is the step that slowly brings you to the higher stations because now you are giving yourself up to some other human like you. You are giving control to that one and you are promising to do what that one says. That is the first step of stepping on the ego. If you are not stepping on the ego in that first step, whatever you know is not more than what shaytan knew. And the more shaytan knew, the more he made himself to become disobedient directly to his Creator. It is because that one did not accept any Shaykh or any guide. Allah said to him, "Submit yourself. Make Sajdah to Adam." Sajdah is not only to make prostration. (Allah said) "From now on you are under the control of this one. Whatever you want to know you may ask that one. Do not come to Me." He did not like it. He says, "I have direct connection with you."

[Allah says] "I cut that line. Now you have connection with that one. You are not coming to Me."

So the ego did not like it. It did not accept it. Think and understand the worship that he was doing up until that time. If the whole life was given to us, sixty years or seventy years, nonstop twenty-four hours of worship, we cannot cover even one split area that shaytan was worshipping. No, impossible. He worshipped forty thousand years in each paradise, in each level of the paradises. Understand how much he was worshipping; and he reached to the level where he became teacher to the angels. When something was unknown to the angels, they used to come to him to ask. How many angels up until now came and asked you, "What should I do? Which level should I go? Which level should I come?" So that is enough measurement for us to know where we are and where shaytan was.

SHAYTAN'S WRONG INTENTION

The bigger problem is another one that is hiding now under the carpet. Why did shaytan fall into that problem knowing all that knowledge, all those secrets and reaching to stations of teaching the angels? He was giving sohbet to angels from time to time. He was sitting and giving sohbet to them. They were listening. Because when he had seen Maqam-e Mahmud that Allah subhana wa ta'ala created, the highest station, he aimed for that. (He said) "This must be mine. I must reach to that." So all the worship, all that running and all that killing himself was not really for the sake of Allah. It was to reach there. So there was wrong intention somewhere. That little wrong intention made him to become disobedient. He became disobedient because as soon as Allah created Adam (as) he looked at that one and he looked at that station and he understood, "This station is for that one. For the children of Adam. It is not for me. I am worshipping all these years and he is giving it to this one that he has just created." That is what made him go crazy.

This is what so many people are doing to the Shaykhs. They say, "I am serving you so much, I love you so much, I give you everything and that one just came and you love that one more than me?" Heh... Yeah. This is the characteristic that shaytan is putting into every one of us. That is how he is playing with us. We must wake up. We must understand which station we are in and how are we going to come out of that wrong heedless station to the awakening station. If you are in the awakening station, then it does not matter if you are sitting in the

first floor or if you are sitting on the top floor. (Then you say), "Allah has accepted me as a servant. Alhamdulillah. Ya Rabbi. Shukr Ya Rabbi." Then you look at the other one and say, "Ah Mashallah!" Nicely, neatly and with more love you look at that one saying, "This one must be in higher station. He must be better since Allah put him there." Then you will not have any envy, any jealousy or any wrong thinking.

HAZRAT ABU BAKR AND UMAR (RA)

Do you think the Sahaba-e Ikram were fighting like this? When Prophet (salatu wa salam) asked to give for the sake of Allah, Abu Bakr Siddik (ra) came. He said, "What did you give Ya Abu Bakr and what did you leave for your family?"

He said, "Ya Rasulallah, I left my family Allah and His Prophet (saw). Nothing else. I gave everything I have."

So then Umar (ra) came. He (salatu wa salam) said to him, "What did you leave Ya Umar?"

He said, "I left half for my family and I gave half for the sake of Allah."

He (salatu wa salam) said to him in front of the other Sahabis, "Ya Umar, your faith is half of Abu Bakr's faith."

He [Umar ra] did not get upset to say, "What are you saying?" Ha ha! Hasha astaghfirullah. Isn't it what is going to happen today? If he (a mureed) does not say it openly, he is going to go out there (outside the dergah) to say it. So then Umar (ra) looked at Abu Bakr (ra) and bowed down more in front of him. He was always trying to compete with him, and after that he stopped. (He realized that) It is impossible to reach Abu Bakr.

(To be continued, inshallah ...)

Sohbet-178

BismillahirRahmanirRahim
Selamunaleykum

This is part of a sohbet that was given by Sheikh Abdul Kerim Al-Kibrisi at the Manhattan Dergah on 24th of November, 2004.

... [When Allah swt ordered Shaitan to make sajda to Adam as], that did not mean only go to sajda and make prostration. He said to Shaitan "From now on, you are under his authority. When you want to learn something, you must ask him." The Shaitan was getting knowledge from Allah. He was an obedient servant and worshipping a lot. Shaitan and his family were living in this world before man was created. They were living in the world and he was worshipping so much that he also went against gravity that was holding them not to pass certain level of the skies; and he started moving because he was worshipping so much. He started moving toward Paradises; and he entered to Paradise. Then, all the knowledge started to be given to him and everything that he was looking, watching, and

understanding, the knowledge was coming to him. So, even angels they were not knowing something of what they saw in paradise. They were coming to him; they say "What is this? Teach us!" He was a teacher and he was teaching them. He was telling them what is what in the paradise until one day Shaitan is walking around in the paradise and he sees a sign - calligraphy writing, because every part in the paradise there are beautiful writings. Everywhere he sees one calligraphy writing and that writing was saying "There is a creature that your Lord has created that is going to become disobedient to his Lord".

So Shaitan knowing the generosity of the Lord, and seeing how merciful Allah was, he was surprised and saying, "What kind of creature that can be that is going to be disobedient to the Lord, the Lord of the Heavens, the Lord that has created him and He is going to give him everything?". And he asked saying "Oh my Lord! Grant me permission to curse to that one who is going to be disobedient to You!" Then, Allah granted permission saying "Curse!".

Shaitan did not leave any spaces in the Paradises that he did not go to sajda and cursing to that one who is going to be disobedient to Allah. But Allah's mercy reached to him again and one day when he was cursing, inspiration came to his heart saying to him "That one who is going to be disobedient might be you!". As soon as that came to his heart, he was saying "Something is wrong here! I am on sajda and cursing to that one who is going to be disobedient. So, it cannot be me." But up till that time there was no Shaitan; there were no evil sources. Everything was coming directly to him from his Lord. But the ego, the proudness, did not let him turn around to say "Oh my Lord! Do not make me that one!" – "It is impossible. I cannot be that one because I am a very high level and I am a good servant" Just thinking like that was the first disobedience that he made.

So Allah created Adam (as) and blew a spirit into him. To every one of the other creatures, Allah swt said 'Be!' and it happened. Allah swt molded Adam as from clay and blew a spirit from Himself into Adam as, and because of that spirit, Adam had so much knowledge that the other creatures did not have. And Allah says to angels "Make prostration to this one!" So they make prostration except Shaitan saying, "I am not because I am better than that one. You have created me from smokeless fire. You have created him from only a clay, so I am better". As soon as he said "better", it was the second disobedience that he made to his Lord. Then, Allah says to angels and to everyone "Make sajda to Adam (as)!" Shaitan says "No, I will not!" So Allah kicked that one away from the Divine Presence. "Go away until judgment day and after judgment day, you will be having a severe punishment. And all those who are going to follow you, who are going to accept your teachings, and who are going to do what you want, they will be with you in that punishment. All those who make mistakes and turn back to Me, then ask forgiveness from Me, they will find Me forgiving!" So from that time, until today, until judgment day, there are only two groups of people. One group is obedient, one group disobedient.

Nobody should misunderstand about disobedience! So many people sometimes they say "What can I do? I was born like that." Nobody was born disobedient. Everyone was born innocent and obedient creatures; but later, ego and Shaitan make them to become disobedient to their Lord. All that because they don't want to listen to anything, anybody. They just want to listen to what their ego says. Ego is supported by shaitans and spirit is supported by intelligence; and intelligence is always ordering to us, "Consult with somebody about the things that you don't

know. If you want safety, you must consult. If you don't want safety, consult with your ego. You may reach to safety; you may not reach to safety." So our Lord is saying to us, especially when it comes to Ahiret (to Hereafter life), "You must consult those that I sent to you to be the guides; and those ones are the Prophets and the books that I have sent to you and those who are holding on tightly to the Prophet's (saw) way or life style. You must consult with them to understand what it is that you have to do in this world, what is waiting for you, how you are going to prepare for this journey."

This is long journey. For instance; if a man is coming going from one place to another place for two or three days, he is preparing himself. He has a little luggage, couple of underwear, couple of this, couple of that. It is only for two days, three days; but he is preparing what he is in need of. If he is going to stay for a pretty long time, now he has couple of luggages. If he is staying six or seven months, he has a house there, he has everything there, ready. So we are preparing to go to a journey, long journey. We don't know when they are going to call us for that journey. We may run. We are running. Majority of people running away from these kind of words. They don't want to hear. They're saying "I don't want to hear about death. I will know when I reach there." It will be too late. You must prepare now before it takes place.....Once you submit yourself, you will say "Oh! This life is so easy and I live in peace" because now slowly Divine Light starts coming to your heart and you start sensing and feeling what is on the other side. Nobody has to come to say to you, but yourself also, you will understand slowly that "Well, I am a believer. I am believing. I don't think that that One who created me is going to punish me because I am believing." So that gives you comfort right away.

Majority of people, today, 21st century, worldly - they are hurt. Nobody is suffering the way that the people they were suffering a hundred years ago. People, they had only a piece of bread. They didn't have one pants to wear. They had ten or twenty patches on their pants. They didn't have proper shoes to wear; but they were living nice, simple, comfortable and peaceful life. Today 20th century, 21st century man is never having a peace, but having everything. The whole world is around him, but no peace. That peace is taken from the heart. The peace to a man can come only from believing and following the orders of his Lord. You cannot buy peace in the supermarket and no one can sell it to you to say "Come, come! I am going to sell you peace. Give me this much money." The peace comes to you from as much obedience as you show to your Lord. That much peace will come to your heart.

Wa minallahi tawfik wa hurmatul fatiha!

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Sohbet-179

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

THE OPPOSITE OF SUBMISSION

Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Salamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Grandshaykh is saying, "If you are worshipping two lords, you must kill one of them." If there are two lords in your heart, that is shirk al-khafi, hidden shirk inside. Two lords. One is your Creator, and the other one is your ego that goes against the Creator. So many men, so many people especially in this time, are claiming that they love Islam, they love Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), they love Sahaba-e Ikram and so many say, "We also love the Friends of Allah"; but you find them not following anything and not following anyone. If a man is not following anything, then he is going to follow one thing: his own knowledge. He cannot follow something else. The books that he is reading, the life experiences that he has here and there, that is what he is going to follow. Or he is going to follow someone who he has accepted as a master, a guide. Anyone who is accepting somebody to say, "I have somebody, I am following", even if the individual they are following is not good, they are doing the good action. Because of that they are blessed and in the future according to their intentions Allah is going to remove them from the wrong one and He is going to connect them to the right one. They are going to understand one day, "Well, I am following but this one is wrong. I must find the right one." Then Allah will send the right one to him or He will send him to the right one.

The man who does not want to submit his will and himself to another human, a living one, he is in more trouble than the other one because he is following his ego. Whatever fits to his ego that is what he is going to do. His Islamic understanding is according to his ego. It is not going to be the understanding of the Sahaba-e Ikram or the teachings of Rasulullah (salatu wa salam). It cannot be! Because if anybody is following the teachings of the Holy Prophet (salatu wa salam) they have to look at whom Prophet (saw) was teaching. To one's self or to the Sahaba? What were the Sahaba doing? They were sitting and listening. And they were able and capable to ask direct questions to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). They were getting knowledge from a prophet. And just sitting and being in the presence of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was enough for them to say, "I have knowledge." They were sitting and listening all the time. And the more they became wise, the more they were submitting their wills to the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

The more knowledge they knew, the more knowledge they had, the more submission they were giving. As they (pagan unbelievers) came to Abu Bakr Siddiq (radiyallhu ta'ala anh) and told him, "Your friend has gone crazy. He said that he has gone to the skies. Are you still going to believe him?" They thought, "This way we are going to separate them." He (Hazrat Abu Bakr) says, "Is that what he says?" They said to him, "Yes." Abu Bakr ra says, "If he said that, then I believe. I do not even have to hear it." That was submission. Because he said, "If he said that, then I already believe. I do not have to hear what he said,"

So the submission that the Sahaba-e Ikram were giving to Holy Prophet (salatu wa salam), with that we must understand, are we really submitting our will to the orders of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam)? If we do, then what are we doing and how are we doing it? Are we putting his hadith into our lives? Are we living according to that hadith? If you do, then you are going to understand a

little bit in the future that, "This is so heavy. I cannot do it by myself. I need somebody to give me clearance." Now you are going to understand the seriousness of the matter. And then you are going to say, "Yes I need to hold on tightly to someone who has been given the light to bring me out through this darkness."

So if a man is not accepting to put his ego down in front of some other one, he still has pride in his heart. And if a man has pride in his heart, even if it is the amount of a mustard seed, (a mustard seed is very small), if he has a mustard seed amount of pride in his heart and he dies with it, then the fire is going to burn him. So if a man does not have a master and he is very sincere for what he believes, in a short time he is going to find out and he is going to understand. He is going to come to an ayat or a hadith that he cannot come out of. So he is going to need to go and ask somebody to learn. He cannot just go and stop a man in the street asking, "What is this? Teach me." You have to believe and you have to trust someone. That means you have to build friendship and familiarity with that one. That is what Sahaba-e Ikram did. Sahaba-e Ikram did not come to Islam to pray five times a day and to do all these things. They loved the manners of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). They came and they sat and they enjoyed that. They built the familiarity and the more they were building, the more Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was giving them from different stations. So they saw that they were in lower stations. Now they were going higher and higher and higher and everytime they were going higher they were submitting their will more strongly to the Prophet (saw). But in the beginning they did not pray. They came in and they sat. They did not do anything. That is why up until that time it was not obligation for them to pray. Obligation came later to everyone.

So if the Sahaba were in need of that kind of guidance, today's people are living in the jungle, not in a safe area. We are in a jungle and around us are so many open dangers and so many hidden dangers. Are we not in need of being under guidance? If a man says, "I don't", then not only his physical form but also I am worrying about his intelligence. That means his head is empty.

If you don't have a guide in your hand you cannot even find the apartment in this building. Hm? For instance you say to somebody, "We are gathering together on 39th Street and the building number is 353." Let him come here. He is going to come to the door downstairs and he is going to see 353. There are hundreds of bells out there. Where is he going to go? For you it is very easy because you know the road...tak-tak-tak going back and forth up and down. For someone who does not know anything, go down and say to him, "We are up there, come up." Sit here and wait until the morning and if he finds you, you will be lucky. He cannot do that. He cannot go knocking on every door too.

So if a man is not submitting his will to another guide, then what is he following? He is following his ego. He is reading the explanation of the Quran and he is giving meaning to Quran according to his own understanding. That is trouble enough now because Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman (end of times) everyone is going to give meaning to the Quran according to their own understanding." That will also put you into hidden shirk because you are going to compare what it says there according to your ego. And then when Allah says to you, "Go!" you are going to say, "No, don't go." It is shirk: what Allah says "Do", you say, "Don't do." But you are claiming that you are following the Lord

of the Heavens. That is what people do. That is what majority of Muslims do today.

They are running away from Tarikats, they are running away from the Way. Why? Because they want to be independent and they want to do as they like.

"I am a Muslim."

"Yeah?"

"I go to any mosque I want."

"How do you learn?"

"I already know."

"What do you know? To go up and down like robots?"

If I ask the majority here, not majority but majority-majority, to tell me, "Give me the 32 obligations, the 32 Farz. The principles of Islam are five. Then give me the Farz of those principles." Sincerely how many know? You don't know what the obligations are?

If I ask the men to pray, first they have to make wudu. So what are the obligations of wudu and what are the Sunnats of wudu? Something to think, very simple huh? "I just took a shower." Eh, no good.

So today's man although so openly ignorant but still he is insisting not to follow anything. Not following anything is following their ego. Nothing else. The ego says, "I go as I like, I come as I like. Nobody is going to tell me, 'Why do you come at this time and why do you go at that time?'" That is why here it is not a dergah. This place here is not a dergah. It is a gathering place. You come or you don't come. Who cares? You come to a (real) dergah (Upstate) and I will show you when you are going to come and when you are not going to come. "I am going to come at this time as I like." I will show you when you will come then.

Heh! (You think to yourselves) "This is a holiday. Once a week I have nothing else to do. So Fridays I just go and sit over there for a couple of hours and it is okay." Of course it is okay. This kind of tarikat anybody can do. (You think) "I just finished work and I have nothing else to do now. Well, everyday I am watching the television, I am going to the movies, let me go once a week on Fridays over there." Is this Tarikat? Is this following a Shaykh? Heh okay. Think again. Come upstate and I will squeeze you like a wet towel and I wouldn't leave any juice on you. Then you understand. That is why I am watching those people who have the means and the ways and the time to come up but they are not coming. What is stopping you? You are working seven days a week? So what is your gain working seven days a week? How much dollars do you have in your pocket? Zero! You say to me, "I have no money." Then why do you work? If you don't have the money to travel to a dergah then why do you work? To make the boss rich? Haha !

So anybody who is saying here, not there (in the Upstate dergah), but here that

"I am following a Tarikat" is lying. Because it is as he likes. He is going to come if he likes to. If he does not want to come one week, then he doesn't. He says he is following Tarikat; then he disappears for a couple of months. A couple of months later something happens to him and he appears. Is this Tarikat? Come up there (to Upstate), I will show you and then you will understand what is Tarikat and then you will understand if you are following Shaykh or not.

Then you understand the value. "Well I have business." What business do you have? I have no business and you have all the business in the world? Hm... Also Americans are very quick to answer, "We have to make a living. We have to pay the rent." Of course you have to pay the rent. You are not going to live for free. Does it mean that it is stopping you? If it is stopping you then it means that you are slave to this Dunya. That means you haven't been ready. You are not ready for Akhirat. Completely Zero!

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Sohbet-180

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

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Submitting your will is not by word. When you are submitting your will to a doctor's hand, if the doctor says to you, "Sit in the hospital." Do you say? "No I have business to take care of. Let me go out." The doctor says to you, "You are sick. If you hang out in the streets so much you are going to die." Do you insist saying, "No, let me out"?

The doctor is not going to tie you down to the bed. He will say, "You are free. Run." But next time when you will come to the hospital door they are going to bring you with the stretcher in an ambulance saying "Emergency." The doctor will come and say, "Put him on that side. Don't mix him up with the other ones because that sickness might drop on the other ones too." So then they will lock you into a room.

THE ONE THING OF CONCENTRATION

This is not a game. People make Islam a game like the people made Christianity and Judaism. Everyone says, "Ah Mashallah!" Mashallah. We saw for the last two thousand years, and now we are seeing what Christianity did. Everyone thinks they reached to Sidratul Muntaha. Mashallah! Lowest of the lowest. Going down and down and down and down. They became lower than the animals. Say otherwise. Go to the streets and look. Look at the billboards. Look at the commercials. Look at the lifestyle, and look at the people - how so many think. Then say to me that it is not lower than the animals. Only thing, from young to old, from men to women, from rich to poor, most are thinking one thing, concentrating on it. What is that? You are ashamed to say it. Let me say. Here (the sexual

drive), between the two legs. It is the main thing, the main lifestyle and the pleasure that they do not even know how to do right. Hm.. That's right. Heh! From the poor man in the streets all the way to the White House.

Is this what religion is bringing? Is this what Allah has created the Man for? Just for that? If you do that everyday (you don't have the energy to do it everyday anyway); but if you do it everyday, how long is it going to take you? One hour a day? You are concentrating the whole of your life on that? Allahu Akbar! And say to me that it is not so. Go look at the commercials, look at the televisions, look at the movies, look everywhere. The majority who go to movies go only to see a naked woman.

So are we still going to cheat our own selves? Or are we going to say, "Whatever happened? Oh let me wake up! The angel of death is coming." Eh, the man who is very young and who still does not know anything, you may say to him, "Okay, run a little bit until you get tired. So when you get tired come around." But the man who has understood a couple of things must wake up. He must wake up to himself.

THE ONE HADITH

So as I said last week, the week before and the week before, let us say again. If you take one hadith of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and you make a promise to yourself to say that "I am going to live according to that hadith. Every morning when I wake up, I am going to read that hadith; and I am going to live according to that hadith", then you will find all the doors are shut for wrong areas; and you will find all the doors open for goodness. And then you will find so much time to yourself. So much empty time you will find.

Now you do not have empty time because Shaytan is occupying, holding you hostage. So you have no time. You squeeze the time into something and say, "Let me go there [to zikir] on Friday nights because this man is unusual. If I don't go for two weeks, on the third week he may wash me up in front of others. So let me just go." Some are coming because of that. But you are very lucky that I am screaming at you. If I don't then you are going to run topspeed anyway. But you are going to feel something somewhere and say, "Let me hold myself a little bit more tightly."

So if a man does not submit his will to the will of Allah, then in his heart one way or the other, someway or somehow, he has hidden shirk. Somewhere he has it; but he does not know where it is. That is why Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman (end times), that is the worst thing that I am fearful for my nation: hidden shirk." So if you are submitting your will to the will of Allah... Heh! Can anybody say, "I am submitting my will to the will of Allah."? Say through the tongue and put a seal on the heart. Say, let me see it. Put a Naksh, Nakshibendi, put a Naksh to the word that you have said. "I have just submitted my will to the will of the Lord of the Heavens." As soon as you say that, instantly I am going to show you not one, but maybe hundreds of shirk right away right there. So many are saying that all the time. Mashallah!

Shaytan is coming from all angles to fool people. Not from one side. He has hundreds of thousands of tricks for you. Which side would you come out of to

escape? Do you think it is so easy? It is not. So you need a guide to show you to come out from this door. (You say) "Well that other door is more wide and more open." (Your Shaykh says) "Come out from here because there are traps beyond that door and you are going to fall. This door looks difficult but it is easy out." You did not know that. You cannot see that.

WHO IS YOUR LORD?

So if man is submitting his will to the will of Allah, then he must hear the word that is continuing, "Alastu birabbikum" (Who is your Lord?). Allah is addressing. He has addressed you on the day of creation. His addressing did not stop. It is continuing. "Alastu birabbikum!" Who is your Lord? When you are finding that you do not know where your Lord is, then you are in trouble. You are disconnected already. If you do not even remember, if you have not rewound your tape back to that day where your spirit was physically present with everyone together and Allah had addressed it. If you do not know that day, then how are you going to know what is coming down now? How are you going to know what the Lord of the Heavens is addressing now? But those who came to clearance know that this is what the Lord of the Heavens is saying now. It does not matter in which part of the world they are, they are all hearing the same words. They are speaking from the same source, taking and speaking. Otherwise, there are so many theories.

"Let me look into that book."

"That book is past. It is in the past. What is the present? What is being prepared for tomorrow?"

How are you going to know all this if you do not have a guide? By yourself? By yourself you cannot even find what is in the past. You do not know which area to enter and to see. You can be a geek and an expert on computers but you cannot find the truth there. You do not have the rights to enter to the general computer up there [heavenly]. You can break the codes for every computer in the world but you cannot break that code to enter. It has to be given to you. They do not accept any thieves there. They have to say, "This is the code number. Put it and get in."

One hadith. You take one hadith of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and you put it to your life. Then slowly you will find that your life is changing. The more your life is changing, the more you are going to understand, "Hm.. I cannot do this alone. Oh! That means that is why Allah has ordered us to become Jemat". Jemat (community)- not once a week, five times a day. Not coming and following the Imam going up and down like robots and then going back. Your general purpose, your reason of creation is not to run away (after prayers) saying, "I have to go." Where are you going? What is waiting there? That is why the mosques are empty everywhere. East and West. Where are you going to find a more peaceful place than a mosque? It is empty. Because people do not know what peace is. They cannot sit in the mosque anymore, meditating alone or listening to sohbet. They have to be in the crowd to talk nonsense. If they sit in the mosque they have to understand a little bit, "Oh I don't know anything!" So that is why Shaytan says to them, "Don't sit there, go out."

It does not matter if you are in America or in Turkey. It does not matter if you are in Saudi Arabia or in China. The addressing is being given to us, "Alastu birabbikum!" Who is your Lord? He did not say that if you are in China, it is different; or if you are in America, it is different; or if you are in Saudi Arabia, it is different. (You say), "Difficult situations." Heh, make it easy for yourselves. You are running to make your lives easy in worldly matters; but you do not even know if you are going to live in this life after you have finished your debts. But so many, they are worrying about their children and their grandchildren, not to mention their own selves. Mashallah.

THE MAN AT THE KABA

I will never forget the man that I met once when I went to Hajj. I saw him thinking in front of the Kaba. So I am hoping and praying and I said to myself, "Mashallah, he is thinking so deeply and so nicely." So I thought to speak to him later on to see what he was thinking. I could not break through. I thought since he was meditating so deeply, let me see what he was thinking. So he says to me, "I am thinking that I made it up to this age alhamdulillah. But now I am worrying and I am thinking."

"What are you worrying about?"

"Well I could not fulfill my promise yet. I have 300,000 dollars for each of my children; but I aimed to leave them half a million each before I die."

How's that? The man is sitting and looking at the Kaba and meditating that he has only \$300,000 saved aside for the three children he has. He did not reach up to \$500,000. What is the level of that faith? Mashallah. Put whatever you want to put. Put whichever level you want to put. I am not going to interfere into that. Haha!

Man's faith today is according to the money he has under the pillow. The more he has maybe that much heavier faith he has. If it is getting a little bit loose and it is disappearing... Ahha! Look what happens then. He has \$900,000 for his children. He must have something like that for his wife too. He went to the Kaba and he is worrying. He is sitting on a million dollars and he is still worrying in front of the Kaba.

That is the faith today's people have. They are not really depending on Allah. No. It is the money they have (that they are depending on). The more money they have the more freedom they have; and they say it is more security. The more security they have, the more faith they have. With that faith you cannot pass the Sirat (the bridge over hell). It is not possible, because it is not faith that you will have a guaranteed lifestyle for tomorrow. The more man is submitting his will to his Lord, the more he is getting rid of the worldly attachments. Then he puts aside more saying, "This ring is bothering me. It is too valuable and I don't want to lose it." So then he says to someone, "Here, take it." He is taking it from himself and putting it aside because he does not want to connect with the world so much because he is experiencing and tasting real faith.

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Sohbet-181

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

THE DAYS IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

Last Friday of November 2004, Manhattan Dergah, NYC.

Nawaitul arbain, nawaitul itikaf
Nawaitul khalwa, nawaitul uzla,
Nawaitu riada, nawaitu suluk,
Fi masjid lillahi ta'ala, Ya Rahmatan lil Alamin.
La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil `aliyil `azim
Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakil

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Tarikatuna Sohbet wal khayri min jami'at.

Our Tarikat, our way is founded on association. Without association believers cannot know what to do. Through association we listen, we learn, we take, we apply to our lives and we become better servants everyday. Holy Prophet is saying, (alayhi salatu wa salam), that if we take one hadith, not one million but one, and if we concentrate on that hadith; if we take that hadith, the word of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam); not the whole Quran, not the other words of the Prophet (saw), just one and any hadith; if you are sincere, you take that hadith and you apply that hadith to your life and you say, "I am going to live according to that hadith every single day". Then you will find that you don't need anything else. It is so easy.

So the Holy Prophet (saw) is saying one hadith. "In a believer's life, today must be better than yesterday, and tomorrow has to be better than today." If we just take that hadith and we apply that to our lives, and we check, "today, hm... is today our lives better than yesterday?" If not you must make intention to change it by tomorrow. We just entered to a new day. Sun has set and Islam is entering to a new day. We closed that page when the Sun had set. It's been 24 hours and the page is closed. The angels sealed it, took that page and put it in that area in the skies, "the archives", where everyone's records are kept and no one can open it until Judgment Day. Nothing is coincidence. Allah did not leave anything to coincidence. Everything is working perfectly but we are ignorant about it. For us being ignorant about it is not changing it.

So the whole activities of today, everywhere in the world, your lives, my life, and everyone's life; the sun has set and its gone. Tomorrow say, "What happened

yesterday?" All these works, all these problems and all these earnings, everything is gone. It's going to stay in the newspapers for a couple of days, then they will go to the newspaper archives and it's gone. This day, 24 hours, is gone, finished. So the Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Watch out! Your today must be better than yesterday and tomorrow has to be better than today." If we take that and we apply that to our lives, as much as we will run for this world, the same we will run for Akhirat too. Because Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Work for this dunya, this world, as much as you are going to stay in it. Work for Akhirat as much as you are going to stay there." Which one can we leave? Which one can we escape?

We worked for this dunya today and our job is finished tonight. Leave the worrying for dunya tonight. Don't worry now. You may start worrying tomorrow morning, but stop worrying now. There is nothing you can do. So now start worrying more, "What about Akhirat? What about if I don't get up for tomorrow?" So if we live according to that then we don't need a guide. Yes, then we will become those about whom Allah says in the Quran, "If you live according to the knowledge you know, I will teach you the knowledge that you don't know." So if we live according to the knowledge that we know, Allah subhanu wa ta'ala will be our teacher. But Shaytan, ego, egoistic people and selfish people are so much around us in today's world that we cannot open our eyes.

And we feel obligated for so many people in the world, which we must be careful about, because our lives are given to us and we are responsible for our lives. No one is going to be questioned for our lives. You are going to be questioned for your life; you are going to be questioned for your life (Shaykh pointing to the audience). Your wife is not going to be questioned for your life. Maybe Allah is going to say to you, "Are you happy with this woman?" "Yes." (Allah to the woman) "Go enter into Paradise." It is so easy for the women. Only if the woman becomes obedient to her husband and if she keeps her five daily prayers, Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, and if she keeps one month Ramazan fasting then in the Judgment day Allah asks the husband, "Are you happy with this woman?" "Yes." "Get up and enter into Paradise." Then the man stays there and very hard questions are coming for him.

If I ask you a couple of questions here as a Shaykh, you become very tight, you want to escape and to run away. Some people comes to the dergah one day, two days, three days, one week and then when I start questioning, they are watching for doors to escape. There are no doors there to escape. We cannot escape; the reality is waiting for us. You and me everyone of us who is here now that are listening to these words; your heart, your spirit is saying, "Yes, these are right words." Your ego may say, "don't listen". Shaytan says, "don't get fooled". But your spirit is saying, "These are the right words whether you like it or not." Say to me that it is not. It is for you and it is for me.

So Tarikat is teaching us how to live. Tarikat is teaching us how to expect and how to prepare us for tomorrow. Tarikat is teaching us how to take the lifestyle of Prophet (saw) and put it in our lives. That is what Tarikat is teaching us. So many people are saying, "Was there Tarikat in the time of the Prophet (saw)?" Of course. That was a lifestyle without a name. Today so many names, so many tarikats but the lifestyle has changed. We must go back to that. We must turn back to our origin. And we can only find the way to our origin if we hold on tightly to the traditions, sunnats and the lifestyle of our Prophet (saw).

That's why Allah sent that Prophet (saw) to this world and Allah made that Prophet (saw) stay in this world for 23 years. And in 23 years He made that Prophet (saw) go through so many different experiences to show us how we are going to live.

If you calculate that you will live 60 years of life, put an 'X' on twenty years. From the first age to twenty years are gone. You didn't really do anything and up to 16 years of age you were not responsible if you are a man. If it's a woman until 13 years of age, she's not responsible. So twenty years. Especially in these days they say, "You are young. Go enjoy yourself. Don't be a foolish one going next to a Shaykh." What does it mean? "Go enjoy, go drink, go do adultery, go gamble, do this and that" meaning, "Dirty yourself. Heh, You are clean, go dirty yourself." Later you may have the chance to clean or you may not have the chance to clean.

So twenty years are gone. From twenty to forty years, man is really running for this world. The majority of men are running for the treasures and pleasure of this world only. Now if you make it, you have the years between forty and sixty. So you have another twenty years of life. So everything you are going to earn [for Akhirat] is really in that last twenty years. But if you are a wise one you start collecting [credit from your good works] from twenty years of age. Then when you reach to forty you say, "Oh! I shouldn't work so much for this world. Now I should work for Akhirat." Because the world's wealth is never going to come to an end. Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "When you reach to forty years of age, if your good deeds are not more than your bad deeds, then prepare yourself for a long and difficult journey."

We must turn to our own selves. And if you want safety, then for tonight's safety, take that hadith. Say, "Today has to be better than yesterday; and tomorrow must be better than today." If we take this hadith today and apply it to our lives, then tomorrow will be better. The next day will be better than that. The next day will be better than that, and then we start awakening and preparing ourselves for that goodness.

Wa min Allah at-tawfiq
Bi hurmatil habib
Be hurmatil fatiha.

Sohbet-182

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

THE SINCERE HEARTS

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul kerim al-Kibrisi

September 24th, 2004. Manhattan Dergah, NYC.

