

Expected Paraclete

Welcome to our flea market

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As-salāmu ‘alaikum!

I was thinking that Sheikh Hishām Efendi Khalifa was going to carry this association for me, so I asked him, but he refused saying: “You are an old ‘ḥimār’ [arabic: donkey], doesn’t matter” – Therefore, what shall we do? Whatever we say is coming through his Baraka ...

We are not in university or high school, where you keep a book, we have only this – we are free in a free meeting! Only someone who may smell or feel spirituality, may attend such meetings. Therefore, it is a humble meeting and everyone can take something; like a person

who goes to a bazar, market, supermarket. A person may enter and go around, and may take something that he is in need of, but he can’t carry everything, no.

This is an example, it is not a supermarket, but a flea market, big bazar. Yes, flea markets are everywhere. And on Sundays you may find in so many countries, and cities flea markets. Where does their stock come from? It comes from dustbins. They look where people are throwing out so many things, and putting them in a good bag, and putting them in the back of his car, rrrrr ..., they come and make a stand, and then the council come asking: “Give one pound.” – “For what?”

“You are sitting here!” – “One pound? I am not coming here to pay one pound!”

“Yā Hū, give half a pound, it doesn’t matter.”

So many things they bring: such as when someone has passed away they bring his old

clothes, old things. Or some factories throwing old stock away, depot things, cheap things from everywhere, from nail to male you can find everything in it. That is a flea market!

And this is our flea market, you may say, because so many – *mā shā'allāb* – flea market people are here. X. has a supermarket, but I have a flea market.

“How much do you want for this thing?”

“O my brother, it is not one, it is one dozen. You may see that each plate is one sample, and you may make a collection.”

“Yes, how much do you need?”

“I need five pounds.”

“You are asking too much! Fifty pence?”

“I must ask my boss ... O my Darling, they want to give fifty pence.”

“Give, give”, she says, “there is no one coming any more.” – Fifty pence. –

I was always running around London every week, and people were looking at me, I came with our people looking like this. People were very happy when they saw me, because they don't like to take their stock back home, therefore they were very happy!

“Except for Sheikh, no one can buy such things.”

And I was taking ... Some people running like this, some people running like that, collecting three cars full. And we were carrying on ourselves so many things – ohhh! Here I can't find such things, because all people are flea market people. Yes, Sir. This is a market, a flea market. Perhaps you have a good chance to find something that is valuable. It is a good chance for you to take. Therefore sometimes I went and said: “How much do you need for all of this?” – “O Sheikh, maybe twenty pounds.”

“Oh, you are asking too much! Five pounds?” – “I must ask ... O my Darling, for five pounds they will take everything, shall we give?!”

“Give quickly we may go!”

Old photograph machines, old recorders, old gramophones, old shoes, old clothes, old plates, old cups, so many things ... but when you go once, you need a second week to go and look after them. Very good, because people now have a new habit: Every year you must change everything inside! Every year you put everything out of the house and make everything new. They think that when they renew their furniture or other materials, their ladies will become younger. Every time they renew their house, they think that: “We are also renewed.” This is foolishness, but it has become a bad habit. Europeans, western countries, are wasting, wasting, wasting, so that the Lord of Heaven can never be happy with them! Allah never likes those people who waste.

In older times people would make one set of clothes last perhaps 5 years or 10 years or 20 years, putting patches on them. We went for my shoes to be repaired and they put nails in the soles, like soldiers. I was very happy, because: tock, tock, tock, tock! – keeping the shoes and giving honour!

A habit of wasting is no good! People are running to fulfill their bad habits! They are only living for that. They don't think that with new clothes, or new furniture, or new cars, that they will get honour here or hereafter, but they do this, because Shayṭān is using them, working with them. Shayṭān is making a big company, and people are going to work for him! People are working for Shayṭān!

Now in our days, Muslim countries are just like western countries; they are very happy to be ‘westernised Muslims’! But there is no such thing as a ‘westernised Muslim’. Muslims are oriental people, from the countries of the rising sun. We are not happy to be in sunset countries, no! They are dreaming of oriental

countries, and I am sorry that Muslims are dreaming of western countries! This is wrong, wrong! Allah gave honour to the oriental countries of the rising sun. Everything that belongs to our spirituality, you can find in oriental countries. Everything that belongs to the material world, you may find in western countries. Therefore their souls are always asking to run to the Middle East and oriental countries.

And, on the contrary, Muslims are always dreaming: "Oh, if I could go to Paris, or London, and see the beautiful dancing girls ..." Foolish people! Shayṭān is cheating them! There is nothing in western countries except material! Material means: no sense, no sense; our pleasure is in spirituality! If your spirituality is in a happy condition, you will live a peaceful life!

