

these people like jumping too much, and I am afraid that they may reach the ceiling and fall on people! Do you know Hadrāh? Do you know about making Hadrāh? I am afraid! If someone falls on me he may break my legs, therefore I am escaping. Mā shā' Allāh up, up, up! They are asking to fly up without wings. Be patient a little bit!

Merhaba, welcome! Welcome to you! What shall we do?

They may ask: "What is the Sheikh saying?"

"The Sheikh is saying things that we never heard before. He is making an analysis."

"He is an analyst?"

"Yes, a first class analyst! He is making an analysis of our characteristics, making a deep analysis of our souls, and we are becoming much better than before we came. When we are going, we can see that our feelings have changed. We are happy! But we don't understand this happiness, but after being there, and when we leave, we realise our feelings have changed. And now we are joyful!"

What did he put in our hearts that made us happy and joyful?

Ja! "That is wisdom; he is giving you wisdom."

"We don't understand wisdom, but we only know that his speech affected our real being, our spirituality. We are feeling and understanding and looking and seeing!"

May Allah forgive us! *Bismi llābi r-rahmāni r-rahīm*. We are coming here in the Name of Allah Almighty. We are asking to be good servants of our Lord; we are coming to learn how we can be good servants, because we are all occupied by being slaves for Shayṭān and for Dunyā! We are losing our precious lives for nonsense! We are learning something: That we are servants of our Creator and how we must deal with Him! Because He created us for His servanthood! Where? In His Divine Presence.

And we are only beginners and we hope that as you plant a small seed that becomes a huge oak tree our Sheikh is putting a very small seed in our hearts, the seed of Love. And real Love is for our Lord and real Love is for His beloved one, His most beloved servant Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ. And it is growing, and growing ...

It doesn't happen by eating and drinking and dressing. It is something that is granted from Heaven to people on earth, because their real life only continues through love! If that love finishes, then their life is finished! And our assemblies, our meetings, are giving power to that very small seed of Love.

Be only with Love, because this universe was just created for Love: The Love of the Lord of Heavens to His most beloved servant, Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ. And we are asking that!

May Allah forgive us!

As-salāmu 'alaikum wa rahmatullāh wa barakātuh, Fātiḥab! Ziyadatan li sharafin n-Nabiyy ﷺ ... ◆

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As-salāmu 'alaikum! Welcome to you!

Allah Almighty likes His servants to work only for His Pleasure. You are coming here for Allah, you are not coming here to enjoy yourself. This is not

a place where you come to enjoy yourself, this is a place that they would have called in the old times a "khalwathane", a place where people would have gone when they wanted to leave Dunyā and everything, a place like a monastery. There is an Ayat Karīmah ...

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This is a humble place and people are coming here to learn something and to practice. Therefore we are saying, Welcome! Welcome on behalf of the most beloved servant of Allah Almighty, Rasūlullah ﷺ! (The Sheikh is standing up for his honour.) And we hope that it is going to be a pleasure for you, because you are trying to make Allah Almighty pleased with you.

Pleasure doesn't come from outside; but now people are trying to make themselves happy with so many things, but they are never reaching it. They may go somewhere with pleasure, but when they return they come back sad.

But when people come to such places as ours – and this is only a small place – they come here sad, but then everything opens for them. Everything is going to open. But whoever goes with pleasure, particularly night-life people, who think that, “If we go to this place or that place tonight we will enjoy ourselves ...”, they think that it should be a pleasure for them, but it never happens. They come back and they are sad, not happy. People are not interested in such meetings, and such places as ours.

People now mostly are depressed, especially nowadays, and they are asking to get rid of their depression by going to night-clubs, nightlife, casinos, or cinemas or such places, which call to people, “Come and enjoy! Come and enjoy!” But in fact, it is the opposite. They are going to find pleasure for themselves, but when they come back they have never enjoyed themselves.

A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sh-shaitāni r-raġīm. We are running to Allah Almighty, to save us from the tricks of Shayṭān, because everything he is showing us turns out not to be a pleasure, or a place of enjoyment.

Al-ḥamdulillāb! Al-ḥamdulillābi-lladbī badāna li-badbā! We are thankful to our Lord

Allah Almighty that we are coming here and all the heaviness of our egos is leaving us and we are becoming joyful, light. The heaviness is leaving us. If not, I don't think that people would come from far distances to stay here.

