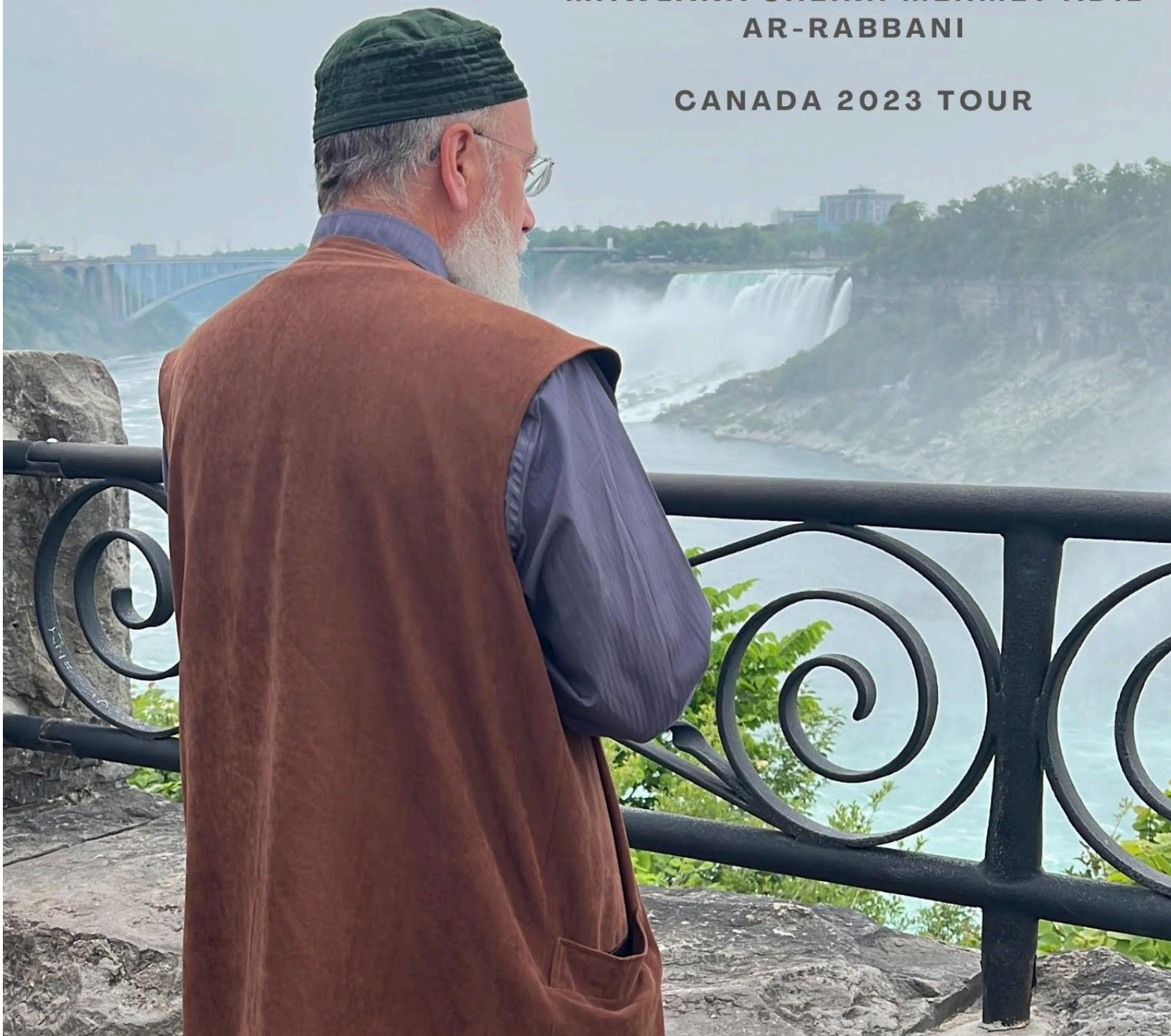
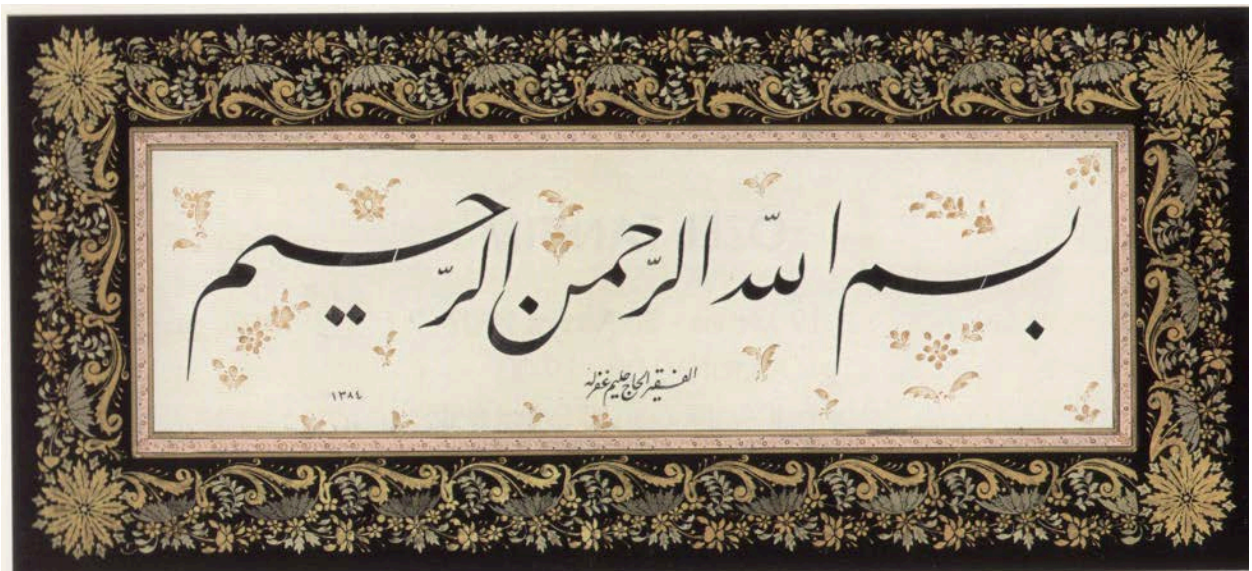


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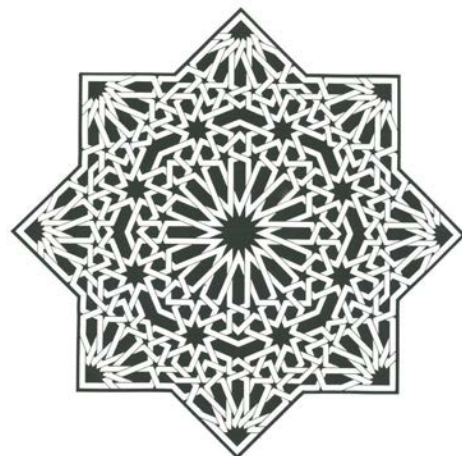
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In the Name of Allah, the All-Beneficent, the Most Merciful



Creation is without limits. It is running, running, running.
He is the Creator of the eternal and the pre-eternal.
His creation is eternal. Understand? It is continuous.
Like waterfalls. Like Niagara Falls.

Mawlana Sheikh Nazim al-Haqqani

September 2010



Mawlana Sheikh Mehmet Adil ar-Rabbani



Sheikh Mehmet Adil ar-Rabbani was born in 1957 in Damascus, Syria. He is the eldest son and successor of Sheikh Nazim Adil al-Haqqani al-Qubrusi, and the current spiritual leader of the Naqshbandi Sufi order.

Sheikh Mehmet is a descendant of both Sheikh Abdul-Qadir Gilani and Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi, and ultimately his lineage goes back to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Sheikh Mehmet spent his youth in Damascus attending the prestigious Mahad al-Fath al-Islami Institute where he studied under the supervision of several teachers including Sheikh Salih Farfour, Sheikh Abd ar-Razzaq al-Halabi and Sheikh Abu Hamid Ahmed Nunani al-Qatabi.

Sheikh Mehmet currently resides in the village of Akbaba in the district of Beykoz in Istanbul. At his home and numerous centres, he receives guests and students from all around the world and has established a number of charitable institutions and Quran schools.

His words are words of wisdom and light for all of his followers on the spiritual path. Since his father passed away in 2014, Sheikh Mehmet has been travelling all over the world attending to the affairs of his students and spreading the light of the Most Distinguished Naqshbandi Sufi Order from East to West. His first visit to Canada and his first trip to North America as the head of the *tariqa* was in the spring of 2023.

Mawlana Sheikh Nazim Adil al-Haqqani



Sheikh Nazim Adil al-Haqqani was born in 1922 in Larnaca, Cyprus. As a young man, he moved to Istanbul to pursue his studies in chemical engineering but later chose to study the Arabic language and Islamic studies. He was initiated into the Naqshbandi Sufi Order by Sheikh Suleyman Erzurumi who advised him to continue his spiritual training under the guidance of Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani in Damascus, Syria.

In Aleppo, Hama and Homs Sheikh Nazim studied Islamic jurisprudence, Quran and Hadith and in 1945, he arrived in Damascus where he met Sheikh Abdullah who took him on as a student. Sheikh Nazim married and settled down in Damascus while continuing his spiritual education, seclusions and travels throughout the Middle East and in his native Cyprus.

Sheikh Nazim was appointed as the successor of Sheikh Abdullah in 1973 and started travelling to London on an annual basis. He gained a large following in Europe and North America, many of whom converted to Islam. Travelling to all corners of the Earth in the 1990s, he established numerous communities of Naqshbandi Sufis.

Sheikh Nazim passed away on May 7th, 2014 and was buried in his hometown, the village of Lefke in Cyprus, where a shrine and centre continues to receive seekers, visitors and tourists.

INTRODUCTION

In the Name of Allah, the All-Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

Prayers and Peace on the Messenger of Allah, Master of the First and the Last.

Salam Alaikum wa Rahmatul-Allah wa Barakatuh. Greetings of peace, mercy and blessings. May Allah bless you and all Muslims everywhere.

Inshallah this work is a service to Allah, sincerely for Allah's sake, because sincerity is most important in Islam. *Inshallah* it flows from one heart to enter into another heart. May Allah bless the brothers who collected this work, may He give them more spiritual strength and may He reward them well. *Inshallah* this will be beneficial for everyone.

This is by the grace of my Lord, the blessings of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and the blessings of our Masters. The community is now in need of happiness, and *inshallah* this work brings happiness to their hearts. The world is running after material benefits and *inshallah* this gives them spirituality.

Peace to all.

Wa alaikum Salam wa Rahmatul-Allah wa Barakatuh

Mawlana Sheikh Mehmet Adil ar-Rabbani

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EDITOR'S NOTE

This collection of talks given by Mawlana Sheikh Mehmet is published with the North American English reader in mind. The talks were all given in English, which is not the Sheikh's primary language. With the Sheikh's permission, we have taken many liberties in editing his words in an attempt to convey the meanings of his teachings as efficiently and concisely as possible, without detracting from his unique style. Familiarity with Islamic concepts and terminology is not required in order to appreciate the wisdom hidden in the Sheikh's lessons. Some of these talks were given during public events at mosques where the audience was predominantly Muslim and aware of the terms used in Arabic. In an attempt to preserve the Sheikh's style, some of these terms were included in italics with added translations in parentheses where it was considered necessary. To ease the flow and readability, we did not include phonetic symbols, diacritics or punctuations that are commonly used in transliterating Arabic into English script as this is not an academic text and accuracy is not the aim. Rather than be distracted by the accurate pronunciation of these terms, the intent is for the reader to focus on the meaning and spirit of the teachings. Similarly, Quranic verses and sayings of the Prophet (peace be upon him) quoted by the Sheikh are not given in the original Arabic but presented in simple translations, which may not always be the most accurate, but convey the meaning in context. We have also removed from this text the phrases and prayers that the Sheikh recites before and after each talk such as the *basmala*, which is the first verse in the Quran and starts virtually every chapter of the Quran. The names of prophets are mentioned in Arabic as the Sheikh pronounces them, but are close enough to the Biblical English names that translations were not considered necessary.

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INTENTIONS

May 16th, 2023

Vineland, Niagara, ON

Allah made us come for the very first time to this country, a nice country. We ask Allah to make it a blessed visit, full of goodness, *inshallah*. The best benefit comes only from Allah. That is why we do not ask anybody for support.

This land, this country belongs to Allah Almighty and He gives it to whomever He wants. So we ask Allah for the best.

We say: In the Name of Allah, All-Beneficent, Most Merciful. When you are beginning something you must first think of Allah Almighty. Allah Almighty. Your intention should always be for Allah's sake. Then, Allah will be with you. There is no need to look for any other support. This is our intention when we come to this country. *Hamdulillah*, He blessed this country with much beauty. *Inshallah* we hope to be a source of guidance for people who live here, so that it may be a paradise for them, here and hereafter.

This is an important point. Our intention. To have good intentions towards our fellow human beings, for all humanity. Our intention is very important because our life here is temporary, not forever. We like to make people not to forget the next life, the real life. People think that this life here is real. No, this is not real life.

This is just like a dream, or as if we are travelling. You are coming from one place to another. The real, true life is the next life. So don't be cheated by this temporary life. If Allah gave you good things, you must be thankful to Him.

Work towards the next life, to be happy in the next life. Lucky and happy. If you are lucky you will be chosen to do what Allah wants.

We hope to be a source of guidance for others, *inshallah*. As Mawlana Sheikh Nazim, our father used to say, our intention is to destroy evil and to turn people into believers. This is our intention, and Allah rewards according to intentions.

Mawlana Sheikh Nazim, when he travelled, that was always his intention. May Allah reward him for this trip too, as we follow his example. Even now, from the afterlife, from the real life, he is blessing people, giving them spiritual guidance, giving them good things and bringing them to the right way. This is his path, a spiritual path. His spiritual power continues to increase more and more. We thank Allah, we are happy that he supports us from beyond, because I myself do not know anything. He knew. It is through his blessings that we are continuing this path.

We are thankful to Allah that many people are happy and we are happy to make people happy. That is the way of Allah. It is the blessings of Mawlana.

Allah bless you. May Allah make more and more people taste this happiness *inshallah*.



HAPPINESS AND HOPE

May 17th, 2023

Vineland, Niagara, ON

All praise is for Him. With Allah Almighty's will, *inshallah*, He supports us for this visit in Canada. We ask for His support, for the Prophet's support and the support of our teachers, *inshallah*.

We are happy.

We must be happy all the time because this is a divine order from Allah Almighty to be happy. "Say, in the bounty of Allah and in His mercy let them rejoice; that is better than what they accumulate." (Quran 10:58).

This is the order from Allah Almighty: be happy. You should be happy because you have what Allah Almighty gave you, which is better than what others think they are collecting from people. They think this is good for them, however what is with Allah is better, much better, the best.

Believers, both men and women, those who believe in God, are from among the Muslims; those who have surrendered themselves to their Lord. All believers are Muslim. Believers are those who believe in Allah's will. They are in possession of the most precious thing from their Lord. It is for this reason that Allah Almighty in His wisdom reminds us to be happy.

Materialistic people have a saying "Don't worry, be happy". But they forget something important. Not only can they not be happy, they should also be worried! Materialistic people have forgotten their Lord, their Creator who has given them everything. They should not forget Him. If they do, they will definitely be unhappy. This is a universal law: whoever moves away from his Lord, his Lord will make him miserable and unhappy. But who is with his Lord, his Lord is happy with him.

That is why He says: “Be happy. Don’t be sad. Don’t be unhappy.”

Our purpose in life is to follow the good path, to know where you are coming from and to where you are going. If you have the right address, certainly you will be happy and safe and you will reach your destination. Our destination is the door of the Divine Presence, the door of Muhammad (peace be upon him). That is our destination.

If you can manage to follow and reach that destination, then there is no reason to worry, be happy. But if you don’t reach the right address, at that time you will be in big trouble, you will lose yourself. You won’t know where you are coming from, nor where you are going to, nor what you must or must not do. You won’t know anything, it will be as if you are thrown into the middle of a desert with no road and no way out. Lost. What will you do then? Where will you go? You don’t know.

These materialistic people do not know and do not want to know. They are wasting their whole lives in nonsense and bad things. In the end, they will lose everything.

There is a new expression amongst people these days, they probably got it from movies, as movies are today making everybody talk in the same way. They listen to it and repeat it, even in their own languages. The expression is “he lost his life”.

This is actually true. Many people who pass away these days lose their lives without knowing the deeper meaning. People say “this man lost his life, this woman lost her life”. They say this because their life was a precious thing and they lost it.

However, the one who is in the way of Allah Almighty, it is not correct to say “he lost his life.” A believer's life is never lost, it is full of rewards, full of blessings, and full of good things. So he didn’t lose it, he will always have it and will be happy with his good actions, he will be happy because he didn’t lose his life doing nonsense. He didn’t lose his life doing sins. That is true success!

All of us must be careful with our lives, to be aware of every minute, to not let one minute pass without a good deed. To keep it and not lose it. To keep every minute and every second for the hereafter, for your real life to come. Because if you lose your life here, later you will say: “What was it all for?” Allah Almighty will say “We gave you the most precious thing, and you lost it.” And then you will say “What can I do?” You will blame yourself.

On the other hand, those who have done good deeds in their lives, they will find the fruit of those actions when they pass away, immediately in the grave. The grave is where we go right after we die; a dark, narrow, terrible place. Once, in the old times, there was a funeral procession for a man who died in a village. His family was mourning him, crying out: “Oh our poor father! We are so sorry for you, you are going to a dark, cold place. Nothing, no food, no roof, no blanket for you; a dark cold place.” Juha, who was like the village idiot, heard this and turned to his father “Hey, Dad, they’re talking about our house!”

The grave is like that. Even when a believer goes there he becomes scared from this terrible place. When the majestic angels come to him and question him, he gets even more terrified. This is from the sayings of our Holy Prophet (peace be upon him). But when the believer is in such a frightful state, suddenly he will see a glowing, handsome young man coming to him and lighting his entire grave with a beautiful green light. When the questioning angels begin their fearful examination of the believer, the youth steps in and helps the believer answer correctly and the angels leave satisfied. The believer then asks the young man: who are you? He replies: I am all the good deeds you did in your life. I am here to protect and help you now in your grave.

Our good deeds are a support for us, starting from when we enter the grave until Judgment Day and until Paradise, up to Eternity.

