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As-salāmu 'alaikum! The sign of a Muslim is | to say *As-salāmu 'alaikum!* Therefore use it as much as you can and say *As-salāmu 'alaikum!*

Welcome to you, *ayyuba l-ghafilūn*, heedless people! Welcome to you, oh famous mental-house visitors. Welcome to you!

That man is a Sergeant. Are you happy? You must be, must be!

Dastūr, yā Sulṭānu l-Anbiyā', *dastūr, yā Sulṭānu l-Awliyā'*, *dastūr, yā Rijālallāb!*

We know nothing! And if we know something we never practise it! To learn and to know is an order for believers! And we are saying: *A'udbu bi-llābi mina sb-sbaiṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm. Say: bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm!* [Small Dhikr ...]

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Oh our Lord, You have granted us the biggest favour to be able to say Your Holy Name and to say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm!*

We are very lucky and we have been blessed by saying *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. It is one of the biggest Favours of Allah Almighty to be able to say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. And to say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm* saves you here and hereafter. It is a fortunate person who is able to say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*.

When you say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*, that means you have been given an honoured dress from the Glory Oceans of Allah Almighty. Everyone around yourself, from nature, from the animal world, knows that you are an accepted servant in the Divine Presence. Because if you are not an accepted servant, you would not be able to say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm!*

That is a sign and everything around you knows and understands that you have been dressed from the endless Mercy and Favours of Allah Almighty. You have been honoured and everything and everyone around you will deal with you in a different way from the way they deal with people, who do not say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. And if you are able to keep that honour, finally you should be a well-known servant. [Sheikh is drinking, saying: *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm ...*] With *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm* you can taste the Favours when you are drinking. Someone saying *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm* and drinking and eating, is not the same as a person who doesn't say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. There is a hundred percent difference.

Yes, we are asking for forgiveness and for blessings. The title of our association was: to learn and to know. That is obligatory for everyone: to learn and to know. Then, when you are learning and knowing, you have been ordered to practise what you know.

Now we are saying: You must know about *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. If we are sitting and talking about the honour and the power of saying *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm* from

the beginning of the creation up until the end, you could not finish it. It is so powerful! It is so powerful to say: *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. And all of mankind must say now *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. Whoever says this, is going to be saved and the others will be taken away. *Lā ḥaula wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-‘azīm!*

Daily perhaps hundreds of books are written in different languages, but they do not use the Holy Names of Allah Almighty in the titles of their book, and they don't use *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm!* *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm* is like the crown on a King, giving you such an honour and *heybet*, glory, and greatness. You must know it and you must practise it! There may be so many kinds of people, but their life will never be the same as that one who knows and says *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. It is obligatory to learn.

Now people are building oh! such huge buildings and they are making such big advertisements. There are so many advertisements. If a person uses every means for himself as an advertisement, it will be like a small drop in the sea or an ocean. But if people would learn and know about the real benefits or real blessings that comes to a person when he says *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*, they would be quiet and not say anything except *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. Try it! It is free! Try it for just one day: "I am going to work on something today and say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm!*" And look at yourself at the end of the day and compare that with one day when you never say the holy Name of Allah. And the day that you don't say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*, you will become so tired and unsuccessful. Success is only built on the holy Name of Allah Almighty: *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. Say it! It will save you here and hereafter. Don't forget it! When you forget, you are going to be lost in endless oceans or endless sandy oceans ... *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm* ... Allah, Allah ...!

To say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm* will help you put your ego under your feet, to put your feet on the head of Shaitan! Shaitan is always blowing, blowing through your ego. That is its mission: to inflate the egos of people, to make them think that each one is bigger than the globe. Even they say that you are much more important than all heavenly beings. That is a shaitanic idea to make people to say that they are the most important one, and really they are “*wa khuliqa l-insānu da’ifā*”... Allah Almighty says that man is created so weak, so weak, weaker than an ant!

“How can that be, oh Sheikh? Are we much weaker than an ant?”

“Yes, oh my no mind fellow! Do you think that an ant needs a blanket to cover itself?”

“No.”

“Does it need winter clothes when it is cold, or summer clothes in the summer time? To change its clothing according to the season? It is so much stronger and more powerful than you! You need to change your clothing in every different season, that means: that small ant is much more powerful than you. It is never asking for anything that you are in need of, or to follow fashions, new fashions! Always new fashions. Do you think that ants are worried if they have to use the same fashion from the beginning up to the end? But you are changing!”