If someone is studying to be a Hafez after thirty years of age, never will a good Hafez come out from that person. Because after thirty years of age, whatever (bones) that has to sit in the throat or in the body has already taken their forms. You need to practice

in an early age to become a Hafez, to bring that out and the vocabulary to be corrected and the voice to come out right.

You want to be a singer? You cannot be a singer after thirty years of age. They'll start when they're fifteen-sixteen years old. They don't just become singers like that. So now, you can recite Qur'an very nicely. I'll bring here a person to recite the Qur'an. And your heart is going to move from its place from the way he recites. But he is a Yahudi. He is not accepting Islam. I'll take you to Manhattan down to the third avenue where he has a store and you will see the ayats of Qur'an around. When you look at the guy he'll say, "Salam aleykum brother", that's what he says to people. When he's giving them stuff he says, "Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim." But he's Coptic, he's not a Muslim. And he says to me, "I fool so many Muslims. And I make my business."

So where is the hadith of Holy Prophet (saw) saying, "Be careful of the vision of a believer?" That means when you look at him and if the person says to you, "Selam aleykum brother", "Oh aleykum salam brother." Huh, you got fooled already. How do you know he is a Muslim? From where do you know?

Today so many appearing, so many leaders of Muslims, looks like Muslims, they are appearing everywhere, but they're not Muslims. They are not following Islam and they are not following Islam in the way of the Holy Prophet (saw). So now, today, it's one of the worst times that this world was ever in. It has never been like this before. So in this time sincerity that's the most important matter. First you have to be sincere with yourself, your own self. Once you are sincere with yourself you will be sincere with your Lord. I don't have to prove to anybody that I am sincere. Nor are you going to have to prove. But you have to know that you are sincere with yourself and with your Lord. So that person who is sincere with himself and with his Lord, when he looks at you he's going to know that you're sincere too. Because they're getting it from the same source. It's coming to everybody from the same place. Understand?

Everyone is here willingly. We didn't open a school to teach you how to read the Qur'an. No. We have opened a school to teach people how to go from dunya to akhirat, how to find safety. Yes. And so many imams and so many hafez and so many shaykhs they have to come to know. What? What I'm saying to you. Can you say that too? I have a key. Open the gate and go. Find the way. You don't have it. They don't have it. They can say that they have it. I'll ask them one word and they're going to fail. It is impossible for them to know that. It is impossible for them to know where their graves are. Who knows where is your grave? Where your grave is going to be, do you know? (Shaykh Efendi looking at different people from the audience and asking) Do you know? Do you know? Do they know?

Some people they know. Before their death, it's shown to them already. They are already prepared for that, never caring for dunya. They are not in dunya for dunya. They are in dunya to save as much

people as they can from that Fire. That's what they are looking at. They're not looking at how you're reciting, they're not looking at how you're thinking, they're not looking at how you're making. They're only saying, "Fire! Fire! Fire is going to Burn! You recite or you don't recite. You take this book (Shaykh Efendi holding a copy of the Qur'an in his hand), you throw it into the fire, and the fire is going to burn this book. You understand? They are the ayats of Allah. Doesn't matter. The duty of the fire is to burn. The nature of the fire is to burn.

THE SACRIFICE OF SYIIDINA IBRAHIM AND ISMAIL

The nature of the knife is to cut. Go ahead say to me that it doesn't cut. Look how fast it will take your head. But the same knife didn't cut Ismail (as). And Ibrahim (as) used it like that but it didn't cut and he got so upset that he hit it to the stone.

The stone broke and the knife didn't cut him. And he got upset and he said to the knife, "Oh knife! What's the matter with you, why are you not cutting?" The knife said, "Because I obey Allah. Allah says to me don't cut Ismail (as)." Huh! But that was Ismail and his faith reached to Allah and Allah ordered the knife saying, "Your nature is to cut, but you cannot cut Ismail."

So first you have to become Ismail. Then you have to become Ibrahim. To sacrifice. One, he sacrificed his self to Allah and the other one sacrificed his son to Allah. Two different secrets there.

University? You go there too? There are teachers that I know in Hunter College and Columbia too who teach Islam. And they teach hadith. They are teachers and they teach real hadith and so many Sunnis don't know those hadith. But they themselves are Christians. They teach people hadith, they teach people Qur'an but themselves, they are not so. They are not good for anything. They are good for something, they are like candles. It burns, gives light to others, but it burns itself and disappears.

GRANDSHAYKH ABDULLAH AND THE STATIONS OF ILLITERATE

There are so many people that came to Islam from the time of the Holy Prophet (aleyhi salatu wa salam) until today. Majority of the Sahaba-e Kiram they were Ummi people. They were illiterate. It's because those people that were following the Prophet (saw) in the beginning, there were so many among them that were slaves. They didn't know how to read and write. They were illiterate ones. The more illiterate they were, the higher stations they got. The more illiterate a person is, the higher the station he may reach. Because now the person will never challenge himself or others saying, "I know." He'll say, "I don't know anything, but if Allah teaches me I know."

So it's coming to my heart, I see they write books about him, our Grandshaykh, Shaykh Abdullah Daghistani. He was an illiterate man. He didn't speak any Arabic too. But no Arabs, Ulama or Alim could

stand in front of him. Understand? So that's not intelligence, that is only Kibr. Kibr is pride. What do you know? Nothing. What is it that you know? Nothing. They think that going to a Yahudi school where the Yahudi is going to give a diploma to say, "I know something?" Of course they are going to know something. They are going to know what kind of poison that Darwin put in it, and you are always going to have doubts. You're never going to reach the complete station of Faith and submission. Because there is always going to be a question mark there.

IMAM GAZZALI AND THE ROBBERS

Even Imam Gazzali. He was a big scholar. And he was moving around with his books too. It was like he was carrying his library with him. Any place that he was going, he was going with all his books on top of his camel. One day as he was passing through the mountains and the rebels stopped him. They said, "What is it of value that you have?" He said, "Well I have something that is very valuable but it is not any good for you." So the rebel leader says, "What is it?" He says, "Books". "What are you doing with these books?" He says to them, "These are the knowledge that I have learned and I have put them in books." So the rebel leader says, "You mean you are the one who put them in the books?" He says, "Yes." "Then why are you carrying these books?" He says, "At times I forget and I check the books." He says to him, "You are writing these things into the books and you need the books to look to see?" "Yes." He says, "Your kind of Alim we don't need." He says to his people, "Take his books and burn them all." "You don't do that to me." He says, "Yes I am going to do it. An Alim like you is going to put this nation into the wrong direction. Because what you are saying you need to put in books later to say when people asks, "Let me check the book." He says, "If I take the books from you, what is going to happen? You'll have no knowledge. We don't need you." So they burned it.

So Imam Gazzali started thinking. Up until that time he didn't think. He's saying in his book after that. He starts thinking and he says, "That rebel leader taught me a lesson. There must be some other way. There must be some other way to know these." He says, "That is the time I concentrated on the heart and that is the time I needed a Shaykh." He found a shaykh and his shaykh was an illiterate man. He was a knowledgeable one, Alim, and his shaykh was an illiterate man. He says, "Ok, follow and do these these these and these and it may open in your heart certain things. Now you don't need the books anymore because your book is dead. You'll always get from that Book."

IMAM ABU HANIFA AND JAFAR SADIQ

Now these people are the ones who are the role models of Islam and they are the Alims of Islam and they turned around. Abu Hanifa, Imam Hanafi, Abu Hanifa was giving fatwa, and the books that he had is going to fill up this whole room. But Abu Hanifa is saying, "If it wasn't for three years of my life, Nu'man would be in the

Hellfire." His name was Nu'man. Up until that time he didn't have a shaykh. He is the person who saw and sat with the Sahaba. And then he went and he gave initiation to Jafar-e Sadiq (ra), and that is the time that he said, "If it wasn't for three years", because for three years he was following him, "If it wasn't for three years, I'd be ruined." And after that time he gave fatwas, so many fatwas.

(Shaykh Efendi now speaking to the person sitting in front of him in reply to whose question this Sohbet came down)

Shaykh Efendi: what do you say? Rizviya? What is that?

Questioner: It's a school of thought in Pakistan. They belong to the Sunni mazhab.

Shaykh Efendi: Yeah? Tabligh Jamat is a Sunni mazhab too. They don't say we're not Sunni. But in 1960 the British paid to open them. To bring down Islam through them. Understand?

MUSA (AS) AND KHIZIR (AS)

We cannot claim to say I know something. What do you know? Nothing. I don't think they know more than Musa (as). Who was the shaykh of Musa (as)? Musa (as) is a prophet. Who is his Shaykh? Surprised? Even the word is surprising, right? Khizir (as) is his shaykh. And Khizir (as), he's just an ordinary man, he's not a prophet. Who's saying this? Here, you read the Qur'an? The Quran is saying this. Allah saying to Musa (as), "Go to the river where the fish is going to be lost. Find that one there who is going to teach you. And he came with Yusha (as) together. They slept and the fish became alive and went into the water. They got up and they continued. Musa (as) says, "Where is the fish?" Yusha (as) says, "The fish went out." "Where!? We were supposed to meet the man there. "So he came back, he looked, and he was there. He looked at him and said, "You cannot accompany me." He said, "I'm a prophet." He said, "I know, but you are not patient." "You will find me patient, please let me continue." So he accompanied him. Three incidents happened and he told Musa (as), "Didn't I tell you. Our friendship is finishing here." And they separated. Long story. Then he came back to the river, he's looking at the Nile and he says to him, "Ya Musa, do you know why this happened? There was a man who asked you one time, Ya Musa, is there a more knowledgeable person than you among us?" Then Musa (as) says, "No, I am the one." He was the prophet. And among 124,000 prophets, he's the one who spoke to Allah directly without any intermediary. And because of that he said, "I am the one. Allah is teaching me." So then Allah said to him, "Go and meet that person, and he's living in his country and he doesn't know. And he came to Khizir (as) and Khizir said to him, "I am one of your nation." That's why Khizir (as) is given life until the time of Mahdi (as) and he'll be the one standing in front of Dajjal.

So it was a big lesson to Musa (as) and he said to him, "You know why that happened? Because you said these words and Allah sent

me." Khizir (as) also saying, "Ya Musa, one bird came and took one drop of water from the ocean. You see that bird?" "Yes." "Your knowledge and my knowledge combined together is not that much in the ocean of Allah, like that drop of water." Out of all things we have to know that we know nothing.

Anybody who comes to say that "I know something", let them come. Because then, they'll find somebody to challenge them that time. That is not intelligence. Knowledge is to know your limits. Knowledge is to know where your knowledge finishes and to stay quiet. In Turkish they say, "If you don't know anything, don't speak. When people they look at you, at least they think you are a knowledgeable one. So if you don't know anything, you know something. Don't speak anything again. When they ask you, give the answer and they will know that you are a knowledgeable one.

So the important matter now is not to be a hypocrite, the most important matter. And we try to prevent people not to be hypocrite, especially in our presence. That's why we say in the beginning, you have something, say, you have something to teach, speak. We listen. Either speak something that will benefit you and others, or keep silent. Ah! Who's saying this. Holy Prophet (saw) is saying this. You don't like it, too bad, suit yourself. Fire is waiting. Anybody who doesn't like what Prophet (saw) says, fire is waiting for that one. "I don't like it" so many thinks too. Who cares what you like. You have to look to what Allah likes. What Allah wants, not what you want. As I said, we don't look at the outside forms, we don't look how big the man's beard is or how big turban he is carrying, or if he has a beard or if he doesn't have a beard. First thing that we look, (pointing at the heart) there! If we see that he has something then we may throw some tests. If you stay quiet, you may pass. Or you speak, you say something, then you may learn. You may challenge and you may learn something because of that. We don't say everything to everybody of what we know. I don't even say to 'X'. He has to know when the time comes. Understand?

BATTLE OF BADR AND THE PRISONERS OF WAR

So as I said, people today they claim that they are making Jihad. They are going and they are taking Muslims, then they are cutting their necks off and they're saying "We're doing this for Allah, Jihad." You're killing a Muslim man? And Allah is saying to you in the Book, "If you kill one Muslim without a reason, it is as if you killed all the Muslims in the Divine Presence." Allahu Akbar! But when it comes to them they are the best Muslims too. And they come out these days and they justify that by saying, "This is what Prophet (saw) ordered." They're using the ayats that were revealed when Holy Prophet (saw) took the prisoners of war. And the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was hesitating to kill the prisoners of war. He asked Abu Bakr (ra) and Abu Bakr says, "Ya Rasulallah, it's better not to kill them." It's better just to sell them back because the nation of Islam now needs money and we take money for them. So when he asks Umar, Umar says, "Ya Rasulallah, cut them."

And the Prophet (saw), that is a Prophet, and the Prophet (saw) is not wanting too, because the Holy Prophet is what? He is the Prophet of Mercy. He is not a prophet of punishment. So now an ayat came saying, "You came to a wrong judgment about that matter", saying to Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). But it says, because Allah knows your intention, there will be safety. As you like. And Holy Prophet (saw) turns around and says, "If the punishment was coming then everyone will be finished except Umar." But Allah is giving the decision to the Prophet (saw) saying, "As you like." Because that is the Prophet of Mercy, and that's what fits there too. He's not a prophet of punishment. Now they're using that ayat and saying, "We can kill them." But first of all these people, they are not your prisoners of war. First thing, those people that are there are either to make work to earn money for their families or they are there to build your nation. Someway somehow. You don't like it, but the nation is finished. The country is finished. Everything failed and those technicians, those people, they went there to build your nation. Millions of people they are supporting those. Saying, "They are right." According to what? Now they're using the ayats too. That's their understanding. But Prophet (saw) saying again to us, "In Ahir Zaman, everyone of you are going to use the ayats according to your own understanding. That time prepare yourselves for the Fire." That means he's not giving us permission to take the ayat and to start making judgment or fatwa or to give commentary to the ayats. You don't have authority. Eh, people they talk too much. It's ok. They talk and they walk.

Questioner: It's confusing what's going on.

Shaykh Efendi: Confusing? No. It cannot be confusing. Not confusing for those people who has clear minds. It cannot be confusing. Here we're saying everything, open. There is no confusion there. But if you want to confuse yourself, then there's lot of confusion everywhere. If you go down to the front of the street now, people are going to pass in front of that Bar over there. You'll find lesbians gays and all kinds of people passing. Right now. Tell them, "What you're doing is wrong, they're going to find some way to tell you it's not wrong. Nobody is accepting anything that is wrong. Everyone whatever they are doing is right. What is our scale when we are saying right and wrong? What is the scale? The scale is the Quran? You didn't reach the Quran. The scale has to be the Holy Prophet's Sunnah and the traditions of those people who are following the sunnat of the Prophet (saw). Otherwise...

Selam alaykum. As you like. We're only responsible for the words we say. We're not responsible for the words we don't say.

Selam aleykum

Sohbet-183

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Uways al-Qarani

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Kibrisi

Manhattan Dergah, NYC on September 3rd, 2004.

Uways al-Qarani qaddas Allahu sirruh was a shepherd. He didn't have money, he didn't have fame, he didn't have a degree, he didn't finish universities. Nothing. He wasn't even someone among his nation - someone that was no good for anything. Foolish one, that we can fool him. Everyday he's running after the camels, looking after camels. For instance, if it's a hundred dollars, this fool he takes only one dollar. Give it to him. So he was taking.

From that time, in those areas, Yemen and everywhere, so many kings, so many very high-class in their own time, people came, very famous people came. Their name is forgotten. One 'X' to their name. And they have been sent (who knows?) maybe to punishment. But that one, Allah is keeping his name from that time and it's reaching to us after fourteen hundred years. Always any person who has proper faith in his heart, who has proper respect to Holy Prophet alayhi salatu wa salam, soon as you say "Uwaysul Qarani", must show same respect, almost, to that one. Only thing, that he has gained this title in dunya and akhirat, is not also because he was on Sejdah all the time, or he was hafiz that he was reciting Quran all the time. He was an illiterate man. He never sat in the presence of the Prophet alayhi salatu wa salam, knowing that if he goes and he sees the Prophet, saw, one time he will be in the book called "The Sahabis" - the best ones that ever came and ever are going to come to the face of earth after the prophets. No one can reach to the levels of Sahabi-e Kiram. He didn't even see the Prophet, saw. He didn't sit in his presence. He didn't see Prophet, saw, bodily.

Understanding? How Allah is giving title to that one? Allah is giving. Nobody else gave, Allah gave. Because Allah gave, He made His Holy Prophet, saw, send his Jubbeh to him. So many Sahabi that they are waiting, they give their life for that Jubbeh. They give everything they own for that Jubbeh. Prophet saying to two pillars of Islam, Umar and Ali radiallahu anh, "Take this", and sending them to Yemen saying, "Go and find that one and give this Jubbeh to that one and tell him to pray for my nation." Allahu Akbar!

People in this twenty first century, the scholars became ignorant. Because the scholars are running to get degrees here and there to say, "I have a degree. I am a scholar." Heh, Understand? Who can remove his name? Wahhabis or Americans or Russians or the whole world? Allah kept that name high and that name is going to be high, it is high now, tomorrow, next day, until Judgment Day, and after Judgment Day it's going to be even higher. He was just a servant to Allah and Allah accepted his servanthood and he was not even maybe doing the prayer properly as so many today they say, "What is your fiqh brother? What'd you know brother? This wrong, that wrong."

Allah accepted him to be among those ones, saying "This one is my beloved." They are saying that to his Beloved, (Allah) saying, "That is also My beloved. You

are My beloved, but that one is My beloved too." And because Prophet, saw, is showing respect, everyone who is showing respect to Prophet must show respect too. Allahu Akbar!

If we're running for titles, everyone is running for titles to make show. Run for titles, to get title from Him, from Allah Subhana wa ta'ala. If you get that title, highest and forever, dunya and akhirat. No one can touch you in dunya, no one can touch you in akhirat. You will be the Sultan in dunya and akhirat. He was a shepherd man. And even that little money that he was making he was giving Zakat, he was giving it for the sake of Allah. And everyone is looking, "This foolish one, we're fooling him, we're cheating him. He's looking after our camels. We have all this richness, he's coming around and he's giving us something. We are cheating him, giving him only one dinar to watch after our camels. We have millions of them. He comes and he gives it to us, saying, 'You need'."

For us, it's for us to know that if we are running for this dunya, we're going to lose dunya and akhirat. If we're running to Allah, we're going to win dunya and akhirat.

Examples not only that one, thousands, but that one, it is special example that he lived in the time of Prophet (saw); and he didn't see the Prophet too, aleyh salatu wa salam; and so many stories about him that if we start talking it will not be enough for tonight. (We still have farz to do, to Isha prayer Insha Allahur Rahman.) And he is the one that who stopped the war between Ali and Muawiya radiallahu anh, he is the one. And he give his life on that way and he stopped the war, stopped. The Shaytan supported the war on, they watching. Then they see that holy Uwaysel Qarani is coming and he is just looking left and right to both sides, looking at the Sahabis, and looking at him they feeling shame and putting their swords down and war stopping. And those Shaytans they say, "If we don't stop this one, he's going to stop the war and we're not going to reach to our aim to finishing Islam like this. Saying "aim that one,". And they throw the spear to him and he fell down; he became the martyr there. Because he died, the war stopped completely now.

Now there's another big problem. Who's going to take his body? Look at the beloved. Now two sides they are going to start fighting - not two sides. They separated to seven different sides now, saying, "That body belongs to us, we must take it to our country." And he fell down on Ali radiallahu anhu's side and Ali radiallahu anh put it there saying, "Ya Rabbi! You put me to a difficult situation that it is impossible for me to solve this one. The other one maybe, but this one impossible, because the seven groups here they want his body from me and they are saying, 'You are the Just one Ya Ali. We are on your side, you must be careful to know to whom you are giving that body tomorrow.'" He says, "Ya Rabbi! I don't know anything." Order coming to him saying, put seven wooden boxes there - seven wooden boxes. Next morning they were coming, one group taking, opening, "Huh! body is here. Thank you Ya Ali!" They running. The other one opening, "The body is here, thank you Ya Ali!" running. Seven different bodies in seven different wooden boxes.

That's why now it's not maqams only. There are seven tombs, like that one that I went to in Damascus. He is real there, physically there too. And he appeared Elhamdulillah on the blessing of Shaykh Mevlana. All those people that they are

living in Damascus, who went with me, they were knocked out. His tomb is very powerful. Just from a little bit of zikir, like this one tonight, they were losing themselves and making unusual sounds - going, "ja ja ja ja ja" ... Bam!!! It was like they were getting smacked. They were falling down.

Seven different bodies appeared next day in seven different Qabr. Allahu Akbar! And saying that Allah Subhana wa ta'ala in the Judgment Day, He's going to put forty different bodies for Uwaysul Qarani; and He's going to even test His holy Prophet, saw, saying, "That one, he found Me through your love. He loves you so much that through your love he found Me." Allah saying to His Holy Prophet, "Now he loves you so much that he found Me, his love to you made him come to Me. Now find him from these forty bodies. Which one was the real, that one that was living in dunya running after you?" That's why Prophet (saw) was giving him the Jubbeh saying, "That one will be with his Prophet's Jubbeh in the Judgment Day, and he will know this is the one." Allahu Akbar!

Elhamdulillah. Now we pray.

Sohbet-184

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

RAMAZAN 1425

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Kibrisi

First Friday of Ramazan 2004, Manhattan Dergah, NYC.

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Our way is association. Through association, believers will learn how to live. Our guide is our Sheykh. Our Sheykh is our guide.

Elhamdulillah, we have entered the holy month of Ramazan, and this Ramazan came with its own Rahmat and blessing. It is not like last Ramazan. Every year's

Ramazan is not like the year before. Completely different, different blessings coming down. If we think that it's the same and if we keep it the same, nothing is going to change. Everyday is passing, one going by, another day coming, sun is rising, sun is going down and we are not seeing any benefits. Fast forward it, you are moving to the grave empty-handed.

Allah is saying, subhanu wa ta'ala, to us through His Prophet (saw), "You must make this month different. You must make it different." So what's different? How do we have to make it different? You must pray from five times prayers to fifty times? We cannot do that. We have to make it different than the other days. For example, every Sunday that is coming, every Saturday that is coming, those people who are working, they are preparing themselves for the weekend. It is different than other days. But if you have a wedding party or something that weekend, now you'll see how much more care you show before that weekend comes. Not as soon as it comes, to run to do those things. No. You prepare yourself for that one day, for that party.

Of course, Allah's order is far better than that party, any party in this world. If you take it seriously, you win. If you don't take it seriously, days are coming, sun is rising and the sun is setting. It doesn't matter where you are or what you are busy with. If you are not taking the words of Allah and his Holy Prophet (saw) with high respect, then you are not going to gain any benefit from anything that you are doing. Ramazan is the month of what? Ramazan is the month that Allah subhanu wa ta'ala has granted to the Nation of Muhammad (saw), saying "This is your month, this is a present to you." Allah is giving present to the Nation of Muhammad (saw). You must make it different. It cannot be like other months, it cannot be like other days. You must make it different. And Allah subhanu wa ta'ala will not be happy if we are selfish and we only think about ourselves. That's why in this month He is saying, "You must come together more often, you must share."

This is another name of this month, the month of sharing. Giving away, giving, giving for the sake of Allah. One thing, the biggest problem that today's world is facing, although it is one of the principles of Islam, is to give. And especially during that month to give. Isn't it? Of course. First, giving Shahadat. The principles of Islam are five. First is Shahadat, Second is Salat, to pray. The third, if you reach to Ramazan, to fast, the whole month of Ramazan. The fourth obligation, the principle of Islam, the pillar that Islam is standing on, what is it? You don't know? Of course, nobody wants to say that now because you're in trouble if you say. Zakat, to give. Give it away, that's what it means, Zakat. And the fifth is to go to Hajj.

So who's going to give Zakat? Now everyone may say, "Well I'm not rich. That's for rich people." So Allah said to us about that too. He knows what kind of a creature he has created. The millionaire is going to say, "Well I'm not rich, there's a billionaire." The billionaire is going to say, "I'm not rich." We have what? I lost the numbers. Leave it. Turkish style. Now they're taking the zeroes out [of the Turkish lira]. So everyone pointing somebody out saying there's someone richer than me. It doesn't fit to me. It has to fit to you, to you, to you, to me, to everyone. It is obligation. Because Allah is saying for the fifth principle of Islam, "You must go to Hajj. One time in your life, you must go to Hajj." In order to go to Hajj, you must make the fourth one. You must be rich to be able to go to Hajj.

So Islam is now forcing you to become rich. It's forcing you. If you want to keep the principles of Islam and to fulfill every one of them, then you have to force yourself to become rich. Not to work the whole week, the whole month, the whole day and not to have twenty dollars in your pocket. What kind of Muslim are you? Excuses, excuses, never-ending, never finishing. Don't excuse yourself. Let somebody else excuse himself. If you are excusing yourself, then that is the biggest trouble, the biggest problem and you become the biggest enemy to your own self. Don't excuse yourself, let somebody else excuse it. But never excuse your own self saying, "I didn't do it, why? I could've done it. Allah gave me two feet, two hands and one head. I must do it, I must be able to do it, I must be forcing myself to do it. If it is not today then tomorrow, if it is not tomorrow then the next day, I must make it better."

So where's the hadith of Holy Prophet (saw) saying, "For the believer, Muslim believer, today has to be better than yesterday, tomorrow must be better than today." That is a believer, this is what Holy Prophet (saw) is saying. "Today must be better than yesterday, and tomorrow", he's saying, he's talking for sure, tomorrow, today, yesterday. Yesterday has passed and today is in the process to finish. The Prophet (saw) is saying, "The believers today MUST BE better than yesterday and tomorrow HAS TO BE better than today."

So now tell me, that way are you going to be able to reach in your lifetime to the point, to that station where you will be able to give Zakat? Of course. And Allah is making us go through that to understand that different feeling, the different secret that Allah is actually blessing us with. He is granting that to us because it's only Allah who is giving without receiving and He is making you give saying, "You give too. I'll give you and you give " Look what happens that time. Look!

The Muslim world, the believers they have lost. They have lost because of this. One of the biggest problems why Muslims have lost today everywhere in Muslim nations and in Muslim countries is because they are not giving Zakat anymore. Go and search them and you will find how many of them are giving Zakat. That's why no Berakat, no Rahmat, no mercy coming to those nations. Individuals yes, individuals, Allah is separating them, but to those nations, no mercy, no Rahmat is raining. No Berakat coming. Mercy is still there because there is not punishment. But no Berakat, whatever they have, there is not Berakat. Because we are stepping on the word of Allah subhanu wa ta'ala that way.

So the month of Ramazan is to remind us. The month of Ramazan is to make us understand, "Oh! I was so selfish. I was only thinking about myself. Never thinking about others." The month of Ramazan is to make you to think, to understand the feeling of other people, how they are feeling. They don't have, you may think they have. There was a time, a man was killing himself working so hard and saving up some money, little money every day. In the old days it was almost impossible. In these days it's possible for everybody because Allah made everybody rich. If you go into the category of Islam today, every one of us are rich. And if you don't believe me then come later to me, after we finish the prayers and everything, tell me "I'm not rich" and I'll tell you "Tell me what you have" and I put it in an accounting digest and you'll see if you're rich or not. According to Islam, not according to America.

In America nobody is rich. Everybody is poor. That is for sure. Everybody is poor in America. They are wealthy, but they are very poor. They are not rich. Rich are the believers. Believers are rich, because they don't count, they don't calculate. They take and they give. They're rich. The one who is counting is wealthy. Americans are all wealthy. But they are not healthy. Because they are not doing, they are not giving what Allah is ordering.

So let's leave that aside now. But what happened to us? Yes, once upon a time we were not like that. The Muslims were giving and in the time of Osman (radiyallhu anh), the Baytul Maal was filled up. So they were also giving money to Christians and to unbelievers to make their hearts warm to Islam. They were giving away just like that. They said, "How foolish are these ones, how foolish! They're giving." Allahu Akbar. No! The more you give the more Allah sends, the more you give the more Allah sends. There is a direct connection of Riziq, Ya Razzaq, the Riziq that is between you and Allah. It's direct and it's reaching from here (Shaykh putting his hand above his head) to Paradise. If you cut it this much, instantly it comes down again. Take that out and it fills up instantly. The more you take, the more comes down, never-ending. Try it. Look what happens.

The month of Ramazan is to make us go back to that. To think to understand what we have lost and what we are losing. Eating food! Allah Allah. That's the only thing we are created for? Do you think that staying hungry all day long and right after breaking the fast filling up everything whatever you have lost for twelve hours is fasting? You tie an animal to a corner for twelve hours or fifteen hours. Leave the food here. Twelve hours later release him, Whoosh... he is going to jump there again. The month of Ramazan must make it better. We must make it better. We must understand that animal self and the angelic self.

There are two sides. Angels are not in need of eating and drinking. They are not eating and drinking. When we enter into Paradise we are not going to be in need of eating and drinking. No. We are going to eat and drink for pleasure only. But there is no need there anymore. So that is another side for you. One side of us is longing for that side and the animal side is longing for this side. And now we have to fight against it. That is why Allah is setting time to us saying, "From this time to this time you don't eat, you don't drink and you don't have sexual activities." It is forbidden. Now we know that these characters that Allah has forbidden to us is also being carried by the animals. So Allah subhanu wa ta'ala is teaching us making us turn to our angelic side so that something may start opening to you. If we do that physically and if we correctly start doing the Ramazan... Correctly! Whatever Allah and His Holy Prophet (saw) is ordering us we will find slowly that we are getting rid of that animal side and we reached to that angelic side.

Eating and drinking. As long as you will stay in this world you will eat and drink. It is a part from us to teach us that we are not angels. We are humans. We are not animals. Ramazan is teaching us how to behave. Ramazan is teaching us how to think. How much to eat, when to eat, how to eat, where to eat, from whose hands to eat and drink. It cannot be from everybody too. Ramazan is teaching us all these things if we concentrate on it. If we don't concentrate we stay hungry all day long, as soon as we break the fast we fill up the stomach and we cannot even pray the Terawih that time because the stomach is too full.

We must make it different this month. This month is a holy month, a holy month for the Nation of Muhammad (saw). For us! Allah says, "This is for you, a present. For you, make it different!" In every way we must make it different. Not only in eating and drinking. Certain things I say one year before and the year after I don't say it. I watch the activities, how it is going to happen. I waited until the last minute and I did not say to anybody, "Are you making a difference?" I am waiting, waiting, waiting, nothing happened. Today I say, "What happened, you are making differences?" No differences, where? There are no lights, there is nothing. Every year I am putting on the Ramazan lights. Nice design lights everywhere. This year I say there are five or six guys there. Let me turn my head to the other side to see if anybody is doing it. No. No passion! Ashq! Nothing there. I made sure for those holy days and holy nights that at least I put lights in front of the house. But "X" came, he took everything down and he did not put them back up.

Now you see? Not only in dergah, you must make it different in your house. Especially in this country, you must make it different in front of your house. Put some lights on, "Oh what are these people doing there? Christmas is not yet." "Ramazan", say to them. "It is not Christmas, it is Ramazan." Make it different. That is the simplest way to make a difference. Make it different in any way possible so Allah and His Prophet (saw) will be happy with us. If Allah and His Prophet (saw) are happy with us what else do we need? We don't need supermarkets anymore, we don't need anything. Otherwise whatever we ate up until now we can fill supermarkets. But everything became waste and toilet. Whatever we drink, we can fill up lakes. We are still hungry and we are still thirsty. Never-ending struggle. This is not why you have been created. So this month is the month to make us understand the poor man who has nothing to eat and drink, to understand how to reach to that one. It is not only to say, "Heh, take this, it's my Sadaqah." No. It's not accepted that time. You may be punished for it. You must make it in a way not to hurt the feeling of that one.

So the man was working so hard and saving money aside. You all forgot about the story, I am coming back to that now. He was saving money aside to go to Hajj. So he is working so hard and every time saving and saving, putting aside. And finally he is preparing saying, "This year I am going to Hajj, everything is prepared." You don't want to listen to the story? It's being taken away from me. (Shaykh looking at `X' smiling) Maybe you don't want to listen. But anyway, you are here. If you want it or not, you are going to listen. The man is ready to go, he prepared everything. Across the street there are people living and there is another woman who was coming. The people across the street were cooking and the smell of the food was coming to that pregnant woman. When the women are pregnant they need to have it. It is not something that they can say it's okay. Even if just a little bit they must have it. So that woman is pregnant. She is going to the door and asking, "Please give me something from what you are cooking. I am so hungry and the smell is coming to me." So the man said to her, "Well I cannot give it to you. I cannot give anything to you. But I have a neighbor across the street. Go and get it from that one. That one may give you something to eat; I cannot give you anything."