This is the reality of your good deeds. With them you will not lose your life. You will not lose this good friend, your good deeds. That is a true friend, your goodness. Because a friend of this world is often not a true friend, just using you for something or looking for some benefit for themselves. But when the going gets tough, they are gone. They run away! The real friend is

your good actions, they never leave you. And the time you need help most is when you die, because no one or nothing can come and save you in your grave except for the good you did in your life. It will come and save you, make you happy, *inshallah*.

May Allah, make us to be with good people as good people help each other, just as good deeds do.

We are now in Canada. But Canada or not, the whole world is now under *shaitan's* (the devil) control. So whether you are here or there, *shaitan* can reach you easier and faster anywhere and make you fall into the wrong way. May Allah keep us safe from evil. May Allah Almighty send us the Owner of the Time, the Mahdi, the awaited saviour. Only with his help can we survive. Allah willing, he helps all mankind. He will be the helper of all good people around the world who follow him and join him.

Inshallah He sends him soon because everywhere in the world is in a terrible situation and day by day it is getting worse. May Allah Almighty send us the Mahdi.



THE RIGHT WAY IS CLEAR

May 18th, 2023

Vineland, Niagara, ON

The main pillars of our *tariqa*, our spiritual order, are companionship and remembrance, *sohba* and *zikr*. These are the two most important practices of the Naqshbandi *tariqa*.

Hamdulillah, we thank Allah that we are following the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him). With the blessings of our teachers, all *sheikhs* in fact, we are trying to follow the same path *inshallah*, the way of happiness, the best way for the life of humanity. To follow the way of Allah is nice and easy but it is hidden. Many people do not know about it. They think that going to a fancy place or listening to special people who speak in a particular way that attracts people; they thought this is the way of Allah Almighty. But finding real masters is difficult. There are billions of people and hundreds of thousands of teachers who are claiming that they are masters and that they can take people to the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him). But unfortunately some times, actually many times, finding the real one is not easy. *Hamdulillah*, we are on the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him), the way of the masters.

The true masters do not look at the appearance of people. They do not say this one is rich, this one is poor. They are not concerned with how anyone comes to them, they are only looking to make him as they truly are and to be with them here and hereafter. The Prophet (peace be upon him) was like this with his companions. The 124,000 companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him) were with him because they loved him and followed his way. And now we are following them.

But since that time until now, many have tried to misguide people by taking them from the right way to the wrong way. But *hamdulillah*, the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him) will continue until Judgement Day, forever *inshallah*. There is no need to be anxious, because Allah Almighty protects this way. You and I cannot protect it, but Allah Almighty saves this path from disappearing. Many paths and many ideas came and went. They disappeared from history

because they were wrong, misguided ways. The right way is the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

These other ways, *shaitan* is going through them, interfering in them, cheating people and making them lose everything. They are doing their best. They thought they were on the right path, but the right way is clear.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that the *halal* (lawful) is clear and the *haram* (unlawful) is clear, and between them there are matters that are doubtful or unclear. The *halal*, the good things are what the Prophet (peace be upon him) said is clearly open, there's no need to doubt them. And what is *haram*, what is not good is also shown to us by the Prophet (peace be upon him) and we must follow this. In addition, there are sometimes some small things that people can be doubtful about. The Prophet (peace be upon him) told us not to concern ourselves with these things. Don't put yourself under the burden of what is not necessary. The important thing and what the community is in need of, our Prophet (peace be upon him) has spoken about. No need to ask about these other things. No need to burden yourself. You are not responsible for that.

Now, we are living in a time when many people are saying that something is *haram*, but it is not *haram*. And many people say something is *halal* but it is not *halal*; it is not acceptable. We are living in such a time. But the Prophet (peace be upon him) was showing us. And since his time until now, all people, the traditional majority (*Ahlus Sunna wal Jamaah*) who follow the Prophet's way accept this and have no problem with it. But around sixty or fifty years ago, people started saying for *halal*, *haram*, and for *haram*, *halal*. This is a big responsibility for those people who make others do wrong, not right, and they end up harming Muslims. They are harming Muslims because this can result in doubt. And after doubt, belief becomes weaker and weaker and weaker until they are finished.

This is the importance of *tariqa* (Sufi orders), *sharia* (Divine law) and *mazhab* (Islamic jurisprudence). They are very important. But these people are denying them. They say "This is *bidaa* (innovation). You cannot do this."

Actually, when they say that this is *bidaa* and *haram* is in fact *haram* in itself. In the Holy Quran there are verses that say that Allah curses those people who say for the *halal: haram* and for the *haram:halal*. And those people are doing exactly this and thereby destroying the belief of people. We also think they are not being cheated. They know what they are doing. Their intention is to destroy Islam and finish it. They appear like good people and as if they are helping people. But after they became known in the Muslim World, they made Muslims enemies to each other. And they made other people, people from other countries and other religions, they made them enemies to Muslims and Islam. Their main mission is to do this.

But Allah Almighty keeps His religion, the real religion of all prophets. Since Adam (peace be on him) until Muhammad (peace be upon him). The real religion is one religion. The religion is Islam. Islam means to be in peace. There is only one religion, no others.

Sometimes they say “We must put these three religions into one religion.” There is no need to do that, because Allah Almighty has already done that. From Adam to Muhammad, many heavenly books and many teachings came from the heavens and in the end they all became one. Allah Almighty made them one with the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). We accept all the prophets and accept all the heavenly books. He put it as a summary in this book, the Holy Quran, which no one can deny how great it is and how magnificent it is. It is not the word of human beings, it is the word of our Creator Allah Almighty. In this book, He put the whole knowledge of what He gave to the prophets. And it is a gift for human beings, all humanity. Whoever reads it, even if one does not understand Arabic, gets blessed and knows that these are not ordinary words.

So we are saying, Islam is not what these people are cheating others with and making people fear Islam. Islam is peace for all human beings. May Allah keep us in this way and not be cheated. We know we are living in a difficult time. We are keeping quiet. Those who come, we are happy with them. Whoever does not come, may Allah give them guidance *inshallah* to be in the way of Allah, not to be in the way of *shaitan*.

May Allah keep us safe until Mahdi (peace be upon him) comes. His light will illuminate the entire world *inshallah*.



SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

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May Allah bless our gathering. We are here for the sake of Allah Almighty, for His pleasure. And this association is a gathering that Allah Almighty loves. A group of people asking for knowledge. This is what Allah Almighty likes the most and He places the wings of angels under our feet.

Hamdulillah the intention for our whole life is to gain knowledge, because knowledge is an endless ocean. No one can say “I know everything. I got everything. I am perfect.” You cannot say this. Because each day you learn something new, whether it's a good, useful thing or not, you will still learn. But for us it is important to know if that knowledge is good or not good. Maybe sometimes you learn something that you think is good but it is not really good, not acceptable for Allah Almighty and His Prophet (peace upon him). That is our scale, our measure for what is good and what is not good. There are two kinds of knowledge: it must be either good or not good. Sometimes there is knowledge that does not harm, not bad, not good, in between. We must learn all of this.

There is no problem asking anybody for knowledge. We are seeing that many people are learning from non-Muslims. They learn something good for the benefit of Islam and Muslims. It can be, no problem. Because if you are not learning you become ignorant, and then you will be in need for others to rule you and to put you under their command.

This is what happened during the end of the time of the Ottomans. Many people said “You cannot learn this knowledge”. So many Muslims became ignorant and after that they sent students to study in Europe. These students, unfortunately, didn't learn good things. They learned only bad things and they destroyed the Ottoman Empire, the Muslim Empire, the Caliphate. We do not have a Caliph now because of these people who were learning wrong ideas.

So we must learn what is good and what is not good. There's no problem. As we said many times before, look after your children, your sons and daughters. What are they doing? What are they reading? What are they being taught? We must be careful. It is not a joke. Because we are living in a difficult time, a time of turmoil.

People are being cheated in every aspect of their lives. Pure Muslims are being told "You are wrong." How are we wrong? We are doing the same as our fathers were doing. Our fathers were also doing what their grandfathers were doing. All of what has come to us was wrong and these people have been going the wrong way? No. The only reason they say this is to put doubt in Muslims' minds and to destroy our belief, our faith. Allah Almighty described them in the Quran as the sneaking whisperer. They whisper and then retreat and hide.

So the first thing that is happening is people who are claiming to follow *sharia* (divine law) are actually destroying *sharia*. They are not sincere. They are like a virus coming to Islam and making many Muslims to become only officially Muslim, not *mumin*. A *mumin* is one who truly believes. The Muslim is someone who simply said the *shahada* (Declaration of Faith): I bear witness there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger. They don't believe in the miracles of the Prophet (peace be upon him). They don't believe in what Allah made holy. They do not believe in this. They do not believe in the Hadith (Prophetic Narrations). They do not believe in *mazhab* (The Four Schools of Islamic jurisprudence) and *tariqa* (Sufi Orders). They deny all this. So there is no way to defend Islam against this attack because people no longer believe in any of these principles.

We are now seeing what the Prophet (peace be upon him) predicted. "In the end of time you will become many, a very large number of Muslims, but you will not have any value. You will be like the foam of the sea." When the wave comes to the shore, it makes bubbles. So you think it is something but after five seconds everything finishes and nothing is left. Our Muslims are like this now. There is no value for them. Nobody cares about them.

The real value is with belief, *iman*. So to be a valuable Muslim you must have this belief. Our belief is to accept the Unseen. What is the Unseen? First, Allah Almighty. Second, the angels;

they are also unseen. This is the faith of the believer. This is true belief. Allah Almighty. The angels. After that, the *jinn*s also. After that, the belief in the Last Day. To believe that you will come again to this world in your body. On the Day of Resurrection, Allah will make you alive again and that life is forever. This is what we believe. And there are still many things that we can say are from the Unseen; what you must believe in without seeing. There are many things.

But these people are teaching Muslims not to accept this because they themselves do not have belief. They only speak with their mouths. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that at the end of time, there will be people who read the Quran and know the Quran by heart – better than us, I don't know the Quran by heart – they know the Quran, they know the Hadith, they know everything. But the Prophet (peace be upon him) is looking here [Mawlana gestures to his heart] saying, this belief only reaches their throats, it does not go further than their throats. There is no belief down in their hearts. There is nothing in their hearts. And they are leaving Islam like the arrow flies from the bow. This is what the Prophet (peace be upon him) is saying about them. They know but they do not believe. They know the Quran by heart. They know thousands of Hadiths. They know all the books recounting the miracles of the prophets and the saints, but they do not believe.

Furthermore, they are spreading this disbelief through Muslim communities. People are becoming ill with this virus, and after that many of them lose their *iman*, they stop believing in the hereafter, because they are not accepting anything of what the Prophet (peace be upon him) said about intercession, about support from the Prophet (peace be upon him) and from Allah Almighty. They are claiming they can survive without this help, but in reality nobody can survive without it. Especially those people who are denying intercession; how can they survive if they do not accept all of this? They will go directly to hell. There is no chance for them. We are trying hard to explain this but they are simply not accepting. Those who do not accept it will regret it. They will know and see the reality that there is no benefit from what they are doing, without the Prophet's intercession.

So we are asking Allah Almighty to protect Muslims from these deviant beliefs, to protect youngsters, to protect men and women from this disaster. It is the most difficult tribulation facing

our nation today. And we are seeing it everywhere. Actually, they are simply imitating non-Muslims. Everything non-Muslims are doing, they are imitating them. Especially that Islam is the religion of mercy, religion of justice, religion of obeying Allah Almighty. But they are doing the opposite. They have no mercy, no justice, nothing. Everything that they are doing is only for the benefit of their way, for benefiting themselves.

But Allah Almighty is with us, against them. Allah Almighty does not love those people. “Certainly, Allah does not like corrupters.” (Quran 28:77). These people are corruptors, which means they destroy people, destroy Muslims, destroy humans. May Allah give them *inshallah* improvement because there are many people who have been cheated by them. But those who are the heads of these groups are not cheated, they are actually devils. They know exactly what they are doing. Destroying Islam: this is their project, their objective. But Allah will be with us; He is with us. He will punish them, *inshallah*.

May Allah give good understanding to people. For this reason the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “To meditate for one hour is better than worshipping for seventy years.” Whether these people are worshipping for seventy years or seventy thousand years, there is no profit, it is not good for anybody. But if they think and accept reality, it will be better for them and for other people also.

That is why from the beginning we were saying, you must learn. You must learn everything. You must especially learn history, since a hundred or two hundred years. This project of disbelief, it is important to know every time a new phase comes to destroy Islam. But the worst one was the last one which is making people confused and thinking if we are right or they are right.

Hamdulillah, we are right, don't worry.

May Allah protect you. May Allah send our Sultan, Mahdi (peace be upon him) to show them who is real and who is fake *inshallah*.

YOUR LIVELIHOOD IS WRITTEN

May 19th, 2023

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Our way, the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him), is to give advice through companionship for the hereafter. Here, *mashallah*, this country is a non-Muslim country but Allah Almighty made your provisions here. Allah Almighty knows best. We must remember this and not forget. Because your provision is where Allah Almighty wrote it to be for you. Where Allah Almighty writes it for you, you must get it. Nobody else can take your livelihood, your food or your drink. Everything is written by Allah Almighty for whom it is.

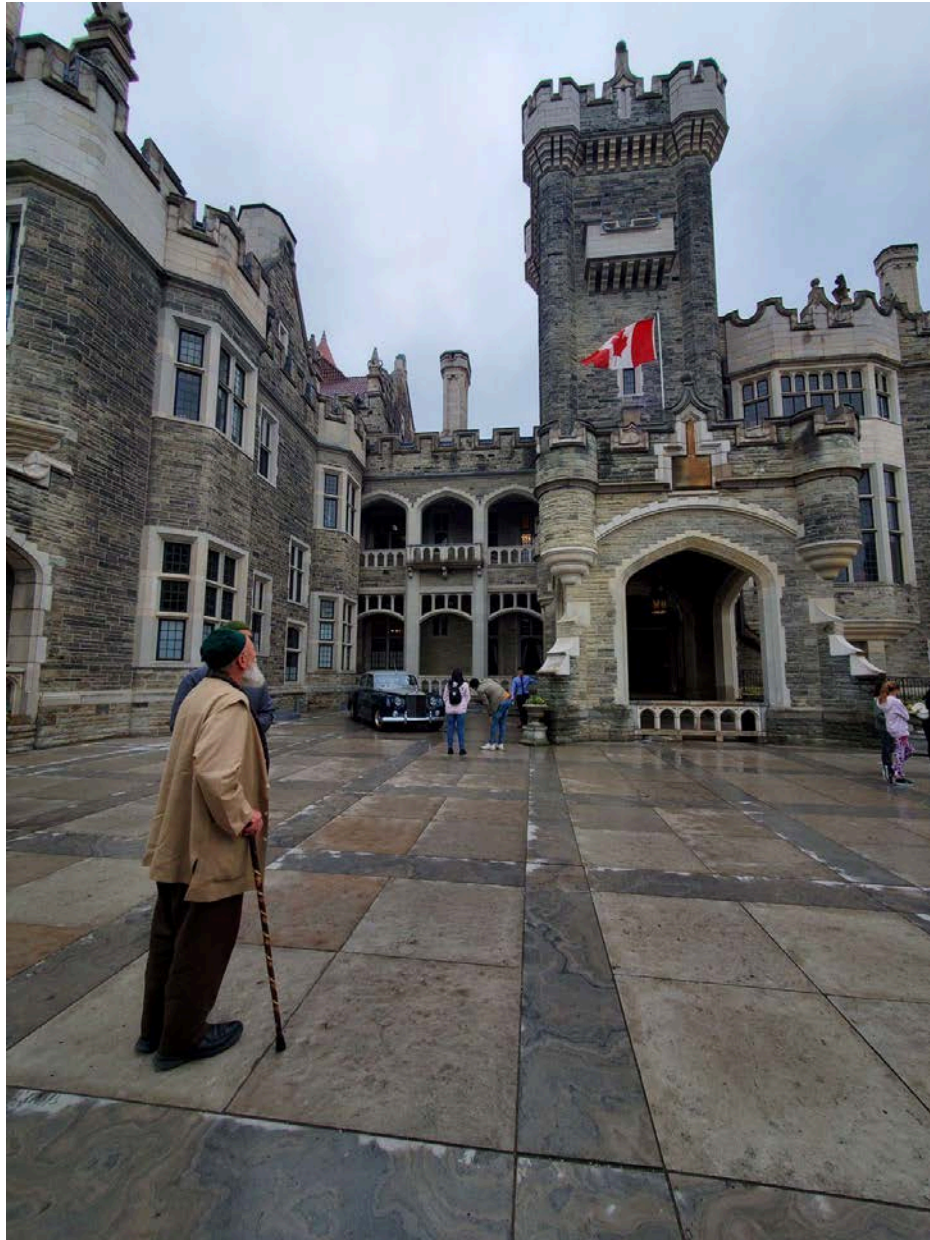
Now in the world it became easy to bring from one part of the world to another part. It may be that provision comes thousands of kilometres. “This is for Ahmad.” It is growing in Canada, but it is going to Egypt or to Turkey or Pakistan. Nobody can eat it. Only whomever it is written for, in his name, he will eat it.

It is important for our people, for Muslims, to know this and to accept this. Not to be worried. “What will happen to me? Will I die of hunger or what if I can't find work or do anything?” Allah Almighty is our Creator and He knows everything.

So this is our belief, the belief of the traditional majority (*Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaah*). No fear, no anxiety. Whatever happens in the world, we do not care for anything in this material existence. Concern yourselves with your spirituality, your religion and hold strongly to this way, the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him), the way of Allah Almighty that takes you to Paradise. This is the way of happiness, the way of the prophets (peace be upon them), the way of the *sahaba* (companions), the way of the *awliya* (saints). If you live this way, there is no need to worry. Allah Almighty said: “Indeed on the friends of Allah there is no fear, nor do they grieve.” (Quran 10:62). They are the beloved ones of Allah, there is no fear and no sadness for them.

Inshallah, this is why we are saying this. Because many people are coming to this country for a better life but in fact Allah Almighty is the One who made them come here. Their *rizq* (livelihood) is here, so they came here. But some of them forget Allah Almighty and only think about “What can we get? What will we do?” You must remember Allah Almighty so you will be happy here and hereafter.

May Allah Almighty make us to be with His *awliya*, *inshallah*.



