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As-salāmu 'alaikum! Welcome to you! Do you know why you are coming here? No one knows ...

Subḥānallāb wa-l-ḥamdulillāb wa lā ḥaula wa la quwwata illā bi-llāb wa lā ilāba illā-llāb waḥdabu lā sharika llāb, yuḥyī wa yumīt wa buwa 'alā kulli shayin qadīr.

Dastūr, yā Sulṭānu l-Awliyā', madad! Madad, oh holy ones!

We know nothing except what you teach us. We don't know what to say unless you make us speak. We are not listeners unless you make us listen. Because our egos are the worst creatures in creation!

Dastūr, yā Rijālallāb, madad! A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sh-shaiṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm. Oh our Lord, don't leave us

in the hands of our egos! And you are trying to give your best to your ego, but it is never trying to give its best to you, always insisting to be at the top point, the place of power, and always it is insisting to make you its servant. It never accepts that you can serve anyone else. Your ego, our ego, is worse than Shayṭān! Our egos say, “Don’t work for anyone else except me! You must work for me, you must try to make me happy! I don’t like you to work for another one! I am your Lord, I am your King, and you must try to make only me happy!”

And people now are trying to do that. Everyone is asking to make himself happy and to be number one and everyone is asking to be the most respected one. Our egos are never happy to give anyone else respect apart from themselves. Our egos say, “Eh, where are you going? Are you going to try and give someone else your full respect and I am here? Why are you going to the mosque? For what?”

Because praying gives the most respect to our Lord. And our egos say, “Why are you going to the mosque? I must be the one who is respected. Not anyone else! You should be most respectful to me! And I also want everyone else to be most respectful to me!”

Have you finished elementary school, Sheikh Shahzad? Do you have a certificate from elementary school? Too much! ... And then it is not enough to have an elementary school certificate. You must follow it with secondary school, and then take a higher certificate! When it is finished you say, “So many people have graduated from high school or college or university and they are not giving me high respect. Therefore I must try to reach the top point of science and knowledge, so that people must say, ‘Now, I will try to give you respect!’”

And I am saying, “Ya Hu, is there any job for you?”

“It doesn’t matter! When I speak, I show people my graduation paper with its high level diploma, so that people should know that when they address me, they have to say, ‘Oh Sir, oh our Master! Oh, you are a lecturer, oh, you are a professor!’ They must give respect to me!”

That is a secret desire in the hearts of people who are under the control of their egos. “Why am I studying? To be respected!” So many girls come here and say, “Now we have finished secondary school and we want to go to university and study.”

I am saying, “For what? You must marry!”

“No, no! If I haven’t any diploma or certificate, people will think, ‘That one is coming from the desert or from a small village and they know nothing!’ They don’t respect me. But when I have finished high school I will make three copies of my diploma: one copy I will put outside my door, so that people who come will see it and say, ‘Oh!’ When they come to visit my family, to my home, I will put one copy of the diploma high up on the wall.”

“Who is that?”

“That is when I was young!”

“Eh, you were young? This is yourself?”

“Yes, Sir, yes Sir! I have a certificate from Oxford University” or Sorbonne University or Toronto or Moronto ... “So that people must give their respect to me according to that!”

“Are you married?”

“Unmarried.”

“Why?”

“Because I was trying to get that paper.”

“And now?”

“Oh, I am waiting ...”

Her mum is saying, “I am looking for a good man, a respected man for my daughter.”

“And can you not find a suitable one, like Buraquddin, a good high jumping person?”

“We are thinking to make our daughter into pickle ...”

They are buying a jar to make her into pickle in it. “But now we are thinking, should we use an ordinary jar or a Venetian jar? They say you can find such a jar in Cyprus!”

That is how Shayṭān teaches people: “You must try to be a VIP person, to be respected!” Wrong, wrong, wrong! How mistaken they are! Respect is for those, who are respected by Heaven, not with a paper! Yes, you can make so many copies, changing the name and hanging it on the wall.

“How many years was she at university?”

“Now she is 33 years and she was at university since she was 18 ...”

“Oh, *mā shā*’ *Allāb*, congratulations to your daughter, because she reached 40 years old and she couldn’t find a suitable mate!”

“No, no, no, Sir, it is enough to have such a certificate! Marriage is not important! It is important that I must be respected everywhere, because I have graduated from Bonn University or Berlin University or I have come from Vienna University ...”

“We are coming from the European Lefke University” they say. We have never heard of this “Lefke European University”. Therefore I am sending Buraquddin there, he may jump very well.

Bela-un ‘Azīm! It is a curse. Curses are raining down on people who follow shayṭānic ways! Everywhere you should find one Shayṭān in front of you or one servant of Shayṭān to bring mankind down, down, down ... deeper and deeper and then disappearing.

We are saying, “We have a certificate from Cambridge!”

Our ego is saying, “I must be number one! I don’t want to respect anyone else!”

Our ego is saying this and foolish and ignorant people are teaching, “You must be a respected person! And you must be respected more than anyone else!” The ego is saying this. And people are wholly under the command of their egos. They are not servants of the Lord. They have been thrown away and cursed. As they put a bridle on the neck of animals their ego is doing the same with them. They are doing this with their horses and their donkeys, a different coloured necklace ... *Subḥānallāhi l-‘aliyyi l-‘azīm!*

Therefore I am afraid of falling into what they are falling into. They are losing their Dunyā as well as their eternal life. If you want eternal life with full pleasure, with full love, with full respect, with full wisdom, with full power, with full beauty, you must follow the ways of heavenly people!

Now no one is following the way of a heavenly person. They are saying, “No, we are not in need. But we are trying to follow anyone else apart from holy people. Leave those holy ones, their time is over! They are finished and they have no value! You must look for another way!” This is their other way and Shayṭān is making them to be like himself. Because he was always insisting to be the number one deputy of the Lord of Heavens. And he was even asking for more than this, to be one step from the Lord of Heaven. Therefore, when Allah Almighty ordered Shayṭān, “Fall into Sajdah to Adam”, he said, “No, I am not going to do that!” This means, “I am not listening to You, I am not making Sajdah to You also!” Therefore he was kicked down.

Oh people, put your ego under your feet and make it to be a servant, to accept its Creator’s and its Lord’s Command! You must try to do this so that the Lord of Heaven will accept you as His servant! If you don’t do that, you are going to be slaves of your ego and Shayṭān!

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

Allabumma ṣalli wa sallim ‘alā Nabīyyinā Muḥammad ‘alayhi salam, ṣalātan tadāmu wa tuḡbdā ilayh, ma‘ marri layāli wa ṭūli d-dawām. ◆

‘Id mubārak!



Old Mecca, Ka‘bab under water.

The festival of Eid al-Adba celebrated on the 10th of Dhu l-Hijab marks the completion of the hajj rites at Mina and commemorates Allab’s gift of a ram in place of Isma‘il, whom Allab had commanded Ibrahim to sacrifice.

The Devil tried to persuade Ibrahim to disobey Allab and not to sacrifice his beloved son, but Ibrahim stayed absolutely obedient to Allab and drove the devil away. Eid al-Adba is a celebration of this supreme example of submission to Allab, which is the cornerstone of the Islamic faith. On Eid al-Adba, families that can afford it sacrifice an animal such as a sheep, goat, or cow, and then divide the meat among themselves, the poor, friends and neighbours. ◆

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