So that lady came knocking on the door saying, "Look I am so hungry and I got this smell from this house and they are not giving me anything, they are sending me to you that you may give me something to eat." So the man was surprised saying, "Well I have nothing in the house but let me go look at the neighbor to

see if I can get something for you since you are pregnant." So he comes knocking on the door, "There's a lady here, you must give something."

"No. We cannot give we cannot share that."

"Why you cannot share just a little bit?"

"That is only for me and my children. Allowed only for us and not for that lady. It's not for you."

"What do you mean?"

"Look, we don't have food. I don't have any work for a long time now and we don't have any food. So the children were hungry today and they were going crazy. So I went up to the mountain and I was crying. Allah subhanu wa ta'ala showed me a donkey there. It was a dead donkey. I cut one piece from that donkey, then I came here and now I am cooking."

"Ohh! This is the case."

"Yes. That is halal to us because we have nothing to eat, so it is okay for us to eat it. But it is not halal for that person and for you and I am worried about that child she is carrying and what will happen."

So that man came back saying, "Oh how foolish am I. I am preparing to go to Hajj and my neighbor is hungry. What kind of Hajj am I going to make?" So he distributed everything. Of course as soon as he distributed everything, someone else came along, Allah's mercy reached to him and he took him to the Hajj.

It is a lesson to us that in the month of Ramazan we must make a difference. Eh, in this country, maybe you don't even know what I am talking about because you never see hunger or anything like that. Every time you go and open your refrigerator it is full. So many of you don't know how it is coming there. So you must think, you must understand, you must put something to this world from yourself. Not to live like an animal, eating and going away from this world. But even an animal is eating and giving something back. You are humans. You must give something back. And if we are running for titles, running for high stations, wearing turbans, tesbih going around trying to become Awliya, then that is not how to become an Awliya. First you must learn this, how to share. And the month of Ramazan is to teach people how to share.

One of the biggest things in this month is that people invite each other to their houses. They make dinner. They break fast together. They pray together and they do different activities. It is different than other days. We must try like that. We must try our best we must make some efforts to move at least to come together to break fast, to understand that it is different. Otherwise if you let it pass like ordinary days and ordinary months, you may not receive any blessings for it; and you will be accountable because we don't know what Allah subhanu wa ta'ala has prepared for us; and if we don't move forward to get it, then we may not be able to reach to those people because what Allah has prepared for us is not only for ourselves. There are so many people's rights in it. And we have to go to Judgment place with that burden. That burden is a heavy burden. When Allah gives other people's rights on you to hold and to take care

of and if you don't then it is a heavy burden for Judgment Day. Nobody wants to go to that place with that burden.

Ramazan Mubarak. Ramazan came to our dergah bringing Rahmat Elhamdulillah. We must become more out of that heedless station to become better individuals to our own selves, to our own community to our own nations and to mankind, step by step reaching. Whatever you give whatever you do in this life, you are never losing. You always win. Even if you give something to someone that does not work for him, it is okay. You are winning. It is in your book. It will be ready for you and you will find it someday somehow in front of you. If you think that way. If you don't think that way, turn around and look around you. I am talking to you from Reality. Turn around and look around. Look around your daily lives. Specially people who are living in the West. Look around you. People don't even give each other tea anymore. They say, "Brother, let's share it." They go someplace and then it's "you pay for your tea I pay for my tea". Mine, yours. People are not sharing anything anymore. Parents are not sharing with children, children are not sharing with their parents. Brothers and sisters are not sharing, everyone turning only to themselves being selfish and egoistic individuals.

And individuality, whole nations became like that. And now that sickness has covered us the Muslims nations and the Muslim people too. If we don't come out from that, pray twenty-four hours a day if you want. Who cares? If you think or we think that we are going to reach somewhere with that then No! You don't know how Allah subhanu wa ta'ala's mercy and rahmat may reach you and where He is going to be happy with you. You don't know which action you are going to do and Allah is going to be happy with you. Sometimes people do so many extra things but they are not doing several things right and they are not reaching anywhere. But if you make one small thing maybe you will make Allah to be pleased with you. And if Allah is pleased with you everything around will be pleased with you.

So the month of Ramazan. The month of Ramazan, the month of Fasting. The month of giving Zakat, the month of giving charity, the month of sharing, the month of getting together and to enjoy the prayers, the month of getting together to eat the Riziq of Allah together. Preparing different dishes and to eat together. This is the month. This month in reality is forcing us to live like that and to be able to carry the other months also the same way. And then when people become familiar to each other and they start loving and respecting each other you cannot find problems anymore. The problems will go away. And if one has a problem the other one has a solution. If that one does not have the solution then another one has the solution. Otherwise, heh! look what happens. The whole world has turned into hell. Everyone has everything today. But they are not sharing anything. Nobody is sharing anything. Everyone is sitting in their own house, they are not happy. Nobody is happy in their houses. So what do they do? They run more. Why you are running more? With one you did not get happy. Do you think you are going to be happy with the second one or the third one or if you have ten cars, if you have the whole factory belonging to you? So what? Do you think you are going to be happy? You cannot.

So when the Ayat came where Allah is saying to us, "Give the best of the wealth you have to the poor." Allah's order saying the best ones. Saying, "When you are giving away, don't go to give some things that you don't like and some things

that you are just going to throw away. He says, "Give the best ones that you like."

This is another teaching to teach us not to become slave to the material things. So that Ayat came and the Prophet alayhi salatu wa salam was saying the Ayat to the Sahabi-e Kiram. When it finished Abu Talha (radiyallahu anhu) got up and he said, "Ya Rasulullah! It is known to you that I have a land in Medina that has six-hundred date trees in it. Everything I am giving to you. Use it as you like. Give it to the poor, use it anyway you like, it is under your authority. No longer is it mine. Allah is saying give, but I don't know to whom to give. You are the best one. So I give it to you. Use it as you like. Give to anybody you want." Don't take it lightly thinking that six-hundred date trees are not something. It is something. I will tell you. I will give you a comparison. Date trees take almost a hundred years to give dates. You have to put it and then when it reaches over fifty years, passing fifty years then maybe it will start giving you dates. Six-hundred date trees are as if Abu Talha had a big factory where dollars are being printed. That is how you have to compare. And he gave it just like that because Ayat came. He says, "This is the best and Ya Rasulullah it is known to you that I was keeping this place for you, but now I am giving it to you completely because of this ayat." And he came to the land and his wife was waiting inside, she prepared something to eat and he said to her, "Collect everything and come out." He did not even enter inside. She said, "What is the matter Ya Abu Talha? Come inside and let us eat." He says, "No, this land does not belong to us anymore. I just gave it to Holy Prophet alayhi salatu wa salam." She says, "Ya Abu Talha, did you give it on my behalf also?" He says, "Yes". She says, "Oh Ya Rabbi, thank you. This is what I was thinking all the time Ya Abu Talha. I have been seeing the poor people in Medina and I was thinking maybe we should give this to the poor people. So I am very happy now and I am coming out." And they left it to the Holy Prophet alayhi salatu wa salam. And Holy Prophet (saw) fed the whole Medina with it.

These people would not only give their lands, they would give their lives to the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). We have nothing to give. At least we must make it different. At least you must make it a little different and learn how to share. In holy months like this at least. And in holy months like this you must sit down and you must calculate. You must know if it is fit for you to pay Zakat or not. This is the month in which to give Zakat. This is the month that must reach to the hands of the poor people. Maybe they have nothing. Maybe they will be happy buying something that will make their lives easier. Allah gives to everybody but Allah gives to everybody through the hands of others. And maybe Allah subhanu wa ta'ala will make you to hold the Riziq of another fifty people. If you are holding on to it tightly and not giving, then maybe those people's hearts will not be too happy with Allah although they are praying. And in the Judgment Day you will be responsible. So if you give maybe you make one of them happy and they will pray for you. And the best people whose prayers are accepted are the poor who are not complaining and who are fasting. They are hungry. That is the time that their prayer is accepted.

So we must look for every opportunity that is coming in our way to reach and to take. This is not for Dunay, this is for Akhirat. If we do it we will receive the benefits and blessings in Dunya also. But if you don't receive in Dunya then you will see what benefit and what blessings you will be receiving in the

hereafter life. We must try to do it better for this Ramazan. Because Allah subhanu wa ta'ala made us to reach this Ramazan. We must try to make it different and not only to stay hungry but also to receive the spiritual blessings that are coming during this month to ourselves and to be able to reach to other people. If we do that we will be counted in the book that says these are the ones working for Allah.

If not you may live yourself and you may not even find anything when the time comes. Because whatever people give, whatever they invest that is what they will get in the end. Nothing will be lost in the book of Allah. It may be lost in the books of humans. You may do something to somebody and later they do not appreciate and they scream they curse they fight with you. That is another test that Allah is giving to us. We are not too happy about it, but we are not going to sit and calculate and fight. No. But you will see and you will find that in your books in the hereafter.

May Allah open our wisdom and understanding and make us to come out from that heedless station and to make it better during this month of Ramazan.

El Fatiha.

Sohbet-185

THE CONFUSION OF WORLDLINESS

Sohbet given by Shaykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani al-Kibrisi

First Friday of December 2004, Manhattan Dergah, NYC.

Audhu billahi min ash-shaytanir rajim
Bismillahir rahmanir rahim
La hawla wa la quwata illa billahil alyil azim.

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Tarikatuna Sohbet wal khayri min jami'at.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala is speaking to us saying, "All your wealth, your children and your families, whatever you have worldly is only a

confusion." Your family, your children, your worldly wealth and everything is a confusion. Grandshaykh is saying, "Whatever Allah has given to the children of Adam is temporary. It is something that is given to you temporarily. Why then run after and try to hold on to it very tightly?" It is given temporarily. It is going to be taken away. It's not yours. Nothing is yours and nothing is mine. Everything is temporary. Only unbelievers, people who do not believe in the hereafter life run to catch it here and there. But they leave it also and they go. Everything they leave and they go. The families that they love so much they leave; children that they love so much they leave; the wealth that they have they leave and they go. No one is taking anything with them. Everyone is going by themselves. Not with anybody else. No! I have never seen an incident yet where two persons die at the same time and they love each other so much that they get buried in the same grave. Separate graves are opened for them too.

So everything you have is only confusion. This is what Allah is saying to us. Hm... now it's good. Now we understand. Confusion is just that what makes us forget about our Lord. You forget about your Lord and you remember everything else. What's the value? Nothing. The whole world praises you and puts you very high and your Lord doesn't love you. What's the value? Nothing. The whole world puts you down and your Lord loves you, that is what's valuable. That is where the value is.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala created each one of us for His service. Not for other services. Only for His service. Only for Him. He is our Owner. No one else can own you again. He pays good and He takes care of you too. He has created and He pays very high value to us. He says, "You are Mine. You are for My service." So anyone who is not on the service is running after what? Their egos. If you want an enemy, that is enough for you. Your biggest enemy is your ego. Nothing else. Your second biggest enemy is Dunya. It's saying, "I am yours, take it. I love you so much, take it." But as soon as you close your eyes it takes you in and it finishes you. So much love, finished right away.

So Allah subhaha ta'ala is saying to us, "I have created you for My service. And if you do that service, everything else I am going to give you, everything is going to work for you." If you don't, eh... when there's a car that is working with a battery, if the battery dies then the car doesn't work anymore and people have to push it. What is that car good for? You are pushing the car? The car has to carry you. What are you going to do when you come to an uphill? You cannot push it anymore. So when you are running after this world you are like that car that's battery is gone and it's finished and you're pushing. For what? Run to Allah, run to the service of Allah, that is enough.

Also if you are looking to have honor, don't look for people to say to you, "Oh you are so good, you are that you are this." You know who you are and you know what you are. If you are looking for honor,

be with those who have honor. And only Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) has been honored by Allah subhana wa ta'ala and all those who are following his footsteps. That is the honor you must look for. All other titles they are giving to you are garbage and rubbish. Nothing else. It is only temporary too. If you get that honor, if you will be in that book once and if they put your name in that book, that is forever. Dunya and akhirat.

That is what an intelligent man must run after. To make his Lord to be happy with him. In this short life that Allah has given to us, we must run to make Him happy. Not to make our ego happy. Our ego is never going to be happy until the end and when it is going to leave you, you will ask, "Where are you going?" It will say, "I'll tell you. I've finished my job and you are going to the dumpster now. You are finished. That was my job, to finish you up." Don't get fooled by that. We should not get fooled by that because we are carrying this life with us and we know the tricks and the traps of this ego and what it is trying to do to us. If you still get fooled then what do you call those? Ahmak. What is it in English? Say whatever you want, it's Ahmak, (fool, idiot) lost.

Be intelligent. Intelligence is not how much you read and how much you write. Intelligence is not how much computer you know. Intelligence is not how much you know how to count money. Everybody can do that. If you train them they can do it. Intelligent man is that one who asks and who questions saying, "Who am I? What am I? What am I doing and where am I going?" That one is intelligent, asking questions. If you sit and you ask that question sincerely, then you are going to need to find an answer for that. Otherwise you cannot sit comfortably after that. But if you say, "I am just like a grass. Growing, rain comes, growing, sun hits and then dying", that is not intelligent. We must be different than the grass; we must be different than the tree; we must be different than the animals. We are humans.

And Allah has created us in Ahsani Taqweem (Most perfect form). No creature can know their Lord or find their Lord except man. Without a guide. You don't need a guide, you don't need a prophet, we don't need a book. What Allah put here (pointing at the heart), if we sit and think and calculate and understand we can find our Lord. But He sent prophets, books and guides to us to make it easy for us and saying to us, "This is the reason that I have created you. Work for that and everything around you will work for you." Everything Allah has created for man and everything has been given under the authority of man. Who are you that this metal has to listen to you (Shaykh tapping on the pipeline in the room)? Don't you see? The metal is obeying the man. It's such a hard object but it obeys the man. Any shape that the man puts it into, it stays there. You hit it with your fist and your fist breaks but you put it in that shape and it stays there because the Owner of that one is saying, "I have put you under the authority of that man. So you must obey."

And everything that Allah has created He has put under our authority

saying, "You are not alone. You are under My authority. You must watch out what I say and what I say is good for you." This is what our Lord is saying to us. "What I want for you is what is good for you in Dunya and Akhirat." Anyone who holds that tightly wins in dunya and akhirat. Anyone who left that lost. This world, this ground here, ohh... What are you and me? We are nothing. It has seen so many Firauns who had power in their hands. They were not powerless like us. They had something. They had everything. Anywhere they looked they said, "This is mine" and no one could object. No one could say, "It is not yours." They said, "Yes your highness it is yours." "That one is mine, this one is mine, this one is mine", and that Firaun even said, "Anal rabbul `ala." "I am your biggest Lord. Bow down!" And everyone did. But this world that was saying to him, "I am yours, I am yours, I am yours", it swallowed and finished him. Huh... I am yours. "You were giving me everything and now you are taking me in? Treat me good!" You open the grave only to find dust. Not only disobedients but obedients too. All prophets are buried there. Everyone that Allah has created is under that earth. Today you and I we are here, tomorrow we may not be. We may be those ones who are gone with the wind, down there, finished.

In these days it is more difficult and there's another prayer we are making that, "Ya Rabbi! Don't let us without a grave." Another special prayer you must make in these days, for somebody to find us when we die and to bury us. For in these days unusual ways of death are happening everywhere. Building burns, oh... What happened? They come to you. You say, "What is that?" "Eh... from DNA we find this is your family. Here are the ashes, take it. Go home, you want to drink it or do whatever you want with it." It's not a joke. It is real. Car accidents, car crashing into each other, planes crashing, planes falling down to the ocean, fishes say, "Oh we have some fresh meat." Before you know, who knows until Judgment Day you may be spending your life inside another fish and that fish is eaten by another one and another one, who knows what kind of things you will be passing through. So in these days we must pray another special prayer that "Ya Rabbi, when it is good for us take our lives and make us rest in our graves." Otherwise it's pretty dangerous. Be careful.

There was a time when a funeral was going on and people were all crying and this and that and I said, "Well, what can you do? Be patient. The man was at this (old) age and it's okay. What can we do? Inshallah he reached to this age and he is going to a cemetery. It could be worse than that." "What are you saying?" Somebody is upset with me. "It can be worse? What can be worse than that?" Then the bearing came, people got up, everyone was crying and before you know it, we were traveling under the bridge. A car made accident up there while the funeral car is passing from underneath. A big tanker slips on the snow, it falls down and it falls down on top of the funeral car and starts burning. They couldn't take out the box. Ha... The worse can happen, can come any minute.

Allah has granted this life to us. We didn't do anything to earn it.

He is giving it to us nonstop and saying to us, "Spend this breath of life properly because I am going to question you one day." And if you do it you will win. If not, the pleasures and the treasures of this world is very little and it is very short. Temporary? We cannot even use that word anymore. It is very very short. In the old days at least those people who were Firauns would live almost a thousand years so many of them. A thousand years in the world. Now fifty years of life, sixty, a hundred. Can you pass beyond that? If you pass beyond that you pray to die then. You say, "Everything expired and I cannot die." My wife's grandmother was begging to die. I said, "Don't beg to die. Wait. Your time is not up yet." She was saying, "Well I am good for nothing, I cannot even put food to my mouth." I said, "So, Allah has put you in this difficult position. Be happy that He has left you so many children and they are looking after you. They didn't throw you in the hospital. They are cleaning and feeding you. Don't worry. Be happy with this and you will be alright." She was crying to die. Hm... I don't think we also want to reach to that age because after that age your health is gone and you become helpless. Your children sometimes say words that are hurtful. You cannot do anything, you cannot change anything.

So Allah subhana wa ta'ala has granted this life to us and He is ordering us to use it properly. If we don't use it properly we will be sorry here and hereafter. The intelligent man must be heedful. Otherwise, so many people came, billions, and they are gone. And we are going to go also. We must keep that alive in our hearts. Eshrafil Mahlukat the Holy Prophet alayhi salatu wa salam. And everything else has been created for his sake. He is also a guest under the ground in this world. The earth is holding him as a guest, another temporary life there. So if we keep that alive in your hearts, Shaytan cannot find so many ways to fool us and to make us to fall in love with this world. There is only one we must fall in love with, Allah and His Prophet (saw). If we fall in love with other than that, it is foolish. They are going to use you and when the time is finished they are going to drop you. No matter how much they love you. "My wife, you love me so much?" "Yes, ohh...." Say, "What will you do when I die?" "Well, I am going to fix you, bring you to the cemetery to bury you. After that, well the truth is I have to come back home. I cannot stay there." Same day? Of course, same minute. As soon as they close that grave it is like it never happened. In these days they say, "You have something you left for me? You go there and I am starting my life again."

There is nothing to enjoy. One thing to enjoy is to be the servant of Allah subhana wa ta'ala. If you are looking for that Allah makes everything around you to be enjoyable to you. Otherwise you are always going to live fearfully and with that fear you cannot be comfortable with anything anywhere anytime any minute.

Wa min Allah at-taufiq
Bi hurmatil habib
Bi hurmatil fatiha.

Sohbet-186

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

OBEY ALLAH, OBEY PROPHET AND OBEY THE RIGHTLY GUIDED LEADERS

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim el-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

From millions only a handful are going to find safety. Those who sincerely believe are going to hide themselves. They are not going to be in the populated areas. They are going to pull themselves out. With the power that Allah has given them (Awliya) they can change certain things. That's why they are pulling back because they don't want to change. More darkness is going to cover everywhere before the light, and the one who has permission to change, comes. Otherwise, Sheykh Mewlana is saying that even with the power of all these Awliya, their change is like the similitude of a big desert. In that desert there are small areas with lakes and there are very small rivers. And even with those rivers the water can only reach to limited places. So you cannot make the whole desert turn into a green land even if you want it. All those Awliya that are reaching to some areas are (as if they are) holding those lakes. They have little green areas around them.

Think of this whole world as a desert and there are some areas where there is still light coming, (those areas are) like green patches of land. But the whole world is a desert with so many ignorant, arrogant and stubborn people. No matter what they are saying, what they are showing and what they are trying, they have become tools of Sheytan. They say, "We are against Sheytan" but they are supporting the kingdom of Sheytan. So when you are supporting the Sheytan comes in so many different ways and with so many different ideas. It doesn't say "Sheytan" (written on it), nor does it come to you with the two-horned ugly creature that they are showing everywhere. No.

The prophets came to bring people from darkness to light. When whole people were entering darkness and they were becoming like wild animals, very cruel to themselves and to the things around them, Allah sent prophets to them. The mercy of Allah reached and He sent prophets for them to find the light, to find the right ways and to live according those laws. Every prophet came with the rules and the laws of the Heavens to say to people, "This is what you have to do. This is what you have to keep, this is what you have to do in order to find light, because now you are suffering. You are in darkness." Those who accepted it found light and peace while they were living in Dunya, they found peace in their graves, and right now they are

in peace. Those who didn't accept suffered in Dunya. No matter what they had they still suffered, be they rulers or be they nothing, and now you cannot even count how many times the sufferings have multiplied. But they put themselves into that situation.

It is the same thing with the people today. Choose! You've got to choose what is right. Not what is right for you, for that time or for that minute but what is right according to the Heavenly Standard. If you only say 'what is right for me' then everyone is going to come out with their own ideas saying 'this is right for me'. But does 'what is right for you' fit into the category that Allah has sent? You may have any belief. Go and ask today's people, "Does the lifestyle that you are living fit to your faith?" Ask a Christian. "Does the lifestyle you are living fit to what Jesus brought to you?" If that one is sincere he is going to say to you, "No." So you are living against what Jesus said. Ask a Jew. It is the same. Ask a Muslim. It is the same. All these different lifestyles are leading to Sheytan. All these people that are not living according to what their prophets brought to them but according to the time that they are living in and the places and the rules and the laws that are around them, and which is the set lifestyle around them, who is setting it? If it is not from the Heavenly Station then where is it coming from? From Sheytan. Very simple.

Everyone is running today saying, "We love Democracy and we are going to bring Democracy." What did you do with Democracy? Did you reach somewhere with that Democracy? Isn't that the whole trouble everyone got into in the first place? When Jesus came he said to them, "Accept what I say to you, what your Lord has sent." They said, "No we don't accept what you say. We accept what we think is right." Democracy. Jesus didn't come to them to teach them Democracy. He came to teach them Kingdom. They are running for Democracy and at the same time they are saying, "Jesus is the King". Where is his Kingdom? If he is a King and you are following him, where is his Kingdom? Hmm... The same thing is with the Jews and the same thing is with the Muslims today. The majority of mankind today, under different names and under different faiths, are running and serving Sheytan. If they are sincere with what they believe that Heavenly Rules and laws came to them, and they hold on tightly, not even to every law that came but only one Ayat that came to them or one thing that their Prophet taught to them, then they will find safety. It is enough to bring them to safety. So it shows that they are not following even one teaching because they are not reaching to safety.

So people they are not reaching to safety because they are not being servants to Allah. First you have to be free in order to be servants of Allah. You have to be free from any man's authority to be a servant to Allah (so that you can say), "I am serving You, You are my Master." We are not free. If you are not free then you are a servant to something else. And that must be Sheytan. There cannot be two Allah, two lords. You must get rid of one. So first you have to

become free. Not according to the understanding that (today's people) say, "I am free and I do as I like. I go anywhere I want, I drink anything I want, I keep what I want, I sleep anywhere I want, with anybody I want." Then what's the difference between you and an animal? What is it? That's what the animals do too. But even the animals don't do such things like that. Go watch. Yeah. Watch their world. A bear has a partner and if another bear from far away comes and looks at the female one, then look what the male does to that (foreign) one saying, "You're looking at what I have here?" They have war. Today's people don't have that too. It's gone. Because the men lost their identities and the women lost their identities. And all these sicknesses came because of such things called Democracy and Freedom. It is nothing else.

So if you are not accepting what I am saying now, do you think that you are going to accept it when Jesus comes? Do you think that Jesus is going to say, "Vote for me"? Mashallah. Do you think that Jesus is coming to ask votes from people? (Sheykh laughing). Is he going to bring Democracy? The Imams and the Sheykhs, the Priests and the Rabbis are talking about this today. (They are) saying, "We must bring Democracy." The Imams and the Sheykhs. Leave the Priests and the Rabbis. So many Sheykhs and Imams are running and saying, "We have to bring Democracy." Is that what Allah and His Prophet(saw) brought to you? What is democracy? Do you know the meaning of it? You don't know. If you don't know then why are you running after something that is going to bring you next to a cliff, and you are not going to be sheltered by anything, and any amount of wind is going to blow you down the cliff? Do you think you are a special creature only because you gave Shahadat by tongue? Only by saying, "Ashhadu an la..." you became such a special creature? Leave that. Do you think that if you pray twenty-four hours a day you become such a special creature? Who are you? You are just a creature. He is the Creator. Do you think you should be giving credit to your own self if you are doing that (worship)? What are you? The more you understand Allah and the more you come closer to Allah, the more you understand His Majesty and how high His station is, the more humble you are going to become. The more worthless you are going to feel and understand that you are not good for anything. Leave people praising you and putting you up. Then if a person calls you a donkey you will say, "Elhamdulillah, I wish I was a donkey." Don't get upset. Because then you would look at that animal and you would say, "This animal is doing what it has been created for and it is living according to that, but I am not."

All these (wrong things) come to man because of the one big sin that no one is concentrating on these days. It is almost the biggest sin which brings after it all the other sins. If you are doing that (sin) then all the other sins are going to come. What is that big sin? It is the first sin. Disobedience. Disobedience! (You may say):

"Well I am obedient."

"To who?"

"To Allah."

Huh. Do you know what Allah wants from you right now? Do you have any hotlines that you are receiving something (from Him)? Are you receiving what is coming down to you? Everyone has one line open. Direct line is coming from Allah to you, not from you to Allah. Heh! It is coming from (up) there to you, but it is not coming from you to Allah. That's why you are running in different angles to different stations. If that hotline was open, then you will be a completely corrected one because now you see what is coming down for you and you will be living according to that. So, you are disobedient. (You are) a disobedient creature to Allah because you don't know what Allah wants from you.

Allah says to us, "Obey Allah." He didn't leave it there. After obeying Allah, why do you need to obey something else? Have you ever thought? The first order is to obey Allah. If He is saying to us "Obey Allah" and we are obeying Allah, then what else do we need to obey? If you are obeying Allah correctly and obeying something else also then you are in shirk (polytheism). (Sheikh smiles). We are committing shirk. We are putting something else. But Allah did not stop there. He is saying to us, "Obey Allah". Then He says, "Obey His Prophet". And He says, "Obey your leaders." In other words, He is spelling it out for us that those who are following Allah and His Prophet (saw), now it is obligation for them to obey their leaders.

So disobedience. The first disobedient creature is Sheytan. Everyone is taking it so lightly. As soon as you mention it everyone goes, "hehehe ugly one." But do you know how many centuries that one worshipped to Allah? Can you calculate correctly? Maybe his intentions were wrong but he did everything correctly. Hm... Thousands of years. Not ten years, not fifty years and not a hundred years. If you were given hundred years of life, the worship that you would do to Allah, compared to what Sheytan did would be nothing. He worshipped forty thousand years in each level of Paradise. And after all that worship, he just used his own ideas once, only for one thing. He said, "For me to make Sejdeh to him? You are asking a wrong thing." As soon as he said that to Allah, Allah said to him, "Now come down from that high station and get lost from My Presence. Go down to the lowest place, stay there until Judgment Day and after Judgment Day you will be severely punished because of this." For just one word of disobedience. One. Not two.

Then Adam (alayhi salam), Allah (subana wa ta'ala) created him through His Divine Hands. Not like you, me and others. He did not say "Be", and it happened. He (swt) says that He molded him. He mixed up water, fire, air, dirt and everything into each other and He put a shape. Then He left it for hundreds of years. The sun was hitting and drying that clay and it was entering into different shapes every single day. Then Allah blew the Spirit from Himself to that one. Look how much care Allah is showing to that man that He

has created. He is saying to us that He has created the worlds and the universes in six days. It is written in every book. The Awliya Allah are giving us signs that when Allah created Adam (as), He left him laying there for over two hundred years. And when He blew His spirit into his mouth, the spirit stayed only in the head area for another two hundred years. Imagine how much care and how much work Allah put into that creature. Then everything entered and the whole body became alive and he was an obedient creature to Allah.

When he was obedient, he was living with all the beauties and the goodness in the Paradises. He was doing everything that he has been programmed to do. Not programmed to do but what Allah ordered him to do. Angels are programmed. They cannot go out from it. But Allah has given us will power. That is why we are not programmed. We are responsible for everything that we are doing. We are choosing between right and wrong. We are choosing between bad and good. We are choosing what is for us. That makes us responsible. Angels are not like that.

All that Allah gave to that body and that Spirit and He gave so much from His Lordship to that one, giving life to that one, and he was living correctly in the Paradises. What did he do? He did one wrong action. For us, we don't even have the right to see it to be wrong. Do not make any mistake to say that Adam (as) did wrong. Hasha Astaghfirullah! Who are we to say that Adam (as) did wrong? Allah said to us through the Holy Book what Adam (as) did and whatever happened for him to come out of the Paradises. So one action made him to become disobedient to his Lord. And that one disobedience made that creature, our great-great-grandfather suffer. Not for one day but for over a thousand years down on this earth. Over a thousand years because his original form was made to live in the paradises and not on this earth. Just to come out of the paradises and coming down to earth, his originality was changing and he was suffering inside, the body was suffering and there was pain.

But leave all those aside. He was not feeling any of those physical pains. All his life that he was living, he was feeling only one pain. He was saying, "How have I become disobedient to my Lord?" And he was crying non-stop. For three hundred years he was crying on the mountains of Ceylon when he came down. Three hundred years he was crying there nonstop and the tears that were coming out of his eyes that were falling into the mountains and going through, today they are cutting the mountains and finding black pearls, special black jewels that the Awliya say are the tears of Adam (as). Each one of them, the smallest one of them costs over a hundred thousand dollars. He cried. So every time mankind is entering into darkness in every corner, Allah's mercy is reaching to us and He is sending us books where He is saying, "Look what your grandfather did. He did one thing and he was suffering so much and I accepted what he asked from Me, but look how much he suffered. Don't be disobedient ones. You cannot reach to Me as he had reached to Me. So I am sending you prophets and guides to you. Hold onto those. Otherwise you will be lost." Even if Adam (as) did something wrong he did not have anybody

to guide him. He had to go according to his own inspirations. And he knew and understood that he did wrong and he asked for forgiveness. Even after he was forgiven he was asking for forgiveness again nonstop for what he did.

So Allah is talking about two creatures that were once very obedient to Allah, and with one action they became disobedient in the Presence of Allah. To one of them Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) said, "Get lost. I am the one who has created you. You have no value by yourself. I can send you to non-existence if I want. Go down to earth and live there until Judgment Day and severe punishment will reach to you." He (swt) could have easily sent that one to non-existence and create another creature. Then Adam (as) did it. Allah could have said, "I am not accepting your repentance and I am sending you to non-existence too." Who can say what? He is the only One. There is no other one to debate. Today everyone is making so many debates. Men and women. Somebody just came and gave me a card saying, "Middle East Program, Bringing Peace, da da da da". Whose peace is it? Who is the peacemaker? The person making peace does not even know where she is. So everyone is making debates.

We just put some foundations to understand where Adam (as) is and where we are. And Allah subhana wa ta'ala could have sent him to non-existence by saying, "You have no value. After you became disobedient to me you have no value." But the mercy of Allah reached to him and he was forgiven. Look at how much time Allah spent on that one and how easily He (swt) took him down from the Paradise, and He put him down to earth saying, "Go down there." He (Adam as) did not have doctors to go and check his body saying, "Your body temperature is changing because you just came out from Paradise." If today's people see a little bit of scratch on them they run to the hospitals. Thousands of doctors are checking and if the temperature is going a little up, "Oh! Ambulance", and it's coming. Adam (as) was coming down from Paradise and entering in this environment. His whole body was changing. Do you understand how much he suffered? And Allah could have sent him to non-existence right away.

So who are we? Who are we? Are you still going to give a little value to your own self? Say "I am standing on this station." Say. Then you become Firaun. Firaun and Namrud. We are taking lessons from them too. Don't think that we are better than them. No. But what did the Firauns do and what did the Namruds do? Whenever you mention their names in front of people they go, "Ugh! Ugly creatures." [However,] they built cities and they had millions of people whom they fed. Allahu Akbar! They gave them shelter. They looked after them. Millions. They did not have to worry thinking "I have to pay my rent." They did not have to worry thinking "I am still working and I am going to get kicked out from my apartment." They did not have to worry about anything. They knew "I am going to work this many hours today, ten hours, eight hours, twelve hours and at the end of the day I am going to find food to eat." In the nighttime I have a shelter to go to. I have no landlord coming to me asking for rent. I have no supermarkets to go to, putting it on my credit card

and increasing my debt. So they were living better lives.