THE REAL TEACHING

May 20th, 2023

Int. Muslims Org., Toronto, ON

“Indeed, Allah loves those who fear Him.” (Quran 03:76)

Allah Almighty loves those who are happy with Him, who are afraid to do something that Allah does not like. This is what the Most Merciful means to His *muttaqeen* (God-fearing servants). Because they know Allah Almighty’s servants and He knows everything. Allah Almighty loves those people who are always knowing and remembering Him. *Zikr* means remembrance: remembering of Allah Almighty. The one who remembers Allah, knows that when he does something Allah Almighty sees him, he is aware not to do things that displease Allah Almighty. For that reason, Allah loves those people.

Allah Almighty also says “Indeed, Allah does not like the disbelievers.” (Quran 03:32). Allah Almighty does not like the *kafir*. What does *kafir* mean? He is the unbeliever who does not believe and does not accept Allah Almighty. All of his actions are bad. Sometimes it may look like he is doing goodness but when his intention is not good, at the end, what he has done will turn out to be a bad thing, not good. Because his intention in what he did is to please his ego.

For actions to be good, the intention in every action must be for Allah Almighty, for the pleasure of Allah. This is the teaching of *tariqa* (Sufi orders). Every minute and every second, your intention in what you are doing must be for the sake of Allah, the pleasure of Allah. In everything you do. Then your life will be full of blessings, full of rewards, full of light and you will be lucky. Those who are unlucky are those who are doing bad things. They think they are enjoying themselves, but in reality, every time they commit a sin, they are getting worse and worse, more darkness, more unhappy. You cannot put out fire with gasoline. Each time you add gasoline, the fire will grow and become worse. You need to put water on it to extinguish the fire. Water gives life. So you must put what is against the fire, not to help the fire. Every time you commit a sin or you do a bad thing, your darkness becomes more and more and more. Allah

Almighty created this principle for human beings in the life of this world: You cannot be happy with bad things. And for the next life, it is even more important to do good things. Maybe in this life you become miserable or you become unhappy. But when you die in this life, the misery ends. But then, real life comes after that. After that, you must be prepared for the hereafter.

Today we have been going around a museum, going around a castle here in Toronto [Casa Loma]. The castle is not very old, maybe built only two or three hundred years ago. Many people lived there: commander, soldier, governor, prince, princess, prime minister. They come and they go. What did they get? Nothing, just their pictures are left there. The other one [Royal Ontario Museum], this museum displayed much older things. Just when we entered, there was an animal which they said was from millions of years ago. Allah Almighty is the Creator. What He creates, you just cannot know what Allah Almighty creates with your imagination. His knowledge, His wisdom is unlimited. We cannot even say unlimited for the knowledge of Allah, because when you say unlimited, you are also putting a limit.

Subhanallah, (Glory to Allah) they said that they found out that this animal lived millions of years ago. "He taught man that which he knew not." (Quran 96:05). Allah Almighty gives knowledge to mankind to know what was before. Some people said this animal is real, some said it is not real. But what is important here is Allah's wisdom. Because Allah Almighty created the time and space. For Allah Almighty there is no time and no space. But for people, this could be from millions of years to show mankind His Mightiness. Our life, from Adam (peace be upon him) until now, is thousands of years. Compared to millions of years, it is nothing. All of mankind's existence, from Adam (peace be upon him) until now. And people still think that they are doing something important. No.

We also saw after that dead people that they brought from Egypt and put here in the museum. People are looking at them. They should learn from this; not only for pleasure or just visiting. When you go to any place, you must take wisdom, you should take knowledge from there. These people were also like us. They were going, coming, doing everything. But now they are only put out there as a show for people. The important thing is to be with Allah, because nobody can take

anything with him. Even the Pharaohs, they went and opened their graves and put them as a show for people to enjoy looking at them.

So what is important is not to lose your life. If your life is full of good things, Allah Almighty will be happy with you. If not, you will be like those people: no benefit for you and no benefit for others also. Allah Almighty is showing us the wisdom from everything. “He gives wisdom to whom He wills, and whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good.” (Quran 02:269). Allah Almighty gives wisdom to whom He wants to, and whoever gets it receives a big favour from Allah.

We are living in a difficult time. Everywhere, we see people committing sins that nobody could do twenty years ago. They could not do it thirty years ago, no. Forty years ago, it was so difficult to do these things. But now we live in a time when it is easy to do everything that Allah Almighty is unhappy with. We must obey Allah Almighty. As much as it is difficult to do something, Allah Almighty gives more reward.

This is the time for trade. Trade for *akhira* (the hereafter) not for this life. For *akhira*. Don't listen to people who give *fatwas* as they like, as their ego likes. Look for a real *murshid* (guide), for real people. Many of you were not able to be with Mawlana Sheikh Nazim – but *hamdulillah* his teachings are everywhere. Before, it was only in his books. His books were distributed in the East and the West, and many people came to Islam and came to guidance through these books. But now, his lectures are also on the internet. You can follow them. He gave the real teachings. Reality. Not to make people hate each other, no. His first teaching in his talks was to respect and love the Prophet (peace be upon him), his companions, his family and the *awliya* (saints). He never taught hatred to any of those. This is important because many people now are claiming they represent *tariqa* but are saying something wrong about them: about the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him) or about his family or about *awliya*.

So Mawlana Sheikh Nazim's teaching is very important. The Prophet (peace be upon him) was always teaching this to the community. He was teaching and telling people to love each other. And Allah Almighty is also saying in the Holy Quran “If you had spent all that is in the earth,

you could not have brought their hearts together.” (Quran 08:63). If you give all the money or gold in the world to these people, to bring them together, you cannot. But Allah Almighty makes them to love each other so that the Prophet (peace be upon him) is happy with them. To love each other, not to hate each other. But some people are actually causing this difference between Muslims and they are making people become enemies of Muslims. It is not the teaching of Mawlana Sheikh and of course not the teaching of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

Whoever is with the *sheikhs* must follow their teachings and accept what they are saying. Of course, sometimes you cannot follow everything. But this subject is very important: to love the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his family, especially the imams of Muslims and imams of *tariqa*. We cannot go against any of them.

Many times people were asking Mawlana about what happened between the Companions after the Prophet (peace be upon him). He was never happy to hear these questions. He quickly closed the subject and said “They are lions. They were fighting each other. We are like dogs. What can we do between them!” Allah Almighty knows and the Prophet (peace be upon him) knows about all of this. This means: look at yourself. Do not look into something you are not ordered to do so. You are ordered to do many many things. You will never get to this subject. There are many things that you need to do before approaching this topic. When you do them, you will know that you are wrong and you will repent to Allah Almighty asking for forgiveness, *inshallah*.

May Allah Almighty forgive us, all of us. And may we be as Allah Almighty loves us to be, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) loves us to be and as Mawlana Sheikh Nazim loves us to be. *Hamdulillah*, his miracles are still going on. Many people see him in their dreams; maybe some of you here. Thousands of people. Every day we meet people, some non-Muslims even become Muslim after seeing him in their dreams. Mawlana sends them to us. “Go there and take *shahada* (Declaration of Faith).” Other people: “Go to the centre and enter *tariqa*.” This has become normal for us. We are not surprised when somebody says this. We know Mawlana Sheikh is sending them. So we are thanking him for his *madad* (spiritual support), for his *himmah* (spiritual power) and for his miracles. Because we are nothing. All of these people are coming

through his blessings. If the *awliya* had no blessings, we could not bring one person to guidance or to belief. May Allah Almighty keep him over our head, *inshallah*.



CHOOSING THE PATH OF GOODNESS

May 21st, 2023

Vineland, Niagara, ON

May Allah Almighty bless you and bless all the believers and Muslims who are living far away from their countries. This is Allah Almighty's will. Nobody likes to be away from their home country, but some things happen and they come to this far country. Now they are here, so may Allah Almighty support them to be standing strong, not melting in this region. It is difficult to keep belief, *iman*. *Hamdulillah* in this country nobody forces you to change your religion, nobody forces you to do what Islam prohibits. But also your ego, *shaitan*, your desires and *dunya* (this world), they push you to leave all the good things and follow their way, the way of hell.

So what is important for people here is to be together with good people. Good people who want goodness for everybody. These people are clever. The ones who want goodness for everybody are clever people. Because when a good thing comes for others, for everybody, it will be good for you also. But if you have enmity and you say "Only for myself", you are selfish and you want goodness only for yourself. The best example for this is gambling. If profit comes for one man, it does not come for anyone else. There may be thousands of people gambling, but the prize will only come to one person. It is for one out of thousands. It cannot be for you. Maybe, once it comes to you. But every other time, you will be a loser. But if it comes for everybody, you will also gain with them.

So this is the way of clever people. Clever people are *awliya* (saints). They are the ones who love the Prophet (peace be upon him) and love Allah Almighty. These people are clever people. And they are following this clever way, the real way, the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him). These people are coming from the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) until now through *tariqas* (Sufi orders). All *tariqa* people are good. But of course you must also check what it is that they want. There are many fake people who claim that they are *tariqa* and that they are

authentic. But you can see that they only want goodness for themselves; no problem with what happens to others, they don't care about that.

We are saying this for people who live here, but this is special for them, or for non-Muslim countries. In Muslim countries it is also the same. Good people are those who want goodness for everybody. They try to make their people happy, their country happy, they make everybody happy. We see many examples now in the Muslim world. One man, for his pleasure or his dirty life or his bad character, throws millions of people into death, destruction or fire and he just does not care. He thinks he will live forever, but he will only live for a few years. What they own is enough to last them for thousands of years, but they are not satisfied; they still want more. These are not good people. Don't be like them. Remember what Allah Almighty will give you forever; not what is for only a few years and then you suffer for millions of years in hell. For each person you oppress, Allah Almighty will punish you for thousands of years.

That is why we are with good people. You must follow good people. You must follow a real *sheikh* of *tariqa*. There are 40 *tariqas*; you must find the real one. The real one, as we are saying. How do we know if he is real or not real? If he is good with people, he is good and real. If he is only thinking for himself, he is selfish and is not a real *sheikh*. May Allah Almighty keep us safe from these bad people.

May Allah Almighty save us from our ego also. We knew many people who were very humble and very good people; but then Allah Almighty gave them something and they became the opposite. They lost their minds and they forgot what they were, how they were humble and good. They became like tyrants. This was what Mawlana Sheikh was saying many times. If you say that somebody is like Pharaoh and that he's very bad, your ego is actually worse than him, even worse than Pharaoh who was the enemy of Musa (peace be upon him). Because if you had the wealth and power that Pharaoh had, you would do the same as he did. So be careful. Don't give yourself, your ego any chance to say "Oh I am a big scholar. I am a saint. I am this. I am that." If you are in a high position these thoughts will make you fall and break everything. You cannot stand up again, ever. May Allah Almighty keep us safe from this bad characteristic.

May Allah Almighty help us and help you to be together, to be on the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him), the way of happiness, the way of beauty, the way of good people and the beloved servants of Allah Almighty. The most important thing is to be beloved to Allah, to be beloved to the Prophet (peace be upon him). May Allah Almighty bless you and keep you safe, all of you and all believers and give guidance for non-believers also.

We see *mashallah*, Canadians have Islamic character but they did not yet become Muslims. But we see sometimes their character is even better than many Muslims. May Allah Almighty give them guidance. *Amin*.



LESSONS FROM MOSQUITOES

May 23rd, 2023

St-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC

“And say: O my Lord, let me land at a blessed landing place, and You are the best to accommodate us.” (Quran 23:29)

May Allah Almighty make our first time here to be goodness for us and for you also *inshallah*. And for this gathering to be of benefit for the community, and guidance for us and for others.

“Oh Allah guide us and guide others through us.” May Allah Almighty give us guidance and to make others also gain guidance with us *inshallah*.

Hamdulillah we arrived at sunset to this city in Canada. It is a nice city. Everything Allah Almighty creates is beautiful. And one of them is this beautiful city: Montréal. When we arrived at sunset, *hamdulillah* we went immediately to pray. *Mashallah* [Mawlana laughs] everywhere around us are mosquitoes. *Subhanallah*, it is a very funny thing. Allah Almighty creates everything with wisdom; nothing is without wisdom or purpose. Allah says in the Holy Quran “Indeed, Allah is not timid to present an example – that of a mosquito or what is smaller than it.” (Quran 02:26).

Allah Almighty is saying in the Quran, Allah Almighty is not – What is *yastahyi* in English? [Student replies: He is not ‘ashamed’.] Maybe there is another word? He is not ‘shy’; not shy. Allah Almighty is not ashamed of anything – He is not shy to give human beings this example.

There is wisdom from this. Because people are not giving any value to mosquitoes. And Allah Almighty, from this small insect which has no value, gives punishment to people, punishment for tyrants, punishment for anyone. Punishment for those who are against Allah Almighty, against His will and are not giving any respect to what He creates. Now, they have a lot of knowledge. Scientists have been looking at mosquitoes and they found many many miracles in this tiny insect. Of course, everything is a miracle of Allah. It is very very small. And there are creatures

even smaller than this insect that Allah Almighty creates. But this is what we can see with our eyes. What we cannot see is even more.

With this small insect, Allah Almighty destroyed the enemies of the prophets (peace be upon them), the enemies of believers who were making themselves proud and thought that they are a big thing. So Allah Almighty, with this small insect, destroyed the army of Nimrod who was claiming he is a god. He made a huge fire and threw our master Ibrahim (peace be upon him) in that fire. Allah Almighty with His mercy, He is able to do everything. He said “O fire, be coolness and safety for Ibrahim.” (Quran 21:69). He even made that fire to be like a paradise for our master Ibrahim (peace be upon him). And nothing affected him. Even when they threw him there, he was in paradise.

After that, when Allah Almighty became angry with Nimrod and his army, He sent mosquitoes that came like a cloud over that army and attacked them. This army was armoured with iron. Everything they wore was iron. And iron, if you are facing an enemy, if they hit you with a sword, they cannot hurt you; if they throw an arrow, it cannot penetrate the armour; even a spear cannot. This is when an army faces another army. But mosquitoes? They could not do anything against them. And these mosquitoes, *subhanallah* – normally mosquitoes only drink blood, but Allah Almighty made these mosquitoes go inside their bodies and eat their flesh. There were millions of mosquitoes for each soldier. They were eating them. Millions and millions. After that, only skeletons were left in these armours.

When Nimrod saw that, he ran away. He ran away and closed his door. And Allah, to humiliate him, He sent him one mosquito. But that single mosquito – Mawlana was always saying – it had one leg that was not good. It was walking like this [Mawlana imitates limping and laughs]. It came in through the keyhole and entered through his nose up to his brain. It began to eat his brain, giving him intense pain. Every time he was feeling pain, he was doing this [Mawlana hits his head]. The mosquito would stop every time he hit his head. But then it started to grow bigger and bigger and it wouldn't stop. At that time, he would hit his head even harder. As time went on, the mosquito did not stop eating his brain. So he would order his people to hit his head with a stick, then a bigger piece of wood. In the end, someone brought a big branch and hit him. His

head split into two parts and the mosquito was as big as a bird. Allah Almighty sent him to *jahannam* (hellfire).

There is much wisdom in mosquitoes. Of course, it applies also to regular people in general. In the old times, mosquitoes would spread disease, making people ill. And from that illness, many people would either die or are cured. There is also wisdom in that. This is all Allah Almighty's will. Whoever is a believer, Allah Almighty rewards them. When some of these mosquitoes or insects bite you, Allah Almighty rewards you. Don't worry. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said "For the believer, everything is good in this world." In this world, whoever is a believer, nothing is bad for him. Even when a thorn hurts him, Allah Almighty rewards him also for that.

Tonight we are speaking about mosquitoes. We must accept everything from Allah. Of course, you can kill them, there's no problem. Some people ask if Allah Almighty says we cannot kill mosquitoes. Every harmful thing can be killed. It is a Hadith and a fundamental rule in Islam. Everything that harms people can be killed. And mosquitoes are one of them. There's no problem killing them.

Many times people forget what Allah Almighty promised for the believer. So they complain and are not happy. Be happy with everything Allah Almighty gives you. This is a small thing that Allah Almighty made for you, don't be angry. *Inshallah* Allah Almighty does not give you something bigger than this; it would make you even forget these mosquito bites. May Allah Almighty save us from all evil, especially our ego, *inshallah*. May Allah Almighty keep us safe from that and save us from corruption.

We are living in a time that is a very corrupt time but also a very good time. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said "The last *umma* (nation) is the best *umma*". The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that. Because if they follow the teachings of the Prophet (peace be upon him), they will be like the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him). The companions will even be happy for them.

May Allah Almighty bless you.

PROTECT YOURSELVES

May 24th, 2023,

St-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC

“And never think that those who rejoice in what they have perpetrated and like to be praised for what they did not do...” (Quran 03:188).

Allah Almighty loves people who do good things, charity, goodness and help people. People who do these things for the sake of Allah. “We wish for no reward nor thanks from you.” (Quran 76:09) They do not expect any thanks from people or wages or anything. They do all this good work only for the sake of Allah Almighty. Allah Almighty loves these people.

And there are the opposite of these people. Some people do bad things to people and they also ask them to thank them and give them something. They tell people “We did this for you.” But what are they doing in reality? They are harming people or cheating people. And there is also another type of people. Often, somebody does something, then they say “We did this.” And they want people to praise them, to be happy with them, to be famous, to be loved by people. They want people to love them. But in reality, they are not doing anything useful. They think if they cheat people and people are happy with them, they will be happy.

But they forget a very important thing, the most important thing: Allah Almighty knows everything. No one can cheat Allah Almighty. What they do, on the Day of Resurrection, everything will be shown. Whoever has done good will be rewarded. Whoever has done evil will be punished. And whoever didn't do anything at all and is just cheating people; people thinking he is doing good, he also will have nothing. If Allah Almighty does not forgive him, if he does not ask for forgiveness, Allah Almighty will punish him.

That is why, in everything we do, we believe that Allah Almighty knows everything. You cannot hide anything. He knows everything. Of course, we all have sins, faults and wrong things that we do. But what is important here is to know that Allah sees everything and to ask for forgiveness. If

you do not ask for forgiveness, Allah Almighty will not be happy with you. When Allah is not happy with you, if all human beings, if the whole world is happy with you, there is absolutely no benefit to you. The only benefit is to be with Allah Almighty, not to be with what people like.