Al-ḥamdulillāb, they are coming here and we don't use such things as casinos, night-clubs and other places that call people to enjoy themselves. Finally they would like to go back to their homes.

Al-ḥamdulillāb, we are doing nothing here except trying to pray, trying to worship, and trying to listen to something that belongs to our spirituality. Even if no one is speaking here, the atmosphere that is in this place gives them rest and they are saying, “We would like to stay here longer! Oh Sheikh, can you give us more time to be here?”

And mostly people when they leave are saying, “Oh Sheikh, when can we come back here again?” That means, they are happy. And we are doing nothing here!

I am not claiming to be on the same level as you. I see myself below your level, but the atmosphere that is here gives them something, some rest and pleasure in their hearts. That is the difference between here and shayṭānic places that call people, “Come and enjoy!” We are not saying, “Come and enjoy yourself physically”, we are only saying something that belongs to their spirituality and people are finding what they need spiritually and so they are asking to stay, not to go back, but to be here. This is a good sign!

It is not a business, no! Now you may find so many places that are imitation spiritual centers; imitation, not real ones. When you want to go there, you must first send a letter, asking, “Oh keepers of the center, we want to come for a seminar. We are asking to come and to be with you and make a seminar.”

“Yes!”

“Oh my brother, I am interested in spirituality and I have heard that there is in Switzerland a place. When the winter comes in the snowy mountains it would be good for us to visit and also enjoy the skiing, going like this, coming like that – and we will make a seminar!”

The second one is saying, “I heard that they are running seminars in Cyprus.”

“Seminars in Cyprus? We have never heard of this! Maybe a coffee-shop ...”

“It looks like a coffee-shop, a very happy place.”

“I don't think so! ... Do they have skiing?”

“No, no, there is no skiing. They are sitting in a place like a flock of sheep and they never complain.” We give them boiling water, which we put dry bread in and they say, “That is so tasteful, so delicious!”

Only Greensheikh is saying, “Oh Sheikh, every day water, dry bread. Let us slaughter a cow or an ox which I may put in a big pot. I am only asking for that! I am tired of eating soup every day and old vegetables, old aubergines, in the morning aubergines, at night potatoes, in the morning tomatoes ...! I am becoming very thin. What is that, oh Sheikh! Let me bring an ox, slaughter it and eat!”

“Ya Hu – one ox I am cooking for people through one year!”

“For one year? We may finish it from the morning up to the evening.”

Therefore, people are asking to go to seminars. I am asking, “What do they give you?”

“Oh, seminar people are vegetarians!”

“What do the vegetarians give to eat?”

“They are only giving us a quarter of an egg, two olives, one spoonful of vegetables and bread. If you put it all together you can finish it in one mouthful. But I think it is good for us. We must go!”

When they come back I am asking them, “How did you find that place?”

“Good, only we were going to die. If we had stayed there one more month, we would have been in the graveyard from starvation.”

“What about the seminar?”

“The seminar? We didn't understand anything ...”

“Did you dance? Was there a piano?”

“Yes, ohhh ..., there was a piano, and I was interested in the violin.”

“How much did you pay?”

“We only paid one hundred euros daily. For ten days one thousand euros.”

“It is not too much ...”

“And even if it was too much we changed our atmosphere there, looking for someone who may be for me, for you. Someone who can be better for me ...”

“Don't speak, we are listening to a seminar! Don't look right or left! For what are you going?”

“We must look for someone, because my wife left me two months ago, and I am looking for someone to replace her.”

“Oh my brother! You never understand anything!”

“Doesn't matter, I am not coming to understand anything! I am coming to try and be happy!” Yes, Sir!

Oh our listeners, now everything is imitation. It doesn't have a reality. You think that it is a medicine, but it is a poisoned syrup for you to make you sleep – upstairs and downstairs also. When you drink it you become drowsy and sleep all night and you don't know who slept with you. What is that?”

“That is a seminar of the coming 25th century! People are preparing themselves for those seminars.”

All drunk! They are all drunk!

Al-ḥamdulillāb, we are here at a humble meeting, a humble gathering. Only