Look at this. The majority are slaves today. If you ask them:

"What are you doing? Why are you not coming to Dergah?"

"I am working."

"What are you earning? You are not helping Dergah, you are not helping anything else, you are not helping anybody. Where is your money going?"

"I am paying my debt."

"You are working and you have debt?"

So now tell me, are you any better than that person who was under the ruling of Namrud and Firaun? They did not worry about what they were going to eat. They did not have to worry about where the shelter is going to be. The only thing they had to do is work. So are you doing any less than them today? Twelve hours. Today's people. And with the transportation time going back and forth, fourteen hours. You are more enslaved than them. So Namrud was not that bad, nor Firaun. Huh, look at it this way now. You have never heard this before. He was good for his people. They were trying hard because they were building cities, they were building towns, and they were building monuments. That is what they were doing. And they were using them. And if they were doing their jobs correctly they were going into higher stations (in the state service). When those people were obeying their leaders they had no problem. They were living correctly and they were going from station to station.

But Firauns and Namruds became wrong and their names came down in the history books as wrong ones and the Quran and every book is saying that they were the worst ones and they are going to be punished. They did good things but they are going to be punished. Why? Because they were saying to people, "I am your lord. So worship me at the same time. I am giving you food, I am giving you life and I am giving you everything. So now you have to worship me." But at the same time Firaun was entering into a room, hiding in it and saying, "Oh my Lord! I know that you are the Creator. You have created me and I am Your servant. But once I said to these ones that I am the lord and they accepted. So now this is what I am saying." When he was locking himself into that room he knew. He was saying, "I am the weak one and I am asking help from You." So look where the Firauns and Namruds were.

Now, how many Firauns and Namruds are in the world today? Those Firauns and Namruds were ruling the towns, the cities and their countries. They did not ask to get votes from them. They were ruling. They were building cities and they were building towns. Today's ones are getting the votes and then they are turning around and crooking the people from whom they are taking the votes. Of

course. So many Sheykhs and Imams today are afraid to speak. They say, "Don't touch the leadership and don't touch the politicians because if you touch them then they are going to put you in jail." Allahu Akbar! Mashallah! So then why Allah is sending us the prophets? Why did Allah sent prophets to Namruds and Firauns. If they are not to be touched then why is He sending to them? Why is He sending to the prophets saying, "Go and say this to them. Make them follow." They were ordinary people coming from the deserts. And the Namrud said, "Who are you? You are coming from the desert to this place? I don't accept you." That is what they did. So they did all the good things to their people but they were disobedient. The biggest sin. One of the biggest sins that lead a person towards every other sin. That is disobedience.

"Obey Allah". If the Ayat stops there then everyone will have a right to say, "I am obeying Allah as I like." But Allah is saying to us "Obey Allah", and He is sending prophets to us, and sending us laws and books through those prophets. They are setting the laws and saying to us, "Obeying Allah is this." Do you think that in the time of Musa, Isa, all the other prophets and Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam), those people who were following the prophets told them, "Well, we are obeying Allah but we are not obeying you." If they said such a thing they would become disobedient to Allah because they became disobedient to the messengers of Allah. And the prophets said to them, "Don't ask too much. Follow me. Look how I am living. I am a living guide." There are so many questions that they were asking to the prophets and the prophets said, "Don't enter into that area. Follow me because you are not in that level to understand yet. If you had reached to that level then you would not have asked me this question. So now follow what I am doing." So obeying Allah comes down to obeying the Rasul, obeying their Prophet. If they are not obeying the Prophet then they are not obeying Allah.

But the Ayat did not stop there. If the Ayat stopped there then today everyone would have the right to say, "I am obeying Allah and His Prophet. That's it. This is what the Ayat says." No. Allah knows what is going to come and what kind of creatures He has created. So now He is saying, "Obey Allah, obey His Prophet and obey your Rightly Guided Leaders." The ones that are obeying Allah and the Prophet, we accept them as our leaders and we are under obligation to obey them. Huh! Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "As long as you live in their country, if you are living in the country where they are not living according to the laws of Allah and His Prophet, as long as you live in their country obey their laws - given that they are not making you to become disobedient to Allah and His Prophet with those laws. If they are forcing you to leave your religion and leave Allah and His Prophet, then leave their country. Emigrate from there." So there is no opening for us to escape now.

I am finding so many times people are coming and going (from Tarikat). Not only here but in so many other places, when I ask:

"Have you taken initiation?"

"Yeah I took initiation from this Sheykh".

"And what happened?"

"I left him".

"Hmm... You are in big trouble now. Why did you take initiation and why you left?"

First of all you shouldn't (so hurriedly take initiation). But if you did, then you have no right to leave. It is the same way if the Prophet (saw) was here. Do you think that the Sahabi would say, "Well, we didn't like this Prophet. We accept what he says but we are not following him"? This is what people are doing today.

So when you ask them:

"Why you left that one?"

(For them to have the right to leave, they have to say)

"I have seen him committing a sin openly. I have seen it with my eyes. Not with my theory. Not with what I think. But I did see that one committing the big sin and I have the right to leave."

Now you have the right to leave. You have the right to leave that one (only to) go and find another one who is rightly guided. We cannot stay alone unless you are a guide. Either you are a guide or you are guided. So Allah is putting a condition there for us.

So the biggest sin which first Sheytan and then Adam (as) committed; they didn't commit adultery, they didn't kill anyone, they didn't lie, they didn't cheat, they did none of those things that we know today. What did they do wrong? Disobedience. Allah says to Sheytan, "Make Sejdeh." He says, "No I won't. I am making Sejdeh only to You." (Sheykh laughs). Look at the disobedience. He didn't say to Allah, "I am not making Sejdeh to You." He said, "I am not making Sejdeh to that one but I am making Sejdeh to You." Allah is saying to him, "You are making Sejdeh to Me but you are not making Sejdeh to My order. If I order you to make Sejdeh to a tree you have to make Sejdeh to a tree. You cannot use your head to say, 'I like this one but I don't like that one'. You are disobedient. Get down from that high station that I have given to you." Get down, meaning, Allah gave a high station to him. High station means He gave him a station where the angels used to come to him and ask him new knowledge and he used to give news from that new knowledge. So He (swt) says, "Get down from that station. I am taking that knowledge away from you and go down to the low, low place and stay there until the Last Day. Then I am going to put you into severe punishment."

Then Allah says to Adam (as), "Do you see this tree? Don't come near this tree. Don't eat from it. Anywhere you see it in Paradise, don't

come near and don't eat from the fruit." Order was given to Adam (as). Don't make any mistake now. The order was given directly to Adam (as). Allah was the Ruler. There was no Democracy there, men and women giving vote together. No. Allah created Adam (as). Then He created Hawa and said to her, "You are in the service of Adam (as)." You are not in my service. You are in the service of your husband. Allahu Akbar! (Sheykh smiles). That is why we say that today's men have lost their identity. Men and women lost their identities. This Democracy hypocrisy ideas have made people to loose their identities.

"I love my wife. I give her all the rights. She likes to go there. So she can go."

"She can go but she is not going to come back to you."

(Sheykh mimicking the democratic slogan in a mocking voice)

"Give freedom". Eh, give freedom and then look what happens. Allah is saying this is what you have to do. To the men this is the order and to the women this is the order.

So Hawa came to Adam (as). Sheytan fooled him through her, long story, I am not going to enter into it, Sheytan entered into a snake and came and fooled her and she ate from that tree, from that grain. It was not an apple. It was a grain. It was wheat that you make bread from. She chewed and thought, "It is not bad. Let me go to give Adam." Adam (as) said, "What is that Ya Hawa?" She says, "Ya Adam, eat from this a little bit. I ate. It is not that bad." Adam (as) said, "Isn't that the tree that Allah has forbidden to us?" She says, "Yes, but it's not from the same tree. It's the other tree that I picked it up from." (Sheykh smiles). So for the first time Adam (as) got angry in the Paradise saying to her, "How foolish are you! You did something that our Lord ordered us not to do? Didn't I tell you that our Lord ordered us not to eat from this tree?" She says, "Ya Adam, you said to me not from this tree. So I took it from another tree. Same tree." He said, "So the same tree anywhere you see you shouldn't eat it." She says, "Since I did, Ya Adam, eat a little bit, please, please, please. I love you, you love me, please. If you love me you must eat."

(Sheykh smilingly recites a couple of verses from a Turkish poem)

With that kind of asking and putting herself low, begging and crying saying, "Please, please, please" Adam (as) got fooled. He said, "Look at this poor creature. Okay let me make you happy, honey." That's what today's people say. "Let me make you happy, honey." Hmph! He bit from that forbidden fruit and Allah's mercy reached to him again because he did not do it for himself. He did it to make somebody else happy. Because of that Allah's mercy reached to him again and Jibreel (as) came to him touching his shoulders saying, "Ya Adam, what are you doing?" Then Adam realized what he was doing and tried to induce vomiting in order to bring that forbidden fruit out. Because of that you see this bone here (Sheykh

pointing towards his throat) it came out. He couldn't swallow it. He said, "What did I do?" He couldn't swallow it. It was ready to go down but he couldn't swallow it. Heat started to come out from his body making him understand that he did wrong. He was sorry but he stood there. He only chewed. He didn't swallow. But as soon as that action happened, whoosh... the heavenly clothes that they were wearing came off.

It's not what today's animals claim, that the first man and first woman and all other people who were living in the beginning were naked, and so we want our rights to be running in the streets naked. Imagine walking in the streets seeing naked walkers. Subhanallah astaghfirullah. (How are you going to imagine such a picture). You would want to run away then. This is what today's people are asking. Mashallah. They say, "We want our rights. We were born from our mothers naked, now we have to have the right to walk in the streets naked. Mashallah. Estaghfirullah Ya Rabbi! Humans. First heavenly punishment was also that the clothes were taken away. They became naked as the first punishment. Allahu Akbar! Now we must sit and think to understand. It is not so far away from us. There has not passed an endless time between them and us. It has only been seven thousand years that the incident happened. So it is not too far away.

But we are coming to an end. We are coming to the end of this world. This is the promise that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given to us saying, "Every time you move out of your way, the Mercy of Allah will reach." He is sending us prophets to warn us again. And the prophets have come with laws and rules to bring people out of the darkness to the light. Those people who are following the prophets find lights. The Seal of the Prophets came too, Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam). He came. It is finished. No more Prophet is coming after that. But the mercy of Allah is reaching to us again and we have the Awliya allah who are in this world. But today because of the Ahir of Ahir Zaman, the Awliya are pulling themselves away from public areas. They are hiding themselves. Even if they come out together, as we said in the beginning of the sohbet, they cannot make the whole desert to become green. They can only make small areas of waters and rivers around them green but not the whole desert. For the whole desert to become green we need rain coming down from Paradise. And for this world to become correct again, for all the seven billion, close to seven billion people to turn themselves back to the right road again, you need someone who is coming with the heavenly power, heavenly justice, heavenly rules and heavenly laws. Those ones are Isa alayhi salam and Mehdi alayhi salam. No one can bring any other peace to this world except those. So many millions and billions are going to become disobedient to them too. But those ones are not coming asking people for votes. Don't forget. They are not coming to ask votes from us. They are coming to set rules and laws to us saying,

"This is what your Lord wants. Turn this way."

"I like that."

"Leave that and turn this way."

"No I don't."

Their swords are very sharp. It's cutting from both sides.

(They are going to say) "Democracy? You are going to put courts? Who is going to judge you?"

Who is going to judge the judges? They are judging all wrong things and they are doing all wrong things. Who is going to judge them? Those ones who are coming from heavenly stations are coming to set the rules and laws back to this world. They are not coming with any new laws and rules. Don't make any mistake again. They are coming to bring back the traditions and the Sunnats of the prophets and Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). To bring things back alive for people to follow and find the right way. Otherwise, there is no right way. Maybe according to individuals, but not according to the heavenly stations. Right and wrong is according to the books that Allah has sent down to us, not according to our own understanding. You go to a Buddhist and ask, "What is right for you?" He will say, "Buddha." You go to a Christian to ask, "What is right for you?" They will say, "Jesus." You ask, "Who is that one?" He is whatever the church teaches them. Some churches teach the Trinity and some churches teach that he is only a prophet. Whatever they learn.

Hah... the rules and the laws have been set fourteen hundred years ago. Today we are entering the 3rd day of Muharram. It is the new year of the Muslims which we have entered. What is the year? (Someone answers, 1426). Fourteen hundred and twenty-six. 3rd day of Muharram. Today is the 3rd day of our new year. Mehdi (as) and Isa (as) are ready to come down to set everything back to its place again. They are not bringing any laws. They are not bringing new laws. They are not prophets. Isa (as) is not coming back as a prophet. It is finished. Prophethood is closed. The Seal of the Prophet Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam) sealed it and he closed it. Isa (as) is coming to set the rules and the laws of Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam) to live according to that. Mehdi (as) is coming to bring everybody together and prepare them for Isa (as).

If anyone, any other systems or any other groups are saying otherwise, we are saying here that it's wrong. That day is coming when you are going to see that it's wrong. Right is always only one, not two. The right way is coming all the way from the Prophet's (saw) teachings until today. It is not something new. You may have heard this new but it's nothing new. Holy Prophet (saw) talked about Isa (as) and Mehdi (as) in so many hadiths and he is saying, "Be careful of the confusion of Dajjal in those days. Not only Mehdi (as) and Isa (as), but be careful of the confusion of Dajjal." So the Sahaba-e Ikram says, "Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was

warning us so much about Dajjal that we thought Dajjal was behind the date trees and he is going to come out right after Prophet (saw) left." From that time until today fourteen hundred years have passed. We have to wake up because now is the time to prepare for all those incidents to happen, if we believe. If you don't believe then live as you like and wait for your end. Everyone is going to wait for the Angel of death elhamdulillah. I am happy knowing one thing that everyone is going to die. When we know that, then we find comfort. Everyone is going to die and then according to your faith you are going to find things there (on the other side).

All these words that I just said, that is how Grandsheykh also told them saying, "I am speaking to myself. If you like some of it, take it for yourself. If you don't, leave it to me. Everyone of them applies to me. I am not claiming that I am doing everyone of them. I am trying inshallah. It is for you and for me. If you take it you will find safety. If you leave it then no safety. Safety is only with Allah and His Prophet (saw). There is no other safety. Allah is saying to us, "Follow those..." Suratul Yasin. Open and read. "Follow those who do not ask from you any worldly fee because they have reached to the station of safety." Allah is giving guarantee to us saying, "They have reached the stations of safety." Allah is saying to us that once they have reached the station of safety, they will not turn back. He (subhana wa ta'ala) is not letting them to turn back. So watch out correctly the ones that you choose. And choose correctly the one that you love. Watch out correctly and love correctly. Love the correct one and don't love the wrong one. The wrong one will make you to suffer in Dunya and Akhirat.

The same goes for the love between man and woman too. Watch out whom you are going to love. Don't love a wrong one because that love may make you to lose your faith. Be careful. Your faith must be the most important thing to you. My faith is to me. Your faith is to you. If you accept, then you accept. If not, salam aleykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu. Inshallah ar-Rahman the blessings of our Grandsheykh will reach to me and to you and these words will work on us.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Amin.

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BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE WALLS OF FAITH

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Auzu billahi minash shaytanir rajim
Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim
La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyyil azim.

Salamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh
Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Ahir Zaman. The End of the Times. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying, "Islam began strange and it is going to end strange." We are in the end. Ahir of the Ahir. Yes, everywhere there are so many mosques but no Jamat. No people. You're keeping the mosques but no Jamat inside. That means they are not in need of the mosque. No need for that. Because the mosque can only be built if the Jamat runs it. But the Muslims lost direction because everyone reads the Quran today. That's the problem. Everyone reads the Quran today. Well, if you read the Quran then you understand what Allah says. Allah (swt) says, "The Mesjid of Allah is built and maintained by believers." It is not built by rich people or business people or business groups. "The Mesjid of Allah is built and maintained by believers." If we are believers and we are building a mesjid then we can maintain that mesjid. That means we are in need of that mesjid. That means we have to go there. We cannot build the mesjid and leave it empty. Why then are you building it? For what reason? To make a show to the outside (that you have built a mesjid)? The purpose of the mesjid is for the believers to be there to learn what Allah wants from them. What Holy Prophet (saw) has taught them. Today everyone has a mesjid in their house. Women and men. But they don't have a room for the mesjid. They're mesjid is the computer. Tack, tack, tack tack... [Sheykh imitating mouse clicking sound]. Talking to each other, trying in their own minds saying,

"We are spreading Islam".

"What do you know about Islam that you are spreading it?"

"I think."

"Who told you to 'think'? Are you living according to what Holy Prophet (saw) brought to you? Are you living according to Allah and His Prophet's Shariat that you are trying to spread it? What are you spreading? Only poison, nothing else."

Today the majority of the Muslims know how to read and write. The majority have books in their hands. The Muslims are the richest ones on this planet today. The Muslim world is sitting on the richest resources. But never mind reaching to non-Muslims, they cannot even reach to themselves. (When you look at the Muslims today you find

that) they are living the life of Christian-Muslims. They are living Christian lifestyle. Western lifestyle. Islam has its own identity in every way. From waistcoat to anything (that you can think of). It's in Islam. Holy Prophet (saw) brought it to you. You cannot speak (from your own desires).

"But I don't know".

"Go and learn. Find a place to learn."

You must live the Sunnat of Rasulullah (saw) and the Sahabe-e Ikram. Otherwise you shouldn't call yourself a good Muslim. No. The good Muslims are those who are taking the Sahabis and the Tabi'in as their role models. They eliminated so many things in order not to look like the Christians and the Jews because that is what Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us. He is saying to us, "Oh my nation! Don't look like Christians and Jews because whoever you look like, slowly you start living like them." Eh, you speak to someone (about it) and they say,

"This is the West brother."

Then what about the East? This is the West. What about the East? What about Turkey? What kind of lifestyle are they living there? Is it the Islamic lifestyle? Or Egypt. Islamic lifestyle? Or Pakistan or Bangalistan. Which country? Saudi Arabia? The worst example. Hmm.

So where is Islam? We buried it. Don't think that tomorrow in the Judgment Day you are going to escape by saying, "Well, we didn't have role models, we didn't have leaders, and we didn't have the Khalifa. So we lived as we liked." What did you do about it? How did you live? Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying to us, "When you see something wrong you change it with your hand. If you cannot change it, then change it with your tongue. If you cannot change it with that too then say, "Ya Rabbi! My hand is not reaching, my tongue is not reaching; but I am not approving what they are doing. So I am trying to save myself. I am trying to live as you like and I am trying to live as Prophet (saw) likes because my hand and my tongue is not reaching." And the Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "If you are doing that then that is the weakest faith." And today which one of us is not doing that? Everyone of us. Not every Muslim, but everyone who tries to copy the Sahaba-e Ikram, the Tabi'in and the other ones, this is the weakest faith that we have. We say, "We cannot reach to that by tongue or by hand. So we say, "We are not approving what they are doing." That is the weakest faith. But I am finding so many Muslims here and there, the Muslims' leaders, (who are) saying, "It's okay brother. Christians are not that bad. Our buddies Jews are not that bad. Most of our families have Christian backgrounds. So we have to have familiarity with them. Close ties with them." Hmm. That is why we need a center. We need a bridge to understand how close are you going to get and how far are you going to get. What is the distance that you can get within. And once you pass beyond your limits then you lose

everything. That means you came too close. But you cannot get too far also. So you have to find the balance. If you don't find the balance then you are not reaching anywhere.

All these Muslims today are educated through computers and through everywhere, and they are even teaching in American universities too. So what are you doing? Are you becoming a role model to someone to accept Islam? Hmm. So what is all this richness for? What are you doing with all this richness? That means Muslims became egoistic ones. They have turned to themselves now. Everything is "Mine". But Islam says, "Yours". "I am in Your service. As You like, not as I like. Not as I think, but the way You have ordered to me. If You leave it to my ego, my ego likes it. Whatever is the worst that is what my ego likes." The characteristics of the ego are the same. If you are not seeing your ego worst than Abu Jahil's ego or worst than Sheytan's ego then you still have pride in your heart. You are still proud with yourself somehow somehow. We have no right to look down upon them. We have rights to take lessons from them to say, "These ones were disobedient and their disobedience made them to reach these ugly stations". This is what we have to take for our own selves.

The whole key of this life is not to be born and to live and to die. The whole key, the whole secret is to be born to this life clean and to go out of this life clean. To live with your honor and with your dignity of Islam. The honor comes with Islam. And if you want to increase your honor you have to be with those who have honor. You have to keep them high and then your honor goes up too. Otherwise, you can claim that you have honor but at the end of the road, when they fill up your book and you check your papers you go, "Ohh, my name is not in the book that says, 'They had honor and they lived with the honor'." Hmm. If you have this worry, if this is really worrying you, do you think you will have some other bad places to look around now? Or are you going to be busy with yourself saying, "Is my name in that book which has the names the ones who have honor?" Maghrib entered and the day finished. One day, Fuu... As soon as the Maghrib ezan calls, the angels close their pages. Whenever your pages are closed they put the seal on it; and they take it to the (appointed) place. No one can change it then. Whatever you did in those twenty-four hours is there. Sit and think! Don't tell me you know so much, you know so much Quran and this and that. Think. When the angels close the books tonight in the Maghrib time, did they put your name into the side that says, "He was a servant today to his Lord?" "Or he wasn't?" "He lived with the honor or he didn't?" Which side? When you sit, don't excuse yourself. Let the whole world excuse you but don't excuse yourself. That's one thing Sheytan is playing on today's people. Everyone has billions of excuses. Whichever way you turn there are excuses. Don't excuse yourselves. Let others excuse you. But still when they are excusing you, don't excuse yourself. Say, "I had this, this and this chance to live like that but I didn't live like it. I didn't do this and I didn't do that. The Maghrib closed, the pages closed. What have I done today." If you think about today and you are sincere with your

Islam then you make intention, "Now I am entering to a new day. I am going to live with honor and I am going to try to have my name written in the book tomorrow night, when the angels are closing that book again it will say, 'This one was servant today.'"

Don't look for when is the Judgment Day. Why are you going so far? Why are you looking when the Judgment Day is? You think Holy Prophet (saw) didn't know when the Judgment Day is? When Jibreel (alayhi salam) came and said, "What is Islam, Ya Muhammad?" Holy Prophet (saw) said that Islam is this, this, this and this. He (Jibreel as) asked, "What is Iman, what is Ihsan and tell me about the Judgment Day." He (saws) said, "Not much is known." It is said that Jibreel (as) came to teach us our religion. Then another day Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was giving Khutba. Another person came and said, "Ya Rasulallah, when is the Judgment Day." He (saws) said, "O Bedouin, what have you done for the Judgment Day? The Judgment Day is a very long and hard day. What have you done for the Judgment Day? Never mind about when the Judgment Day is. Look at what you have done for the Judgment Day. What did you do?" He says, "Ya Rasulallah, I am a weak person. I keep the orders what you are saying. I pray five times a day. I know I am weak. I try to give zakat. I did this and I did that. But the most of it, the more important of it is that I love you." He (saws) says, "That should be enough for you." He said, "I keep all those obligations that you are telling me but I know that it's nothing. But I love you." He(saws) says to him, "That's enough for you."

So many people are coming and going asking when the Judgment Day is, when Mehdi (as) is coming. Those who believe in Mehdi (as). Now millions of Muslims don't believe in him. Mashallah! (Sheykh smiling). Are you understanding the reality of that? And don't think that they are going to call you on the telephones from the other side of the road to tell you, "Mehdi just came." If you are not hearing from here when he calls (Sheykh pointing at the heart), you may lose the caravan, because at the same time Dajjal is coming too. It is whatever you are busy with and whatever your heart is busy with. If you are busy twenty-four hours thinking to please your Lord then don't worry you will be in safety. But if you are busy pleasing others and trying and running to be a slave to this world then there is a big question mark there. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us, "What are you? You are nothing. If it is not for your faith your value is nothing in My presence." You know it and I know it. If it is not for our faith what is our value? What is the difference between me and the persons in the streets who are unbelievers? What is the difference? There is no difference.

Twenty-four hours everyday, everywhere in the world people are being born and people are dying. And those who die it is Judgment Day for them. Finished. They closed their books. If they left certain things open then the book will still be filled for them with good deeds until Judgment Day. If they left certain things open for bad things then those bad things are going into the book. But their Judgment Day is here. That is Judgment Day to them. You don't know when it is

for you and when it is for me. Maybe five minutes later. (You sometimes think) it's taking so long that it's unreachable to you. Angel of Death is waiting. Anytime your breath of life finishes he knocks you down right away. It doesn't matter where you are, whether on the street, in the workplace, in the bed, in a good place or in a bad place. Be careful! Don't die in a bad place. Die in the good areas. That is another reward. If you die in a bad place then that is another punishment. What were you doing there? Do you think you are going to have excuses for that? If you are working with the haram (forbidden things) and then you die that way, it is very difficult.

So the Last Days. The signs of the Last Days. Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "You come out of your house early in the morning as a believer, you come back to your house at nighttime as an unbeliever. Oh my nation, renew your faith. Renew your faith!" It is not how many mosques you have or how beautiful places you have. It is how you live. It is not how much Quran you know. It is how you live according to the Quran that you know. It is not how much hadith you know. It is how much hadith you live according to in your life. That is the most important matter. When you are running and learning more, more, more and more you are getting more burden on your neck and Allah is saying to us, "They are like the donkeys carrying loads of books on their backs but those books are not giving any benefit to them." He is saying it in the Quran. There are so many people who know so much, they read so much but they are like donkeys. You put loads of books on their backs and they carry it. So He (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying, "They are like donkeys."

One day I was in Turkey and I was in a private house talking, making some Sohbet. Some people came who were the mureeds of Sheykh Mawlana for a long time. So these ladies came and they sat with us in the room and one of them said to me (she was sitting very showily), "You know you are breaking the Sharia right?" I say, "How is that?" She goes to me, "Well, you are sitting here with the women and there's supposed to be a wall in between." Hmm. I say, "Yeah, if I am breaking the Shariat then there's a reason." I say to her, "What about you, you are not breaking the Shariat?" I asked, "How did you come here." She says, "With my friends, with my girlfriends." I said, "Where in the Shariat does it say that you can walk around with your girlfriends in Istanbul at 8 o'clock at night? Show me that Shariat." I said, "Now sit and don't talk too much." She goes, "I am the mureed of Sheykh Nazim for twenty years and I am one of his followers and deputies in the city." "Mashallah" I said.

So I am talking and every time I am rephrasing an Ayat from the Quran in Turkish because I am addressing Turkish people, she reads it from the Quran. She speaks very good Arabic. She is catching the Arabic Ayats and saying, "This is what it says". I said, "Mashallah very good, mashallah very good, mashallah very good (with every Ayat that she read)." Then finally we came to this Ayat where Allah is saying, "There are so many people that have so much knowledge but they are like donkeys carrying loads of books". She jumped. She

said, "No, not donkeys." I said, "What then?" She said, "They are very bad ones." I said, "Do you know the Ayat? If you do then recite the Ayat. Say to these people if it is saying donkey or not." She says, "Yeah, but we shouldn't use that word here." I say, "Mashallah. So you are changing the Ayat of Allah because you are one of the donkeys." She goes, "No!!! What??? Are you talking to me?" I said, "Yeah, to you because you know that book. You are a Hafez but you are a donkey. You are nothing else but a donkey." She says, "Nobody has ever spoke to me like this before." I said, "Definitely. I am talking to you like that and I will be responsible in the Judgment Day because you are a donkey. Sit and learn. You want to learn? Sit and learn. Don't interfere too much."

Allah is saying that to me too, and to you and to everyone. He is saying, "If you live according to the knowledge that you know, if you know a knowledge and you live by it then Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will be your teacher. He will teach you the knowledge that you don't know." But there is a condition attached to it do you see? He (subhana wa ta'ala) said, "IF you live by the knowledge you know, then Allah teaches you the knowledge that you don't know." So we are watching the lifestyle of the Sahaba-e Ikram. We didn't live during that time but we can understand how they were living. We can understand that just to keep high the name of the Prophet (saw), they were ready to go into the fire. They (the unbelievers of Mecca) burned them alive. They punished them, they destroyed their houses, they destroyed everything that they had, but the Sahaba never betrayed the Prophet (saw). So now we know, we understand that although they could not escape from that city and everyone (in the city) was against them, they did not betray him. The Sahaba-e Ikram did not betray the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

What about us? This is what we have to look at. We should not try to find so many excuses but instead ask ourselves, "Are we living according to the laws of Islam or the laws of the country that we are living in?" Of course we have to obey the laws of the country. But the laws of the country (the country that we are living in here) are not forbidding us to live the Islamic lifestyle. They are just making it a little bit difficult for us so that we don't live it. But it is not the law here that is forbidding us. It is not like in Turkey where they come and put you in jail, nor like other countries. So we have nothing with which to escape in the Judgment Day. Don't think that you can escape by saying, "I had work. I had to work so I couldn't do (the Islamic lifestyle)." So what? What are you working for? Why are you working? Allah created you to work or to worship? What does the Book say? What does the Quran say? Does the Quran say to us, "I have created you to work?" I never saw that.

I have been reading the Quran all my life. I never saw an Ayat saying in it that work is a part of the obligations. I have never seen it. But in over seven hundred places I have found that the Quran is saying, "Pray, pray, pray, pray, pray, pray, pray, pray and

worship, fast and pray, patiently pray, give Zakat and pray." Everything Allah is saying is connected to prayer, prayer, prayer and He is saying to us, "Pray on the times." Not when you want it too. Pray when the time comes. So now we have to check. We have to check how sincere we are with our own selves first and then with our Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). And then we have to ask ourselves, "Who do we live for? Is it for ourselves? Is it for our ego or for our Lord?" Our Lord has created us and then He has ordered us by saying, "This is the lifestyle you are going to live. Not what you want but what I want." He (swt) says, "But I left your leash very long in this world. You can circle around. But don't forget your leash is in My hand. When I pull then you come. When I say to you, "Die and come" then no man can say, "No, I am not coming." (Sheykh laughing). That is the leash that Allah is putting. He is saying, "Die and come". Angels come knocking saying, "Out!" No man can say, "I am not going out."

So we are afraid from everything. We are afraid to become homeless, we are afraid not to have luxury in our lives, we are afraid that people are going to call us this and that, but we are not really afraid of our Lord. What is He saying to us? He says, "I have created you only for my service. I did not create you for anything else. When you prove your service to Me then I have prepared something for you that you are going to be enjoying in the hereafter. This world is not a Paradise. Don't try to make it Paradise." He is saying to us, "There is very little benefit in this world for you. So don't run after this world. You come to this world clean." So the Marifat... Marifat is not to fly in the air. Marifat is not to walk on the sea. Marifat is not to jump from here in order to find yourself in Mecca. Marifat is that you come to this world clean and now it is in your hands if you will go out clean or not. That is Marifat. If you would be able to go out from this world clean and the angels would wrap your soul in heavenly silk then that is Marifat.

So many people were there in the time of Musa (alayhi salam) who reached Sidratul Muntaha through their worship. But they made one or two mistakes and whoosh... they rolled back down all the way to the lowest stations. Take Sheytan, him for example. He was worshipping. His home was this world. He was worshipping in this world and he was worshipping so much that he started rising and he reached and entered into Paradise. He worshipped in the Paradise for so many years. But one disobedience - and not two - one, and it made him the cursed one. His name was Azazeel and Allah said to him, "Get lost from the Divine Presence. You are the evil one, cursed one, sheytan jinn. Stay until Judgment Day where I am sending you. After Judgment Day there will be severe punishment to you. I am going to give you time until that Day." Then he (sheytan) says, "I am going to fool all the children of Adam. If they turn to me I am going to fool them." Allah said, "If they follow you and they die with that arrogance, then they are also going to the fire with you."

This is it. This is the whole key. Don't look at the ones who are

(praising your ego and) saying, "You are that, you are this, you are so important, oh mashallah you are president, prime minister."

"Did you come to this world clean?"

"Yes."

"Do you think you will be able to make it out of this world clean?"

Now there's something to think about. So many people who go to school are very high intelligence students. They know before the test that they are going to make it. But still they don't talk. They know highly because they study a lot. They say (to themselves), "If the teacher asks me this question I know the answer, if he asks me this question I know the answer, if he asks me this question I know the answer. So there is 90% chance that I am going to pass." There are people like that. Even if you are like that, sit and think again. This is not a school class. We enter into this world clean and our Lord is saying to us, "You must come out clean because where you came from is Paradise and paradise is for clean people. When you go to the world you are dirtying yourself. Clean yourself before you come out from it and only then will you come back to Paradise. Otherwise, if you didn't clean yourself in the world, then the fire is waiting for you because the fire is the only thing that will clean you."