These days, many things are changing; too much. Many things from the manners of old people have disappeared when this machine came [Mawlana indicates to a cell phone]. Everybody wants what is in fashion. Before, people who wanted to be famous maybe looked at movies to do something, to be a star or to sing. “Maybe my voice will be famous.” But nowadays, everybody has his own machine to make himself famous. And they are doing funny things. They harm themselves and they harm others also with nonsense. Just for their ego, they do everything. They give bad examples for other people to try to do what they are doing. This is not good. This is not honourable for human beings. What is honourable? Everybody has their privacy and they must keep it; not showing everybody.

Unfortunately, these people also do not understand what harms them and what benefits them. The most harmful thing for humans is for others to be jealous of you. And if not jealous, they might have an evil-eye. The evil-eye is very dangerous, it’s not a joke. Many people are coming to us asking “Do I have black magic put on me? Do I have *jinn*?” this and that. But they are forgetting the most important thing. Whether black magic or other, not everybody can do it. It is a very rare thing to find someone who can actually do it. But the real danger is the evil-eye. This is what the Prophet (peace be upon him) said. If you show people your lifestyle and one of them has an evil-eye, they can finish you and sometimes something terrible could happen to you that you cannot survive.

That is why we must have privacy. To keep ourselves, to protect ourselves. Don’t show people everything you have; what Allah Almighty gave you. Because these days, people do not understand. They do not have mercy. They only have envy, jealousy and enmity towards people who are better than them. This is what is being taught during this time.

So be careful and follow the orders of the Prophet (peace be upon him). The best orders come from the Prophet (peace be upon him), and from the companions, *sheikhs* and scholars. All those

wrote hundreds, thousands, millions of books about good manners; about how to live like human beings with honour, with nobility. You must follow them. Don't say "All people are doing this. We can imitate them." They are not good people, so nothing these people do can be good. With these people you only get misery, you get sadness, you get stress, you get darkness in your heart. Be with good people. Be with *tariqa* people (Sufi orders) who are only looking towards *akhira* (the hereafter), who are not looking to gain *dunya* (this world).

Of course, there are many who are claiming to be *tariqa* people, but their main aim is to benefit from others. This is also not good. Allah Almighty gives everybody according to their intention. Sometimes people follow someone and after that they come to us and complain "He did such and such to me. He stole from me. He cheated me." Do not be angry. Be careful from the beginning. Look carefully for people who are with Allah Almighty, people who are not looking for *dunya* (material benefits). Allah Almighty will lead you according to your good intention *inshallah*. Maybe in the past you might have gotten a test or something bad happened. In that case you must say "This is a lesson for me to learn. I must look for the real one." Because these days, thousands are cheating people. They cause people to leave their belief or even leave their religion. This is not good. If you lose something material, don't lose your spirituality. There are real people, follow them *inshallah*. Don't be sad.

We have seen many people who even cheat *sheikhs*. We can tell several stories about Mawlana and Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani, about people who cheated them. Of course, they knew but they did not speak out for the sake of Allah. They were not giving any importance to *dunya*. They were only concerned with *akhira*.

So be careful. In everything. Be with the right people, with good people *inshallah*. Put that in your heart and ask Allah "O my Lord, make my intention to be pure for you. Send me people who will take me on the way to happiness, to the Prophet (peace be upon him), to Paradise *inshallah*."

May Allah Almighty help us. May Allah keep us safe from bad things, give us every good thing and not make us run away from the good way of Allah Almighty due to difficult trials. We must

not fail the test. If we lose anything, we must not lose this test. You must succeed for *akhira inshallah*. May Allah Almighty bless you. We are not people of tests. We are weak. Don't ask for a test. Do not test us O Allah. O Allah Almighty keep us safe on your way without disturbing us or making us run away from this way. *Amin*.

May Allah Almighty keep us together forever *inshallah*, to be neighbours of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and to be with the *sheikhs*, our masters, all *sheikhs* in Paradise *inshallah*.



THE POWER OF SINCERE INTENTIONS

May 25th, 2023

La Maison Le Réveil, Longueuil, QC

Inshallah tonight is a holy blessed night, the night of Friday. We will do Khatm ul-Khwajagan (the weekly Naqshbandi *zikr* gathering). *Inshallah* we will give a short talk and after that we will do Khatm ul-Khwajagan. This is the order of our *tariqa*, the order of the Naqshbandi *tariqa*. *Inshallah* we can do it here. Allah Almighty sent us to this place, it is okay. Everywhere the believer can worship. Wherever Allah Almighty wants, we can do this *zikr*; *inshallah*. Do they want someone to translate to French?

Allah Almighty, as we said, makes for the believer, for the Muslim the whole earth clean. So you can pray anywhere. You can do your worship everywhere on this earth. The important thing is for the area to be clean. It must be clean where you worship, where you prostrate your head, where you stand for prayer. The earth must be clean and yourself too. All your clothes must be clean, and you must make *wudu* (ablution), you make *ghusl* (full-body ablution). Then you are clean. With these conditions, you can worship anywhere, *inshallah*.

When you worship in any place, that place becomes filled with light from Allah Almighty. With worship, Allah Almighty sends His blessed sight. And whenever He looks, there comes light for that place. When you go inside any mosque or any centre you have a good feeling. Whoever has the spiritual ability to see, can see light coming from there. And this light comes to the heart. And when the heart is enlightened, it brings happiness to the believer.

Hamdulillah today we went to this place that they are claiming is for worshipping, but normally it is not like that. What our master Isa (peace be upon him) or our master Musa (peace be upon him) were ordering them to worship is not like that. That is why when you go to such places you feel heaviness, you feel like you are in darkness and sadness. But *inshallah*, we went there for Allah Almighty's sake, to give light to many people there who are sincere, for the light of Allah Almighty to come to their hearts. And maybe Allah Almighty gives them guidance, to go on the

right way. Because they are very sincere people and very good people but they do not know that what they are doing has no benefit.

Allah Almighty is ordering us that we must go everywhere, to spread Allah Almighty's message to all human beings, to call them to the right way: the way of Allah Almighty. This is the mission for us. But of course, we cannot go and say "Oh come and be Muslim." Just our appearance may be enough for them. As we said, if Allah Almighty has given them something, it will come from that point to the better and better, *inshallah*.

To do this, *inshallah* we first make ourselves on the way of what Allah Almighty and the Prophet (peace be upon him) like us to do; to be better and better and better. And by your intention, you can bring somebody to the way of Allah Almighty. And when you bring someone, this is the biggest favour from Allah Almighty to you.

Once, there was a big *wali* (saint) named Shaqiq al-Balkhi. He was from the period after the companions, so he is considered from the *tabieen* (the generation following the companions of the Prophet). He was a student of Ibrahim ibn Adham, another big saint. He was talking about himself to one of his followers, about his youth, how he was playing with other children. Once, they were near a temple for worshipping fire. This temple was for fire worshippers in Turkistan, in Central Asia. At that time there were many people worshipping fire. *Majusi*, we call them. Even when we visited Dagestan, we were told that about three or four hundred years ago there were also many temples where they worshipped fire. *Majusi* temples. I was surprised to hear about that. I thought they were finished a long time ago. But until maybe three hundred years ago, they were still worshipping fire in that region. After that, with the blessings of the Naqshbandi *sheikhs*, they left all that and became strong believers and powerfully Muslim. Shaqiq al-Balkhi said that to enjoy themselves, they went inside that temple and saw a young man worshipping fire. Shaqiq al-Balkhi told the young man "What are you doing? This is not good. Don't worship fire. Become Muslim." When he said that, the young man slapped him on the face. At that moment Shaqiq told himself "I understand. I have done something wrong because I am not ready. I am not better than him. So what I told him had no effect on him. He did not take what I said, he even attacked me and hit me." He was crying and yelling at himself

because his ego was like that. He cried to Allah Almighty asking for forgiveness. After that incident, he looked at himself and started following *sheikhs* and *ulema* (scholars). He became better and famous among the people in his country. He was well-known and had many followers. Of course, he was a big *wali* and a big *alim*. He was worshipping and making his ego under his feet. So many people were following him, loving him and taking blessings from him.

Then, one day he was going through that same city and he saw that temple again. He told his followers “We will look to see what they are teaching people there, why they are not following the right way. Let's go and see what they are doing.” And he went inside with his followers and they saw an old man worshipping fire. He said to him “O good man, pure man. What are you doing?” This man told him “Tell me about Islam.” He explained to him about Islam and the old man quickly made *shahada* (Declaration of Faith) and became Muslim. After they were talking, Shaqiq al-Balkhi said to him “O nice old man. There was in this temple once many years ago, a young man, what happened to him? Where is he?” He said “I am that man. I became old.” When he said this, our master Shaqiq al-Balkhi said “I was telling you at that time to become Muslim. Why didn't you become Muslim at that time?” He said “That time when you told me that, what you said had no effect on me at all. Maybe because you did not have that responsibility or what you said was without spiritual power. However, when you said this now, it came directly to my heart and made me surrender and become Muslim.”

This is an important point: your sincerity. It is very important. Everything you do must not be for your ego, but following the Prophet (peace be upon him): how he was acting, how he was affecting people, what he was doing. He was not pursuing *dunya*, not even once. When the Prophet (peace be upon him) lived in Madinah with his wives, they became rich. But the Prophet (peace be upon him) was not concerned at all with *dunya*. They would ask him for something and the Prophet (peace be upon him) was very gentle, not like our people. If their wives say something, quickly they fight with them, shouting, doing this and that. No, the Prophet (peace be upon him) would never say anything like that. So he was not happy when they asked him for something. When he was not happy with what they said he would not come to them for a whole month. And Allah Almighty said to them through the Quran “If you want *dunya*, money, jewellery, gold, sure, yes you can take that and leave the Prophet (peace be upon him). If you

want Allah Almighty, you don't look for material benefits at all." They said "Yes we want Allah Almighty. We don't want anything else." That is the attribute of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and that is what he is teaching us.

Through these teachings, millions and billions of people become Muslim from the Prophet (peace be upon him). And he showed us this way. The first thing: we must look at ourselves. Do not run after *dunya*. When you are looking to bring somebody to belief, to the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him), this is the biggest favour, the biggest victory for you. Trading with Allah Almighty is better than trading for *dunya*.

There are some who look at people who come to belief and wonder "How can I benefit from them?" No, do not take anything from them. Ask only from Allah. Don't ask people.



TRUE FAITH: MERCY AND SACRIFICE

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The companions were merciful towards everything. An example showing their mercy occurred during battle. A companion was fighting against a non-Muslim soldier. In *jihad*, one of the rules of fighting is that when you are in battle and the non-Muslim enemy fighter says “O stop! I am ready to become Muslim,” you cannot touch them. You cannot continue fighting him. So once, a soldier was fighting the companion very aggressively, but the companion overcame him and was about to kill him. Then he shouted “O I will become Muslim.” The companion thought to himself “This man is just afraid of my sword” and so he killed him. The Prophet (peace be upon him) was very unhappy when he heard about this. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said to his companion “Why did you do that?” He said “He was just afraid of my sword, because I was about to kill him,” implying that the non-Muslim soldier was not sincere. The Prophet (peace be upon him) asked “Did you open his heart and look? Did you see if what he said was real or not real?” The Prophet (peace be upon him) repeated this question many times.

As we said, there are millions of examples and stories of believers. The true believer is one who believes and accepts what the Prophet (peace be upon him) says. Of course, many people say they are Muslim, but in reality they do not have any belief, they do not have anything. Since the time of the Prophet, they have been making this *fitna* everywhere (confusion and turmoil). The real believers are fighting to do what Allah Almighty wants them to do, to defend Islam, to defend their families and their homes.

There are many examples of this, but there is a particular example that is well known. In the 19th century in the Caucasus mountains, where Dagestan is, as well as Chechnya and other regions, there was Sheikh Shamil. He fought against the Russian Empire for more than twenty five years. With other nations he was at peace. He only fought the huge army of the Russian Tzar, and he won every battle. They tried by sending first a small army to fight him but they could not succeed. So the Tzar got very angry and ordered his commander to send a very strong army of

fifty thousand men. Again Sheikh Shamil defeated them and took lots of booty from them. The Tzar sent even stronger generals, some of whom had fought against Napoleon Bonaparte and had defeated him. He sent them with a stronger and larger army; sixty thousand men but they could not defeat them.

But after this, what did the unbelievers do? In the Caucasus there are many mountains, but there is a particularly high mountain that is difficult to reach with a full army. Sheikh Shamil and his people were hiding on top of that mountain so that the Tsar's army could not come after them. So instead they started attacking a village on the plains below the mountain which they could easily get to. There they started killing people and torturing them. Their strategy was just to torture these innocent people to force Sheikh Shamil to surrender and accept their conditions. The people of the village went to see Sheikh Shamil's mother asking her to intervene and request that her son make peace with that army so that they stop torturing the people of the village. She was very upset about the whole situation and informed him about what they had reported. Sheikh Shamil became very sad and started to cry when she repeated what these people said to her. He composed himself and then went to the mosque to give an order: whoever asks to make peace with these people will be punished. His mother was very shocked about that and very unhappy with what just happened.

It was Sheikh Shamil's habit that when something important happens and he has to make a difficult decision he goes to the mosque, intends to sit in seclusion, prays and fasts until an inspiration comes to him. He was a very beloved servant of Allah Almighty. He would ask for *madad* (spiritual support) from the Prophet (peace be upon him). Of course, he was a *murid* (follower) of the Naqshbandi master Sheikh Jamaluddin al-Ghumuqi, whose grave is in Istanbul.

After several days, he came out and prepared to announce his decision. He ordered that his mother must come to the court of the city and she must accept the decision of the judges. Of course, his mother was full of regret about what she had said, but she was a very strong lady, a very strong woman. She prayed to Allah Almighty so that the court does not give any reduction in punishment, but rather to announce to the people what true justice says. That is what she prayed for: not to have any special treatment as the mother of Imam Shamil. Imam Shamil also

said that the judges must say what is right and just and that he had decided that she was in fact guilty. The judges confirmed that she was guilty and sentenced that the punishment for this crime was a hundred lashes. Sheikh Shamil himself grabbed the whip and everybody was shocked and unhappy because of the love and respect they had for him and his mother. All these people who were in attendance loved Sheikh Shamil so much and they would have sacrificed themselves instead of him at any time. But Sheikh Shamil refused any help or interference and said “No, this is the court’s decision. My mother is guilty. She must receive this punishment: a hundred lashes. But she did this for my sake, to help me and with good intentions, and she was merciful to the people of the village and wanted to help them. She is guilty but since I am her son, I will take the punishment upon myself.” When the people heard this, they started to cry and moan “How will our imam be whipped?!” But no one could really object to any of his words. He took his shirt off and told the one who was going to execute the punishment “You must whip me as strong as you can. Don’t hold back.” He took the position and they began to whip him. All the people were crying and screaming for him. But he did not make any sound; not a single sound came from him until all of the hundred lashes were completed. His whole back was covered with blood. When they finished, he said “Thank you O Allah, I did it.” And he made a *shukr sajda* (prostration of gratitude).

Hamdulillah, with his blessings, even after the Russians took that region and converted it as a communist country; it was only eighty years under their command and control. We first went with Mawlana Sheikh in 1997, I think or maybe 1995. You would not believe that this country was under the control of a communist, secular, atheist government for eighty years. You would consider it much better than many Muslim countries.

This is only one example. There are millions of other examples of people with strong faith who are merciful to people. Because in their time, they sacrificed themselves and this sacrifice did not go for nothing. They are in fact alive. Allah Almighty says: “Rather, they are alive with their Lord, well provided for.” (Quran 03:169).

Of course, *shaitan* is not quitting. It has many tricks. So it said to the new people “Do not be believers. No need to be believers. Do not believe anything. Only believe in yourself. You read

the Quran, there is no need for Hadith. You can live according to what you understand from the Quran.” Without these good people, the believers, nothing would be left of Islam in that region. But because of these true and strong believers, Islam remained alive and is now coming again to that whole area. That is why Allah Almighty says in the Quran concerning these people “Do not say you are believers. Only say ‘We are Muslim’.” Believers are more precious and more acceptable in the Divine Presence of Allah Almighty.

May Allah Almighty help Muslims to be believers *inshallah. Amin.*



MAWLANA IS OUR LIGHT

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May Allah Almighty make this a gathering of blessings and goodness for all those who are attending and for all who are watching this gathering. Our *tariqa*, the Naqshbandi *tariqa* has two pillars: one is *sohba* (companionship), and the other is Khatm ul-Khwajagan (gathering of remembrance). This is our way, the way of the Golden Chain: from the Prophet (peace be upon him) up to Mawlana Sheikh Nazim, *inshallah*.

Hamdulillah we have spent time with Grandsheikh Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah. But of course, during our childhood or as teenagers, we were not really understanding much of the things he was saying. Many of them, we did not understand. One of the things he used to say was “I am illiterate. I am not preparing for the talk I am giving. I am just sitting here like” – at that time there was no internet – he said “I am like a radio. They send me signals from there and I speak.” That is what he would say. I was wondering about that, according to a child’s mentality. And at that time there were not too many electronic devices or equipment. We did not even have – our father, Mawlana Sheikh did not have a radio in his house. So I was wondering: how was this coming? Them giving him and him speaking from what he hears? I did not know what that meant. After that, *hamdulillah*, it came. When he asks *madad* (spiritual support), they send what people are in need of. They give him what the gathering needs. They send him and he advises everybody.

Whether one understands or does not understand, with his *baraka* (blessings) the whole gathering benefits. *Mashallah*, he was making *sohba* every day after the noon prayer for more than two hours. And how many people would you think were listening to this *sohba*? Maybe the most were ten or twelve people. On Fridays, when there was Khatm ul-Khawajagan and *sohba*, maybe sixty or seventy people only. And he was giving such deep teachings during his *sohba* that when the people listened, they would not understand how deep it was. They would simply listen and understand what common people understood; not understanding the real meaning. All

of them were just sitting to gain the *baraka* (blessings). And of course with the blessings coming on that gathering, they were very happy and content. They were almost like drunk from his speech, because what was coming was a heavy shower of blessings onto them.

Many of them did not know anything. They came empty and left also without any knowledge – just the *baraka* of Mawlana. The only one who truly understood was Mawlana Sheikh Nazim. He was taking all his knowledge from his sheikh, Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani, and then he distributed it to the whole world. He lived only for the sake of Allah Almighty, following the way of his sheikh. He left everything behind, not looking for *dunya* (material possessions), not looking for anything like that. He left everything behind and came to his sheikh with that intention. And Allah Almighty, because of his good intention, made him understand.