Why is it that western countries are not able to live peacefully? Because they worship materialism. And Islam says: "Material is under my feet!"

Western countries' people say: "Material is on our heads."

And now people have just reached the top point of pleasure through material life. When their material pleasure is finishing, they say: "We are fed up." Then Shayṭān comes with heroin, cocaine ... He says: "O my brother, now you are finished! But we are opening a new door for you to enter and to see, to look, without any trouble. No problem for you, no trouble for you, when you enter that world; I am coming, o youngsters, I am coming to open a new vision to you with a new world." – This is it!

When I was in New York with Sheikh Hishām Efendi at the center of the U. N., United Nations, I was looking around and saw advertisements, saying: "Help us prevent this poison from reaching youngsters!" It was

noon time and one group of our people told me: "We have not prayed Zuhr prayer yet, can we pray?"

I said: "Yes, you can pray at the side."

When they were praying, two people like polar bears came, shouting and saying: "You can't pray here! There is no Allāh here, there is no God, here there are no beliefs! Go away!"

Such shayṭānic people! Can they save youngsters by such means? Only a real belief may save people and stop them falling into the trap of Shayṭān. And they are struggling to find a way to help them.

Can we kill people? No! If you can kill one, another one will come in his place, but if a person believes in the Lord of Heavens and believes he has responsibility on the Last Day, Judgment Day, if he is fearing Allah, He may help us. Only beliefs can stop it, but western countries are fighting against beliefs. They are materialist people, atheist people, not believing in anything – how can you prevent anything?

You can't. Therefore in western countries people now are in the worst situation: no peace, no pleasure, no hope, because they believe: "When people die, everything is finished." Day by day they are losing their hope and finally they are finished.

O people! The Lord of Heavens says: "O My servants, follow My Messengers, My elected, chosen people, to whom I gave something from heavenly spirituality. Follow them to reach satisfaction, contentment!"

You can't find a contentment and peace in materialism! So many people are buried in material, but they never find satisfaction, no, no!

So the world is divided into East and West. The eastern countries of the rising sun, mainly like to believe in Allah Almighty and to keep His ways and to keep to His heavenly oceans,

and the second part, they are asking to fulfill their physical desires quickly and to follow their egoistic desires. And they are on the wrong way.

Now people are on fire. Everyone who is asking for their Lord, Creator, Allah Almighty, should be saved. Everyone who is not asking and is following the example of Shayṭān, should be taken away. They will find no rest here or hereafter. May Allah forgive us!

It is a dangerous time and day by day we are approaching the last station of the world. O people, try to do some good things, so that when you reach your Lord, He will be happy with you and will welcome you. If not, you will never be welcomed by your Lord or by heavenly beings, angels! Try to be from that group which will be welcomed and should enter the doors of paradise, paradise means eternity, eternity, eternal life—you may go to eternity, such a beautiful word, eternity! Ask, o people! If you don't understand Arabic, you may understand 'eternity'. Such a beautiful word! Ask for eternal life, eternal life through eternity! Oh – oh –!

That must be the main goal for mankind; but I am sorry to say that people have lost it and they are inventing some nonsense goals to reach. Their nonsense goal is only to save more money, to have more gold, to own many more properties and to try and be number one in richness or by their sultanates, by their authority.

O people, they are all imitation and have no value in the Divine Presence. O people, no one can be like Qārūn and save what he saved. What benefit did he reach from his treasures? Nothing! First Allah Almighty made him sink down. And Banī Isrā'īl, the Children of Israel, never stopped criticising the Prophets. They were always harming Sayyidinā Mūsā, Moses, and they said: "Oh, look, Moses just cursed

Qārūn to take his treasures!" And he ordered the earth: "Take all the treasures down, so that people will know, we are not looking for the treasures of this life!"

O people, use your mind, don't follow your ego! Your egos follow Shayṭān and Shayṭān was the first one to be disobedient, *'āṣin*, the first one who was thrown away from the Divine Presence! May Allah forgive us!

Use your minds, use your mentalities! Today we are here, tomorrow we are not here. And Shayṭān makes people into two main groups.

The Prophet said: "When the Last Day comes, people on earth will be in two groups." And every nation must be in one group. They should fight each other and they are going to kill each other, so that of five billions living, four billions will be taken away, and one billion will remain only on earth. O people, follow a safe way!

I was in London and I saw written: "Safe-way". I was surprised: "I was asking for a safe way! What ...?" Then I asked people to go and have a look. "Is that a new message to show people a safe way?"

"O Sheikh, that is the name of a Hypermarket!"

"Ha?" Look, that person was urging people to come and buy something, so that his heart would be content with something material ...
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