Maybe you don't know but I used to do welding job; (I was a) welder and I used to do swords. I was finding (in the job) big pieces of metals that were very rusty. There was a coal fire burning and when I was putting it inside the fire, the whole thing was turning red and I was taking it out, putting in on a metal (platform) and hitting it with a hammer... tak, tak, tak, tak, two three times and later when it cooled down I would find that there is no more rust. It cleaned the rust right away. If you want to clean that rust by hand it would be impossible. But putting it in the fire, taking it out, putting it on earth, tak, tak, tak three times and it is shiny (Sheykh smiles). So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to us that if you come out dirty from this life then the fire is going to clean you. Bodily dirtiness is not like that rust. The body may be dirty on the outside. Maybe you worked too much and you didn't get the chance to clean yourself up and the Angel of Death came to you. That is okay. Dirtiness is here (Sheykh pointing at the heart). Pride is the biggest dirtiness that man can have. And praising his own ego, ooh... Then you do need to stay some time in the fire because that is a big dirtiness (that you have) inside and it needs to be cleaned. If you think of life like this and if you think (like this) everyday, and when Maghrib time approaches we start judging our own selves making our own accounting, then slowly we will reach somewhere. Daily we will put our lives in front of us saying, "I did this, this, this and this today. I got up in the morning I went to this way I came across this person and the person looked very ugly to me but I still did not think bad about this person and I prayed for that one. If that person upset me I did not respond. This

happened that happened..." and you calculate your own self and you can find for yourself what kind of life you have lived today.

Tomorrow is another day that is waiting for us but we have entered into that day today. Maghrib is our calendar. The Muslim calendar doesn't finish at midnight. It is from Maghrib to Maghrib. It ends at Maghrib time and it begins at Maghrib time. So our day finishes at Maghrib. Whatever we have done for yesterday is gone. We have entered into a new day now. Whatever bad and good (we did) we calculate it and we can see that this is good and this is bad. We may work a little extra tomorrow for the Judgment Day. We may put a little extra there so that it may clean what wrongs we have done today. If we calculate, if we watch, if we don't live a heedless lifestyle then we are going to win. If you are living heedlessly... it is not that you are drunk. Your eyes are open. So many people whose eyes are open today but they are sleeping, they are half-sleeping. You may be sleeping but your heart should be open. Your heart never sleeps. So Allah and His Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Don't be heedless ones because heedlessness is coming from Sheytan. Know what you are doing because you are responsible." Allah is saying to us, "Don't let that Sheytan come and fool you by saying to you, "Don't worry. Your Lord is Generous. He is going to forgive everything that you do." Of course. But what if He says, "I am not forgiving." What are you going to do? Did you make a deal with Allah?

Some people are coming to me saying, "Well, I am living too much Islam now. I am going to slow down a little bit. I need to think if I am going to stay a Muslim or not." Mashallah. Go to any hell. The hell is open. If you don't want to be a Muslim, the hell is ready. Tear up the paper and go ahead. At least when you say the Shahadat you have a paper in your hand ensuring that one day you are going to enter Paradise. No matter what punishment you may come out of, you are going to enter Paradise because you are saying the Shahadat. Anybody who says "la ilaha illallah" is going to enter Paradise. But you are saying, "I am fed up with this." What did you do that you are fed up? What did you do for Allah that you are fed up? Huh? Everything you are doing is for your own self. Nothing else. Do you think that Allah has put obligations on us yet? We are not running daily yet to see what is waiting in front of us and which side are we going to turn. We are still babies. We are not going through tests. When we are going to do more (towards faith) then Allah is going to put us through tests. You go to school and they give you tests. They give you problems according to the grade that you are placed in, and you have to solve it. You cannot copy it from any book, nor can you copy it from anywhere else. We are still babies. They are not putting us through any tests yet. We still have to grow and then we will go through daily tests. Then when you are getting up early in the morning everyday you will ask yourself, "Oh, I am living today. Am I living for Allah or am I living for my ego? What is waiting for me today? How am I preparing myself for today?"

Before it was in the Western countries and now it is in Eastern

countries, Sheytan with his kingdom is keeping people busy twenty-four hours on television, on computers and on this and that. People are running and helping each other but they are not helping themselves. When the angel of death comes to you what are you going to say? "I was helping that one"? Don't you see that everywhere, especially when you are traveling, they are giving you warnings first? Every one of you took the plane at least once in your life. Everytime I am on the plane I am watching those hostesses saying, "If any accident happens then this is going to come out, that is going to come out, this is how you have to put the life vest on you, da da da da da." Eh, first you have to put it on yourself and then later your child. Allahu Akbar! "I love my child. Let me put it on him first." They will say, "No, first you must put it on yourself and you must feel that you are in security, and only then will you be able to reach to others." How are you going to reach to others if you are not secured? Impossible.

In life there are so many incidents that are waiting for us twenty-four hours a day especially in today's world. In the old days, people did not have so many incidents like this to happen any time, any minute or any second. In today's world there are so many incidents waiting for us. It doesn't have to be that an earthquake is going to occur in the city now, New York City. But when we come to think of it (it is very possible that) one plane may come and knock into this building and we will all be burned inside. If it can happen to the World Trade Center then it can happen here too. Or (let's say) you are walking in the street thinking, "I lost direction". You come off from the sidewalk and someone runs you over. So many incidents are happening. The life we are living in is so delicate today. It came to be so fragile. But we still live a heedless lifestyle, looking around, especially in this city. The city that never sleeps. Of course it never sleeps. Sheytan never sleeps. Humans must sleep. The heart must not sleep. But humans must rest to be able to walk the next day and to be able to know from which side Sheytan is going to attack. Sheytan never sleeps. Sheytan is in the awakening station all the time and he is never heedless (and he is) saying, "As much as I can take with me to the fire." This is his job. Since that day (in paradise when he became disobedient) until Judgment Day he never sleeps. We must wake up. We must wake up in the daytime. I am watching everybody and I am asking,

"What are you doing."

"I am working."

"Did you earn the world?"

"Not yet."

"When are you going to? When you are ninety years old? When you are ninety years old, then you are going to own the building? It's too late then even if you own the building?"

Don't let these days pass you by and fly away. You can claim and you can say whatever you want. If you say these things to a Turk they will say, "He is a backward man. He doesn't know anything." They would say, "The life is waiting for us. We have to live up our lives." (Sheykh smiles). The angel of death is waiting for you. Everywhere you turn he is waiting for you. Maybe you are next. Are you prepared to go? If you are prepared to go then you have nothing to worry. But if you didn't prepare then you have to worry. If they say to you, "Come, we are going to put you on a plane right now to your country to be with your family members. You may come back in a month." Everyone is going to say, "Well, let me prepare some things to take with me." But you cannot. When the angel of death comes, he does not give us the chance to prepare ourselves. We have to prepare ourselves now with the life that is granted to us. Otherwise, you may go everywhere. People make so many speeches and they cheer with each other. But are you preparing yourself. This is what you have to look at. It is the most important thing. We know that we came to this life clean. We know we came to this life in a human form. We came out from our mothers' wombs in human forms. This body takes the human form in the womb in four months time. Little fingers, little eyes, little nose but it is the same human body. We came out (from the womb) and we are going to go out (from this world). We are going to go out either as humans or as donkeys. That is the most important matter that we have to watch.

Allah is our Creator, the Creator of all, even if you accept or not. If we are living according to the kind of program that He has put for us, and if we are taking a role model, a guide in this life, then we are never going to get lost. The Guide is Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Allah is giving order to us saying that the Guide is the Holy Prophet (saw) and we must follow his footsteps. We must try to follow his footsteps and of those who are following the footsteps of the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). At least we must make our intention to follow. When we make the intention, slowly according to our intention Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will move us. If our intention is good and strong He will move us to the right way and we will find ourselves on the main road. We cannot do anything (by ourselves). Allah is the one who is going to do it and He is asking us, "What is your intention? Do you want to live the way I want you to live, or do you want to live the way your ego wants to live?" If we are running to please our ego (then know that) our ego is never going to be pleased with us. No matter what we give to our ego, it will always ask for something else. It is never going to finish.

But if we run to please our Lord, our Lord becomes pleased with us in very simple ways. Very simple ways. For these days especially, since you are running in the streets, working here and there so much, at least when you come home wash yourself before you go to bed, and for five minutes, (even if you do nothing, wash your hand, your face and your feet, you don't have to know anything) just go to Sejdeh and turn (to Allah) and say, "Ya Rabbi! I am sitting here

five minutes for you. I have worked all day long and I am tired. But I am spending these five minutes with you. I don't want them to call me a backward person. I don't go to a mosque, I don't keep a beard, I don't wear this and that, but I love You because You say You love me." That action pleases Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Even if you are doing nothing only that will please Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). So check yourself. Those who are trying to live Islam correctly and praying five times a day [if you cannot be like them you don't have to] No. Check yourself. Say to yourself, "Before I go to sleep, do I sit for five minutes with my Lord to ask, to say and to talk?" You are not hearing Him but He is hearing you. You are not seeing Him but He is seeing you. That is everything in Islam.

All the others see their lord in front of them but their lord is not seeing them. They Christians put Jesus in front of them, hanging on the cross, (making him look like a) helpless man, and they say, "This is our lord." Hmm. Mashallah. So is he seeing you? No. But we are seeing him. Empty-heads. The ones who are worshipping Buddha may use Buddha's 25 meters long statue. (They have those in Indonesia, in that part of the world, (Sheykh smilingly looking at `X') his country, around that area). There is one in China that I saw. Allahu Akbar! I was shocked looking at it and I said, "What are you doing up there? Come down. Let's talk." The Chinese people around were looking at me and saying (to each other), "What is he doing?" One asked me, "What are you doing?" I said, "I am telling your lord to come down. We got to speak." (He goes), "Hee hee hee hee." Even they were laughing. They didn't get upset. They thought it is really a joke. It is a huge thing that they made up there and everyone is bowing down before it. I said to the man,

"You are seeing your lord?

"Yes, this is it."

"Mashallah. It's big. It looks pretty strong. Is he seeing you?"

(Sheykh imitated how the guy mumbled to say) "It is made out of wood. Very special wood."

He is telling me that it's made out of wood. I said,

"Is he seeing you, hearing you?"

He says, "No!"

I said, "Look at what I am doing." I said to him, "Follow me. He (Allah) is seeing me. He is hearing me and what I need. This one is not giving you what you need."

Anyway, let us put that aside. We know that in Islam it (Shahadat) is everything. Allah (subahana wa ta'ala) made it easy for us, for our tongue to say, "Ash-hadu an la ilaha ilallah wa ash-hadu anna

Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu" and our heart to accept. It is a grant from Him to us. We have to treat it properly. It is very valuable. That is why Sheytan is running in topspeed in order to take it away from us. Know that all these prayers, all these worship and all these things that we are doing are just to save this Shahadat. It is nothing else. Shahadat is the faith. It is standing right in the center. Imagine if we had this room filled with gold. Could we have left the doors open or leave the gold lying on the street? Within five minutes all the gold is going to disappear from the street. Even though it is so heavy mankind is going to find something. When you are looking at this side they are going to take it from that side, when you are looking at that side they are going to take it from this side. In five minutes it is going to go. So we need to put the gold in the room and put night-locks and nice walls around. In these days even that is not enough. You have to put harder things. And in these days it is not safe to put it in the public places. You have to hide it in such a way that they cannot know where it is. I can tell you that this city is a center of gold. But do you know where all the gold is in this city? Can anybody know where the gold is? All the gold is circling here in this city. Do you know exactly where it is? You may think that it is in 46th Street. But no. 46th Street is just a show. In big blocks it (the gold) is circling around and it is down there in the district's stock-market area, in the Wall Street area. You are walking on top of it and underneath that road they are doing that. They are changing (the values of exchange) every single minute but you don't know. If you don't know exactly where it is then you cannot find it.

They have to hide it from the mankind which is so clever that it may find a way to go down and come up. Mankind is so clever that they are going up and they are going down. The submarines go all the way down and the rockets go all the way up. The Shahadat that you are carrying is more valuable than, not this room full of gold, but the whole world full of gold. If the whole world is full of gold then still that Shahadat is more valuable than that. You are in need of putting that Shahadat in safety, and to protect it. And Allah is saying to us, "First, you must give Shahadat." Then you are rich. You are no longer poor. No Muslim is ever poor. He is rich with Shahadat. Allahu Akbar! You need to protect that.

So that is the first thing. Shahadat. Then five times prayer. You are putting that valuable stuff (faith) around and Sheytan is watching for you to become heedless so that he can come and take it. If you are praying five times a day then you put one wall around. But Sheytan is never stopping. He is shooting nonstop from the same angle in order to penetrate that wall. Then another wall is fasting. Another wall is Zekat, another wall is Hajj, another wall is the Sunnat of the Prophet (saw) and another wall is the Nawafil Ibadat (voluntary worship). By putting so many walls now Sheytan is out. All the way out. If he is able to penetrate through one then you send your soldiers there to fix that area and it kicks Sheytan out again. He is never finding the time and place to enter inside and to

steal that faith. If you protect the faith like that then Mashallah to you. If we protect our faith and go out from this world like that then Mashallah to us. We are the winners. But if you go out from this world without the Shahadat then you lived for nothing and you went to become nothing. Keep that Shahadat high (what Allah subhana wa ta'ala has granted to us) and keep it valuable.

So many people came to this world that were the rulers of this world once. They were doing whatever they wanted. If they said, "Hang this one" that one would be hanged and if they said, "Release this one" this one would be released. They built cities, they built towns and they built nations. They were disobedient to their Lord. Their names stayed in the history books. But as long as their names are staying (on earth) curse will reach to them. On the other hand, none of the prophets that came to this world were wealthy. They were rich but they were not wealthy. They did not have worldly wealth with them. Worldly they had nothing. They also went out from this world and they are now sitting in their Paradises. Their names are being mentioned and all believers praise them. Their stations are going higher and higher. All those people who are following the footsteps of the prophets, it doesn't matter who you are and what you are, the whole key is, "Are you following the way of Allah or the way of Sheytan." In the world you may have so many high titles, you may finish so many universities but you may become a monkey like Darwin, because he was claiming to be a monkey and millions are also claiming to be monkeys like him. They all have university diplomas. And all universities' teachings are based on Evolution. Isn't it? In the East and the West. Did you not go to universities? Do you go to school? What is the theory that they are teaching people? Creation or Evolution, which one? Go to the Muslim countries. Go to Turkey. Especially in Turkey, if you say that then there's article 312 and they would say, "We will put you in jail. Don't talk too much." (Sheykh laughs with everyone). "Leave Darwin alone." If you say something about Darwin (in Turkey) they say, "Put this one in jail." Here you can say it but there you cannot. So now in the whole world as the little children are growing up we are teaching them here saying, "Allah has created you. You are a creature." They go to school and the school teaches them saying, "You came from monkeys, Evolution." They are not saying monkey because the man may get upset saying, "I am not a monkey." (They say) "You came from monkeys. That is what Evolution means." Hmm. This is what they are teaching in every school. Worldwide. From kindergarten now to the universities, even though the theory is bankrupt. The theory of Darwin is bankrupt but they are still teaching it saying, "We have not found anything to replace it with yet and we cannot teach people Creation and about the Creator. If we teach them then, they are going to be good citizens. We are not going to have terrorism here and there. So we are not going to be able to rule as we like. They are going to question us. So we must make them like this." This is what the bigheads are thinking. From this country to everywhere. This is what they are planning.

So many are saying, "Equal rights. We have the same rights."

Especially mashallah to women today who are saying, "We have all the rights." I just learned today that in Bangladesh there are 130 million people and they did not find one man to make their Prime Minister. They found a woman to be their Prime Minister. They got jealous from the Turks and the Pakistanis (and tried to be more liberal than them). So Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "When your women become your leaders it is the end of you. You are finished when your women become your leaders." So many imams today and so many sheykhs are afraid to use this word. They say, "Our sisters' hearts are going to be broken. We cannot say this because we have equal rights." Why is this? I am a man and you are a woman. How are we the same? Are we the same? Yeah of course we are made out from the same material. Yeah. (Sheikh mildly laughs).

So the teachings in the schools. If they are teaching people wrong things in the early times (of their lives) then they grow up wrong and they struggle between faith and evolution. We don't find that settled place to sit and say, "There is a Creator and I am a creature. I am not believing in that donkey-monkey Darwin."

Go to a school and ask, "What do you think?"

So many people will say, "I don't know."

"You don't know if you are a human or a donkey?"

(They will hurriedly say) "Well I am a human"

"But they are teaching you in the school evolution, that you are a monkey."

"Ummm, eh..."

We must come back to our own selves to Islam. Allah our Lord is teaching us who we are and who He is. Who the Lord is. Don't take Allah so lightly as the Christians did, taking Allah and putting Him in a man form saying, "This is your Lord." Hasha Astaghfirullah. He has created you. He has endless creation. Not one Adam but the children of Adam. We are the children of Adam. He came not even seven thousand years ago. Do you know how many Adam Allah created? How are you going to know? You have not even figured out this Adam yet. How are you going to figure out the other ones? Does Allah have a beginning that we are putting a beginning to this Adam and continuing? That is the teachings today that you have everywhere because man's mind is shrinking, shrinking, shrinking, shrinking and he is not using the capacity of the intelligence. If a man is using his intelligence whether he is a rabbi, a priest or anybody, if he is using it properly and correctly then he may reach to the station of Jibreel (alayhi salam). Jibreel (as) is representing intelligence. So they may reach that station through intelligence. What about beyond that? Who is Muhammad (alayhi salatu wa salam)? Hmm... People today, especially the Wahhabis say, "He is just a messenger." "What kind of a messenger? Like Federal Express

messenger? Or the messengers that are coming to your house everyday giving you mail?" Ask them and they are going to say, "Similar. Something like that." Hasha Astaghfirullah.

When Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) came to Sidratul Muntaha [where the mind's knowledge finishes he saw that] Jibreel (as) is representing the intelligence and knowledge.

Jibreel (as) said, "Ya Muhammad, you can go beyond this but I cannot."

"Ya Jibreel, you are leaving me alone in this journey."

"Ya Muhammad. The intelligence and the order that is coming to me from my Lord is telling me that I cannot pass beyond this. If I pass beyond this I go against intelligence and the light (the Nur) that is coming from Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), my creation cannot bear to carry that Nur (that light) and I will disappear, I will go to non-existence and I will never be created again. So intelligence is ordering me to stay here. Beyond this is for you."

For whom? For Holy Prophet (saw) and his nation. He asked for his nation. He never asked something for himself. (So Jibreel as said) "Beyond this is for the nation of Muhammad (saw). You can go." Between this and the other point (where Holy Prophet met Allah), some Awliya say that five times five hundred thousand years passed while Prophet (saw) was moving in top speed. What happened? Where are all those knowledge? Where is that ilm-e ladin, that secret knowledge?

Today you say something and they say, "Quran is light." Do you know the light from yesterday? Quran is light and Quran is open. But you have to have eyes to see the Quran. If you close your eyes you cannot even see the Sun. When a person is closing his eyes tell the man,

"It is daytime."

"No it is night. It is dark."

"The sun is there."

"I am not seeing it. I am not accepting that light."

If you are blind then you are not seeing the secret of the Quran.

"Kalu Bela", the Day of Creation. "Alastu Birabbikum." Allah spoke to us. To us, to you, to me and to everyone who is in creation now, those who have passed and who are going to come.

He said, "Alastu Birabbikum."

"Kalu." We said, "You are."

"Who is your Lord?"

We said, "You are."

That word which he spoke to us is continuously coming. Twenty-four hours a day He is speaking to us. (Sheykh smiles) Are you connected to that word? First you have to connect to that word and you have to find yourself saying, "Oh I was right here in this place. When the first initial speech from Allah came and all these billions of creation were present, I was in the first line or the second or the third line." You couldn't have been in the first line because the prophets were there. "I was in this line behind this man. On the right of this one, on the left of that one." Hmm... First you have to remember that. When you remember that then everything starts to slowly come back to you. The program there is not like here where you can delete it or someone can put a virus and destroy it. It is there. You can only destroy it by yourself. Nobody else can destroy it. If you drink liquor you can destroy it. (Sheykh inhales and exhales deeply imitating a smoker.) If you smoke cigarettes you can destroy it. If you take drugs you can destroy it. Otherwise, that is going to be okay. He programmed it properly. Its Owner programmed it and He did it perfectly.

He is doing everything perfectly. Man is always doing something crooked but the Creator is always doing it perfect. And He made man in Ahsani Taqweem, the most perfect creature. That's why Sheytan got upset with us. Sheytan didn't get upset with the donkey. Sheytan is not the enemy of the animals. He is the enemy of man. Why is he the enemy of man? He is not made out of the same material that we are made of. He is a different material. He is made of smokeless fire. Allah has used almost the same material for the animals as He has used for us. But Sheytan is not upset with them. He is upset with us. He is angry with man because when Allah created Maqam-e Mahmud (the most praised station) Sheytan knew that He was going to give it to man. But he was after it and he fell in love with it. When he looked around he did not see anything else but himself. That is why so many people are looking and seeing only their ego. They are not seeing anything else. (Sheytan said to himself) "I am the most perfect one among the creatures. So He must have created that for me." So he started to worship nonstop. He was not worshipping to please Allah but he was worshipping to reach to that station. That is what made him to become disobedient because he saw that station and he aimed at it saying, "This (station) is the condition of my worship." He said, "(If for that station then) I will do it." And he started doing it. Forty thousand years he worshipped in different levels of the paradises. When Allah created man, he looked at the man and he looked at the station and then he said, (he was the one who had knowledge. He looked at the man, he looked at the station and right away knowledge came to him saying,) "This man fits to that station." For that he got upset thinking to himself, "I have been worshipping for that station this many, many, many years and this one who has just been created is going to get it? No way. If it is necessary I will become disobedient to That One." Hasha

Astaghfirullah. (Sheykh smiling). He became disobedient of the worst kind. Sheytan is disobedient of the worst kind. He became disobedient directly to Allah (subhana wa ta'ala).

Hmm. We should put ourselves in that category to see how many times a day we are disobedient to our Lord. Then you will not find any space to fight with Sheytan too. We turn to our own selves and when Sheytan starts attacking us then we turn to our Lord saying (to Sheytan), "Go away! I am busy with my Lord. I am trying to please Him, not you." Then you will reach somewhere. Otherwise, he is so clever that he can knock us down. Don't declare war against Sheytan, because he will knock you and me down so easily. But if we run to our Owner saying, "Oh our Lord, You have created me and that one. My aim and my intention is to please You. Whatever you want I am going to do." Look what happens then. It is very easy. Very small things are pleasing to Allah. To Allah it is not small or big. It depends on the individual. The individual may build fifty mosques in this (New York) City but it is not pleasing Allah. But an individual may be walking in the street, taking one stone and putting it aside, and that act may be pleasing to Allah. You don't know where and how you are going to please Allah. Your intention should always be, "I am doing this. Is this action pleasing Allah or my ego?" When you are fighting against that (pleasure of the ego) then you are reaching somewhere. Otherwise, you are worshipping your ego.

You have two places you are worshipping now. When you are worshipping to two places what are you doing? Shirk. So many Muslims today are making Shirk. Hidden Shirk, Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "That will be a hidden Shirk when you are going to aim to worship Allah but you are going to do what your ego wants. So then you are worshipping your ego." Our Grandsheykh is saying, "When you are worshipping to two gods, kill one of them. Destroy one of them and turn yourself to one." Whichever you want. First start worshipping one. Then you can understand if it is the wrong one, and if so then you can turn to the right one. But don't say to yourself, "I know I don't need anything. I don't need any teacher and I don't need any guide. I can clean myself." You cannot. You cannot find even this building by yourself. If we didn't tell you where we were then you couldn't even find this address, this room. There are so many rooms and so many apartments (in this building). You cannot find it by yourself. And this is just the world. This is Dunya. The Paradise? If you know the Paradise then you start shivering again because you don't want to get lost in the paradise too. You want to go to your place where you have been designated. You cannot be running around wildly. Everything Allah has created is in order.

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created us as humans and He said to us, "You come into this world clean and your duty is to come out from this world clean. You come into this world in a human shape and you have to try to come out of this world in a human shape." Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "The way you live is how you are going to die. The way you die is how you will be raised up." If we

live according to the laws of Allah and His Prophet (saw) then we will live a good life and we will live as humans. If we don't live according to our Lord and according to His prophets then we are not living a human lifestyle. Someway somehow we are still carrying that big animal characteristic and whatever animal characteristic is in the body (that we live by) when the angel of death comes to you and if you did not clean yourself from that animal characteristic, then when you die inside your grave you will be turned into that shape. You will get up in the Judgment Place in that shape. You will look at the other ones and you will say, "I was a human. Now I am not." They will say to you, "Yes. The title of human was given to you but you did not use it. It's too bad. Now go to the area where the four-footed are standing." They (the animals) then are not going to accept those ones also saying, "We have been created animals. We were very pleased with it." They will look at us saying, "If my Lord had created me a human I would be very much more happy. But I am still happy because He has created me as a dog. But you are not carrying your stations as humans. If I were given that station I would have carried it."

So too much talk and too much conferences. Today there are people everywhere who are trying to save the world. The world is in the hands of Allah. You cannot do anything. Save yourselves. So many leaders of the Muslims are running left and right, they are trying to look nice and good to their Christian brothers and Jewish brothers saying, "Look we are moderate Muslims. Accept us among you." Hmm. Think again. Don't try to please them. Allah is saying to us in the Holy Quran, "If you don't become one of them, they will never become one of you. They will never be pleased with you if you don't become one of them." So there is only one place that we have to run to please, (that is) our Lord. When you run to please Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), anybody and anything who is pleased with Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) will be pleased with you. Anything that is not pleased with Allah will not be pleased with you. You don't need them. You need Allah and His Prophet (saw). We are living the Last Days. The signs that Holy Prophet (saw) is showing us and the orders that came from our Lord is telling us that the world is living the Last Days. Not only (are we living) our last days but the world is living the Last Days. We must try to collect good deeds and to become better humans before the last trumpet is blown.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmabil Fatiha.

We can sit and talk until tomorrow, until next week or until next month. As long as they send we can be here. But the little that we spoke should be enough for us (if we are sincere enough) to clear our way and to find our way. Otherwise, if we are talking too much we are spending our time and we are not doing anything.

ElhamdulillahiRabbilAlameen.

Call Ezan.

Sohbet-188

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE DOORS OF VIENNA

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Auzu billahi minash shaytanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Nawaitul arbain, nawaitul itikaf
Nawaitul khalwa, nawaitul uzla,
Nawaitu riada, nawaitu suluk,
Fi masjid lillahi ta'ala, Ya Rahmatan lil Alamin

La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliiyyil azim
Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel

Tarikatuna Sohbet wa khayru fil Jamiat. Our way is based on association. Through Sohbet (through association) people learn, they find their way, they know the reason of their creation and they live according to the Lord of the Heavens. Mosques are official places. When you go to a mosque you go there to worship. You already know that. You cannot even learn how to worship in the mosques these days. You cannot approach the imams because they have official titles. When imams have official titles a distance emerges between them and the followers who come to the mosque. They are holding themselves like this (Sheykh imitating a proud posture), and so they are becoming far distant from the people. Tarikat is bringing people together. Tarikat is making people to understand the Sunnetway, the Prophet's way of how to live. If you do not have Tarikat, if you are not following a Sheykh, your Sheykh must be Sheytan. If anyone says otherwise, let him come here, and with two words I will prove it to him. If you have no Sheykh, if you have no guide, your guide must be Sheytan.

Holy Prophet (saw) did not need a guide. Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) was the one who knew the beginning and the end. Allah taught him. And angel Jibreel (as) was coming to him. Look where the Prophet (saw) went. He went beyond where Jibreel (as) ever went. If Jibreel (as) did not go, then he does not know what is beyond that point (Sidratul Muntaha) but Prophet (saw) knew. Prophet (saw) knows. But in order to teach us, Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent His Prophet down to earth and He was sending Jibreel (as) to him.

Jibreel (as) was coming and giving the Ayats of Allah to Holy Prophet (saw). And Holy Prophet (saw) was always saying, "Jibreel came to me with this Ayat." He never said, "I know". In order to humble himself he would always say, "Jibreel came to me and he gave me this Ayat."

Holy Prophet (saw) is the teacher of the Quran. He taught the Quran. Then (after him) when the Sahaba-e Ikram were speaking, they never said, "We know." They said, "Holy Prophet said and we heard. He said this and we heard." When the Sahaba-e Ikram passed away then the Tabiyeen (the generation after the companions) came and they said, "I heard this from this Sahabi. I learned from a Sahabi." The Tabiyeen did not say, "I have a Quran. I am reading it and I am learning it." The Sahaba were witnessing angel Jibreel (as) coming down. They were witnessing that the Ayats were being given to the Prophet (saw), because Holy Prophet (saw) was entering into different stations when he was receiving the Ayats. Depending on the level of the Sahabis (they were witnessing the descending of revelations). (For example) Ebu Bekr Siddiq (ra) was capable to see Jibreel (as) when he was coming. And the lowest level Sahaba said, "When we were in the presence of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and the Ayats were coming from Allah, we were seeing Prophet (saw) closing his eyes. He was sweating and there was a sound coming from in front of him which resembled the sound of a bee. That is what the lowest level Sahaba were hearing and they knew that something is happening. So when Prophet (saw) said, "This is the Ayat" they did not become disobedient. They accepted it.

So transmission was coming in this manner and the Holy Prophet (saw) was saying, "Jibreel came to me." And the Sahaba-e Ikram were saying, "The Holy Prophet (saw) said." The Tabiyeen were saying, "We heard from the Sahaba." Those people who continued to carry that chain and that transmission which continued to come down said, "My Sheykh said, (my Sheykh's lineage is reaching to that) and I heard." We are saying, "Elhamdulillah, our Sheykh said this and we are hearing. We are seeing." But so many people today, twenty years old, thirty years old (who are trying to represent Islam), the majority of them do not even know how to enter into the toilet. When they are entering into the toilet, ask them, "What are the obligations and the Sunnets of making wudu." They don't know. They cannot say, "According to this Mazhab this, this and this." I can even ask here (among the audience). If anybody wants to challenge, then I can ask right now, tell me according to your Mazhab. They don't know. But when it comes to the Quran they know everything. They don't need any teachers. They say, "Brother, I am reading from the Quran." Which Quran?

Now you have another big problem. The Americans are printing the Quran using some Islamic scholars and they are spreading that Quran in the Muslim countries. They are giving it away in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and everywhere and they are changing so many words in it saying, "We don't like the word here. We have to change this. We don't like this and we have to change that. We don't like that about

Jesus so we have to put Jesus to a little higher station. Muhammad is praised too much so we have to bring him a little bit down." This is what they are doing today. So now we are in bigger trouble than ever before. How are you going to come out? The generation that is living now who are reciting that Quran, within ten years (if I am alive) they are going to come to me and say, "Sheykh, you know nothing. We know this." Of course. That knowledge that you learned is coming from Sheytan, not from Rahman.

There are two kinds of knowledge. One is coming through scholarship and the other is coming through spiritual connection. That scholarly knowledge is disappearing now, it is finishing. Everything is mixing up and nobody really knows which side to take anymore. Since the time of the passing of Holy Prophet (saw) they have put some wrong hadiths into the hadith of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). In the time of Harun al-Rashid (when he was the Khalifah), he called all his scholars and he said to them, "Sit down and correct. Come to me and say to me that these hadiths are Sahih and these hadiths are not Sahih." So his scholars went, checked, came back to Harun al-Rashid and said, "Ya Khalifah, we have found four thousand Gharib hadith, weak hadith that we do not know. We are not saying that Holy Prophet (saw) did not say these hadiths because Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "If there is one hadith that I said and you say that I did not say it, prepare yourself for the hellfire. And if there is one hadith that I did not say which you say that I did, prepare yourself for the hellfire also." They said, "Because of this hadith, which is very strong, we are not saying and we cannot say that those are not good hadith."

So how did it come to be this way? One of them who was sitting in the presence of the Holy Prophet (saw) was Ibne Sab'a who came out with the idea of Ali (ra) being god or the Alawi ideas. He put so many things in it. They came and said, "Prophet in this time said this, this, this and this word." They took one word out and they replaced it with another word and they changed the meaning of the hadith. So the Sahabi that came and (the people that came after them), the Tabiyeen and Tabi Tabiyeen, they checked and said, "Although it is questionable to us but we are not saying that it is wrong or right." This is what they said to the Khalifah. So the Khalifah said, "Then you must put these into one book saying "These are the hadith that are Gharib and we do not know one hundred percent if they are authentic." The Sahih hadiths, Sahih Bukhari and Muslim are very high. Because Imam Bukhari never wrote a hadith unless he went and he verified it by the witness of so many people, and then he would make two rakat prayer, go to Holy Prophet's tomb, he would go to sleep and Holy Prophet (saw) would come to him saying, "This is Sahih and that is not."