And that is something that comes to you from the direction of Shaitan, because Shaitan wants to find a way to you through your appearance. And dressing gives you a different appearance. So why are people using fashions? They like so much to be seen in a different way, a different appearance. Everyone likes this. Therefore so many people, particularly women, like to follow fashion. If men want to change themselves five times a day, women, ladies, would like to be seen in 500 different kinds of dress. That is their mission. So Shaitan plays in the minds of people and they say to each other: “Oh my Darling, we must change our fashion, because now it is 2008. A new

fashion is coming, the spring fashion, then the summer season comes ...”

“Which one would you like, oh my Darling?”

They are also watching that defilée, catwalk. There may be sitting one 85 year old lady and at her side is a 99 year old husband. Every time one model is going and coming, she says: “Oh my Darling, how beautiful do you think that I would be if I dress like this ...?” That habit never leaves mankind. It is such a strong habit! Yes, you must change everything, to be seen with another personality, to be seen. *Subḥānallāb! Subḥānallāb!*

Therefore, in Paradise, your Paradise Lady will never appear in the same way from one minute to another. She will always change. *Kullu jadīdim ladbīdibin* – everything new is sweet! Therefore, in Paradise, your lady will not always be the same, no! Ohhh, such happiness for Paradise people! Such happiness! That means that we have such a speciality in our egos not to remain the same, but the *Tajalli*, the manifestation of each moment has to be changed. It is a hobby. Why? So that Paradise people should be more and more happy! But it can’t be like that in this life, no! That is the reason that Shaitan is throwing through your heart the desire to be seen in different positions among people, so that people should say: “Who is that beautiful one?”

They are looking to her dress when she comes: “Oh, the same lady is coming, but she is such a fashionable lady ... the most fashionable lady in this gala night!” Therefore Shaitan makes every effort to make people to try to make themselves be seen in another position, so that it should be said: “Oh this lady is like a Paradise lady – from where is she coming?” Then the same lady comes, but she has dressed in such heavy dresses that people think: “Is that the same lady?” By these means Shaitan is putting its hook in men and women.

And you may see now that all nations, men and women, are running to be seen as a new personality, nothing else. Therefore fashion-

designers are making such strange things to attract other people's attention. And that is making the economy to be destroyed, to sink to the lowest point, and there is no way out. And that is the opening of the door of *israf*, waste. They are wasting everything, only to be seen in another appearance. I don't think anyone is talking about that point now. They are not able. We are talking about the worst demands of people.

Yesterday someone asked me: "Oh Sheikh, I want to consult with you about an important point."

I said, "Yes, you may ask."

He said: "Oh my Sheikh! We have a car; it is in a good condition, a very good condition, its motor and tyres and everything is excellent. But my wife is saying: 'Oh my Darling, do you think that we can change our car, because the new year is coming with a new fashion. We must change our old car into a new model. What do you think, oh my darling? You know, oh my Darling, that my hobby is to have a Mercedes car, because our car is only a Ford, and a Ford is not like a Mercedes. And I have looked through magazines, and they say that the new models of Mercedes are first class!' Oh my Darling, what do you say! Even if there were a new fashion for Mercedes cars, do you think that they would fly? Or do they also travel on the same Autobahns?"

"Oh my Darling, don't say this! We must have our new fashion Mercedes car, and you and me can stand in front of our new car, in front of our house, so that people may say: 'Oh!' – that is enough for me: to be seen in front of a new fashion Mercedes car!"

"Oh my Darling, I must look ... I must find out about that ..."

"Oh my Darling, I don't like you to say: 'I must look'. You must follow what I say, what will make me happy! Oh my Darling, I am going to cry ...!"

Shaitan is putting hundreds and thousands of traps for mankind, to distract them from

their real mission in this life! They are not going to think about that most important situation on the Day of Resurrection when Allah Almighty calls them: "Oh My servant, come and show your real face! Show your real habits, show your real mission, show what you did throughout your life!" Shaitan is engaging people with fashions to make them forget about this.

Therefore you must learn and you must know and you must follow.

The Holy Qur'an was sent in order to be known, in order to be learnt, so that we could know and practise. That gives us an honour and glory along our eternal life; and it gives us honour and more than honour, glorification up until eternity!

Oh people, don't waste yourselves, your efforts, for nothing, but try to use your strength to reach eternity! Eternity is where you will find through every moment or second something that never happened before and you should take such pleasure in your eternal life! Think about it! Don't waste your time with shaitanic things! And in that way Shaitan is occupying people and catching them and making them do what he wants them to do. Learn! Now so many people are talking, talking, talking ... We don't want to talk too much – from a small amount we must reach an ocean!

May Allah forgive us! For the honour of the most honoured one in His Divine Presence, Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ, *Fātiḥah*. ♦



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