Good intention – Allah Almighty helps those who have good intentions. Mawlana Sheikh Nazim from the beginning had nothing, and then Allah Almighty gave him everything. Before he got married, until he got married, he was intending to not put any money in his pocket. For seven years, he did not put any money in his pocket. After that long period, Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah said “You must take this.” He was not asking anybody “Give me. Help me.” Never. In these seven years, he was travelling. At that time, he was travelling all around Syria because in many places they wanted to know about *tariqa*. He was going to Syria and Lebanon. And he was even travelling to Cyprus. To go to Cyprus from Syria, it was by ship or plane. Also without any money, Allah Almighty helped him and he was going and coming. He was doing everything. He is, *mashallah*, our light. You are lucky he found you. You didn't find him. He found you. Until now, as I've been saying all the time, he is still acting more than before. Many people are coming for *shahada* and *tariqa* after receiving an order from him in their dreams. He comes to people saying “Go take *shahada*. Go be in *tariqa*.”

His title is Haqqani. He got it in 1979, or 1978. I used to have a shop in Istanbul. One day my partner, one of our *murids*, came and said “Today Mawlana was saying in *sohba* ‘Today I received this title: Haqqani’.” The Haqqani title. It means to give everybody their rights. Haqqani means the one who gives rights. Who is extremely on the way of truth. There are many examples but we can give a small example about Mawlana. When he wanted to buy something, Mawlana

would bargain “How much is this?” The seller would say for example “Ten pounds.” Mawlana would bargain. He would say “No, I will give you twelve.” [Mawlana laughs] This was his attribute. He never rejected people who ask. He always wanted to give more, not less. He would say “They are poor people. They should get more. We will not become rich by bargaining and making the price a little less. But when the seller sees this, from his happiness he will make *duaa* for us. And that *duaa* is much more valuable than what we will get from bargaining”.

Hamdulillah, until his last days, he never saved any money, just like the Prophet (peace be upon him). When some money came as a gift for him, he would quickly send his servant to distribute it all. By dawn, no money would be left. The Prophet’s family, descendants and companions, many of them had this attribute. Especially Sayyidatina Nafisa at-Tahira who was the granddaughter of the Prophet (peace be upon him). She also was like that. Of course, in his last days he was not even touching the money. “Whatever it is, give everything. Send to this, to that, to this.” By the time morning would come, everything would be clean; nothing left.

So *hamdulillah*, as we were saying at the beginning of this talk, Mawlana Sheikh preserved Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah’s inheritance of *sohba*, of the understanding of *sohba*. And he made all these people: from East to West, from the poorest people to sultans, to presidents, to prime ministers; all of them became his *murids* and loved him. When they hear about him, they praise him. This is all the *baraka* of his good understanding and good teaching of his sheikh, Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani, our Grandsheikh.

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent example.” (Quran 33:21). Allah Almighty says in the Quran that we have a good example from the Prophet (peace be upon him). You must follow him. Mawlana Sheikh Nazim was following the Prophet (peace be upon him) perfectly. And he is also a good example for us. We must follow him; not stepping out of his way.

As we said, his *murids* are from the poorest to the richest people. Every one of them, Sheikh Bahauddin says all the time, is very precious. All of you are very precious to him. He does not want anybody to disturb you or do what Mawlana was not happy with, to you. If you want to ask

something material, ask Allah Almighty, do not ask poor people. His treasures are endless. He is not concerned that they are finished or consumed. Here, in this world, the richest people, as much as they become rich, they become even more stingy. They are afraid to give away anything. So ask from the One whose treasures are endless, never ending. Ask from Him. You must believe in this. Many people say “Oh, I depended on Allah Almighty and nothing happened. I am still poor. I still have no money.” These people are testing Allah Almighty. From the very beginning, they are losers. Without even taking a single step, they are finished. Whoever has real faith, even if he dies of hunger, he must believe that Allah Almighty is *ar-Razzaq* (the Provider, one of the 99 names of Allah Almighty). If Allah Almighty has saved some provision for him, it will come to him; if He did not, then nothing will come to him. Shaqiq al-Balkhi said that he was trading. He was travelling to trade in his youth to Central Asia, probably Turkistan. A non-believer saw him “What are you doing?” he asked. “I am trading.” He said “If you are a true believer, you must believe that wherever you are Allah Almighty will send you your provision. But if you were not a believer, you would say ‘I am this, I am that’.”

Inshallah, to make Mawlana Sheikh Nazim, Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah al-Faiz Daghestani, our Prophet (peace be upon him) and Allah Almighty happy, you must try to follow your sheikh. People are not understanding; by miraculous wisdom, all the talks of Grandsheikh have disappeared. Nothing is left, only what Mawlana Sheikh Nazim had in his heart. Of course, he wrote down many teachings, seven thousand *sohba*. But what is most important is what was in his heart, what they have given him. *Hamdulillah* he was *khalifa* for forty-one years after Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah. Many books, many CDs, videos and audios – there are thousands and thousands – each one has endless wisdom. People are still happy from the East to the West with what they hear.

May Allah Almighty make us be strong in this way. *Hamdulillah* I see here many people have their children, their sons, their daughters; they are on this path. This is also important. To be all together. The utmost happiness for men or women is to be with their family on the right path. We are asking, *inshallah* may Allah Almighty keep them safe, because we are expecting what Mawlana Sheikh Nazim was saying about the end of time. It is a very difficult time for believers to speak out about the truth. We cannot say everything we need to because this *fitna* (confusion

and turmoil) is coming more and more. *Inshallah* if we are all together, it will be easy; *inshallah* nothing bad happens to you.

Mawlana Sheikh was expecting Mahdi (peace be upon him) for his whole life. He used to say every day “I wait until the evening. If not, then in the morning. I waited sixty years for Mahdi (peace be upon him).” And we are on his way. We are waiting for Mahdi (peace be upon him). This time is getting really difficult – everything that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said and what Mawlana Sheikh said has reached the peak. Every evil thing, every bad action has reached its peak in the world; everywhere, not here only, everywhere.

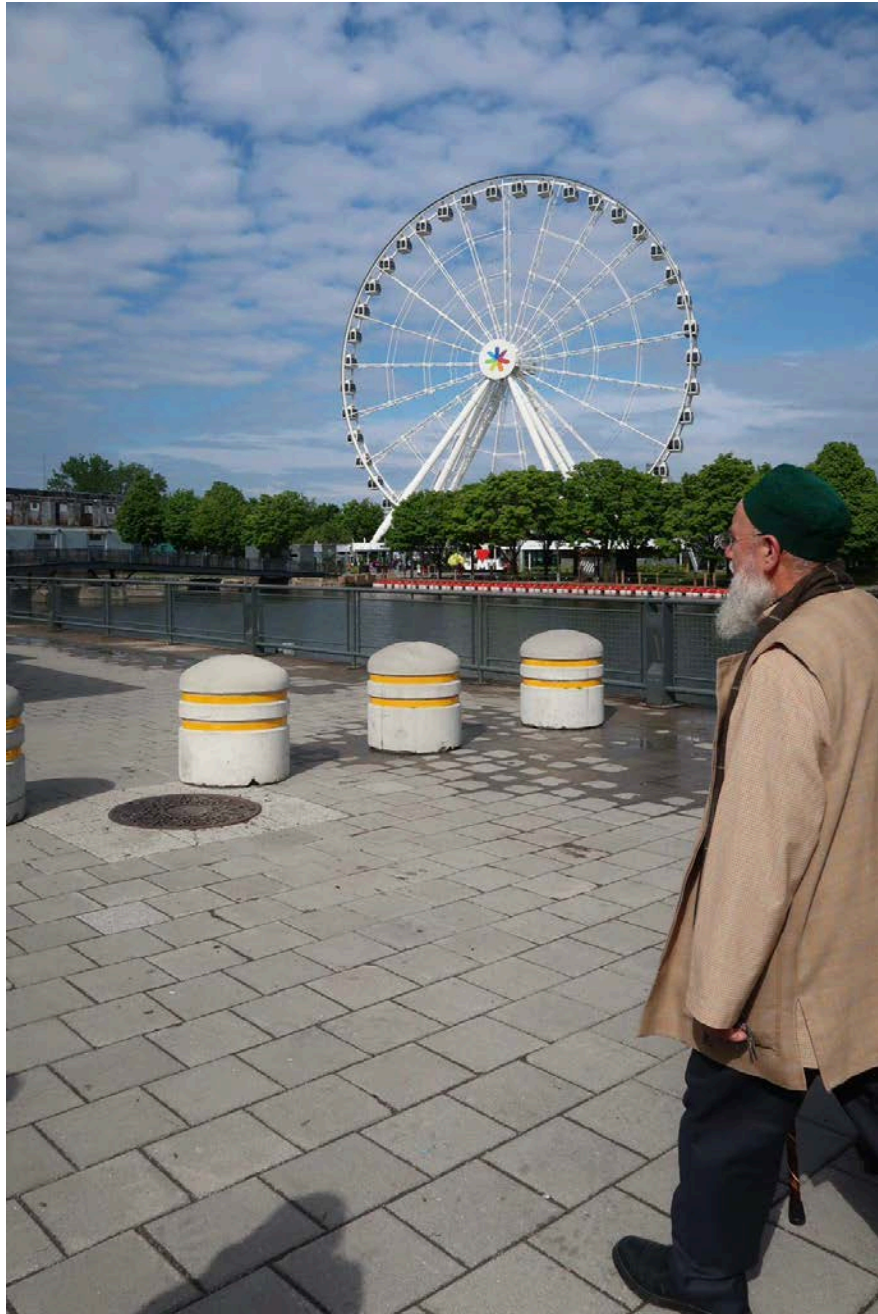
When Mawlana Sheikh was speaking about Mahdi (peace be upon him), many people did not accept or had some doubt about Mahdi (peace be upon him). And I was wondering when these people were not happy with what Mawlana Sheikh was saying about Mahdi “Why is he speaking about Mahdi? If he would speak about anything else, more people would follow him.” After that, *hamdulillah*, an inspiration came from Mawlana: he is in the *maqam* (spiritual station) of our prophet Nuh (peace be upon him). Because our prophet Nuh (peace be upon him) was far away from the seaside, maybe a thousand miles or a thousand kilometres away; no sea, no river, nothing. And he was building this ark ship. People would come to him asking “What are you doing?” He said “I am building a ship.” They said “This man is crazy.” They were laughing at him and mocking him. And he was doing this for more than a hundred or two hundred years until he completed it. During all this time, people were laughing at him, accusing him of insanity. But in the end, you see what happened.

So for everything there is a particular time. When the time comes, whoever is denying and not accepting this will be full of regret. During Mawlana’s life, some of the scholars were not happy with him, and were saying terrible things about him. But when Mawlana passed away, they all regretted what they said and came asking for forgiveness. They said “We couldn’t ask forgiveness from him. Please, we are sorry. Accept our forgiveness on behalf of Mawlana.”

Hamdulillah we love him, and the Prophet (peace be upon him) said “You will be with whomever you love.” And we are sure *inshallah* that we will meet him in Paradise and we will

be forever with him. May Allah Almighty make you more and more sources of guidance for the people of this city.

These people are *mashallah* good people, the people of Canada. *Inshallah*, may Allah Almighty give them guidance and give them happiness and for all people *inshallah*.



GRATITUDE AND GUIDANCE

May 28th, 2023

Vincent Massey Park, Ottawa, ON

“If you are grateful, I will certainly give you more.” (Quran 14:07)

Allah Almighty is telling us that if you are thankful for what He gives you, He will give you more. Because everything belongs to Him. Everything we get is from Him. Do not think that you got something from that man, from this woman, from this country, from that country or from this government, no. All of this is from Allah Almighty. He only makes it so that things come to you through this particular way, through these people, through this government, through this man, through this sheikh. All of this is actually coming from Allah. So if you are thankful to Him, He will give you more. His treasures are endless, not limited. They are endless. Everything. He gives. In Paradise, the lowest one in Paradise will receive as much as this whole Earth. Imagine that! The lowest one who enters Paradise – after spending a million years in hell, he then enters Paradise and he receives as much as this world.

For everything He says “There’s no worry that it will be finished.” Now we are living on this Earth and many things have been finished. Thousands of species of animals are now extinct. Thousands of kinds of plants are finished. The fish are extinct. They even finished the water. Everything is limited. But when you are with Allah Almighty and you thank Him, what you think might be finished will become more and more.

For that reason, we are advising people to be thankful to Allah. Always say “*Shukr Ya Allah. Shukr* for You. Thank you for what you have given us.” This is the basic rule of conduct for *tariqa*, the *adab* of Islam. *tariqa* and Islam are one and the same. There is no difference. Some people think Sufism is out of Islam. In fact, it is the heart of Islam. Mawlana Sheikh, every day when he would hear some good news, he would quickly make *shukr sajda* (prostration of gratitude) and sometimes he would pray two *rakaats shukr* (units of prayer for gratitude).

Hamdulillah, we heard some good news today, so we completed these two *rakaats shukr* for the love of Allah; especially when it is for the benefit of Allah's *umma* (nation). This prayer of gratitude is very important. To thank Allah Almighty gives Islam more power, more protection from the antichrist and his followers, from *shaitan* and his followers.

They are attacking without ever getting tired. All the time – since Allah Almighty made our father Adam (peace be upon him) to come down from Paradise – this war does not end. Until Resurrection, it will not end, by the wisdom of Allah Almighty. Allah prohibited our father Adam (peace be upon him), the first man, to eat from this tree in Paradise. It was prohibited to eat from it but Adam (peace be upon him) ate. Many of these heedless people are not happy with Adam (peace be upon him). He is our father. They say “All of this is his fault. Every sin we do, he is responsible for it.” No. This is Allah Almighty's will. Allah Almighty prohibited Adam (peace be upon him) from eating from that tree but He did not prevent him from eating. He prohibited him, but the wisdom lies in that He did not prevent him. And He ordered the angels to prostrate to Adam (peace be upon him). He ordered all the angels but *shaitan* did not do what was ordered. He ordered but He did not force *shaitan* to make that prostration. This is His wisdom; to keep us fighting until the Resurrection. Those who follow Adam (peace be upon him) will win. Those who follow *shaitan* will lose. This is His wisdom. Nobody, not any scholar could explain this. These heedless people are accusing Adam (peace be upon him) “He made a mistake. And all of these human beings will be cast out of paradise because of his mistake.” No. This is Allah Almighty's will so that human beings exist in this world and are tested; who goes in the right way and who goes in the wrong way. This test is in this world.

And so, we are in the most difficult time. There is a very big clash or conflict between Truth and Falsehood, between right and wrong, between good and evil, between beauty and ugliness, ugly behaviour. Maybe you can see – many people think *shaitan* is ugly, but it might come as a very beautiful thing. But it is in reality ugly. This is the war. At this time, there is a very strong, very violent war. Because time is ending, and all of this must happen. That is why we are doing our best. We are happy when we hear that something happened that makes Muslims stronger and believers stronger. We are happy about that. We thank Allah Almighty.

Allah Almighty says after that “But if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.” (Quran 14:07). Whoever is against this, not accepting this and not thankful, My punishment is not easy. If you do not regret and ask for forgiveness, you will have a very bad punishment, a very huge punishment. Do not think it is a joke, it is the promise of our Lord Almighty who creates everything and whom everything is in His Hand. Nothing affects Him. If the whole universe goes against Him, He Almighty is not affected even a millimetre. And if the whole universe comes to His side, there is also no benefit to Him because He owns everything.

But He is Merciful towards us and He advises people, giving them instructions: where you will be safe, where you will not be safe. He says, when we go the wrong way approaching danger, don't do this. Be thankful, He says. If you are not thankful, you will be in danger. It will be dangerous for you because you will forever be in a bad place; the place for people who do not ask for forgiveness from the Most Merciful, our Lord Almighty Allah. Nobody can be Merciful as much as Him. He forgives everything. Allah Almighty says “Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.” (Quran 39:53). Allah Almighty is saying in this verse: Allah is the Most Merciful. He forgives everything. Everything you have done, you will receive His forgiveness. He says “Don't lose this opportunity.” Until the end of your life, you can ask for forgiveness. After that, you cannot.

So you must be careful. Don't be cheated by those people who show evil as good and the good as evil. Maybe it is easy to follow the way of *shaitan*, the way of those who are against Allah Almighty. In reality, the way which is a little more difficult is to believe. Because you have ego, you have *shaitan*, you have many things that make it difficult to follow this way. But if you follow it, you will be happier, even in this world. And then especially in the next life: extremely happy *inshallah*.

May Allah Almighty keep us safe from this difficult time. We are really... everybody is feeling and knowing this. *Inshallah* for the believer, it will be good. *Inshallah*. May Allah Almighty help you. May Allah Almighty give more and more faith to all of you. The most valuable thing is

iman, belief. *Inshallah* He increases our *iman* by the blessings of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and the blessings of the *awliya inshallah*.



PROPHET IBRAHIM AND GENEROSITY

May 30th, 2023, Tsawwassen, BC

So prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) was a very generous man. He would always look for somebody to bring home to eat with him. During dinner, he always liked to have guests to eat with him. One day, he could not find anybody to join him for dinner. Nobody came by. So he went out looking for someone and he found a stranger. He invited him saying “Come, come. I want you to eat with me as a guest.” When he came inside prophet Ibrahim’s home he realised that he did not look like a Muslim. He asked him “Are you Muslim?” The stranger replied “No.” He asked him “What are you? What is your religion?” He replied “I am a fire worshipper.” Prophet Ibrahim told him “Be a Muslim and I will have you as a guest here.” He said “No. I do not want to be Muslim.” He then said “So I will not let you stay here.” And he sent him away.

After that, Allah Almighty sent him Jibril (peace be upon him) who asked “Why did you do that? Why didn’t you give food to that man?” He said “He does not believe in Allah Almighty. He is an unbeliever. I asked him to be a servant of Allah Almighty, but he said no, I am a servant of fire only.” Allah Almighty sent through Jibril, telling him “This man is eighty or ninety years old, or maybe even more. All these years, I know he is not worshipping Me and yet I gave him his provision. I fed him and I gave him everything he needed. But in your case, he came to you only once, and you did not feed him or give him anything. Quickly run after him and bring him back to eat with you.” Ibrahim (peace be upon him) ran and searched for that man and found him finally. “Please come to eat”, he said. The man replied “But why did you throw me out? And why are you now asking me to come with you?” He said “I was angry with you because you do not believe in God. But God, Allah Almighty said that He fed you for ninety years even though you did not worship Him. Just once you came to me and I did not feed you, so He got angry with me and told me to bring you back.” When he heard this the man said “You are right. I must be in your religion. I must be Muslim.” And he became Muslim.