From that time until now there are two kinds of knowledge that is coming. Ilm-e Ladin, the secret knowledge that is coming to the hearts of the people and the scholarly knowledge. There are some who need to do all those performances to know from the Holy Prophet (saw) whereas, there are some (other ones) who just meditate and it

comes to them enabling them to know whether it is Sahih. This is a matter of faith now. You may take the books you find here and there (you would be running and going crazy for books that are poisoned inside) and you may learn from those books. And your knowledge will be according to that book that you do not even know who its author is. You do not even know if he is a Muslim or if he is a Christian. You do not know if he is a believer or if he is an unbeliever. So many unbelievers today are writing books and they are spreading them in the Muslim countries; but they are unbelievers. Go to the universities here. From Columbia to Harvard, any university. They are teaching you hadith and Quran. The teachers that are teaching there are not Muslims. Of course, so many things they are teaching are right. But can you take them as a guide? If they have found the way then first they will say the Shahadat. They did not find the way.

You have to know what you are reading, from where you are learning and who is it that is teaching you. What is his intention? (You may say) "He looks like a nice guy. He is okay." I know so many Imams today who are on the payroll of the CIA. They can hide themselves here but they cannot hide from the Divine Presence. You don't need to go to find them in order to see. Those ones who are connected already know. They (Awliya) just watch the book up there (in the Divine Presence) and they see the names. They (the Imams) are working for the CIA and the FBI. There are so many today in Pakistan, Turkey and in different parts of the world. They (the secret service agencies) are openly saying, "You can come and you can register with us and if you see any terrorist activities in your mosques then come and tell us." If they (the Imams) can do that, do you think that the next time when the money is a little bigger, they will not do something else? Sit and think again.

America has a lot of money. Of course. Sucking from our countries, bringing it here and then buying our leaders saying, "We will never let the Muslims have leaders. When the Muslims have one leader then it is finished. We let them have it once and they came to the doors of Vienna. There is no borderline to these people when they have one leader. So now we have to give them that poison into their roots, into their veins saying, 'Democracy' and saying, "Elect and select your leaders'." The leadership does not come from the feet to the head. The feet cannot elect the leaders.

America elects their leaders. They have two nominees for presidency. No? They have two nominees – not three. America has over 300 million people. From 300 million people you have two nominees only. You have to elect one of them. One of them was a guy that burned his brain with drugs up until forty years of age. The other one is a spoiled rat. Which one is going to be the leader of this country and then rule the world correctly? Say! Bush? Or Gerry? Kerry? So when the feet select the leader, meaning, when the sheep say, "I want to choose my own shepherd" that is what happens (Sheykh smiles). This is what happened today.

The leader, the head has to have authority on you in every way. My leader, my head must have some power over me to make me speechless when I am in his presence. He must have authority on me or otherwise I don't accept that leader. I cannot accept that leadership. Because as long as I know I am stronger than that leader I will not accept that leader. The kind of leader (that I am talking about) is he who has been given heavenly power coming from up to down, not from this (Sheykh pointing at his feet) to up.

So this is what happened to Islam today and the Muslims lost their direction. And that is why the Muslims became headless. And they are running for democracy to elect their leaders in their own countries. Who are these leaders? (They think to themselves) "I like this kind of ways for my nation." Then they call all the Imams and say, "You are under my authority." If the government is leaning towards Communism then they teach you that kind of religion. If the government is leaning towards fascism then they teach you that kind of religion. So the religion is never free.

Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has sent prophets to us saying, "Follow them and those ones who are following the footsteps of the prophets. Follow those who found the way." Living in Dunya is difficult but entering into Paradise is a little more difficult than that. So you have to work on it. Don't think, "I am just going to go to sleep tonight and if I die tomorrow I will be accepted and I am entering into Paradise." You know in your heart what you are doing, why you are doing, what are you trying to learn and what are you trying for the sake of Allah. Everyone knows themselves. If you are sincere then you have nothing to worry. If the angel of death comes to you, you have nothing to worry also.

You should have nothing to say (on the contrary) because every word that I am saying is to you and to me. It is not only to you but it is to me too. You have no problem and I have no problem. We have no problem with it. I have no problem with these words that I am saying. I am under the obligation of these words that I am saying. And you should make yourself think. Our Grandsheykh (Sheykh Abdullah Daghestani qas) is saying, "Think, while I am speaking to myself. Then you are listening. If you are finding something good then take it for yourself. If you are not finding then leave it to me. I am speaking to myself." The ones who have no Sheykh, their Sheykh is Sheytan and their ego. Their ego is controlled by Sheytan. Sheytan is going to direct them left and right (Sheykh smiles).

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihuramatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-189

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

THE IMPORTANCE OF INTENTION IN ISLAM

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi,
Ya Sultan Evliya, Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Intention is the most important thing in Islam. Intention. You build everything on your intention. Intention is the foundation of your work. If you want to build this building the foundation is supposed to be strong. The stronger the foundation is, the stronger the building is going to be. The stronger your intention is, the stronger your deed is going to be. So in Islam it's not only the deeds that are counted. But the deeds will be counted and rewarded according to your intentions. What is your intention? You came here. Why did you come here? What is your intention? Did you come here to see somebody whom you can talk with to make business? You come here for the sake of Allah and for the sake of your religion to learn something. That is good intention. You may find it working for you. But if you came here for different reasons, you may find it not working for you. So the intention is important for Muslims.

If you are making a prayer, you must make intention. (You say for example) "I am making this prayer now, I am making Isha prayer." The intention has to be sincere. And when the intention is good, the deeds usually become good. When the intention is bad the deeds become bad. But the mercy of Allah is reaching to us from everywhere that if we have a bad intention and we didn't commit that wrongdoing, until the last minute, it still will be forgiven because you made a wrong intention but you prevented yourself from doing it. For instance, you make a wrong intention to go kill somebody. You make all your planning, you make your intention, everything is strong. Now you took off and you are going there. You came to that door. Until you take the gun out and pull the trigger, still the door will be open for forgiveness. So if you realize it and you say, "I changed my mind. I am not going to kill that person." You walk away. All these wrong intentions and wrong planning, because you changed it, you may receive reward for it... for not doing the act, the wrong action. But if you have a good intention, (for instance) you are coming out of your house with the intention to go somewhere for the sake of Allah to do something good and you were not able to reach there. Something happens on the way which stops you, you are still going to be rewarded for that because the intention was good. When the intention is good, the action whether you do it or not, will be rewarded. When the intention is bad, until you commit the action, you will not be punished for it. You may be rewarded for changing that wrong intention.

So believers must make intention in everything they do and

everything they are going to do. Without intention it is like shooting without aiming. You are not going to hit your target. You have to intend. You have to make aim at the target, (Sheykh takes a deep breath). They tell you in the army, "Hold your breath. Don't give it out until you pull the trigger." Because while you are giving out the breath and pulling the trigger, it moves. So the intention is aiming and concentrating, and then by shooting you may hit your target. Otherwise, you want to hit your target but you are not aiming. You are turning your head to the other side and you are taking your shot. Eh! 1% chance you may hit, 99% chance you may not hit. So what is important for believers, for those people who are trying to make it better for themselves, for their lives, first themselves and later to the people around them, must make intentions for everything that they are doing.

For everything we are doing, we must make good intentions. When the intentions are good and the actions are not too good... the intention was good but the action was not good and the result was not good, at least you may escape because of your intention. So the intention is important. We must keep our intentions. But we also cannot say, "My intention is good so I don't care about my actions." For actions to work, now you have to do planning. You have to do certain work, you have to put out some energy from yourself for that to work. Otherwise, just intention does not work too. So Islam is good deeds coming with good intentions. Good intentions support the good deeds. When your intention is good you may have support to do the good deeds but if your intentions are bad and you are a good person, they (Awliya) may turn you not to do bad things. Your intention is good, you tried your best but you didn't reach to the good deeds, you may be rewarded.

So it is important for us, in these days especially. Everywhere we look, everything we do, every place we go and everything in front of us, we see, you may not see, but we see that everything is wrong. We are not finding one thing right when we are looking deep inside of it to understand by asking, "Is Allah pleased with this action or not?" Very rarely will you find these days that Allah and His Prophet (saw) is pleased with the actions that are happening in the world. People are saying, "We will bring peace." You cannot bring peace. It's not possible. You don't know what peace is because you have no peace. Here (Sheykh pointing at the heart) you have no peace. You don't know what peace is. Now the peace is according to your ego. What fits you, you do. What doesn't fit you, you don't. But your ego does not represent the Truth. The ego always represents the evil. Evil is supporting the ego. Spirit is supported by intelligence. So a person who says, "I am going to do good", first he has to know the tricks and the traps of the ego saying, "Where is ego fooling me? My intention is good, my aim is good but I am finding the result is not good." Ha! That means the ego is fooling you somewhere somehow. So you have to know the tricks and the traps of the ego. You have to know whether you have any experience for what you are doing. Do you have experience for performing an eye operation? Say, "Your eyes are no good. Let me do an operation on

you." Your intention is good. But if now you are seeing 50%, after the operation you are not going to see at all because the person that is doing the operation is not good. (Sheykh smiles). The patient who is submitting his will to that one is not good too.

So in Islam, intention and action, both has to be for the sake of Allah. When you do it for the sake of Allah, to please your Lord, the result must be good. It has to be good. It is going to come out to be good. Who are going to be happy with that result? The people who are happy with their Lord are going to be happy with that result. Who are going to be unhappy? People who are happy with Sheytan are going to be unhappy with that result. In these days you will find very few people happy with the results that Allah is keeping. Majority goes,

"Tsk, I don't like it."

According to what you don't like it?

"I don't like this food. I don't like this bread. I don't like this kind of drink, I don't like these clothes."

Hmm. You don't like them. Of course, because you have so many other ones. That's why you don't like it. If you have one bread, you are going to like it. It's not that you don't like it, your ego doesn't like it. Your ego is not pleased with it. The first aim and intention is what? To feed yourself. Not to have luxury but to have energy. Ha! Then it's okay. "This bread and this meat containing this much protein is enough energy for me." So you will be happy. But if not, you cannot be happy. So the intentions and the actions have to be good, then everything else becomes good. If intention is not good, actions cannot be good. We must concentrate on fixing our intention, cleaning our intention, and our intention is to be servants to our Lord.

Man is running. I am asking students here, "What are you doing? What are you aiming?" (They answer), "To become a doctor, to have degree, to have this and to have that." Workers are making intention to reach and to become bosses. Is that pleasing your Lord? If that is pleasing your Lord, then do it. If it's not pleasing your Lord but pleasing your ego... don't. It's not good. The ego will not leave you until it will take you to the Fire. Whatever is good for your ego whatever your ego wants, you have to try to do otherwise. If you want to make progress in Tariqat, in the Way, you must constantly work against your ego. If you are aiming to be a nominee to be a human, you must work against your ego. But if you want to reach to higher stations, it's not only the forbidden things that you have to stop now, you have to voluntarily stop from the things that is good for the ego. You have to do it otherwise. So inshallah ar-Rahman, when we know this and when we apply it to our lives we will see that it will work. If otherwise, then it's not going to work. You can sit and you can claim as much as you want, you are there you are here, but it's not going to work.

So first we have to know what we are, why we are here, who we are, who sent us here, what is our duty in this world, why we came to this world, why are we going out of this world, what are our responsibilities in this world, what is it that we have to do, what are responsibilities with our Lord and with other that are around us. We have to know all this. If we don't know this, it is not possible to reach to our aim for which we have been created. We definitely have not been created to be slaves to this Dunya. We have not been created to be running after the treasures and the pleasures of this Dunya also. We have been created for the service of our Lord and we have been created to win back the Paradise that we came out from. Living in this world must be concentrated on that. We are making a journey from there to here and from here to there. Everyone is going to come from there to here, but everyone is not going to go back to where they came from. Only those go back to their Paradises who work against their ego and who try to do what their Lord wants. Those who run to please their ego will not find the way. It's not possible. They will not find the way to go back to the paradises that they came from. But in your spirit, in your nature your Lord has created you for that. It is longing for that. We must go back to that.

Real peace is there. It's not here. You can put as much peace as you want into this world. You fix it here the problem is going to be there, you fix it there the problem is going to be there, never is there going to be peace as the people are thinking and talking. No. Never! Because Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is testing people through different difficulties. If that one is in difficulty, you must be in treasures and pleasures. When that one's difficulties finish and Allah gives him peace, He may put you in difficulties. Who are you going to go against then? Are you going to go against your Lord saying, "Why are you giving me this? I am not happy." You can only be happy with your Lord when you are holding on tightly to His laws and to His orders. Then whether things come good or bad, you have no problem. You will not complain saying, "This is what my Lord wants, and I am happy with it." In so many cases you are finding that those people who are running and screaming, trying to change things are not the people who are experiencing those difficulties. It is the people who are outside that are thinking, "They are going to get some peace from that cake." As "X" always gets peace from cakes (Sheykh smiles).

So inshallah, important, very much important, is intention. We must fix our intentions and when we fix our intentions we may very easily find our actions and everything around us made fixed. If we don't fix our intentions, it is not possible for us to find the things that are happening around us good. It may be good for a very short time but you may be knocked down sooner than you think. This life is very short and at the same time it's pretty long. The young generation should not think that they are never going to get old. Think that you are going to get old. The elderly people should know that they are not going to become young again. Treat this life

according to that. Then you will win. You have to see it not in pieces but you have to see the whole picture. "I am here, I am traveling this road and that is the end. I am going to go there." Put yourself out and look where you entered this world, where are you now, where are you going and what have you done? Look, check and calculate. You don't need anybody to check for you. You can check it for yourself. Sit and calculate. You will know. Don't cheat yourself. You cannot cheat yourself.

Lock yourself in a room and say to yourself to your ego, "Look, it's only you and I. There's nobody else. Let's see. You did this today. Okay. What was the intention when you were doing this?" Ha. Your intention was to fool this person to get this. Say to yourself, to your ego, "Thuu! You are a very bad one." Say to yourself. Before anybody tells you say to yourself. Slowly you may find you are fixing, you are correcting yourself. If you don't question yourself and if you are liking what you are doing all the time, then something is wrong with you because you are a creature, you are a man full with mistakes. You have to find mistakes. If you don't find mistakes then what are you? A prophet? Prophets are gone. They are innocent, clean. They are gone. Even though the prophets have also been tested according to their level, they are gone. Are you a saint? It has to be showing with your actions, with your deeds and with your intentions if you are (a saint) or not. If you are, then test yourself according to that level. But if you are a normal person, then the test has to be according to that. You will find out what you are doing. You don't need anybody to test you, to tell you this right and this is wrong. Judge yourself by yourself and you will find a voice coming out from your heart saying this is right and this is wrong. No matter how much others say to you and praise you saying, "No, this was good"... then you will know, "No, I did wrong."

In these days people are doing wrong and you find so many cheering them (Sheykh clapping his hands) saying, "Oh!!! You did good. Oh!!!" You run after that girl, you catch the girl good and you finish her. Ask yourself, if that girl was your sister would you have liked it? Your mother? Question yourself. "Hmph! I don't like it." Good. Stop it and discredit yourself. Say to yourself how ugly you are. Don't wait for somebody else to say to you. Say to yourself. Then you will find you are making progress. Otherwise, Sheytan and ego will fool you nonstop and others will praise you but when you reach to difficulties you will find nobody's around you except the Fire is coming around you. Except snakes and scorpions coming around you, you will find nobody else helping you.

Don't forget, when you are in the deathbed no one can help you, no doctor can help you too. You are looking for a doctor to help you but he needs somebody else to help him. If Angel of Death says to him, "Tak, your engine is stopped", while he is making operation he will die. So don't hold on to the doctors. There you are alone. In the grave you are alone. No one can help you. Think. You must think. We must think. And we will only find what we have sent. We are going to go into our own holes, our own graves. Whatever we send there

that's what we are going to find. You are not going to find what he sent or what this one sent. You are going to find what you have sent there. I am going to find what I have sent there. So look to increase your good deeds, look to increase your good intentions.

Islam is not selfishness. Islam is always saying, "You first, me later." Americanism and Westernism, all "isms" are saying, "Enjoy yourself." There is nothing to enjoy. Don't worry. You are only torturing yourself with that enjoyment. Nothing else. Learn how to live in this life and learn how to do things in this life. You have not been created, as they say, as monkey or donkey. You have been given a human form and you must reach, you must bring that human form to the spiritual (reality of) human also to go out from this life. If you keep this form only physically human and your actions and your intentions are like animals, without thinking whatever you do, you do, then on the Judgment Day Allah will order the angels saying, "Put two more legs to this one and keep him with the animals. He didn't keep the level of Humanity that We gave him. He didn't honor it and became animal." You should progress and you should change. Whoever says whatever to you, look at yourself. Look! The things that you do, are they pleasing your spirit? In order for them to please your spirit it must please your Lord. Look. Is it pleasing your Lord? (If it is then) be happy. If it's not, then be sad and change. You can bring one million sheykhs, one million imams, one million rabbis and you can bring everybody, but if they say other than this then they are wrong too.

Your aim is not Dunya. Your aim is Akhirat. You have been created not for this world. You have been created for the other world. You are living in this world even if you want it or not. As much time has been designated for you that much you are going to live. You cannot die even if you want to. How many breaths of life are written in your book, you are going to take that. It's not by how many years. No. It's saying how many millions of breath you are going to take and give out. If you know how to take your air and give out, your life may expand. But instead of taking 100,000 air a day, you take 200,000, you are living two days in one day. So your life is getting shorter too. So our life is counted. It is being given to us one by one (Sheykh breathes in and breathes out a few times). Don't spend it for nothing, don't spend it foolishly, don't spend it in the wrong areas, don't spend it because the majority of the people are spending.

You enter into this place, some of you 6 o'clock, some of you 6:30, some of you 7:00, some of you 7:30, some of you 8:00, 8:30. Half hour passed, one hour passed, two hour passed. Those two hours that have passed, if you say, "I will pay ten billion dollars to bring that back", you cannot. Whatever you filled up, your book is filled up with it. You cannot change it. Twenty-four hours later it will be sealed. Maghrib enters and the angels seal your books for that twenty-four hours and they put it aside. You cannot change it after that. You may make intentions for tomorrow to do more good deeds and maybe in the Judgement Day it will erase the wrong things that you

did today but you cannot change that. You are going to go into the Judgement Place with what it says in that book.

Know what you are doing and know how you are doing it. Behind the walls nobody's seeing you. But don't think Allah and His angels are not seeing you. There are special ones who are taking you in movie cameras. In the Judgement Day Allah will make everybody to see what you are doing. You may feel shame on the Judgement Day for what you are doing and you should. And you should erase it. You should put cross to the wrong books and ask Allah not to open it for you.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha. Amin.

This much is enough for you and for me until Judgment Day if you don't hear anything else. Keep it alive and you will win. You have three ways of keeping this. One way is whatever you hear you put it through one ear saying, "Whatever this guy is saying is idiotic." It's okay. Put it out from the other ear and empty it. Don't carry it with you. (Sheykh smiles). If you didn't like what you heard, put it in from here and take it out from there.

If you like some of what you heard and some you didn't, open the valve from here (one ear), the ones you didn't like get it out and keep the rest inside.

If you liked everything you heard then close this (ear hole) and keep it inside. Who knows, one day you may find these words helping you.

It's free because we don't work for governments, we don't work for corporations and we don't work for supermarkets. We work for Allah and He is the Most Generous One. He says, "Take it and give it for free. Take it and give it, take it and give it. As much as you carry, give it. It never finishes from where you are taking it." It's always coming more and more and more and more.

Salam aleykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu.

Sohbet-190

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

PRISONER OF TWO BREATHS

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Our way is association. Through association people will find out, they will know and they will learn how to live. How to live in Dunya, in this world, and how to prepare himself for the hereafter life. We have been created from our Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala to know Him and to worship Him. It is a sad thing to see 21st century man, from the lowest to the top, from the poorest to the rich, from the ignorant to the most educated ones, running topspeed only for the world, the benefits of the world and the very small worldly pleasures. Our life is running topspeed also and we are running to our end. Everyday that is passing is taking one day away from our lives and we are getting closer every single day to our graves and we are not realizing it. Mankind is not realizing it because it is only busy with this world.

Whatever you are busy with, that's what you are going to find, that's what man can find. The Creator Allah subhana wa ta'ala has given us enough intelligence to understand this world and to understand the hereafter life. But because we are so busy concentrating only on this life we are not having time even to think about the hereafter life.

So the 21st century people may reach to the peak of technology, luxury lifestyle, luxury cars, luxury houses, luxury this, luxury that but we are finding that very few people have peace in their hearts and everyone is worrying. The rich is worrying, the poor is worrying, the officials are worrying, the presidents are worrying and everyone is worrying. They are shivering. Their own fear is taking them and now they have no peace anywhere. Believers became like that and unbelievers became like that. No peace. Peace can only come to a man through his Lord to the heart. That's the only way to get peace. If you don't have peace in your heart, you can have all the luxury around but when you sit down and you start thinking, you cannot have too much peace again because the reality is facing you saying, "Today, tomorrow, the next day, or next year or ten years from now, Azrail is waiting." The Angel of Death is waiting for you, for us. So that cannot leave you in peace then because it is unknown.

When something is unknown to man, man has fear from it. So what do we have to do? We have to look to learn that unknown. It is like when you have a dog. For you it's a pussycat but for a stranger he will never come near that dog because he is unknown to that stranger and he doesn't know what it's going to do. So death is unknown. When you start knowing, when you start realizing, when you start understanding, then it is not that fearful. And when you start building relationship with your Creator... Everyone is trying to build relationship with each other but mankind today, the majority of the mankind became betrayers. They are betraying each other, they are betraying their love to each other. They are betraying their trust to each other for others or for very cheap prices. So that is another problem for 21st century man because there is no peace. There is no peace because no one is really trusting each other anymore. There is no trust. Trust is gone.

So we are watching, going around the world, watching how people are behaving, how they are living. And those people who are believers, we are watching them and they are in their own problems, they are fighting and arguing with each other again for worldly benefits. So this world is making us to become enemies to each other. If we don't know where our limits are then we can become enemies. If we know where our limits are then it will be different. The best knowledge for man is to know his limits. The best knowledge for man is to know where his knowledge ends, where his limit ends. That is his knowledge. And you need that. Man needs that.

When you know that then Allah is saying to us, "If you live with the knowledge that you know then I will teach you the knowledge you don't know." So if we live according to the knowledge, the worldly knowledge that we have learned here and there and we live with it correctly, then our Lord is going to teach us something through our heart if it necessary or if it is necessary through other people's trainings, we will find our way. We will find that peace that our Lord is sending down. He has created us. He loves us and he is continuously giving us everything but we are not responding to that love. Responding to that love is at least to say, at least to sit five minutes a day to say, "Oh my Lord! You are watching me, you are seeing me and I am not seeing you. You are loving me but I am loving you too." At least just say that. That's the lowest.

So the more the love of the Creator starts overtaking your heart, then all other fake loves go away. Then you will be able to build better friendship first with those people who are connected through their hearts to the Lord. Then when you are building connections with them you will be able to understand the other ones who have no connection. Then you will be able to reach to them because then you are not looking to gain something anymore. You are looking to give.

Very few people now in the world are looking to give. Mankind is only looking to take, take, take. When you start learning how to give too, then different peace and different love starts coming to your heart because our Lord is continuously giving. He is giving to believers and giving to unbelievers, giving to those who are accepting Him and giving to those who are not accepting Him, giving to those who are worshipping Him and giving to those who are cursing Him. He is continuously giving. He is not separating. When the sun is coming out every morning, it is reaching to every house. It doesn't matter whether the people in the house are believers or unbelievers. The sun is not separating. It is reaching to everyone's house.

The air. Everyone is breathing the air for free. How much do you think it's worth? One hour of oxygen? Somebody was saying to me that there was a movie where they were opening a can...

(Someone said the name of the movie, 'Spaceballs'.)

Spaceballs? They were selling the air and they were opening the can like a coca-cola bottle. Hmm. Think, think. When we have something in our hands that is so precious, something so valuable and we are not knowing what we have. And when we are not knowing the value then we start running. We are running not because it is what we want to but looking at other people we say, "Oh, this one is running, let me run here, let me do this, let me do that." But when you start

knowing what you have been created for and when you start understanding the value that Allah is giving, then you will be able to start being thankful to the Lord of the Heavens and when we are thankful to Him He will increase the favors on us.

It's not that how much you work and how intelligent you are, that's how much you are going to get. No. He has to open it. If He opens it then it starts coming to you from the sky and from under your feet. If He doesn't open it, you run, you run, you run, you use every tricks, in these days every evil thinking, this and that, how you are going to fool others, everything is coming to your hands and before you touch it, it starts disappearing from left and right again. No blessings are coming with anything that people have anymore. They cannot eat properly, they cannot sleep properly, they cannot enjoy, nothing. You know that because somehow somehow we have some people around us from our own family members who are in that kind of situation. And Sheytan, the evil is not letting Mankind to go down to prostration because when a man goes down to prostration, it is a sign of weakness. And when you are showing your weakness to your Lord, Allah is saying, "Support that one." Allah is saying to His angels, "Support that one. That one is accepting his weakness. Support that one." So when the support starts coming to you, now you know that you may be the most powerful in this world but you are still weak, so you go down (in prostration) again.

When it comes to the power of the Lord Allah subhana wa ta'ala, your power and our power is nothing. If He doesn't permit (Sheykh inhales deeply), the air doesn't come in and you will die. It's so easy. People are thinking so many things today but if He doesn't permit, if He says to that one, "Don't let the air to go in" you cannot breathe the air. He is the Supreme Ruler. Everything that He has created, He has authority on them. And if He doesn't permit us (Sheykh exhales swiftly), to give that air out, we die. So we are prisoners between two breaths in reality. If He does not say, "In" it does not go in and if He does not say, "Come", it does not come out. So we are so close to that but we are running away from it. Instead of running away we must try to learn. When we start learning we will live in this world correctly, whatever has been given to us of life. However many breaths of life has been given to you, that's how much you are going to live. You cannot take one breath more or one less. It's not how many years you live or it's not how sick you are or how healthy you are. No. It is how many breaths of air have been designated for you, that's how much you are going to take.

In the beginning we said we don't know how to live in this world. Yes. We don't know how to live in this world because mankind is spending his energy in so many different places that instead of taking one breath (in every specified unit of time) he is taking ten. So he is shortening his life. If it is designated for you that you will breathe the air 40,000 times today and if you do it 80,000 times, then you miss tomorrow. Tomorrow is gone. You finished tomorrow's life today already. So it is the shortening of life. The life becomes short. This is a knowledge. This knowledge is not in every book. This knowledge is coming from the Divine Presence to the heart for those hearts that are open. If the heart is open, anywhere they look, they see and they can understand because of the connection between the heart and the Divine Presence.

So after learning death and what is waiting for us there are so many other things to learn. And then who knows maybe while you are sitting in this world

you may watch and see the Paradise too. They will bring the Paradise in front of you. There is a very thin layer of veil standing between you and Paradise. So first we have to learn how to live. Then we have to become servants to our Lord and start worshipping Him properly. The way He wants us to worship. All this is again for us. For our own progress. For a man to become a lawyer he has to go to school. You cannot become a lawyer if you don't go to school and say the next day, "I am a lawyer" or "I am a doctor." You have to go, you have to train for years to be able to do that job.

There is another secret that Allah is giving us here. Whatever is in this head, the eyes, ears, nose, breathing, feeling, everything is here, in this (head) part (of the body). So when that veil opens up then you will be able to see things that are not ordinary, it's not normal or worldly. But that takes some work. You have to work a little bit and that's not the work of Dunya and you cannot buy that with money or fame or if you say, "I am this one" or "I am that one." Tsk, you can be a president; it doesn't matter. You can be a king; it doesn't matter. You have to follow those who are already connected with the Divine Presence. You have to do what they say to you to be able to remove the veils that are standing in your heart. Otherwise, if a man is following his ego, he is not following his Lord because the ego is the enemy of the Lord. Allah created the ego and it became disobedient. Then He created the spirit from Himself. The spirit that is in you is coming from the Lord of the Heavens. That's why the Christians went one step forward, not rightly, wrongly to say, "Jesus is God." He is a man. Holy? Yeah. You are holy too. The spirit that is given to you is very holy. It's not yours. It's coming from the Lord of the Heavens and it is making your activities. As soon as that spirit comes out of your body, you are not moving anymore. Take it, drop it to the hole and close it quickly. The spirit is giving life and the spirit is keeping it fresh and good smelling. As soon as the spirit comes out, the dirtiness of the ego starts appearing. So you cannot have that around. You have to bury it inside the dirt.

So Allah subahana wa ta'ala created man only to know him and to worship him saying, "I have created you and the Jinn only to know Me and to worship Me." So today the 21st century people built a giant machinery that is swallowing everyone in it and no one is really knowing how to come out from it. The only way to come out from it is simple lifestyle. If you are living simply, a simple life, and if you cut your credit cards and throw them to the garbage, you are going to be able to live simply because you are not going to go charging money non-stop and worry how you are going to pay the bills.

Here's 'X'. Twenty years old, he already spent 200,000 dollars. Twenty years old. Where is the money gone? Eh, it's gone, finished. And after he finished the money he came to me. (Sheykh recites a verse in Turkish). He has nothing in his pocket he came to me. Why didn't you come when you had 200,000? See? So sometimes when the money falls into the hands of those people who do not know how to control the money, it brings their end too. It prepares their end. Yeah. But if he didn't have that and he wasn't using it for that kind of lifestyle, it would have been better now. But man is always wanting for something, thinking it is good for him. So some things are not good to ourselves. It is better to live a simple lifestyle in these days and in this world. Whatever is necessary to live on, that's what we should have and not have so much to worry about. Don't worry so much. We just filled our stomachs here, we ate, we finished, we have a shelter on our heads now and Allah is Kerim for tomorrow. Allah is the Generous

One for tomorrow. We prepare our own plans but if our plans do not fit to His plans then it's not going to work. So we have to know also how to correct our planning and how to live for Him, not for our ego and not for this Dunya.

You cannot learn that anymore in churches, mosques or synagogues or those kinds of places. Those places are just there to worship. In these days it is not even that anymore. People just go there to make show. All those worship places, doesn't matter what you call them, mosques, churches, this and that, people are just there, not worshipping, cheating themselves for once a day or two times a day or once a week or two times a week or three times a week. We are in need of our Lord everyday, every hour and every minute. He is not in need of us; but we are in need of Him. And we must look to tie that relationship with our Lord every single day into stronger chains. This way we will not break away. Once you learn, once you know that you are in need of Him then you will prepare yourself to have a better relationship and tie yourself to your Lord more strongly.

These kinds of associations are for those people who are looking to find themselves and who are looking to find their Lord. If you are looking to find Dunya, the world, we don't have too much to give. Dunya is out there, world is out there but believe me I passed from it by 19 and I ended up in these mountains. That's the best Dunya because out there now is jungle. Everywhere it became jungle. If you look with these eyes you would see that it's a jungle. But if you are still flying in the air you may see differently. You have to look with reality and you have to understand what's really happening in the world politics and world movements today everywhere. Then you will be able to understand saying, "Oh, it's not the way I think it is."

But whatever happens to the world, the world is there. Whatever happens to us, we are the ones who are losing. We are living today and we don't know if we are going to make it by tomorrow morning. Nobody here knows if they are going to make it by tomorrow morning. If we make it to tomorrow morning, what is it that the Lord of the Heavens wants from us? You have a program for living in this world. A couple of people in this world are living without a program. Everyone else has programs. Either getting up to go to work or they have different plans. So what is the plan that our Lord has prepared for us tomorrow? First when we start thinking and knowing that, then we will fix our planning daily according to that plan. Otherwise, when our plan does not fit to His plan, then we are already disobedient because we are living differently that what He wants from us.

So inshallah ar-Rahman, slowly but surely, we are going to learn how to live, how to connect ourselves with your Lord inshallah before we come out from this life, from this body. And that's what we need, to connect ourselves to our Lord, the Lord of the Heavens before we come out from this body. But we should try harder not to end before coming out but earlier so that we may reach to other people. You may reach to other people you love. Because once you know what's happening then you will be able to make connection with others more easily. But if you don't know then you cannot say anything. You are not permitted to say anything because you don't know. So we have to find out first to be able to reach to others.

Wa min Allahu taufiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Sohbet-191

BismillahirRahmanirRahim

RELIANCE ON ALLAH FOR PROVISION

Sohbet given by Sheykh Abdul Kerim al-Hakkani el-Kibrisi

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Manhattan Dergah, New York City.

Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Tariqatuna sohbət wa khayru fil jamiat. Our way is association. Association is voluntary. Anyone who comes, comes voluntarily and they listen voluntarily. They either like it or they don't like it. It is still voluntary. They take it and then either they apply it to their lives or not. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) sent the prophets and He said to them, "Your job is only to say to them. When they come to argue with you, say, 'Lakum dinukum.' 'Your religion is for you and my religion is for me.' Don't argue with them. Say to them. If they accept, they accept. If they don't accept, leave them."

Tariqats and the tariqat sheykhs are following the footsteps of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) and they must be given ijazat, permission from the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). If there is no permission they cannot speak and whom Prophet (saw) gives permission to speak, those who call themselves Muslims and who claim that they love and obey Prophet (saw) must obey that one. Disobedience to that one is disobedience to Holy Prophet (saw) and it is disobedience to Allah subhana wa ta'ala.

Sheytan was the first disobedient. The first one. He was disobedient to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. Because he was disobedient he lost everything. He was a very high one. He was worshipping a lot and doing everything for Allah. One disobedience. He was obedient to his Lord Allah (subhana wa ta'ala), to our Lord, all that time and for one thing he became disobedient. One! That one (act of disobedience) made him to be cursed, to be thrown away from the divine presence, to be sent down to earth and to wait until Judgment Day and after Judgment Day to be severely punished. One action. Disobedience. Don't think that running around, reading so many books, having so many friends, this and that is going to give you safety. No! If you become disobedient to that one that you accepted (as a Sheykh) then

you will fall into the same category as Sheytan.

(Many say) "I live alone, I pray as I like, I know how to pray." You are still disobedient. And all those actions are going to become good for zero because Allah is ordering to you and to me to follow those, to hold onto them, to be with the true ones, to follow the true ones, to sit with them, to associate with them, to spend time with them, to learn from them and to make progress in your life. If you are not with them, if you are not learning from them, if you are not sitting with them and if you are not associating with them then your problem is with Truth. It's nothing else. So if you have a problem with Truth then you are following your sheytan. Your sheytan is holding you prisoner. Sheytan is holding the Christians saying, "Stop here! Don't go one more step ahead to accept Holy Prophet (saw) who is the Seal of the Prophets. Stop here." He is holding the Jews saying, "Stay behind. Don't accept Jesus and Muhammad." He is holding the Muslims saying, "Accept only Allah. What else do you need? There is nothing between Allah and you. Do as you like."

So disobedience is coming from Sheytan. Anyone who is disobedient inherited that from Sheytan. You must get rid of it. You must find somewhere that you are obedient. Not to sit to enter in your own dream world and to enter into illusion world saying to yourself, "I am following that one." Who? "Shah Naqshband". Hmm. Mashallah. Or "Abdul Qadir Geylani" or such and such. You need someone to sit in his presence to take orders. That means your ego doesn't want that. It is easy for your ego to say, "I follow that one" because that one is not physically there to tell you even if you are turning to the wrong direction. Your ego doesn't want anybody to tell him something. That's why you're running away from that (living) one.

Run away. But if you want safety then you must find another true one. You must be taking orders from someone, unless you have reached to that station where you might be taking from the Sultanul Awliya of what he is giving to you. What he is giving to you, if you are taking it from him, then it shows. It will put you in light and it will give light everywhere you go. It will put you in peace and it will make peace everywhere you go. It will cut off and it will destroy the worldly desires and it will open a door to you from Paradise. You will find peace. Anytime you want to be working or doing something worldly you will find difficulty to yourself. If they want to pay that man 500 dollars and they want to pay you 5000 dollars for the same job you will still find difficulty saying, "This is a difficult job. I am in the service of my Lord. How am I going to change this for that?"

Then you will call people to Allah. You will call people from Dunya to Mawla if you are that one. Not calling people saying, "Let's make better business to become better." Better what? Have you not reached, have you not yet become better when you are saying, "Ash-hadu an-La ilaha illallah wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa

rasuluhu"? Are you not better? Are you holding that one (Holy Prophet) valuable? Do you hold that one with value? Are you holding him high? If you are holding that one high then that should be enough for you. Especially these days because Prophet (saw) is ordering you for these days saying, "Escape. Escape from the governments. Escape from the government jobs. Escape from those jobs that are holding you so tight that you cannot worship your Lord. Escape. Get your provisions just a little bit here and there and be in the service of your Lord."

So check yourself. Association is to remind you to check yourself whether you are there yet or not. Are you obedient to that (order of Holy Prophet) or not? Are you following that or not? That's why associations are free to do as you like (afterwards). You accept or you don't accept. It's not a university or lecture which forces you to study to pass the class. No. You don't have to pass. So many other nominees want to pass. You don't have to. Some people have to enter to the fire. There is no other way. Either Nar or Noor. If you don't want to enter into Noor you are entering to Nar. If you don't want to enter to the light, then there must be light from your burning to give light to others.

But Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) did not create you and your material for that job. He has created you for His service. And if you are leaving His service and running to Dunya that is the biggest foolishness that you may do to yourself. Not to anybody else. To your own self. Especially if you are not twenty years old anymore. The twenty-years old ones say, "I want to get this car, I have to have a house, I have to have this and that." But if you pass beyond that, especially if you pass beyond thirty years of age you should not go too crazy about this world. Your provision is going to come to you. If you are suspicious about Allah, then check your faith. There's something wrong with your faith. Something is wrong. If you are thinking your provision is coming to you because you work - that faith is not going to save you. That faith cannot save you. Provision comes to you from your Lord. Before He created you He had already chosen and separated your own provision. It's going to come to you even if you run away. What I am saying fits to this story (that I am going to tell you now). Take it to yourself or leave it. This is sohbet and association is free. You take it or you don't take it. We say.

There was a time when there was a man who was a good shepherd in the whole village and everyone was trusting him and they were giving their sheep to him to look after. And he was running after the sheep all day and all night long looking after the sheep for other people in that village. One day he comes along and his manager was counting the sheep finding that one baby is missing. He said, "One baby is missing. What happened?" He says, "Really I don't know. I didn't see it. I don't know what happened. Let me go back to the mountain." He looked but he didn't find it. The manager went to the owner and said, "Look, one of your sheep is missing but we trust the shepherd. He is a good one. We know he didn't steal it. He doesn't know what

happened." They say, "Okay. Keep him still as a shepherd."

He continued like that and sometime later another sheep got lost. The manager says, "What happened?" He is looking everywhere but he is not finding it. So the other ones are thinking that he is stealing. So he says to himself, "I must find it. I am the shepherd. I must know what's happening." So he goes back to the mountain watching very carefully every sheep and which corner they go to. Then he found one sheep going right next to a cave and one blind wolf there whose mouth was open grabbed it, finished it and started eating it. "Allahu Akbar!" He says. "Now I see. I learned a lesson." He goes back to the village and he says, "I won't do this job anymore. I am giving up. I will pay you the debt of those two sheep but I won't look after your sheep anymore." They say, "Why? Why will you not look after them?" (Sheikh smiles). He says, "Allah taught me a lesson. That One is giving provision to that blind wolf, and that blind wolf is sitting over there not running around and his mouth is open and it is finding that a sheep is coming and as soon as it comes he closes his mouth and he eats it." He says, "My Lord who gives provision for that blind wolf, do you think He is not going to give it to me when I am trying to be a servant to Him and a good one? He says, "No. I don't want any more money from you and I won't look after your sheep. I am going to spend my time for Allah in my house."

He is sitting over there. Some days later his wife says, "My husband, are you crazy? Go out and get some food. We have no bread. We have nothing to eat anymore." He says, "Look, I promised Allah I am not going out. I am going to be in His service and that One who gives provision to that blind wolf is going to give it to me." So the woman is seeing that nothing is happening. They had a land and she said, "Let me go at least to dig that land and plant something. This way we will have something to eat." She went there and as she was digging the land she struck something. She looked at it and she opened it. It was one big clay jar full of gold inside. She is running and saying to the man, "Come! Allah gave us the provision! At least help me to bring it inside." He says, "No. The One that gives the wolf by sending the sheep to his mouth will send it to me too." She says, "The gold is there. He gave us the provision. Let's go!" He says, "I promised Him that I am not going to go. Go and take it. Who cares?" So the woman is saying, "Let me wait until the next night and then I will go and take it."

But the neighbor already saw it that when she was digging there was a clay jar which she couldn't take. So that night the woman said, "Let me go over there, take all the gold and this way they will get only air tomorrow." She went over there and she tried to get the jar. She looked and inside the jar there were so many snakes. She said, "These stupid ones. They took all the gold and they put the snakes for me. They knew that I have seen the gold. Wait, wait. I will fix them." She took that jar, she came to the chimney and she started throwing the snakes down the chimney and tik, tik, tik, gold is falling down. The woman was still

saying, "Let's go take it out." He says, "You stupid woman! Don't you see? Allah is sending it from the chimney down to us, to my mouth. Don't you see? I have submitted myself to Him like that wolf."

Hmm. You cannot submit yourself like that shepherd but at least submit yourself to say, "The provision that I am earning is not because I am working. He is sending it to me. Otherwise, possibility is that you may not save your faith when the Angel of Death comes."

Faith is important. The most important thing for a believer is faith, to save the faith. Not to become rich in America or to have a green card to have a better life. This is foolishness. Get rid of that! This country sucked millions of people like that and put them under the ground and it finished them. The next is you. If you don't wake up then the next is you because the Angel of Death is waiting. As soon as he hits you, you are out. Nothing can save you. No American government and no Chinese government. You have to do this because you are a believer. You are calling yourself a believer. You cannot run for Dunya. You must run to Allah subhana wa ta'ala. You must run to the footsteps of Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). Get rid of that sickness. Everyone since 1923 invented a new religion saying, "Yeah you have to work too brother. Working is worship and this and that." No! Allah gave you worship. Allah is saying, "You must worship five times a day, you must keep Allah and His orders high." Then Allah will keep you high. Then Allah will make your work to work. You are running non-stop to work. You don't have a chance to sleep anymore. America is supposed to give you a luxury life. You became a slave to America. You became a slave to the American system! You don't have the chance even to sit and relax anymore. Wake up to yourself! Wake up because the Angel is waiting. Angel (of death) is waiting for you and for me. He is waiting for all those Firauns. If their time is up, he is taking them down. You don't know when your time is up. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) hid it. It's hidden. You don't know when the Angel of Death is going to come to you.

And the most dangerous part that you must make sure is that when the Angel of Death comes to you he must find you in an awakening station. Not to say, "Let me go fix whatever I didn't do and come back again." You are not coming back. He is coming and taking. You don't know if it is today or tomorrow. You don't know if it's a hundred years from now. So Umar (radiyallahu anh) is saying to you, "With regards to the hereafter, the believer must live as if the Angel of Death is going to come to him the next minute. But when he is doing the work of Dunya he must think that a hundred years later he has to come back and find those things." You have to have your faith between these two. When you have your faith between them then you know that the whole control is in the hands of your Lord and not in your hands. You are just a tool. Allah is using you like this and like that. Moving you left and right. Then you will not become a Firaun. Then you will not praise your own self. Then you

will not become proud with the things and with the deeds that you do in the world because you know that everything comes to you from your Lord.

If He does not permit you, you cannot move your finger. If He doesn't permit then the air doesn't come inside and you die. If He doesn't permit then the air doesn't come out and you die. You are a prisoner between two breaths. Prisoner! You are running around with these American foolishness and American ideology saying, "We are free!" Free what? You are free between those two breaths. You are imprisoned in that. If He is not permitting it is not coming out. If He is not permitting it's not going in. That is your freedom. Don't let this Sheytanic system to fool you. This system fooled millions of people. This system sucked the faith of so many people. The Generals of Sheytan are running around to get you by the ear, to put the reins around your neck and to pull you. Don't give up (your faith) for that. If you want to then go ahead. If you want only Dunya then you have no place here. If you want Dunya then don't go to these places. Work twenty-four hours a day and not twelve hours a day. Work, eat, sleep and fill the toilet. Work, eat, sleep and fill the toilet and then look what happens later. The Angel of Death doesn't come to you because you are young or you are old. He comes because your time is up. The breath of life that has been given to you, you used it wrongly and your time is up!

Today's people are using the breath of life wrongly also. They don't know how to breathe. They are running top-speed jogging, bogging, running and (I am) saying, what are you doing? "I have to make my body look good." To whom? Look good to whom? To make show? (Sheykh imitates the panting of a jogger). Continue like that. If Allah gave you permission to take the air 100,000 times a day and you are taking 200,000, then you are living two days in one day's life and you are finishing your life quickly! Wake up to yourself. Come back to your self. We are believers. We are not only ignorant and arrogant believers. We are not Wahhabi believers. We are not saying, "Okay, Allah created us. We take the book and we pray five times a day." No! We have to pray five times a day and we have to follow the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). We have to take that (way of Holy Prophet) high, we have to treat that high and we have to apply that to our own lives. We have to live not for Dunya. While we are living in Dunya we have to prepare ourselves for the hereafter life. This way no America and no world can take you hostage. Otherwise, you will become a hostage. If you are not a hostage today it is because you don't have the opportunities. One day Sheytan may open one door to you saying, "Look, all these valuable treasures." Then you will run in there and you will leave everything too.

My duty is to advise myself and to those people who listen. Tariqat is voluntary for people to come to listen and to take or not to take. Tariqat is not by force. Allah is ordering His prophet saying, "Say to them. You are not a tyrant or a ruler or an oppressor on them. Say to them. If they accept, they accept, if they

don't accept, leave them." If you accept you will find safety to your own self. If you don't accept you are going to find what is there for you. But then you will not find somebody else sharing that for you.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq

Bihurmatil Habib

Bihurmatil Fatiha.

Auzu billahi minash sheytanir rajim
BismillahirRahmanirRahim

Nawaitul arbain, nawaitul itikaf
Nawaitul khalwa, nawaitul uzla,
Nawaitu riada, nawaitu suluk,
Fi masjid lillahi ta'ala, Ya Rahmatan lil Alamin

La hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil aliyyil azim
Hasbinallah wa ni'mal wakeel.

Prophet's (alayhi salatu wa salam) every hadith brings safety to mankind. Every hadith. If you hold on to one hadith, one saying of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) it is going to bring you safety and all the other ones are going to come along. So the Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "Oh my nation! Renew your faith because your faith will be like your clothes. It gets old and it finishes. Renew your faith." In these days, in these times, in this country and in this city it is not enough for us to renew our faith one time a day. We need to renew our faith a hundred times a day because Holy Prophet (saw) is saying, "In Ahir Zaman, when you are going to come out from your houses you are going to come out as believers. By the evening when you are coming back to your house you are going to become unbelievers. You are going to loose your faith. Oh my nation! Renew your faith."

Renewing faith is saying the shahadat. Not saying, "Let's go to Sheykh." New ideas. They are making new Islam saying, "Go to Sheykh to take tawba." Hmm. Make a ceremony. Everyone watches it. Make tawba to your own self and say shahadat to renew your faith and go to Sheykh to ask for advice on how you are going to keep that shahadat. Sheykh is not a priest to whom you say, "Forgive me" and he is going to forgive you. You are going to ask advice and he is going to tell you, "Do this and don't do this. Get rid of this and concentrate of this area." That time you will know, you will find in your own self, in your own conscience that you are growing. Even if the whole world goes against you, you will know by yourself that you are growing spiritually. You are growing the way that Holy Prophet (saw) has said. In these days if you find the whole world praising you and cheering you then something is wrong with you. Something is

wrong with that mureed and something is wrong with that Sheykh, if the whole world is saying to him that he is a good one. (Sheykh smiles). So we must wake up.

The signs of the Last Days (are here). But we are not going to concentrate on the signs of the Last Days. We should concentrate on the last breaths of air of our lives. Everyone is concentrating on that (signs of the Last Days) saying, "Sheykh, when is Mehdi coming?" I say, "Maybe tomorrow morning. Are you ready for Mehdi? If he declares himself tomorrow morning saying 'Allahu Akbar', are you going to be able to say, 'Allahu Akbar! BismillahirRahmanirRahim' and be with him? Are you?" Sit! Don't make illusions. Don't go into that illusory world. Sit and think. Meditate. Sit and say to yourself, "If this happens right now am I able to do it? If my Sheykh calls me now, am I able to go to him (just by) saying 'BismillahirRahmanirRahim'?" If you cannot do that now then you are not going to be able to do it for Mehdi too. How's that? But if you are holding tightly then they may bring you.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq.

Fatiha.

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NO RETIREMENT FOR THE SULTAN-UL AWLIYA

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Selamun aleykum. Meded Ya Sayiddi, Ya Sultan Evliya,
Mevlana Sheykh Nazim al-Hakkani. Meded.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has created us and counted us from the believers and put us forward in this Ahir Zaman, in the End of the Times, to run for Islam, to try to keep and to put it up in any way we can do. It is a big blessing for those people who are coming forward to be the nominees and trying to carry what Allah subhana wa ta'ala is giving.

When Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) came, millions of people at that time became against him. But that didn't change the reality because that one was held and supported by the Creator. All those who came against him were running after their own ego. They were running after only what was good for them. That's why they were

against that Prophet (saw). And through the history of mankind on earth, that's how it happened. Since the beginning from our father Adam (as) it continued coming up to our Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). When the nations moved out of their ways, Allah sent prophets to them as a mercy to them, to warn them, to give them good news, to give them good messages, but at the same time to warn them and to wake them up to say, "Wake up! You are not alone. It looks like you are alone. You think that the universe is circling around you. It's not. You are just one hopeless and helpless creature on the face of this earth." And when prophets came to give them that news, that message, the majority of them gathered together attacking those prophets.

And the same thing happened to Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). But there was something different with our Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) than other prophets before him. He was the Last Prophet. So there will be no prophet coming after him until the Judgment Day. When you look at history, (you find that) it didn't pass maybe 100 years each time when Allah was sending prophets to man. From Adam (as) up to our Prophet (saw) 124,000 prophets passed. Maybe in every 100 years one (or more) prophet was coming, except between Isa (as) and Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam). And now from the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) until today over 1400 years passed. No prophet came. So many small groups here and there claim that prophets came but there is no evidence anywhere that they can show, and they know themselves, from the Christians to the Jews, everyone knows that no prophet came.

From that time 1400 years ago, until today, one prophet is not being accepted. They are not accepting him. For 1400 years now they are not accepting him saying, "No, he's not a prophet. He was somebody who was talking from illusion, from imagination, or this or that." They can say whatever they want. Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) is saying to His Prophet (saw), "Ya Muhammad, your Lord is enough for you." That means, if a single one is not accepting you, Allah is enough for you. "Don't worry. Just tell them what I give you. Then leave them to Me." So all those ones from that time until today who are running against the Prophet (saw) are out of the road. They are not in Sirat-ul Mustaqim. They cannot claim to say, "I am in Sirat-ul Mustaqim." The Holy Quran is speaking about the People of the Book and giving us description of what they do, saying, "A small group of people among them get up at nighttime and they pray to their Lord. Allah will reward them. But the majority is out of the road." And deep inside they believe, "This must be some prophet." Otherwise, the blessing will not reach to those too.

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) in this Ahir Zaman, in the End of the Times, in a time of so much confusion, made us from the believers. He counted us from the believers. What is the value of that? How valuable is that to you? You must know what is the value and you must treat it with the value that Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has given it. Otherwise, we may lose it too. So many came, so many didn't hold it properly, and they lost it in the end. We have not reached to our end yet. Our end is the grave. We must carry this

faith up to the grave. It doesn't matter what this one or that one is saying. To a believer, once he says the shahadat, that shahadat must be enough even if there is not a single man in this world who is not turned against him. That shahadat must be enough for you to keep you in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim, to keep you in the right road, the way that Allah and His Prophet (saw) want. That's enough.

Especially in these days. Especially in these days when the majority of the so-called believers are out of the road. And especially in these days when the Ahle Sunnat people are divided, the Tariqats are divided and inside one Tariqat people are divided. And when we take it and we start searching it saying, "Why is this happening? What is the problem? If we are believing in one Allah and His Prophet (saw) and the same Mazhab, the same Tariqat and the same Sheykh, then what is the problem? Where are we separating?" We are finding again this Dunya, this world standing on the way, or fame or something that the man is claiming to be. Don't you see and don't you know yourself? You who are here and those who are not here. Don't you look at yourself alone? Lock yourself in a room, look at yourself and say, "What is the power that I have? What am I good for? If my Lord is not giving permission then I cannot breathe the air. What am I good for? And I am running and trying to change the Divine Destiny."

That's what some are trying. They are trying to change the law that Allah has put. The Qadar. How? What kind of mind that individual may have? That has the same kind of mind that the Yahudis had in their time. When knowing that Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is going to come in Hijaz, he is going to be born in Hijaz, and they checked the Hijaz area and they said, "This Prophet is going to be born from a mother and a father. He is going to come out from a woman, and all these signs in Taurat and all other books are showing that he is going to be born in Hijaz. But we have no people living in Hijaz. We have no Yahudi, (so-called Yahudi today, that is, the Children of Israel), we don't have anybody living in Hijaz that he is going to come from that family."

Yaqub (as) had twelve children and those twelve children were all prophets and the Bani Israil, the Children of Israel are coming from them. And they were looking saying, "None of the sons of Yaqub (as) moved there and they are not living there. So if the Seal of the Prophets, the big Prophet is coming in Hijaz, it shows that he is not going to be from us." But those square-heads of their time, reading and knowing too much, thinking that they are going to change the divine laws again, said to them, "It is easy. We may make it from ourselves. Collect some good families and send them to live in Hijaz from this time and check their generations and every child that is coming. We know the signs of the Prophet. When he is going to be born, we know what kind of activities are going to happen in this world." The majority of the Muslims don't know it until today, what are the activities that happened when the Prophet (saw) was born. The Yahudis knew before Prophet (saw) was born. They said, "As soon as we see that sign we will check every family to see which one gave birth and from the signs we can understand that it is the Seal

of the Prophets."

And they did. Otherwise, the Yahudis are always going and finding the best places in the world, nice sea-side, nice beautiful areas to live. What were they doing in the desert? Ismail (as) is there. Not the Yahudis. They moved there to see if they are going to change the divine destiny. And when they saw the signs of that Prophet, they knew that the Prophet is born. They ran to every family and said,

"Did you have children today?"

"No."

"No?"

"No."

"No?"

"No."

"Oh! We lost." They said, "All these prophets came from our generations and now the Seal of the Prophets is not from us." And Allah is speaking in the Qur'an saying, "They know the truth. They know everything. They know what they did. And they know that he is the Prophet and the Seal of the Prophets. But because Allah didn't give it from their generations they became against the truth. That's why they have been cursed."

So many today are also running to do that. How? What kind of brain do you have? That means even your brain is not controlling you. Leave the heart, because if the heart is working you are receiving messages from the unseen world. That means your brain is not controlling you too now. That means somehow somehow Sheytan is holding certain reins in his hands and pulling you left and right. That is for those who are doing that. If you are doing it then it's for you too. If I am doing it then it's for me. No one can change the Divine Orders. It's going to happen whether you like it or not. Who cares if you like it? Did Allah ask you when He was creating you? Did Allah ask you when He was sending you to this world? Did Allah ask you, "Would you like to be in this world?" He created you and He sent you to this world. That is enough for you to know and to worship Him. Nothing else. We have nothing to claim and we have nothing to say, "I am this one and I am that one. I can do this and I can do that." If the permission is not given to you, you cannot even breathe the air.

But this 21st century sickness, when Sheytan has put his kingdom everywhere and especially in the schools from the children to every education places, they are teaching people how to be egoistic ones, how to be selfish ones and how to be thinking only about themselves. So many times I am reminding you, let me remind you again. Either you are a Muslim or you are following some other kinds of laws.

Islam has its own identity. Islam has its own laws and Islam has its own ruling system. Maybe it's not ruling in the world today, {there's a divine secret there too why Allah has removed that and put it behind the curtains}, but if you are a believer you must run to hold on tightly to the orders of Allah and His Prophet (saw). And for the orders of Allah and His Prophet (saw) on you, first you must turn to yourself to say, "I am not good for anything if it is not for My Lord. I am not any better than anyone and if permission is not given to me then I cannot even open my mouth." Then you cannot find any space around you to be proud of yourself, to be an egoistic one, to be selfish, arrogant and stubborn.

Islam is forbidding all these. From the first step that you are entering you are saying, "I am not existing. You are. You are the Lord and I am the creature." If you are the creature then what is it that you have that you can claim? You are continuously forever in need and you must ask. And if you carry that properly then you will become a servant. When you become a servant then you may be given the ruling of the whole world but you will not exchange that servanthood for it. But if Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) at that time is giving you a job to do then you do it properly too.

So for the 21st century man it is very blessed at the same time. Allah is giving invitation to everyone saying, "You want something? Turn yourself to Islam. You want a high station? Turn yourself to Islam. You want high honor? Turn yourself to Islam." Anybody who is looking to find honor must turn to Islam. Otherwise, the honor that people are giving to you, their cheering and putting you up there, it is only very temporary. As soon as you become retired, it doesn't matter what you are, the president, the prime minister, the head of the army, the head of the people, the head of the donkeys and the head of the animals, it doesn't matter. They say to you, "You are retired." Retirement means you are not good for anything. Take it, go to the corner and sit and wait to die.

Retirement. That is retirement. It is a sad thing to know that in these days some fools are also making their Sheykh to be retired. Mashallah. They reached now to the station of the ego saying, "I am the only one. I am the only one existing now. Nobody else except me." They cannot dare to say it openly through the mouth. That's why they are saying it that way. How? Nowhere in the history of Islam or in the history of mankind we have ever heard that the wise men become retired. Go to the President. The presidents have consultants around them. The wisest people who have seen the world and they know so many things. And I heard that the American President has over 300 such people. Who are those? They are not in the television. They are the most knowledgeable ones, the most intelligent ones that the President must go to consult before he takes some decision. In the Christian world, over 2,000 years of their fake calendar, I have never heard any priest or any leader, Orthodox or any other Christian groups, to be retired. I have never heard any groups, any Jewish rabbi to be retired. I have never heard up until today of any person in the 1400 years of the Islamic calendar that an imam or a sheykh has retired. Now we've heard

something. Mashallah. Subhanallah! That one must be giving a high title. Hmm. Giving title to himself.

Where is that one? We don't know. We just heard here and there. We hear and we are saying. Retirement. What does retirement mean? Retirement means that you are ready to die. Go and don't talk. Retirement means you lost your mind now. Your mind is not controlling you. So we cannot trust you anymore. Sit on the corner. That's what it means. So you are saying, "You are crazy. You lost your mind. Sit on the corner now. You are retired. I am better." Don't you see that the Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) is saying through the hadith, "As much intelligence you have, that much religion you have." The most intelligent ones in this world are the prophets. And the second ones are the saints. How a saint is going to become retired? How a believer is going to lose his mind? Have you ever heard that a believer lost his mind? He doesn't know what to do? In Turkish they say, "Bunadin." Did you ever hear in the history that, "This one was a good believer but he lost his mind?" The only people to lose their minds that you can hear are, "He was the President, he was the Chief of the Army, he was the Prime Minister, he was this and he was that, and he lost his mind." Yeah, that we hear all the time. "He was the Head of the Supreme Court, he was the Head of this Company, this and that," anybody who was running after worldly matters lost their minds. That's why retirement is necessary.

But for Sheykhs it is impossible. Especially for a Sultan-ul Awliya it is impossible. Allah is sending (to them) and they are more knowledgeable than anybody and they are rising to higher stations and higher stations and higher stations. It is impossible for those and for us to catch them, because if we are in this station today then they reached to a higher station. If tomorrow we reach to that station then they are no longer there. They are in a higher station. You don't say that to yourself to make belief or not to make belief. You must believe by heart to say, "This is how it is." Otherwise, Sheytan may fool you one day saying, "Eh, I reached to this station and that one stayed behind. So now I am in a higher station." Hmm.

So, the 21st century sickness is very big. And Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has permitted us to be among the believers. That's enough title for you. That's enough title for us. It doesn't matter what the world says. It doesn't matter what the people around you say. You know that you are a believer. That's enough. That's enough for you. You know in your heart, "My name is in that book alhamdulillah. Although I am not worthy of that but because of the good ones that passed before me, because of their prayers, Allah put my name into that book. Ya Rabbi! Thank you." That should be enough for a man living now until Judgment Day, if he is going to live (that long). But the life that you are running after to be reaching here and there is not guaranteeing you if you are going to reach to tonight.

How intelligent is that man? You are running and fighting for

something that has not been given to you? How intelligent is that? Is that the work a believer must do? Is that the work a leader must do? The leader must be the one who is running forward in front of everybody. You want that leadership? Run! In the old days, the kings must be the best of the horsemen, the kings must be the best of the swordsmen, the kings must be able to use the best equipments better than anybody. The kings and the rulers must be the wrestlers and the kings and the rulers must be the most knowledgeable ones to be able to have the authority in their hands. The kings and the rulers, when there was a war, they were going in front of the army. Not in the back having bodyguards around. "Protect me." Protection? You are expecting protection from people who are under your authority? How are they going to protect? Ask protection from that One saying, "I am working for You, Ya Rabbi! I am under Your protection. No other protection can save me."

This is the time that we have entered alhamdulillah. The 21st century. The 21st century people left and right. And the people in the Sirat-ul Mustaqim also, Sheytan is finding so many ways trying to fool them. Oh believers! You must not be fooled. You must not get fooled by that kind of foolishness because every title in this world is only temporary. Whatever is being given to you in this world, you are going to get it. Even if you run or don't run, it's going to be given to you. It's going to come to you. Don't think that, "I am more smart. Let me move and fool this one and sit on his place." Allah doesn't like it then. His Prophet (saw) doesn't like it. The good believers don't like it. Who likes it? Sheytan, saying, "Run after it. Fool that one."

Allah is saying to us, "Race in the way of Allah." Race. Race is in doing good things. In doing good deeds racing with each other. That's acceptable. And knowing where your energy is finishing. If you are running for Islam and if you know that you are racing with that one together, and you know that your energy is finishing, you must be able to transfer the power from you to that one. Let that one carry it, saying, "This is the end of my time. You must carry it." Then you will become beloved to Allah and His Prophet (saw). This is what we have seen through the history from Adam (as) until Prophet Alayhi salatu wa salam. After Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam) we have seen this very openly all the time through the history of the Seljuk Empire and the Ottomans.

We are Osmanli, we are pek sanli, we are Ottomans and we are very honored. Allah has honored us with that. So many dropped it today. So many are attacking the Ottomans also. They can attack in anyway. It doesn't matter. Allah keeps them high and they are high. And we are very honored holding them high and we are going to hold them high. We are not good for anything. We know that. What they did, it is impossible for us to do. But at least we say, "Ya Rabbi! We love them. We love what they did because they did it for Your sake and for Your Prophet's sake."

If we hold that high, Allah will keep us high. If we drop it down,

we are dropping ourselves down. Through history we are seeing from individuals to groups of people to nations, that when they kept the orders of Allah, Allah kept them high. As soon as they dropped it down, He took it away from them and He gave it to another nation. We must be the nominees to say, "We are the nominees, Ya Rabbi, trying to hold this very high. We are knowing our power that we have no power. We are very weak ones, very weak servants. We are asking support from You. If support is coming from You to us then we are the most strong ones. And don't let us to deviate from the Sirat-ul Mustaqim."

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"Why do you want that one?"

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"No. Newspaper is saying this. Television is saying that. And I am giving vote to this one."

Mashallah. That's why this world is like this now. It turned into hell. When the power is given to a man from the feet then the world turns into hell. The feet are choosing what kind of head they must have. That's what it's coming to.

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I am asking sometimes to my sheep in the mountains saying, "Would you like to vote to see what kind of shepherd you want? Male, female, 'X' or me or which one you want as a shepherd?" The sheep are not responding. They are eating and thinking, "Look at this foolish one and what he is saying."

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If the believers are not doing it then do you think that the unbelievers are going to do it? So the United Nations is making surveys and it is coming through sometimes. They made the United Nations to say, "Say to us what is the best ruling system in this world. We have been trying for one hundred years but it's not working. We are electing presidents, prime ministers, this and that. We have Jumhurriyet. We make Jumhurriyet. But it's not working. We have Republics. People's government. It's not working." So the

United Nations searched and they said, "The best ruling system for man is to have Kingdoms, to have Kings to rule." They said, "Oh! Can you give us some examples?" (UN said) "The best one that ever happened, that ruled the people of different religions, different backgrounds, different races, different this and different that is the Ottoman Empire." So they said to them, "Quickly put that report off the records. Don't show it to the world. It took us one hundred years to bring that one down. Now we cannot go to tell them that this was the best one."

The first one is the Republic of Turkey saying, "Quickly cover it. Don't say it to the world. We have Jumhurriyet now." It's not working. (Sheykh smiles). And it's not going to work. Not Jumhurriyet, you can elect one million presidents, it's not going to work. Because if the President is a common person like you and me then it's not going to work. The ruling one must be receiving some powers from the higher stations, not from the feet. He must be wiser than me.

