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# Allāh Almighty Does Not Look at Our Outer Appearance

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Dervishes in Persia with bugle, bowl and whale's tooth. Left Beludsh with snake.  
W. Ph. Schulz, *World of Islam*, Munich 1917, to. I, p. 87.

*Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, subḥāna llāb, al-ḥamdu lillāb, lā ilāba illā-Llāb, allābu akbar, al-lābu akbar, wa lillābi l-ḥamd!*

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*Tā rabba l-ʿizzati wa-l-ʿazamati wa-l-jabarūt!*

*A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-sḥaiṭāni r-raḥīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm!*

When we say, *bismi llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*, those holy words may remove everything which troubles people. And we are asking Allāh Almighty for His endless blessings, to grant us power, capacity or ability to speak to those of His creatures who have been chosen to be deputies of the Lord of Heavens on this planet. We are not deputies in the endless dominions of Allāh Almighty; we have been granted to be deputies on this planet only. You must understand:

*Wa idh qāla rabbuka li-l-malā'ikati innī jā'ilun fi l-'arḍi kbalīfab.*

[And remember when your Lord (O Muḥammad) said to the angels, "Verily I am placing in the Earth a Deputy." 2:30]

Yes, it is clearly understandable. O our holy one (Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ), who supports weak servants of Allāh Almighty on this planet, give us some heavenly grants! And he ﷺ is saying, "I am responsible and I am the one who has been chosen and granted to be with Mankind on this planet, to make them reach their real beings, to show them the ways of holy servants who are following *bi-qadami ṣidqin*, the footsteps of Truth."

O Salafī 'ulamā'! Marhaban! We shall come now to you because you are claiming to be 'ulamā'. And we are first-level people, in need of understanding something from the Holy Qur'ān. And we are ṭālib (seekers) asking from muhtawa, content, which includes the Holy Qur'ān. Sometimes they are asking something and making this zero person speak about it, and we want to know what it means. They are throwing something important, into my heart, which gives some lights so that you can see some never-changing realities. Therefore, we need to have such a person who carries in himself a torch (flashlight). And all people have a torch. But, as an example, we may say everyone has a candle, but it is not lighted. How do you awaken, light, a candle?

When I was a small boy – people think that I was never small – but when I was seven or eight years old, among our neighbours there were so many Armenian brothers and sisters. Armenian people, *subhāna llāb*, they are really filled with *dbu l-himmab*, high efforts, aspirations. Aspirin? They are so serious in carrying out their intentions. In their dunyā work they were first class in doing so many kinds of arts and crafts, and they never tried to be an officer in the government. They like to work with their hands and to eat the fruits of their efforts. And their neighbourhood, nearby also was excellent. I was living in my house in Nicosia, „Nicosia arwahdan“ was the name of that area. They had a church and because they were such good believers we never discussed religion with them. They were happy with their religion, with their beliefs, and no one can claim that if a person is really keeping the tenets of their belief that he can be a bad person, no.

They can't be a fanatic, they can't be a bad person, they can't be an oppressor or they can't be a killer, murderer. They used to have every kind of social events in their churches. And one of them was a wedding ceremony. And when they left the church, each one of them was carrying a candle. But only one was carrying a candle which was awakened, lighted. Whose candle was extinguished came quickly to the one whose candle was enlightened, and took a light. Look. You must take from everything some benefit for yourself. Yes, they took and carried on. One candle is enough to awaken 1,000 candles. Yes? And the light was not becoming less when given to others; it was the same. And heavenly servants who have been sent with heavenly lights are coming to give Mankind those lights to make them enlightened!

O People! If someone is asking for lights, they should find them in enlightened peo-



Cyprus. Foto Abdurrahmān Kirchoff.

ple, not in doctors, specialists or academics; they haven't been granted those heavenly lights! Heavenly lights may be in one old person, a weak person. And he may give a light from his heart to any extinguished hearts. Therefore, all people are always objecting to prophets, saying, "These people are only shepherds!" People of so many nations have said, "Who is he to say, 'We have been sent from heavenly levels, come and listen to us.' Who are they?" They are always judging by appearances. But heavenly levels are not for our physical beings. And the biggest mistake people are making is not to believe that someone can be enlightened from heaven; and so they are rejecting them.

Our Salafī 'ulamā', they know so many hadiths, and what we are saying now is in a holy hadith (Qudsī):

*Rubba ash'ath aghbara law aqsama 'alā llāhi la-abbarab.*

There may be a disheveled, dusty person who, if he swears an oath by Allāh, Allāh will fulfill it. [Muslim]

They know well what the real words are. But now people are marīḍ, ill. What is their illness? Illness, physical illness you can treat, but egoistic illnesses you can't treat so easily. An unknown person may know such a treatment, or it may be in the heart of a thrown-away person. *Allāb, Allāb. Allāb, Allāb. Subhāna lladhī awdah sirrihi bayna 'ibādīhi haytbu huwa yakhtār.* "Glory be to the One who puts His secret among His servants as He chooses."

Allāh Almighty may give you such a speciality without regard for your outlook, but people now are only interested in appearances, not what's inside. And insān, Man, is honoured by his real being which is veiled.

O People! Therefore we are saying now that people are never paying any attention

to servants of Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā!*)! Allāh Almighty, in His Divine Wisdom, is keeping or hiding treasures in desolate places, which are outwardly in ruins. But you can find there someone you can't find with uniforms or such a beautiful appearance, no. You can find treasures amongst ruins. Therefore, prophets never came with a magnificent outward appearance, no! I am sorry to say that the chiefs of Christianity are wearing such special, valuable and expensive uniforms and putting on their heads so many things. Why? Which prophet dressed like that? From whom are they taking their inspiration? From where did they get this habit? Therefore I am sometimes addressing to Salafī 'ulamā', because they are taking so much care about their dress so that when people look at them, they will think they came from heaven and that heavenly books have ordered them to use such uniforms!

Some of the most popular stories of Man-kind are about Naṣruddīn Hoja. Once he was invited to a wedding feast. He went there, and he was dressing in an ordinary way. They put him at the bottom of the table.

He said, „Just a moment, I am going and coming. Please keep my place.“

„Yes, O. K. go ahead.“

He went to dress in his special robes for holy ceremonies, festivals. And when he returned, he was dressed in this beautiful dress. When the waiters saw him, they took him and put him to sit at the top of the table, where no one was dressed in such a beautiful costume. And they said to him, „O our guest, please sit and eat.“ He put the sleeves of his coat into the food and said, „Eat! Eat! Eat!“

„What you are doing Hoja Effendi?“

„Nothing. When I came before you put me near the steps. When I put on my honourable dress you treated me like such an

important person but I am the same. You must be giving value to what I am dressing in. Therefore I am saying to my clothes, „You eat! You eat! You eat!““

Yes, nowadays people are paying attention only to our outlooking. And now our Salafī 'ulamā' are dressing in their best finery. No one is going to be happy to dress in the clothes of a commoner. This is an illness appearing in the east and west, amongst nations, amongst religions, and amongst religious people. It is not true, it is not true, but people are only giving importance to their outward appearance and they are never interested to do the same for their hearts. Those people are dressing in such magnificent clothes, uniforms, thinking that people will give them so much respect, when they should be giving respect to heavenly people!!

May Allāh forgive us.

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