Allah Almighty does not differentiate between His servants. He gives everybody a livelihood, but what is important is to be thankful to Him and to give good things to people. This is the teaching of Allah Almighty and the prophets.



A PROPHET FOR EACH NATION

May 30th, 2023 – Vancouver, BC

Our *tariqa* is based on gathering, *sohba* (companionship). The Naqshbandi *Tariqa*. To be companions of good people. Anyone who comes to listen to advice, *nasihat* is a good person. Allah Almighty blesses them. The people of the old times would come from far distances to listen to *nasihat*, to listen to good advice. But people today are not interested in such things. If there is something that is of no benefit to them, they go and watch and listen, travelling long distances. They go far away. But when a good useful thing comes along, nobody is interested.

When these gatherings happen, Allah Almighty sends – this is from the Prophet (peace be upon him) that we heard from Mawlana Sheikh Nazim – He sends His blessings to the whole country, to the whole city where they are holding this gathering and *sohba* when the intention is purely for the sake of Allah Almighty. And this blessing is for the whole city. But for those who are actually in the gathering, this whole enormous blessing comes only for those people who are attending this gathering. So they will be blessed a thousand times more.

So this is a good opportunity to get blessings, to be in such a gathering, which is only for the sake of Allah Almighty and for the sake of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Allah Almighty rewards us for this. It does not harm anybody, and does not involve any bad activities. We are only gathering for the benefit of humanity, for the benefit of the Muslim community and trying to learn something. We too are learning when the *sohba* comes. *Inshallah*, it comes from Allah Almighty, from the Prophet (peace be upon him), from *awliya*. They are making us speak.

We are happy to be with people. Recently I heard that Mawlana was here in this city, in this country; here in Canada and America. Many people met him and are coming again, from his *baraka* (blessings), to see this gathering, to see us. We are happy because this is also from the good behaviour of the Prophet (peace be upon him): to not forget people who were friends with

your father and your mother. You must look for them and not cut this relationship. You must visit them or meet them. This is from among the orders of our Prophet (peace be upon him).

Every good thing comes through the Prophets. They are teaching people good manners. Because the nature of people is not to follow good behaviour. They follow... – everybody has an ego. The ego takes people towards the wrong way. If you follow the ego, it will never take you on the good way. We never heard that the ego makes people come to the way, the straight way, to be good people; no. The ego always goes to the wrong side. You have to always force it to come towards the right way; to not go out of the way.

The prophets came to show people the right way, to show people good things, good behaviour, good action. So that they can be of benefit for themselves, for other people, for their country, for human beings in general. This is the intention of the prophets who were travelling and going through their nations telling them “This is good. That is not good.” But most of the time, they were not accepted and they were given a bad time, pressuring them, oppressing them, not being happy with them. But their mission is to show people the right and good behaviour.

That is the reason the prophets were coming. For each nation, Allah Almighty sent a prophet. Everywhere on this Earth, there was a prophet. A few days ago, some people were asking me if there was a prophet in America. Of course. Here also; there was a nation living here. And in the Quran it is said “And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger.” (Quran 16:36) But what happened after the prophets? People were at first happy with them. But after fifty or sixty years, not more than a hundred years, people changed what they learnt. They did not accept their teachings and began to worship other things; to worship stones, to worship wood, to worship I don't know what. Whatever they found, they worshipped because they were following what the ego and *shaitan* taught them.

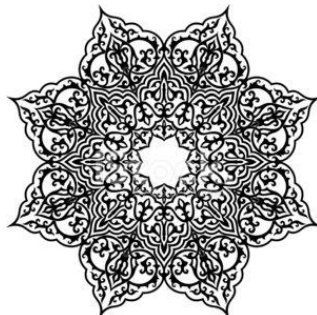
Prophet Musa (peace be upon him), had many miracles for his nation. For example, when they came running away from Pharaoh through a big sea. The sea was divided into twelve paths in the water for the twelve tribes. Each tribe in a separate path with protection reaching until the surface. And they could see each other through the water. They went safely to Sinai. But Pharaoh

and his army sank in the sea. When they came to the other side, they asked Musa (peace be upon him) for water to drink. He hit a rock with his staff and twelve fountains of water burst out. Each tribe drank from that water. Many miracles happened to them, to show them. Then, he went to Mount Sinai where Allah Almighty addressed him. And he stayed there for forty days. When he came back, they were worshipping an idol. They made a golden cow and they worshipped it. This is the attribute of human beings. They quickly forget what is good and go after badness. All of these miracles happened over maybe three or four months, and all of them saw the miracles. But when Musa (peace be upon him) went away for 40 days, they started worshipping the golden cow.

That is why each nation had a prophet. But soon after the prophet, *shaitan* made people worship something else instead of worshipping Allah Almighty. Our ego is dangerous. Don't say "Why do we need a prophet? Why do we need somebody to teach us what we need? We can just follow what we learn from books. Actually we don't even want everything we find in books; what our ego likes we can take, the rest we do not want." When you do this, you will be destroying humanity. Just as the nature of the Earth has been destroyed, and so many things are now extinct, many things are finished, not here, they will also finish mankind with their stupid ideas and stupid teachings.

May Allah Almighty keep us safe. Everywhere in this world now there is a very bad war between right and wrong. Many people think that the wrong is right; most people think that. But the right is right and it will appear. There is a saying "You cannot cover the sun with mud." It cannot be. The truth will appear sooner or later.

May Allah Almighty keep us safe and keep our children safe from this big *fitna inshallah*.



BROTHERHOOD FOR THE HEREAFTER

May 31st, 2023 – Delta, BC

“The believers are but brothers.” (Quran 49:10)

Allah Almighty is saying in this verse that believers are brothers. Be together and help each other for good things. Expect good things from your brother. Brothers in *tariqa*, *ikhwan* means brothers. And in *tariqa*, to follow the orders of Allah Almighty and the orders of the Prophet (peace be upon him), to perform every *sunna* (tradition) and every *fard* (obligatory orders). We should do as much as we can.

This is also a very important point: brotherhood for *akhira* (the hereafter). When the Prophet (peace be upon him) emigrated from Makkah to Madinah, he made all the Companions to be brothers for *akhira*. This is the *sunna* of the Prophet (peace be upon him). And they were helping each other. They were giving and sacrificing everything they had to each other. When they migrated to Madinah, the Prophet (peace be upon him) made each Companion who came from Madinah and those from Makkah to be together, to be brothers. They were giving everything. They were even giving half of what they owned to their brothers. During that period, a brother would even be considered as an inheritor. But after that of course, not as an inheritor but only brotherhood; to help each other, to look after each other. This is a good example for us.

We can do this also. Nowadays maybe it is more important. Especially in places like this where you are not many; the majority are nonbelievers, non-Muslims. Muslims can look after each other, help each other. Of course, this is for the sake of Allah Almighty that you should do this, not for personal benefit. *Hamdulillah* most people are not like this, looking at their own personal gains, but sometimes these types of people appear.

One of the Companions, Abdul-Rahman ibn Awf (may Allah be pleased with him), was very rich. He was a trader in Makkah, but when he escaped from Makkah to Madinah, he could not

bring anything with him. So the Companion who became his brother, in brotherhood, he said “I have a lot of money. Take as much as you like. You can continue trading.” He said “No, just give me a rope and show me where the market is. I don’t want anything else.” After that, when he showed him, Abdul-Rahman started trading again and became very rich.

Normally if somebody is giving away money, many people would like to take that from him. But brotherhood is important, not for gaining material benefits. What is more important is to be sincere, for the sake of Allah, to help each other, to look for what you can teach them or give any other form of help; not only money. There is more important help than that. Do not be like the people of these days; everybody is just thinking “How can I benefit from this brotherhood? What can I get from this man or from this woman”, instead of looking for real happiness, real support. To gain one real friend is even more valuable than diamonds or gold.

But nowadays, people don’t think about these things. They think they are clever. They think they know everything, when in reality, they are only eating straw or wood, not eating the nice things, the essence of the fruit. They are eating the outside, the dry part, not the good part. And they think they are clever and they are happy with what they get. But they forget – they do not understand, not ‘forget’. To forget is also a good word but in fact from the beginning, they are not understanding about spirituality, about this good attribute, this good thing Allah Almighty gave us that is special for human beings. When you lose this spirituality, you lose your humanity and you become like a four-legged animal. Even animals sometimes have better attributes than those people who forgot their humanity, running after this material world, running after personal benefit only.

You must make yourself, your ego – teach yourself good things, teach your ego the good things. And after that, you will be a good one. And the good ones, Allah Almighty loves them and the Prophet (peace be upon him) loves them. And when Allah Almighty and the Prophet (peace be upon him) love these people, Allah Almighty orders the angels to love them and orders people to love them. And they become beloved by everyone. Everybody who sees them will be happy with them even if they do not know them. But on the other side, everybody runs away from these people; not coming to them. They will be hated by Allah Almighty and hated by the Prophet.

And when this hate is coming on them, everybody will hate them. Even if they have everything, they think people will love them, but nobody will love them.

May Allah Almighty make us – especially in these days – to find good brothers, good brotherhood to be between us. Especially for *tariqa* we are saying this. *Tariqa murids. Ikhwan*, we said. *Ikhwan* means brothers. Brothers must be together. Allah Almighty loves gatherings. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said Allah Almighty is with the gathering of good people. When you are together, Allah Almighty supports you, Allah Almighty gives you more blessings and more happiness.

May Allah Almighty make us to be together, not to look at our wrongdoings and mistakes. Because everybody has mistakes. No one is without mistakes or without wrongdoing. Allah Almighty forgives these mistakes, and we also forgive each other. If Allah Almighty forgives, we must also forgive. No need to look at the small things. The important thing is the order of Allah. If you look at a person saying ‘this is good and this is not good’, you will never find a perfect one. The only perfect one is the Prophet (peace be upon him).

May Allah Almighty help us. May Allah Almighty make us to be together *inshallah*.



SECRET WISDOM IN THE SUNNA

June 1st, 2023 – Delta, BC

All prophets were teaching Islam. And Islam is teaching the way of life for human beings; to follow this way, to be happy and satisfied and for everything to be good for them. You can find everything in Islam: what to do, where to go and where to come. In every hour of your day, if you are following this way, Allah Almighty rewards you.

Now *hamdulillah* we just ate. Thank you to our host, he gave this feast for the sake of Allah. May Allah Almighty reward him. And of course as we said, everything in Islam has a way. Therefore Islam also teaches how to eat. To begin with, the *sunna* of the Prophet (peace be upon him) is to wash your hands before eating and after eating. This is the *sunna* of the Prophet (peace be upon him). When you do this, you get *ajr shahid* (the reward of a martyr) or five *shahid* or seven *shahid* or even sometimes up to a hundred *shahid*. Even the reward of a single martyr, just one *shahid* can take seventy people whom Allah Almighty wants to put in hell for their sins, that one martyr can take them with him to Paradise. So how big is what you do?! Only for washing your hands.

After that, when you sit to eat, make *duaa* (prayer) or if you don't know – you should just begin with: *bismillah ar-rahman ir-rahim* (In the Name of Allah, the All-Beneficent, the Most Merciful). Every bite you eat without the *basmala*, you feed the *shaitan*. But if you say *bismillah ar-rahman ir-rahim*, *shaitan* will say “Oh I am hungry now.” Without remembering Allah, *shaitan* is happy to eat with you, and you will not get any reward. But when you say *bismillah ar-rahman ir-rahim*, every bite will be *shifa* (health) for you and not going to *shaitan*.

You must eat with *adab* – of course, there are many things about good behaviour, *adab* of eating. You must put in your plate only as much as you can eat. When you take something, you must finish your plate without leaving anything on the plate. Do not take too much. Take a little, after that, if it was not enough, you can take more. And you must finish it. Because the Prophet (peace

be upon him) said that there is only one part that has all the *baraka* (blessings) of the food. When you eat, you gain health and you get *baraka* too.

Now it is a custom, a new fashion for people; they have to leave something on their plate. If they don't leave something, they will say it is not good. Maybe people will laugh at them and say "What are these people doing? They are not leaving any food. Aren't they full yet? They are so hungry they are trying to eat the plate itself!" Do not listen to them. You must do this for the sake of Allah Almighty and for the value of this *nima* (favour) that Allah Almighty has given us. *Hamdulillah* we are not hungry. Millions of people cannot find food like what you are throwing in the dustbin and not eating. Because *nima*, provision is very sensitive. If you are not happy with it, you might not find it later. You cannot find it.

So you must know this and keep this, for you and for your family also. Especially, everywhere now, in the east and west, north and south of this planet, many small antichrists, *dajjals* have appeared and are attacking believers, attacking belief, attacking good behaviour. They are ordering bad behaviour.

Many people are asking "How can we save our children?" You can begin with how you eat and how you behave in the house. With this, Allah Almighty protects you *inshallah*. This is the secret of this wisdom. Not only wondering: what we can do to protect our children, what will we do? The most important thing is what you eat and how you eat.

We forgot to say that before eating, take a little bit of salt and put it in your mouth. This is also a *sunna* of the Prophet (peace be upon him). And it also gives health and *baraka*. Our master, Ali (may Allah ennoble his face) said "This protects you from seventy illnesses." Seventy illnesses is not a minor thing. Even one illness can be a catastrophe. Seventy illnesses are too difficult to bear. I think among them must be cancer and also other terrible diseases. So this is very important.

After you eat, you make *duaa* and thank Allah Almighty. And again put a little bit of salt in your mouth. There are many things, of course, in the *adab* of eating but this is enough for us. It is not difficult. It is easy. You must do it.

Allah Almighty is saying, you must also look from where you are getting your money. If you are working, anywhere you are working, it is not a problem. Make your intention for Allah Almighty and ask Allah Almighty to give you good *rizq* (provision), good work, good business. But the important thing is not to cheat people, not to take something from people and not give them back. This is very dangerous. You see many people who are going to *hajj* (pilgrimage), praying and worshipping, but their children are not like them at all. This is because they were eating *haram*, cheating people, taking what is not theirs. This issue concerns every aspect. Especially in countries where they say that the man inherits everything from his father or mother, not leaving anything for the sister or daughter; only for the man. Allah Almighty gave them. He has given them half. Even that half, they are not giving them. And after that, they go to *hajj* and *umrah* many times, and their children do not become good Muslims. Not even good people. Many of them end up in jail.

They do not know this; *shaitan* makes them blind and makes them not understand this. This is even more important than how you eat. Before eating, what is important is how you get this food, this money. Do not think *haram* (forbidden sources of income) has any *baraka*. In *haram*, there is no blessing at all. If you take millions with *haram*, there is no benefit for you, nothing. With *halal* (permissible sources of income), even a small amount is *baraka* for all of you.

For our children, because we are living in a place where we cannot say anything, maybe they make up a problem for people. So to protect yourself and your children from these *dajjal* (antichrist) people, you must give yourself and your family good *rizq*, good income. Even if it's a small one, it must be clean. This is very important. If you are not doing this, you will be regretful. Because there will be no *baraka* from what you get, and no *baraka* after that for your family.

May Allah Almighty protect us from our greedy ego. The ego is very greedy. It thinks everything is good. In Turkey, there was one communist poet who was making fun of the ones around him. He said “O our Lord Allah, give us. *Halal* or not *halal*, the children are eating. Give us.” He was joking about this, but he was a communist. Allah’s wisdom can be from anywhere: for the believer, the Muslim, it is not important from where the wisdom is coming. The Prophet (peace be upon him) was saying “Look for wisdom anywhere.” That poet was saying this for those who claim they are Muslim and are praying and worshipping, and then they ask “What happened to our children?”

We must be careful. Really, we are in a very difficult time, a very tough time, a very dangerous time. May Allah Almighty keep our children and Muslim children from this affliction. This is a big affliction. It is not easy. They are attacking believers everywhere. There are attacks involving killing and destroying, but the real dangerous attack is against our belief. If killed, they become martyrs, *shahid*. But in this case, they are killing the belief of children; and this is worse.

May Allah Almighty keep us safe and keep our children safe. We are living in a really difficult time.



KNOWLEDGE AND IGNORANCE

June 2nd, 2023

Masjid Anwar Madina – Surrey, BC

Hamdulillah, we are happy to be with our brothers, Muslim brothers in this place which is normally for people who are not believers. But “Indeed, the earth belongs to Allah. He grants it to whom He chooses of His servants.” (Quran 07:128). Land is for Allah, not for anybody. We are here just by His will. Our livelihood is here, we are here. We are not coming to take this with us to the next life. We are here only for a short while. That is why, we are not saying “This is ours” or “That is theirs.”

Everywhere we go, we must remember this. Remember Allah Almighty. We must not forget ourselves, forget why Allah Almighty created us. Allah Almighty created us to worship Him, to accept Him, to show the way for people who are in need of this way. Do not be like them; they must be like you. They must imitate you. The knowledge you have, nobody has. Even if they have universities or other schools, whoever does not know his Creator is ignorant. Who knows his Lord, his Creator Allah Almighty, even if he does not know how to read or write, he is knowledgeable, an acceptable person; not from among the ignorant ones. Ignorance is a very bad characteristic, the worst for human beings. Allah Almighty sent the first verse to the Prophet (peace be upon him) “*iqra*”, it means ‘learn’. This is the way of our Prophet. Whatever you learn: you learn mathematics, you learn architecture – yes, you can learn that, there is no problem with learning that kind of knowledge. But if you learn that without knowing the most important thing, then you are ignorant, *jahil*.

So keep your faith strong. Our belief, *Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaah* (traditional majority): we believe in Allah Almighty, prophets, *awliya* and *sahaba*. All of this. We believe in *karamat*, miracles of saints, and *mujizat*, miracles of prophets (peace be upon them). This is our belief. If you do not believe in any one of these, your belief will become weaker and weaker and weaker. After that, you will melt and go into this area. You will become nothing. But if you do not melt, you will be a light for others, to be knowledgeable *inshallah*.

May Allah Almighty keep us with strong faith and with knowledge, to know our Lord Almighty Allah, to know ourselves, to know Allah Almighty *inshallah*.