Ibrahim bin Adham hazretleri. Allahu Akbar! Rahmatullah aleyh. Look. He was a king and he was a righteous king. He was a good one. Ibrahim bin Adham was the king of Balkh, which is all of today's Afghanistan, some Iran and he was the ruler of all that area. The kings at that time had to be the best among their people, as a swordsman or running with the horse or wrestling or in any other way they had to be the best one. Otherwise, people were not accepting saying, "If I wrestle you and I can bring you down then how can I accept you to be ruling me. My ego is always going to say that I am better than you this way." So the kings were being trained to be the best ones in everything. And when they were going to the war they were going in front of the army. Not all the way back with bodyguards to have protection like today.

Mashallah. Subhanallah! Today, leave the worldly leaders, the sheykhs and imams have bodyguards around them.

"Can I speak to the Sheykh?"

The bodyguard goes, "Don't come near to the Sheykh!"

"Why?"

"We cannot trust you."

What kind of Sheykh are you going to be if a common person who knows a couple of moves is going to protect you? You have no protection from the heavenly stations. Not one, you can have one thousand bodyguards, if That One wants to bring you down, (Sheykh points his cane like a gun), one bullet and you come down right away.

Do you think anybody can be protected better than the American President? Who can be protected more? Which government has the technology and all that money to protect their presidents? But when

Allah meant to bring that one down, with one bullet, tak... Kennedy, Goodbye. In front of his people and in front of the television. It's a lesson for mankind to understand that if you are not receiving protection from the heavenly station, then man's protection is nothing. Today your bodyguards can turn around and knock you down also. Isn't that what happened to the Indian Indira Gandhi? Her own bodyguard turned around at her... tak. He must be knowing something or else why did he do that?

So if the protection is not coming to a man from the heavenly station then he is not under any protection. He is finished. If an imam or a sheykh needs protection from his people then that one is not a leader. It's finished. Leadership is gone. So they make the whole mankind today to be running. The intelligent ones, the smart ones, studying ones, non-studying ones, educated ones, university ones, kindergarten ones, everyone is saying, "We want to elect our President."

Election. Muslim countries are saying, "We are Muslims" but they are following step by step the Christians. Step by step. At least the Christians are doing it openly but those ones are not. Step by step and they are becoming more tyrant because the way Allah has created the people of the Middle East is different and the Europeans are different. Americans are different. Central Asian people are different and the Far Eastern people are different. They have to have different ways of ruling. It is impossible to take this system and to put it there to say that it is going to work.

Foolish Americans are running and saying, "We want to bring Democracy."

"To where?"

"To Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan."

Eh, go ahead. Give Democracy to them. You have all these army now in the streets with automatic machine guns and you cannot stop them. Look what happens when you move the army from the streets. (Sheykh smiles).

Muslims! Muslims became the top of the world in killing now with that name. They put bomb here and they blew up. Mashallah. They put bomb there and they blew up. Mashallah. Where in Islam can you go and do such an action? You don't know who you are killing. Islamis saying, "You want to have a war? It is accepted. Not air war. You have to move your army, the front lines, and the two armies must crush." You know that the one you are killing up there is a soldier, trained like you. You cannot be going and dropping bomb here, dropping bomb there, dropping bomb from the air to the heads of the people to say, "I am winning the war." Eh, these are Americans. These are Westerners. This is in their blood to do that. How are you doing it? How are Muslims doing it? How are the Muslims leaders allowing that to happen?

Republic of Iran. Jumhurriyet. Islamic Jumhurriyet. Allah allah. What a foolish thing! Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan. How foolish is that? Either you are Republic or you are Islamic. These are two different ruling systems. They are not even seeing it. Islam is completely different than Republic ruling. That's how Sheytan fooled them and they have to say Islamic Republic. They cannot say, "Divine laws. Shariat of Islam." (They say) "Republic." Making it easy.

"Shariat? Oh! You want shariat? You want Shariat!!?"

Everyone is shivering. Of course. Shariat means justice. That's what it means. You don't want justice? You don't want that one who is an animal in the streets attacking you or your own children, this one and that one to be punished?

"We want Republic."

Good. Now you have it. Now they are attacking everywhere. Later after the action happens and it's finished, then, "Aaah! Police!" Not one, even if one million police comes, who is going to fix the damage? If a man is coming and dropping a bomb here killing these people, police investigates and catch the man, or they don't catch the man, so what? Who's paying the damage? It's gone.

So it's about time that the Muslims must wake up and they must say to themselves, "What a foolish situation we are putting ourselves in! The Lord of the Heavens is giving us a title saying, 'Come to Me. Come and ask Me and I will give to you.' Don't run in the streets to the unbelievers to say, 'Protect us.'"

An imam called me up saying, "Sheykh, take your people..."

"Uh-ha" I say.

He says, "It's a duty. It must be a duty to you as a Sheykh to tell your people..."

"To do what?"

"We are going in front of the White House to make demonstrations."

Hmm. Another phone call coming.

"Sheykh, with your people come to United Nations."

I say, "What are you going to do there? Is there any feast?"

He says, "No, we are going to make demonstrations."

How foolish are you acting, huh?

"Juma, at Juma time," he is saying, "We must all be there."

I say, "Are we going to make Juma there?"

"No."

How foolish you are! How much you are working for Sheytan! Huh? Is it what Allah is saying to you? "Take your children, take your women, take this and take that, running in the streets to say, 'I want my rights?' To go to the United Nations, to the unbelievers who are ready to bring an end to Islam, to say to them, 'I want my rights?' Allahu Akbar. How ignorant Muslims' leaders became. Leave the Muslims. How ignorant their leaders became.

And when I say to them, "No I am not coming."

They say, "You are not making dawa brother."

I say, "Take your dawa and go to any hell you want. Your dawa is working for Sheytan. For nobody else. Do you think that you are walking in the streets of New York City, in the First Avenue, and you are going to change the ruling system from the inside?"

I said, "Do you know how many Muslims nations are members to that United Nations?"

"A..a..."

"Give me the number!"

The man doesn't know. I said, "Go to them. If you are going to make something then go in front of the Muslim countries' embassies. Say to them, 'We want this to be changed'. Not to the unbelievers.

21st Century. Why do we say this? Because of Holy Prophet's (saw) prophecy. Hadith is opening. He said, "In Ahir Zaman, in the End of the Times, if the unbelievers enter through the hole of a weasel then the believers are also going to enter, running after them. Whatever they are doing, exactly that the believers are going to do too." Say to me that this is not what's happening. We are living in America. Somebody came to me years ago, an Afghani guy, saying,

"Brother, we are living in America. You still have turban and beard?"

I said, "What difference does it make, America or Afghanistan?"

He said, "Where are you from brother?"

I fooled him and I said, "Uzbekistan."

He says, "Brother, this is America, you must change."

I said, "Must change what? To do what?"

"You must get rid of that, you must get rid of the beard. You must get American lifestyle."

"Huh! You did it."

This happened in 1987 or 88. I said to him, "Because you did it, what did you gain?"

Islam has its own identity. Have you ever seen a priest wearing a turban or a jubbah? I didn't. If you did then tell me. Have you ever seen a rabbi wearing a turban and a jubbah? I didn't. Maybe you did. But I have seen thousands and thousands of imams and sheykhs following the Western ideas, the way they dress and the way they do things. An imam was going to give khutba and before he was going to give khutba he was putting on that jubbah, putting that turban on his head, and he had no beard and no mustache. I went to him one day and he said,

"What do you want?"

"I have a fake beard. Let me put it on your face. At least it looks better."

"Don't make me upset! You think that's everything?"

I said, "That's not everything but that's something. Why are you wearing the turban then? Leave it. Go up there with your suit and tie. You are representing a position! You are not working for a government office to say, 'I need to wear suit and tie.' Why are you not wearing it? You are a religious person. Did you ever see a rabbi or a priest like that?"

"Sheykh, you talk too much."

Hmm. So the Muslims lost their direction. Sheytan fooled us. We lost our direction because we are admiring and running after unbelievers to see how they are living and trying to live like that. This is our problem. But this world is very temporary. You are living like this or like that. It's a very short time and it's passing.

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Work for this Dunya as much as you are going to live in it. Work for Akhirat as much as you are going to live there." So take it. Work for this Dunya as much as you are going to live in it. If 8 hours is not enough then work 16 hours. But you might not make it to the 17th hour. Azrail is waiting to knock you down. So that means the world is only three days. Yesterday is gone. Today, we don't know if we can finish it. Tomorrow, it is suspicious whether we are going to reach to tomorrow. A believer must think about his Akhirat first before his Dunya. When you think about Akhirat, Dunya is going to run after you. Dunya is going to come to you. The world is going to run after

you. This is what Allah has ordered to this Dunya saying, "If the believers are running after you, you must run away from them. If they leave you then you must run after them. You must give all the wealth to them."

Say, "Did we ever have this in history?" Of course. In the time of Osman (radiyallah anh), when he was the Khalifa, Muslims didn't find a single Muslim anymore to give Zakat or to give Sadaqa. That's how rich everyone became. And they were giving Sadaqa and Zakat to unbelievers to make their hearts soft to come to Islam. Through history, look how many times that happened to us. But when we left Allah and His Prophet (saw), everything is gone.

Ottoman Empire. Empire! How many empires the world has ever seen? How many? It's gone. Look what happened to the Muslims. Which Muslim country is now ruling and can say, "This is what's going to happen," and everyone is going to listen to that one? None. The Turks. Turks became the quickest to curse their own grandfathers. No nation in history has ever turned around cursing their grandfathers. But the Turks became number one. Cursing the Sultans. Because that's what the Westerners wanted them to do. The Muslims turned around and started cursing too saying, "They kept us under this ruling and that's why we fell behind." I was in Syria talking with a guy. He started praising the Ottomans when they were in that area and a little bit later he says,

"But they had some faults."

I said, "What were their faults."

He said, "They left us behind in technology."

I said, "How long ago were the Ottomans in this area when they were ruling?"

He says, "Almost a hundred years ago."

I said, "America a hundred years ago didn't have anything. Go and look at America now. Look at Syria today. What do you have? You have your freedom. What did you do with that freedom? You went forward or backward?"

Turks are cursing their grandfathers saying, "They left us behind. They only knew how to go up and down." But now you are begging Europeans saying, "Please take us into Europe." They didn't beg. They came to Europe and said, "Change your laws. I don't like it. It doesn't fit to Islam." So the French that are against you now, they were shivering saying, "The Ottomans said to change the rules. So we must change it."

Turks say (to me) "You are going around with beard, that mustache and your turban to Europe?"

I say, "Of course. We entered into Europe with that. You changed everything. You put suit and tie now. Through suit and tie they are not accepting you to Europe and the young generations are hanging themselves with that tie. For what? Check the history. Look, in 700 years of ruling how many you are going to find committing suicide. None. The figures and numbers are talking."

And the other ones they hide it here and there. They are not putting it on top of the headlines. It's saying, "Turks have entered the Guinness Book of World Records." Turkey entered in it. With what? With the worst money that they have. With the lowest money that they have, they entered into that book. I say, "Mashallah." (Sheykh claps his hands). Eh, in the time of Sultan Reshad, Ottoman Empire came out from war losing the war. They didn't lose the war, but because they were allied with Germany, when Germans lost the war the Ottomans also came out losing the war. And Sultan Reshad gold was number one again. The country lost the war but the money was on top again.

Huh. For eighty years you are trying. Where did you go? One dollar equals to one million (Turkish lira). Uff. What an accomplishment. Mashallah! They lost the count. Now they say, "We have to throw the zeros out." Just throwing the zeros out is costing the nation billions of dollars. Just getting rid of the zeros. Huh! The figures are speaking here. We are not speaking nonsense. Check the history. Check!

And for anybody who is running for peace, peace comes with the Ottomans. There is no other peace. Peace is coming only with that ruling. Rightly guided leaders of Islam can bring peace to Muslims, to Christians and to Jews because the stories are showing to us that they were in the Balkans for 500 years and peace was there. As soon as they moved out, no peace. They were in the Middle East and there was peace there. As soon as they moved out, no peace. They were in Caucasus and there was peace there. As soon as they moved out, no peace. There is no peace in Iran, there is no peace in Afghanistan and there is no peace anywhere. When these unbelievers are coming to us with that kind of nonsense talks, don't believe. Look at your history. Muslims must know their history first for them to be able to understand the hadiths and the ayats. If you don't know the history of Islam then you cannot understand the hadith of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

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The people's electing their head is like that. Sheep is electing its head saying, 'I want this one to be my ruler.' It's not working. They have been trying for the last 100 years but it's not working. It's bankrupt. They know that reality and they say to the United Nations... they don't say it to you. You don't see it on CNN, that kind of news. They know that you are not going to go to the United Nations to search to see what is it that the United Nations is searching and finding. They know that you are not going to do that. How many of you are searching the yearly report about the United Nations rulings and whatever they are coming out with? How many? Raise your hands. Raise one and look what happens.

If the believers are not doing it then do you think that the unbelievers are going to do it? So the United Nations is making surveys and it is coming through sometimes. They made the United Nations to say, "Say to us what is the best ruling system in this world. We have been trying for one hundred years but it's not working. We are electing presidents, prime ministers, this and that. We have Jumhurriyet. We make Jumhurriyet. But it's not working. We have Republics. People's government. It's not working." So the United Nations searched and they said, "The best ruling system for man is to have Kingdoms, to have Kings to rule." They said, "Oh! Can you give us some examples?" (UN said) "The best one that ever happened, that ruled the people of different religions, different backgrounds, different races, different this and different that is the Ottoman Empire." So they said to them, "Quickly put that report off the records. Don't show it to the world. It took us one hundred years to bring that one down. Now we cannot go to tell them that this was the best one."

The first one is the Republic of Turkey saying, "Quickly cover it. Don't say it to the world. We have Jumhurriyet now." It's not working. (Sheykh smiles). And it's not going to work. Not Jumhurriyet, you can elect one million presidents, it's not going to work. Because if the President is a common person like you and me then it's not going to work. The ruling one must be receiving some powers from the higher stations, not from the feet. He must be wiser than me.

Ibrahim bin Adham hazretleri. Allahu Akbar! Rahmatullah aleyh. Look. He was a king and he was a righteous king. He was a good one. Ibrahim bin Adham was the king of Balkh, which is all of today's

Afghanistan, some Iran and he was the ruler of all that area. The kings at that time had to be the best among their people, as a swordsman or running with the horse or wrestling or in any other way they had to be the best one. Otherwise, people were not accepting saying, "If I wrestle you and I can bring you down then how can I accept you to be ruling me. My ego is always going to say that I am better than you this way." So the kings were being trained to be the best ones in everything. And when they were going to the war they were going in front of the army. Not all the way back with bodyguards to have protection like today.

Mashallah. Subhanallah! Today, leave the worldly leaders, the sheykhs and imams have bodyguards around them.

"Can I speak to the Sheykh?"

The bodyguard goes, "Don't come near to the Sheykh!"

"Why?"

"We cannot trust you."

What kind of Sheykh are you going to be if a common person who knows a couple of moves is going to protect you? You have no protection from the heavenly stations. Not one, you can have one thousand bodyguards, if That One wants to bring you down, (Sheykh points his cane like a gun), one bullet and you come down right away.

Do you think anybody can be protected better than the American President? Who can be protected more? Which government has the technology and all that money to protect their presidents? But when Allah meant to bring that one down, with one bullet, tak... Kennedy, Goodbye. In front of his people and in front of the television. It's a lesson for mankind to understand that if you are not receiving protection from the heavenly station, then man's protection is nothing. Today your bodyguards can turn around and knock you down also. Isn't that what happened to the Indian Indira Gandhi? Her own bodyguard turned around at her... tak. He must be knowing something or else why did he do that?

So if the protection is not coming to a man from the heavenly station then he is not under any protection. He is finished. If an imam or a sheykh needs protection from his people then that one is not a leader. It's finished. Leadership is gone. So they make the whole mankind today to be running. The intelligent ones, the smart ones, studying ones, non-studying ones, educated ones, university ones, kindergarten ones, everyone is saying, "We want to elect our President."

Election. Muslim countries are saying, "We are Muslims" but they are following step by step the Christians. Step by step. At least the Christians are doing it openly but those ones are not. Step by step and they are becoming more tyrant because the way Allah has created

the people of the Middle East is different and the Europeans are different. Americans are different. Central Asian people are different and the Far Eastern people are different. They have to have different ways of ruling. It is impossible to take this system and to put it there to say that it is going to work.

Foolish Americans are running and saying, "We want to bring Democracy."

"To where?"

"To Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan."

Eh, go ahead. Give Democracy to them. You have all these army now in the streets with automatic machine guns and you cannot stop them. Look what happens when you move the army from the streets. (Sheykh smiles).

Muslims! Muslims became the top of the world in killing now with that name. They put bomb here and they blew up. Mashallah. They put bomb there and they blew up. Mashallah. Where in Islam can you go and do such an action? You don't know who you are killing. Islamis saying, "You want to have a war? It is accepted. Not air war. You have to move your army, the front lines, and the two armies must crush." You know that the one you are killing up there is a soldier, trained like you. You cannot be going and dropping bomb here, dropping bomb there, dropping bomb from the air to the heads of the people to say, "I am winning the war." Eh, these are Americans. These are Westerners. This is in their blood to do that. How are you doing it? How are Muslims doing it? How are the Muslims leaders allowing that to happen?

Republic of Iran. Jumhurriyet. Islamic Jumhurriyet. Allah allah. What a foolish thing! Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan. How foolish is that? Either you are Republic or you are Islamic. These are two different ruling systems. They are not even seeing it. Islam is completely different than Republic ruling. That's how Sheytan fooled them and they have to say Islamic Republic. They cannot say, "Divine laws. Shariat of Islam." (They say) "Republic." Making it easy.

"Shariat? Oh! You want shariat? You want Shariat!!?"

Everyone is shivering. Of course. Shariat means justice. That's what it means. You don't want justice? You don't want that one who is an animal in the streets attacking you or your own children, this one and that one to be punished?

"We want Republic."

Good. Now you have it. Now they are attacking everywhere. Later after the action happens and it's finished, then, "Aaah! Police!" Not one, even if one million police comes, who is going to fix the

damage? If a man is coming and dropping a bomb here killing these people, police investigates and catch the man, or they don't catch the man, so what? Who's paying the damage? It's gone.

So it's about time that the Muslims must wake up and they must say to themselves, "What a foolish situation we are putting ourselves in! The Lord of the Heavens is giving us a title saying, `Come to Me. Come and ask Me and I will give to you." Don't run in the streets to the unbelievers to say, "Protect us."

An imam called me up saying, "Sheykh, take your people..."

"Uh-ha" I say.

He says, "It's a duty. It must be a duty to you as a Sheykh to tell your people..."

"To do what?"

"We are going in front of the White House to make demonstrations."

Hmm. Another phone call coming.

"Sheykh, with your people come to United Nations."

I say, "What are you going to do there? Is there any feast?"

He says, "No, we are going to make demonstrations."

How foolish are you acting, huh?

"Juma, at Juma time," he is saying, "We must all be there."

I say, "Are we going to make Juma there?"

"No."

How foolish you are! How much you are working for Sheytan! Huh? Is it what Allah is saying to you? "Take your children, take your women, take this and take that, running in the streets to say, `I want my rights?' To go to the United Nations, to the unbelievers who are ready to bring an end to Islam, to say to them, `I want my rights?' Allahu Akbar. How ignorant Muslims' leaders became. Leave the Muslims. How ignorant their leaders became.

And when I say to them, "No I am not coming."

They say, "You are not making dawa brother."

I say, "Take your dawa and go to any hell you want. Your dawa is working for Sheytan. For nobody else. Do you think that you are walking in the streets of New York City, in the First Avenue, and you are going to change the ruling system from the inside?"

I said, "Do you know how many Muslims nations are members to that United Nations?"

"A..a..."

"Give me the number!"

The man doesn't know. I said, "Go to them. If you are going to make something then go in front of the Muslim countries' embassies. Say to them, ` We want this to be changed'. Not to the unbelievers.

21st Century. Why do we say this? Because of Holy Prophet's (saw) prophecy. Hadith is opening. He said, "In Ahir Zaman, in the End of the Times, if the unbelievers enter through the hole of a weasel then the believers are also going to enter, running after them. Whatever they are doing, exactly that the believers are going to do too." Say to me that this is not what's happening. We are living in America. Somebody came to me years ago, an Afghani guy, saying,

"Brother, we are living in America. You still have turban and beard?"

I said, "What difference does it make, America or Afghanistan?"

He said, "Where are you from brother?"

I fooled him and I said, "Uzbekistan."

He says, "Brother, this is America, you must change."

I said, "Must change what? To do what?"

"You must get rid of that, you must get rid of the beard. You must get American lifestyle."

"Huh! You did it."

This happened in 1987 or 88. I said to him, "Because you did it, what did you gain?"

Islam has its own identity. Have you ever seen a priest wearing a turban or a jubbah? I didn't. If you did then tell me. Have you ever seen a rabbi wearing a turban and a jubbah? I didn't. Maybe you did. But I have seen thousands and thousands of imams and sheykhhs following the Western ideas, the way they dress and the way they do things. An imam was going to give khutba and before he was going to give khutba he was putting on that jubbah, putting that turban on his head, and he had no beard and no mustache. I went to him one day and he said,

"What do you want?"

"I have a fake beard. Let me put it on your face. At least it looks better."

"Don't make me upset! You think that's everything?"

I said, "That's not everything but that's something. Why are you wearing the turban then? Leave it. Go up there with your suit and tie. You are representing a position! You are not working for a government office to say, 'I need to wear suit and tie.' Why are you not wearing it? You are a religious person. Did you ever see a rabbi or a priest like that?"

"Sheykh, you talk too much."

Hmm. So the Muslims lost their direction. Sheytan fooled us. We lost our direction because we are admiring and running after unbelievers to see how they are living and trying to live like that. This is our problem. But this world is very temporary. You are living like this or like that. It's a very short time and it's passing.

Holy Prophet (saw) is saying to us, "Work for this Dunya as much as you are going to live in it. Work for Akhirat as much as you are going to live there." So take it. Work for this Dunya as much as you are going to live in it. If 8 hours is not enough then work 16 hours. But you might not make it to the 17th hour. Azrail is waiting to knock you down. So that means the world is only three days. Yesterday is gone. Today, we don't know if we can finish it. Tomorrow, it is suspicious whether we are going to reach to tomorrow. A believer must think about his Akhirat first before his Dunya. When you think about Akhirat, Dunya is going to run after you. Dunya is going to come to you. The world is going to run after you. This is what Allah has ordered to this Dunya saying, "If the believers are running after you, you must run away from them. If they leave you then you must run after them. You must give all the wealth to them."

Say, "Did we ever have this in history?" Of course. In the time of Osman (radiyallah anh), when he was the Khalifa, Muslims didn't find a single Muslim anymore to give Zakat or to give Sadaqa. That's how rich everyone became. And they were giving Sadaqa and Zakat to unbelievers to make their hearts soft to come to Islam. Through history, look how many times that happened to us. But when we left Allah and His Prophet (saw), everything is gone.

Ottoman Empire. Empire! How many empires the world has ever seen? How many? It's gone. Look what happened to the Muslims. Which Muslim country is now ruling and can say, "This is what's going to happen," and everyone is going to listen to that one? None. The Turks. Turks became the quickest to curse their own grandfathers. No nation in history has ever turned around cursing their grandfathers. But the Turks became number one. Cursing the Sultans. Because that's what the Westerners wanted them to do. The Muslims turned around and started cursing too saying, "They kept us under this ruling and

that's why we fell behind." I was in Syria talking with a guy. He started praising the Ottomans when they were in that area and a little bit later he says,

"But they had some faults."

I said, "What were their faults."

He said, "They left us behind in technology."

I said, "How long ago were the Ottomans in this area when they were ruling?"

He says, "Almost a hundred years ago."

I said, "America a hundred years ago didn't have anything. Go and look at America now. Look at Syria today. What do you have? You have your freedom. What did you do with that freedom? You went forward or backward?"

Turks are cursing their grandfathers saying, "They left us behind. They only knew how to go up and down." But now you are begging Europeans saying, "Please take us into Europe." They didn't beg. They came to Europe and said, "Change your laws. I don't like it. It doesn't fit to Islam." So the French that are against you now, they were shivering saying, "The Ottomans said to change the rules. So we must change it."

Turks say (to me) "You are going around with beard, that mustache and your turban to Europe?"

I say, "Of course. We entered into Europe with that. You changed everything. You put suit and tie now. Through suit and tie they are not accepting you to Europe and the young generations are hanging themselves with that tie. For what? Check the history. Look, in 700 years of ruling how many you are going to find committing suicide. None. The figures and numbers are talking."

And the other ones they hide it here and there. They are not putting it on top of the headlines. It's saying, "Turks have entered the Guinness Book of World Records." Turkey entered in it. With what? With the worst money that they have. With the lowest money that they have, they entered into that book. I say, "Mashallah." (Sheykh claps his hands). Eh, in the time of Sultan Reshad, Ottoman Empire came out from war losing the war. They didn't lose the war, but because they were allied with Germany, when Germans lost the war the Ottomans also came out losing the war. And Sultan Reshad gold was number one again. The country lost the war but the money was on top again.

Huh. For eighty years you are trying. Where did you go? One dollar equals to one million (Turkish lira). Uff. What an accomplishment. Mashallah! They lost the count. Now they say, "We have to throw the

zeros out." Just throwing the zeros out is costing the nation billions of dollars. Just getting rid of the zeros. Huh! The figures are speaking here. We are not speaking nonsense. Check the history. Check!

And for anybody who is running for peace, peace comes with the Ottomans. There is no other peace. Peace is coming only with that ruling. Rightly guided leaders of Islam can bring peace to Muslims, to Christians and to Jews because the stories are showing to us that they were in the Balkans for 500 years and peace was there. As soon as they moved out, no peace. They were in the Middle East and there was peace there. As soon as they moved out, no peace. They were in Caucasus and there was peace there. As soon as they moved out, no peace. There is no peace in Iran, there is no peace in Afghanistan and there is no peace anywhere. When these unbelievers are coming to us with that kind of nonsense talks, don't believe. Look at your history. Muslims must know their history first for them to be able to understand the hadiths and the ayats. If you don't know the history of Islam then you cannot understand the hadith of the Holy Prophet (alayhi salatu wa salam).

Wa min Allahu taufiq

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Tariqatuna sohbət wa khairu fil jamiat. Our way is association.
Through association we may learn something that we don't know and we may learn something that we know but we are not able and capable to do. We may know so many things but we are not doing it. So it's not

any good again. Allah is ordering us to be Jamat, to be a group of people because blessings, rahmat and mercy is coming to a Jamat, to a group of people. And when you are weak and alone, through that Jamat you may pick up energy and you may be able to do things that you are not able and capable to do when you are alone.

In these days it is pretty difficult and pretty hard to do the orders of Allah (subhana wa ta'ala). Most people turn to only what is good for them and what is good for their ego. This is what the universities are teaching. The radios, televisions, magazines and all kinds of things are teaching that here. In the stores they have thousands of kinds of magazines for you to learn how to enjoy yourself. "You like this and you don't like that." So many things that are not even crossing through your mind you are finding in those magazines and you start acting according to those magazines saying, "I am one of them." You should close the door to those things because those ones don't really love you and they are not really there to help you. They are just there to sell those magazines to you in order to make you become a member for their own lives to become better. Maybe you don't know this but put it in your mind.

The world publications, the televisions and everything are controlled and ruled by the Zionists. You will find so many Jews, the Hasidics especially, who will not put televisions in their houses. Think. You don't find televisions in their houses. Why is this? Because they know what kind of poison is coming through that television to poison people. So they don't want their children to be poisoned, they don't want their family members to be poisoned. So their Rabbis are ordering them not to put televisions in their houses because 90% of television today is giving you only poison. It's giving you something that doesn't even cross through your mind and you sit in front of the television and you say, "Yeah, this is good. Let me do it." So your role model is the television. Your guide is the television. Your guide is the magazine. Your guide is something that they are putting there for you.

But we have not been created for that. You will know how to live whether you watch that magazine or not. You will know how to live even if you don't watch that television. You will know how to live. You will know how to live even better then. You are just copying something that is not for you. So we should try to put a lid on that and put it aside to sit and to understand what is it that we have to do in this life and what is the main important thing. We have not been created only to be running after our ego and our selfish desires. No. We have been created to be the honored ones. Allah is saying, "We have honored the Children of Adam. Laqad karramna bani adam." We have to reach and we have to carry that honor. Otherwise, we will fall and we will become worse than the animals. Not like the animals. Worse than the animals. And it is sad to see and to say that today the majority of the people live worse than the animals. They do acts that the animals don't do. It doesn't fit the category of humans. We have to learn and we have to know how to live.

Otherwise, we will be wasting this life for nothing.

This life is very short. Seventy years? I will give you thirty more years, staying a hundred years. What are you going to do? A hundred years later even if they tell you to stay you are going to say, "Oh, my hand is not working, my leg is hurting, my head is hurting, my eyes are not seeing, I cannot eat, I cannot sleep." So you are praying to die then. But you don't know where you are going. So this life is only temporary. The life that is waiting for us is permanent. And we must earn that life from here. Everyone is running to make investments for this life. I am watching that everyone is saying, "I have to work, I have to make investment here, I have to make investment there, I have to make this much money, I have to make a house here." All this is good alhamdulillah. But how do you know that you are going to be able to reach to take the pleasure of those things?

"I will leave it to my children."

Your children are not going to help you in the grave. What you sent to the grave is what is going to help you. Not your children. Whatever is necessary for them Allah will open doors to them too, and they will work and they will earn. Don't worry. Allah will not leave anybody without Rizq (provision). Allah is Razzaq (The Provider). He is sending you whatever you need and whatever your children need too. So you shouldn't worry about that too much. If you are leaving a tyrant child and if you are leaving a lot of wealth to him then you will not be comfortable in the grave also. Whatever tyranny he does in this world, you will pay the price for that in the grave. They will say, "You left all this money to that one and that power and he is hurting this and he is hurting that," and you will be punished there.

So the aim is to please Allah. When our aim is to please Allah then we will not be seeing ourselves at the center of the universe. We will not be seeing ourselves to have created everything and that everything has to circle around us. No. The 21st century people, the majority of them think that they created everything and everything has to circle around them, in their actions, in their lifestyle and in everything. It's not. It's not going to be because the worst and the difficult days are waiting. The worst and difficult days are waiting for this country too. The luxury of this country is going to go. Don't think that it's going to continue like this. It has already started sinking, going down. But it's not affecting you yet but soon it will affect you. Soon. No government can stop that. It's not possible. It's going top-speed. We have to learn how to live. We have to learn how to live at that time for that not to bother us and not to hurt us. Otherwise, you will be casualties of that system that is coming.

So Allah (subhana wa ta'ala) has created us for Himself. He has

created everything for us. Everything is working for us. The sun is working for us, the moon is working for us, the wind is working for us, air, water and everything is working for us. Who are we going to work for? Running like animals, coming out from the stables, running to eat the grass and going back to sleep? Having children and going back? No. We are humans. We have to make it better. We have to know what we are doing and we have to know how we are doing. We have to make it better. They are animals. They are not responsible. They don't have intelligence. We have intelligence. That's why we are progressing. Our life is going and we are progressing. We are building houses, we are making materials, nice clothes to wear, nice this and nice that but that is not what we have been created to do.

We are not appreciating anything and we are not understanding anything. This oxygen that we are taking instantly, if it comes to you only 1% more than what is coming now, it burns you as soon as you inhale it. It burns everything inside. Are you the one who is giving that to your own self? Who is controlling this? For centuries, they say billions of years, for billions of years who is controlling this? For billions of years who is controlling that sun not to come one inch closer to this world? If that sun comes one inch closer or if this world goes one inch closer to the sun, it would be burned completely. If it goes one inch far away from its own orbit where it's turning, circling around, everything will be frozen. Who has the control of all this? We must think. That's what intelligence is for. We cannot think if we put our heads inside the hole. We have to come out. We have to look. We have to see who we are and what we are.

Don't look at what they are commercializing to you in the television. Don't be sitting and watching only the television and learning your knowledge from the television. Think. Open your eyes. Understand the activities of the world, what's happening and why it's happening. Why is it happening? Question. Question by yourself to understand. Then slowly you will understand that whom you are supporting are the cruel ones. Why are you helping them? And if you are helping the cruel ones, supporting the cruel ones and the tyrant ones then you too are a tyrant one. You must wake up. We must wake up before it's too late for our own selves. We must wake up before it's too late for everything else that's around us.

Allah is the Ruler. Allah is the Creator. Allah is the Supreme Ruler of everything. He left us temporarily to do certain things. Either you will pay a great price for that or you will get a great reward for that. We have to know what we are doing and how we are doing. Our intention is important.

Wa min Allahu tawfiq.

Bihurmatil Habib.

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