THE BRILLIANCE OF IMAM ABU HANIFA

June 2nd, 2023

Sufi Meditation Ctr. – Vancouver BC

“Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.”(Quran 16:128)

Allah Almighty said that He is with the believer who is doing everything according to Allah’s pleasure – Allah Almighty is mentioning in the Glorious Quran that He is with people who are afraid of Allah Almighty and do good things, helping people. Allah Almighty is with those people. An important thing in this verse: some people can do for show, but Allah Almighty knows what is in your heart, what is in our hearts.

Therefore, the most important thing is to exist for the sake of Allah’s happiness and what Allah Almighty likes must be in our hearts. This is the first aim for the believer.

Especially for *tariqa* people, this is very important. Other people, in everything they do they are looking whether people will be happy with them, or they will be famous and people will follow them and look at what they are doing. All this is not for the sake of Allah. They are doing this for the sake of their ego, for themselves. They think it will be a pleasure for them to do this. And of course, most of what they are doing is nonsense. It is of no benefit for anybody and of no benefit at all for themselves. Benefit for them is that they must only know how to be sincere to Allah. And to do everything for the sake of Allah, not for the sake of their ego; to make their ego bigger and bigger and bigger. No, this is not good for human beings.

The way of Allah Almighty. *Hamdulillah* we are on His way, the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him), the way of *Ahlul-Bait* (the Prophet’s family and descendants) and the way of *awliya* (saints), the way of believers. The way of *tariqa* is for human beings to train themselves and train their egos to be pure for Allah Almighty and pure for the Prophet (peace be upon him). When you do this, you are not in need of anybody to be happy with you or not happy with you; that is not important. When Allah Almighty is pleased with you, everybody will be happy with

you. But if you are not happy with Allah Almighty, nobody will be interested in you. You are doing something for yourself, for your own pleasure, for your ego. And this is the wrong way.

Our way, *hamdulillah*, is by following the Prophet (peace be upon him) and all *Sahaba* (Companions), *Ahlul-Bait* and *mazhabs* (The Four Schools of Islamic jurisprudence). Of course, *hamdulillah*, we are following the four *mazhabs*, *Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaah*, which is the way of the Prophet (peace be upon him). And of course in each *mazhab*, there is ease for some people and some people are not familiar with that. There are four options, you can follow any one of them because all of them are accepted by scholars and they are all accepting *Ahlul-Bait*. They are accepting all *Ahlul-Bait* and all *Sahaba*; not rejecting anybody.

Do not think that *Ahlul-Bait* were like those people think: not following *sharia*. They were the most strongly holding onto *sharia*. Even once Imam Azam, Imam Abu Hanifa, the biggest of the four imams – Azam means the biggest imam and every scholar had been accepting this until nowadays. Of course nowadays, there are many enemies against him because he is the strongest one against those who are out of *sharia* and nobody can beat him. When they attack him it means they are attacking all of our beliefs, even attacking the Prophet (peace be upon him).

He was – many people do not know about his life. People think he is just like a scholar, like a sheikh, not knowing much. Originally, in the beginning he was a very rich man, trading silk. He was very honest and did not accept anything *haram*. Once his partner did something wrong; he sold some silk without knowing that something was wrong with it, and the customer accepted it and took it. But Imam Abu Hanifa was not happy with this. He told his partner “Give all this money to *sadaqa* (charity).” After that incident when he realised that his partner was not careful, he left him. He started doing business by himself. Then, he met a scholar who told him “You must learn something.” After that, he started studying and left his business with somebody to look after it. He was not afraid of saying anything, he was saying everything he knew and learned. He did not only learn *fiqh* (jurisprudence); he also learnt medicine, mathematics and algebra. He knew everything. He was very brilliant. That is why they were calling him Imam Azam, the Biggest Imam. He had proof for everything.

Of course, these brilliant people always have enemies, people are jealous of them and are always doing something against them so that people do not love them. So once, he was in Makkah or Madinah and he met our master Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (may Allah be pleased with him and ennoble his face). He saw him and asked him “Who are you?” “Salam, I am Abu Hanifa.” Imam Muhammad al-Baqir was angry at him and said “You are the one who does not accept my grandfather’s Hadith and you are giving *fatwa* from your own mind. How dare you do this?!” Abu Hanifa said “Never! All my life is for the Prophet (peace be upon him). What you said is wrong! I came to be dust here, for the end of my life to be here. I am following his Hadith. Whatever I find in the Hadith, I give. What I do not find, I do not give. I will give you an example concerning this. Who is the weakest: women or men?” Imam al-Baqir said “Women of course. Of course women are weaker than men.” Imam Abu Hanifa said “In the Quran it is said that the female inheritor gets half, but the male gets one. If I am giving a *fatwa* according to my own ideas, it would be one for the woman and half for the man, because she is weaker.”

Imam Abu Hanifa then said “Is urine more dirty or is sperm more dirty?” Imam al-Baqir said “Of course urine is more dirty. Sperm is clean because human beings are coming from it.” He replied “If urine is more dirty, so every time a person urinates, they should make *ghusl* (major ablution). If you are saying this according to your mentality or I am saying this according to my mentality, it must be that way. Because it is much dirtier, then you must make *ghusl*. But people are not making *ghusl* every time after urinating. Only when sperm is coming out, they should make *ghusl*.”

And then he asked “Which gives more reward and is a stronger worship: praying or fasting?” Imam al-Baqir replied “Of course praying because we are doing it everyday.” Imam Abu-Hanifa said “In Ramadan, when women have their period, they fast after Ramadan to make up for what they missed. But for praying, a woman does not make up her missed prayers. For seven or ten days during her period, she does not pray and then does not make them up later. According to my thinking, it is stronger to make up for praying and not fasting.” When Imam al-Baqir heard this, he said “I am very happy with you,” and he kissed his forehead.

This is what all imams are like: they follow *sharia* very strongly. Even for our master Abu Hanifa who is Imam Azam, they are not listening if people call him Imam Azam or not. They are not listening at all. They are only looking at what he is doing and saying. Imams are not affected by people who are saying this and saying that. No, they are strongly following *sharia*.

But of course those who came after the imams, even sunni people, think they are not following *sharia*. But in fact, they were very very tough in following *sharia*; not leaving anything. But people are not interested in this, they only say “We are following the imams, all imams, the twelve imams.” The twelve imams are not happy with what these people are doing. These people are not following. They are only following what they like to follow. They imagine and think that these people are like them. No, they were giants. They cannot be like them. We must try to follow them as much as we can. And Allah Almighty gives according to your intention.

We must depend on Allah Almighty to support us and also send us good people, *inshallah*. We are very few people in this big country, living among unbelievers. They are not accepting any religion and not accepting anything. Most of them who have religion, their religion is not enough for them and they are hiding the truth, saying bad things and not accepting. But if they accept the truth, all of this country will be full of believers and accept Allah. But when they do this, *shaitan* will not be happy and his followers will be angry.

Allah Almighty says there is a time for everything. We are waiting with patience. *Inshallah* all of this, the whole world, not only here, will *inshallah* be believers with our master al-Mahdi (peace be upon him). We are living in a time, it is really – every day it is becoming more and more tight for believers. You cannot say anything and they are tying your hands, your legs, tying your head and everything. And after that, they say “Come and wrestle with us.” How can we do that?!
[Mawlana laughs].

But a time will come when all of this will open and *inshallah* the light of Islam, the light of the Prophet (peace be upon him) will be from East to West, North to South *inshallah*. This is what Mawlana Sheikh was giving us good tidings about. And he was waiting for this. But *inshallah* we believe we will reach that time *inshallah*. Because everything is getting more difficult. There

is a *qasida* (poem) that Mawlana Sheikh was saying, *Qasida al-Munfarajah*: “Difficulties intensify and so follows the opening.” This is a little bit of a long *qasida*, it means difficult times increase more and more and there becomes darkness, more oppression, more unbelief, more coming against Allah, coming against the Prophet, coming against humanity; it comes, comes, and comes, until it reaches the top, then after this it will finish *inshallah*.

They say, the darkest time is the night and then after comes the light. And now we are really living in a time where there is darkness everywhere. Nobody is happy. Everybody – even if they are living in a little bit better country, people are not happy. They are anxious. If not from thinking about their family, then from thinking about other things “What will happen? These people are coming here. These people are going there. These people are doing this.” Everybody, the whole world is in a situation of unhappiness. Of course it will be like this until the light comes *inshallah*. And after this there will be happiness *inshallah*. May Allah Almighty make these days come quickly before more difficulty comes *inshallah*, to reach these happy days *inshallah*. Because when you reach these happy days, it is happiness for here and hereafter. The most important thing is *akhira*. May Allah Almighty help us. May Allah Almighty keep you and keep us safe in this world.

You must be together, help each other and *inshallah* help poor people. As much as you help, Allah Almighty sends more. If you only think that what we have will finish, it finishes. But when you give, Allah Almighty gives you more *inshallah*. May Allah Almighty make our centres more and more. As Mawlana Sheikh said (may Allah Almighty increase his rank), *inshallah* his intention is for forty thousand centres.

May Allah Almighty make each one a centre for light, for following the real Islam, following the Prophet (peace be upon him), following *mazhabs*, following *Ahlul-Bait* and following all imams *inshallah*.



THE LIGHT OF ISLAM

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Fiji Islamic Center – Surrey, BC

Fiji island, many people do not know where it is. But *hamdulillah* Allah Almighty made *Nurul Islam* (The Light of Islam) to go to such a very far place, and from there to come here is also from Allah Almighty's will. You are lucky people. You are chosen by Allah Almighty to give good teaching for yourself and your family, to keep Islam.

To keep Islam is very difficult at this time. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said about the end of time "The one holding onto the religion will be like grasping onto hot embers." Who is practising Islam and holding onto Islam is as if holding fire in his hand. It is a very difficult time but *hamdulillah* who receives it must be thankful to Allah Almighty for what He gave him. To thank Allah Almighty for this *nima* (favour) that many people do not have.

Do not think this whole world is worth anything in the Divine Presence of Allah Almighty. It is nothing. Even not as much as the wing of a mosquito. The value of millions of mosquitoes is still nothing. The whole world isn't even worth the wings of all mosquitoes but just one wing in the Divine Presence of Allah. So what you have of *iman*, Islam is the biggest *nima*, the biggest mercy, the biggest blessing from Allah Almighty for our people who are practising and making a place for praying, making a place for teaching children Quran, teaching children good manners, manners of Islam which are the best manners for human beings.

Of course, those who do not have faith, it will not be good for them. Without understanding, they are criticising. But normally, the one who follows Islam, his life is good. Allah Almighty says "Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer, We will surely give him a good life." (Quran 16:97) A sweet life, Allah Almighty said. A good life. And for *akhira* "But the Hereafter is better." (Quran 87:17) Allah Almighty is also saying who follows the order of Allah Almighty and is going in His way, his life will be happy, sweet and easy. And for the hereafter, even much better. This is the promise of Allah Almighty.

“Surely, Allah never breaks His promise” (Quran 03:09) says Allah Almighty. When Allah Almighty promises, His promise is not like human beings. They promise and they don’t fulfil. Allah Almighty’s promise must happen.

Therefore, an advice for human beings: do not go after what your ego, what *shaitan* and what bad people want you to do. Do what Allah Almighty is saying. When you do what people are saying and advising – they are not advising you for your benefit or for humanity, what they are advising is for the benefit of *shaitan*. Because what they advise is destroying human beings, destroying people, Muslims and non-Muslims; it is not different. They are doing harm. Even if non-Muslims follow the teachings of Allah Almighty, in the end they will be winners. Their life will be a better life. Everything will be better and with *baraka*. Their health will be better and their spirituality will become better too. And from this, maybe Allah Almighty will give them guidance also.

Akhira is most important. In *dunya*, many people think they are happy. But in *dunya*, nobody is happy, nobody is satisfied. They want more things. They collect more and more and more to make themselves happy, to make themselves feel better. But each time comes another thing “We want this. We want that.” The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, only the earth can end this greed in human beings. Without dying, even if he is a hundred years old, he still wants many things. He thinks he will be living forever.

Those people who are not in the way of Allah Almighty cheat themselves and cheat others also. Because whoever is a believer knows that his way is to *akhira* (the hereafter). We are travelling towards *akhira*. We are not sitting in our place. Even if we are sitting, time is passing. This is our journey; going and going and going until we meet *inshallah* our Lord with *iman* (faith). This is the most important thing; not *dunya*. We are creatures of Allah. Allah Almighty created us and this is His will for us. By His will, we came to this world, to *dunya*. And by His will, when our time comes, we will go back to Him also. Coming from Him and going back to Him. This is very important.

Everything we do, every minute, every second, we must remember this. *Zikr* means to remember. Of course you say we mention “Allah, Allah, Allah, Allah”, but the real *zikr* is in your heart mentioning Allah Almighty all the time, remembering Allah Almighty all the time; not one second without Him. And this gives you reward from Allah Almighty in everything you are doing. Allah Almighty says in *hadith-qudsi* that whoever remembers Him, is making his worshipping and coming closer more and more with *tasbih, tahlil, nafl* prayers and charity, they become nearer to Allah Almighty.

Tariqa is showing this way, not showing bad things. Many people are also deceiving Muslims saying “*Tariqa* is not good. They are not doing anything.” We are doing the most important thing. The other things we are also doing. But when you do this most important thing – when you do your business, your job, your work, everything you do you remember Allah, Allah Almighty also rewards you as if you are worshipping. Because you are with Him the whole time, the whole time asking for His blessings. And Allah Almighty is Generous, He gives His blessings.

Allah Almighty is saying “And Allah invites to the Home of Peace.” (Quran 10:25). Allah Almighty calls you to His Paradise. Allah Almighty is not greedy. If the whole universe is coming, Paradise is enough for them. But people, by following their ego and what they desire, they are running away. Allah Almighty is calling them and they are running away. Allah Almighty is calling them to Paradise and they are running to hell. Running, spending money, running after those people “Oh take us! Take us to hell!” This is what they are doing. Allah Almighty is saying “Come to Paradise. Come to Me.” But very few people are listening to Allah Almighty. Even those who are believers, many of them are forgetting. They are imitating non-believers and imitating bad people.

We are asking Allah Almighty to protect us, to protect Muslims: young and old. All of them are living in a time, a very dangerous time for faith. We are living in a time that the Prophet (peace be upon him) called the end of time. Many people are saying “Oh for *qiyama*, there is a long time.” How do you say this and the Glorious Quran says: “The Hour has come near.” (Quran 54:01). The time is coming closer. It is very near. This is from the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him). So now it is more and more near. And the Prophet (peace be upon him) showed with

his fingers and said “The time between me and *qiyama* (resurrection) is as close as the sun is ready to set after *asr* (afternoon prayer time).”

Qiyama is very near. Don’t think it is far. You must be ready. The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said that when the believer dies, *qiyama* happens for him, because when he dies, he then opens his eyes at the time of *mahshar* (Day of Judgment).

But now, the reality for the whole world is the end of time. Everything has reached its peak. They are not accepting Allah Almighty, not accepting our Prophet (peace be upon him), not accepting any good thing. Every bad thing, they accept. Every good thing, they prevent, not accept. They want to destroy humanity. They want to destroy this earth. These are not human, this is *shaitan*.

But it is mentioned in the sayings of the Prophet (peace be upon him) that this will happen “And after this will come one of my descendants, my grand-grandson. He will fill the whole world with justice, peace and blessings.” Our master al-Mahdi (peace be upon him). We are waiting for him, *inshallah* very near. We hope *inshallah* we will meet him. To finish this evil from the Earth *inshallah*. May Allah Almighty help us. May Allah Almighty keep us safe and our children, Muslim children here and anywhere in the world. Now they are in danger. They have everything coming up to their homes, in their hands. They are under a huge attack from this. Every house has this.

For this, we are asking. Our weapon is our prayers. “The weapon of the believer is *duaa* (prayer).” We must pray, make *duaa* asking protection from Allah Almighty. May Allah Almighty protect us and protect our children and Muslim children in the whole world *inshallah*. And we are asking and praying for our master al-Mahdi to come and to save us from this. Because without him – now *shaitan* controls everything, you cannot do anything.

May Allah Almighty save us *inshallah*.

THE PATH OF HUMBLENESS

June 4th, 2023 – Tsawwassen, BC

Hamdulillah. We are thanking Allah Almighty for making this trip happen to this country in a continent so far away from our home. We are thanking Allah Almighty for making us see the beauty that He created. Everything He creates is beautiful. But for some places He gives more, and for some places less. This is His wisdom. But life, our life in *dunya*, as we said yesterday, is temporary not permanent. Therefore, you must be thankful for what Allah Almighty gave you. Every time, we are thankful to Him.

Of course, it is His will to take you from place to place, from country to country. If your provision is there, you must have it there. You cannot take it in your country. For this, you must be thankful to Allah Almighty every time, asking for more rewards and more protection from our ego and from being cheated by this world. Ask protection from Allah Almighty because this is very important.

We are living in a life where each step is full of traps. You do not know what will happen. You cannot say after one hour what we will do. You do not know what will happen. We are living just in this time. Next, before and now; three. As Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi said “Yesterday went. Today we are here. Tomorrow we don’t know.” You must only be – every minute you are living, you must be thankful to Allah Almighty and be aware not to do something that will make you unhappy forever. This is very important.

You do not know at all. Nobody knows. Those who are scientists, scholars or others – nobody can tell you what will happen tomorrow. Of course, they are saying “There will be after a million years, after a billion years, something like this, something like that.” But this is also not sure. They are saying after a million years, yet they do not know after one hour what will happen. Maybe after one hour, they will not be in this world anymore.

The important thing is to know yourself. What are we? We are in the Hand of Allah Almighty. This is what you must know. “Whoever knows himself, knows his Lord” says our master Muhyiddin ibn al-Arabi. Who knows himself, knows his Lord. Sometimes it is so difficult to understand this. Some people think that it is when they will know their Lord Almighty Allah. This means if you know you are nothing, you will know the Mightiness of your Lord Allah Almighty. This is important. This is what we must know, not knowing how He is doing this or what He is. No, this is not knowledge. You cannot reach this; what they are saying. But the real meaning is to know yourself that you are a servant for Him and He is your Lord. This is what Muhyiddin ibn al-Arabi is saying.

Our master ibn al-Arabi was a great sheikh. They call him ‘Sheikh ul-Akbar’, the Greatest Sheikh. He was a scholar and he was Sufi. And many people are taking his words in another direction, because it is difficult to understand him. When you don’t understand him, you don’t go in the same direction, you might even go directly to the opposite of his direction. Many people are taking his book and reading, but you must know what you read. And what you read, you must ask people who know this, real people. Because 99% – from a thousand or from ten thousand, you can maybe find one person to understand this. And the others, all of them are not understanding at all.

That is why we are asking Allah Almighty to give us, support us with knowledge from His Divine Presence. Maybe if you understand two words, it is better for you than to read all the books of *awliya* or the People of Allah, who are great masters. Many people when sitting in front of Mawlana or Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani, they never understood anything from his *sohbas*, from his lectures. They were understanding, as we said, like what they are understanding from our master Muhyiddin ibn al-Arabi: the opposite direction. If not the opposite direction, maybe another side; not correct.

So do not think whoever is not following Mawlana Sheikh Nazim and only listens to Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani is a great *awliya*, a great sheikh. No, don’t think this. This is also a trick from your ego, to end what you get from blessings from these big *awliya*, from them. You must be thankful to Allah Almighty that he made you listen to Mawlana Sheikh Nazim. Because

he has the real understanding of Grandsheikh, Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani. Others, when they are saying something, they are making people confused and they are making people run away from reality. Because people know, more or less, what is *sharia* and what is *tariqa*. And when somebody who does not understand talks, it becomes not good, it becomes bad.

There is a story about this to use as an example. Once a big scholar wanted to pass this big river in Baghdad. There was no bridge at that time, so they had to go by a small boat. So he was going on the boat with a poor man steering the boat and of course he was proud of his knowledge. He asked that man about some things and he kept saying “I don’t know”. The scholar thought to himself “This man does not know anything. He is ignorant.” After a little while – it was a big wide river – the wind started to blow hard and the boat began to shake and was about to tip over. This poor man steering the boat asked him “Do you know how to swim?” The scholar replied “No.” He said “Your whole life will be gone now.” And then he told him “Half-doctor makes you end your life. Half-scholar makes you go to hell.”

So we must be careful about this. This is very important: not to take from whatever we hear. We must take from a real one. *Hamdulillah* Mawlana Sheikh has his books and videos everywhere. Many people who are not even interested in anything are now looking at this machine and saying how great he is! He was saying good things. Mawlana Sheikh never said “This is from me.” He always said “This is from Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah. From Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah.” But there are many people who say “I was there. I was this. I was that.” But what happened is not good. What happened is bad.

Whoever is in *tariqa* must not give his opinion and not follow his ego. You must crush your ego. You must be humble. *Hamdulillah* we see many great scholars, great *alims*, when they are coming to Mawlana, they are humble, they are accepting, they are knowing who the real one is, who has knowledge, whom Allah Almighty gave real knowledge. They are accepting *awliya*, accepting *ulema*, not attributing anything for themselves. This is the teaching of *awliya*, teaching of our sheikhs. Because they are living, as we said in the beginning of the *sohba*, in THIS time, at the SAME time, not planning what will happen later. “If I say this, maybe people will not be happy with me. I will lose my students. I will lose what I have.” No, they are knowing and

accepting because this is not for *dunya* but for *akhira*. Your intention must be for goodness and you must also act sometimes. Many times your intention is maybe to do a good thing but you cannot do it. But what you can do, you must do without any fear of losing something. If you are thinking like this, you will lose everything. You lose everything if you think like that.

This is our *tariqa*, our way. The Naqshbandi *tariqa*, actually all 40 *tariqas* are intending humbleness. Others who are outside of *tariqa* are proud and are saying “I am this. I am that. I am a doctor. I am a professor. I am this. I am that.” This is not allowed in our *tariqa*. Mawlana Sheikh Nazim was always making fun of those who say “I am a doctor.” Somebody came to Mawlana saying “I am a doctor of *sharia*.” Mawlana said, raising his sleeve “Look at me here, take my pulse.” [Mawlana laughs] He said “No, no, I’m not that kind of doctor.” Mawlana said “Oh really? What is the benefit of a doctor in *sharia*? You give medicine to people for *sharia*?” Sometimes *shaitan* makes people funny without them knowing they are doing a funny thing; they think they are doing good. If you are a doctor, you are a doctor, don’t announce it. You must know humbleness. If you know this, Allah Almighty will make you even greater. Whoever is humble for Allah, Allah Himself raises him. But when he raises himself by himself, Allah Almighty makes him down. May Allah Almighty keep us safe from our ego *inshallah*.

Hamdulillah we have been in Canada now for three weeks. Allah Almighty gave real beauty and everything to this country. But people must be thankful for this and not forget Allah Almighty and not come against Him. It is also a test. Sometimes Allah Almighty tests his servants with a good thing and sometimes tests them with a bad thing.

But here, Allah Almighty gave all of this and we must be thankful for Him. This is what He wants from us. But “If you are grateful, I will certainly give you more; But if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.” (Quran 14:07). If you are not thankful and you come against Me, after this you will be unhappy. You will be in big trouble. Even if you have everything on the outside, it can be that Allah Almighty burns you from your inside. You are in Paradise but you are burning from the inside, you cannot feel any happiness, anything from this happiness. But maybe you can be like prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), he was in the fire but it was like Paradise for him.

It is also like this for human beings. All the time in this world until the man or woman dies, it is like this. It is not your permanent place. It is only – we are travellers. The Prophet (peace be upon him) says “Travellers.” *Mashallah*. I see sometimes – we pray *seferi* (shortened prayers during travel) always because we are Hanafi. We must pray *seferi* for 15 days. After 15 days, we can pray four *rakaats*. But normally, we pray *fard* only two *rakaats*. I saw new Muslims or people who do not fully understand, also praying two *rakaats* with us and making *salam*. So one time we asked someone who did this “You are not a traveller?!” He said “No, no I am a traveller also! We are going to *akhira!*” [Mawlana laughs].

May Allah Almighty help us *inshallah*. Thank you to all of you for this. Our people made us feel very... – we made them tired. All the time, the whole 24 hours, serving us. *Inshallah* this is for the sake of Allah Almighty. Allah Almighty rewards them *inshallah*.



“WE ARE SINKING!”

June 7th, 2023 – Milton, ON

“Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.” (Quran 04:59).

This is the order of Allah Almighty. We heard this order many times from Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani. He was repeating it many times. But from Mawlana Sheikh Nazim, not so much. But from Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Daghestani, we heard this many many times.

It means to obey Allah Almighty, obey the Prophet (peace be upon him) and obey your ruler. What they order for the benefit of people, you must obey. Unless of course if it is against the order of Allah. First is the order of Allah: you pray and fast. If they are not saying anything about that, then it's ok. Other things – if they do not obligate you to sin or to do something against the order of Allah, you must obey them. If they are not touching you and not doing anything to you, you obey. But if they are ordering you against Allah's order, there is no need of course to obey them. Because about everything in this life, Allah Almighty gave us knowledge. So the first one to obey is Allah Almighty, and of course the Prophet (peace be upon him). His order is the same, not against the order of Allah Almighty.

There were many tyrants who came through history. They were all making unacceptable things. So Allah Almighty sent prophets for them to advise them not to do this and to obey the order of Allah Almighty. Many of these people came and you hear about them in history and holy books. Their orders were against the order of Allah.

All of them are gone and Allah Almighty is still as He was and He is. Nothing changes for Allah. Everything else changes, only Allah Almighty does not change. Everything changes, everything, nothing stays the same in this existence, only the Real one, Allah Almighty, our Lord. Nothing is like Him and no one can imagine Him. You cannot say “He is like this or like that.” Allah Almighty is as He was. Mawlana Sheikh asked for this to be written and it was put up in the *dergah* (centre) in Cyprus like that.

So we are here obeying the order of Allah Almighty, to understand the orders of Allah Almighty. Prophet Isa (peace be upon him), whom these crazy people claim is god – they told pagan people “You are worshipping many gods. We are worshipping only one.” After that, they said three. Prophet Isa (peace be upon him) said to the Jewish people “O Jewish people, follow me to understand Musa (peace be upon him). If you follow yourself, you will not understand.” And Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said to the Jews and Christians “Follow me to understand Musa (peace be upon him) and Isa (peace be upon him).” Because he (peace be upon him) was the true successor. He is the real one. Each prophet was saying to his nation like that “Follow me to understand the prophethood before us. I will tell you about him.” Each one was like this, because all are one. There is no difference between them.

They were teaching people about what they do not understand about their religion and about their prophets. They were quickly changing and following their egos and whatever they liked, not the prophets. Because real Christianity is like Judaism; they cannot eat pork. After this, someone came and said by his own understanding “Ok I allow you. You can eat this.” He changed many things. He put the trinity and put everything. And they were happy with this, because they were before also worshipping idols, many gods. So when he said that, they followed him. This is the habit of human beings. To follow what their ego likes, what their ego is happy with. It seems easy for them to do, but in reality it is not easy. It is only easy for their body, for enjoyment. But after this, they are destroying their body. And their spirituality is completely destroyed.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) was saying to these people “Come to me to understand your prophet, your religion. I explain and if you come sincerely, you will accept what I am saying. If not, you will not come.” Many of them did not come. Even up to now, they are against Islam. Sometimes openly and sometimes not. In the old times, they were doing this openly. They wanted to destroy what the Prophet (peace be upon him) was saying and his way. But these days, they are doing as if they are showing humanity, and showing Islam is against humanity. “Islam is the religion of the *fitra* (innate nature of human beings).”

Allah Almighty created everyone with their own nature; man man, woman woman, animal animal, tree tree. Allah Almighty created everything perfectly. After that, they are tricking people to destroy human beings and humanity. Islam praises human beings. The most important thing in Islam is to praise human beings. Any wrong things or sins they do before Islam, when they accept Islam, Allah Almighty forgives all that. They begin from zero; no sin, nothing. Is there any rule in the world that can do this?! If you do something and you accept Islam you will be forgiven! There is nothing left. Allah Almighty knows the hearts of people, so with His mercy He forgives everything before Islam.

They are showing Islam as very difficult but no; it is just two phrases: *La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadun Rasulu Allah*. After that, you become Muslim. It's nothing, really. But even with that, they are making it appear too difficult, not accepting. Many times, people try to tell them "Okay just say this and you will be forgiven", but they are not saying it. The ego and *shaitan* are very strong. They are not letting them accept this. But Allah Almighty is not in need of these people. These people think they are something and they are controlling everything. But in the end of life, they control nothing. They know this. In the end of life, they give up everything and just go without anything.

Now they made a new fashion, here I think they said not many people cremate themselves. Some people ask to be cremated. And this is also a big punishment. Islam, as we said, is the religion of nature. And Allah Almighty knows what the nature of human beings is. We believe that when somebody dies, his soul leaves but some of his body organs are still functioning; he is hearing and feeling also. Researchers in western countries were researching this and they accepted this. In the mind, there is still something. Still nails growing, hair falling. They even said that when they are washing a dead body, he feels if the water is cold or hot. How are they saying there is nothing and they are burning people in fire?! They are really terrible! And after that they say we are humanists and Islam is against humanity. This is a ridiculous thing!

These people, Allah Almighty gave them everything, Allah Almighty gave them very good *nima* (favours), very good land, very good country, richness, but they do not have the most valuable thing we need: it is *iman*, belief, belief in the oneness of Allah Almighty. And if they only accept

this, the oneness of Allah, they will be safe. If they do not accept, they are free. There is ‘democracy’ they say. They are going and bringing democracy everywhere in the world. And then they are making everything upside down; millions of hungry people, millions of refugees. And then, they are complaining. “Refugees are coming here.” Millions of people died from fighting against themselves. This is democracy. They are happy with this. And “Islam is not good” they say. There must be something in their heads because they have too much weed [Mawlana laughs]. *Subhan Allah* there is a joke – they say they are sinking; ‘sinking’ instead of ‘thinking’. A ship was in the sea near Egypt and there was a storm so they were asking for help on the radio. “Help! We are sinking! We are sinking!” Egyptians pronounce ‘sinking’ instead of ‘thinking’. So the Egyptians replied “About what? What are you sinking about?”

Inshallah may Allah Almighty give them good understanding. May Allah Almighty give them *iman*. Because they are good people but *shaitan* is happy with them. *Shaitan* does not need to do too much with them, they are already on this way. But we also want goodness for all human beings, to rise, to be human, not to be less than human.

May Allah Almighty help us. May Allah Almighty help you here also, Sheikh Ali and others. They are all trying to keep their children, at least to keep our children. It is also a very big mission for us. Because between these people, the children are also cheated and think Islam is nothing. Civilization was coming through Islam. The highest civilization actually came through Islam. When Islam came, in Europe they were living like animals, everything was very bad. They were even treating women badly and they were not accepting them as human beings. Islam brought light to the world. So our people, our children must know they are in the highest station of civilization. Whoever follows this, his rank goes up. Whoever follows the other side, he becomes as they were before: less than animals.

May Allah Almighty forgive us. May Allah Almighty help us *inshallah*.



THE PATH OF LOVE

June 8th, 2023 – Mississauga, ON

Hamdulillah everybody knows we are Muslim people *inshallah*, and *mumin* people (people of faith) also *inshallah*. We are trying to be good ones *inshallah*. That is our aim: to be good people, an example for others just as the Prophet (peace be upon him) is an example for us. We also try to imitate him. That is why we try to do everything our Prophet (peace be upon him) did; we know some of his customs and traditions but most of them we do not know. The *Sunna* of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Allah Almighty rewards whoever performs the *Sunna* of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Allah Almighty rewards him because he imitates the Prophet (peace be upon him).

Allah Almighty loves him (peace be upon him) and orders you to follow him so that Allah Almighty loves you. How does Allah Almighty love us? By following the Prophet (peace be upon him), following his way which is coming through the Companions and through the four Caliphs who were given good tidings about Paradise. There are some people who think that if they love only one of the Companions, it is enough. No, it is not enough. If you love only one, nobody will love you, the Prophet (peace be upon him) does not love you. And when the Prophet (peace be upon him) doesn't love somebody, Allah Almighty doesn't love him.

This is very important. Not to mix bad ideas in this pure way of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Because when you say "I don't love three of the Caliphs of the Prophet (peace be upon him)" you are saying that our Prophet (peace be upon him) does not know anything. What is this ridiculousness?! What is this foolishness?! People think that if they love our master Ali, they must hate the others. Our master Ali was loved so much by the other three Caliphs. They were relatives, one family. They took the daughters and sisters of each other in marriage. They were not enemies! And now you are coming after a thousand years creating enmity and you think you are something?! You are wrong! Completely wrong! You do not have *adab*! You do not have good manners! You do not have manners if you say this! The Prophet (peace be upon him) loved them all and you say "I don't love them." That is not acceptable at all!

Our *tariqa* people are *hamdulillah* Naqshbandi. We are Naqshbandi people who are following the Prophet (peace be upon him). The ones most strongly holding on to his way, his *sunna*, his deeds, his sayings are the followers of the Naqshbandi Order *hamdulillah*. Of course, there are other *tariqas*: Qadiri, Rifai, Chishti, Dusuqi, Shadhili, Tijani. All these *tariqas* are also true *tariqas*. All forty-one Sufi orders that are true are in this way. Whoever is out of this way, do not concern yourself with them! Do not listen to them! Say “You are ignorant! Go and learn about the Prophet, learn about whom the Prophet (peace be upon him) loves and doesn’t love.” You must know this. Do not make your ego happy, saying “Maybe people will follow me.” If they follow you, you will take them to hell only, not anywhere else.

This is the way of love. Islam is peace. Islam is love. Many people now say “Love. Love” but it is not love. It is hypocritical love. The real love is Islam: loving everybody, loving Allah Almighty. But others who say “I love this, I hate this.” This is not true love. This means there is no love there, there is only hate. There cannot be hate and love together in one heart. All the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him), he loves them. And he does not want anybody to say anything against these holy people whom he described “They are like the stars. If you follow any of them, you will be in the right way. If you do not follow any of them, you will be out of the way.”

There are many, these Salafi people, these crazy people say “There is no *mazhab*. The *sahaba* did not have *mazhab*.” Each *sahaba* IS a *mazhab*, because you are following them. They saw the Prophet (peace be upon him) and they are following the Prophet (peace be upon him). But they did not write it down, they did not establish that *mazhab*. Only after about a hundred years, scholars began to write them down – because many *sahaba* after eighty years passed away and their ways were finished; no more *mazhab* from *sahaba*. The *mazhabs* developed slowly slowly after the Companions passed away. There were also many *mazhabs* before the main four well known *mazhabs*. But when there were no more followers left, they became only four *mazhabs*. Those are the four *mazhabs* which *Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaah*, especially *tariqa* people, must follow one of them. You cannot say “I am out of this.” There is no fifth *mazhab*; only four.

Whoever is out of these four, do not follow them. Because they do not have love, they only have hate.

So there are only four *mazhabs* for *Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaah*. The Prophet (peace be upon him) praised them and said to be with them. He said “The *umma* will be divided into seventy three groups. All of them are wrong except one.” The *sahaba* asked “Which one?” He said “The majority.” The majority is these four *mazhabs*. They accept each other and are not against each other. This is mercy for the *umma*; to follow one of these *mazhabs*. And Allah Almighty made it easy for people to follow. Each country, each community has a *mazhab* suitable for them. For example, *mazhab* Maliki is for African people, so it will be easy for their clothes and other aspects of their culture. The Hanafi *mazhab*, there is ease for them. For Shafii another form of ease for them. And Hanbali also. Each community should follow what is easy for them.

They cannot say “I am only looking and taking directly from the Quran and from the Hadith.” What do you understand from the Quran and from the Hadith?! Nobody understands. To understand directly from the Quran and Hadith, you need to study for at least twenty or twenty-five years so that you can understand. Everybody cannot be a scholar and cannot do this. We already have *hamdulillah*, these big imams, imams of *tariqas*, imams of the four *mazhabs*.

They are not like the scholars of our time. They were incredible. You cannot imagine how clever they were, how Allah Almighty gave them knowledge! They wrote so many books – even if somebody told these people of today what to write, in a hundred years they cannot write these books. They wrote and gave examples and solutions for everything. *Hamdulillah* this is from Allah Almighty’s mercy and a gift for us. For more than twelve hundred years people have been following this, *hamdulillah*.

So people, *tariqa* people must be respectful of all of this. Because in this time we are living in, there is this machine – everybody is looking at telephones and machines. Someone who does not even know how to wash himself is coming and giving *fatwas* against imams and against the four Caliphs, and people are watching. This is not acceptable at all! Do not look at these people! Do not watch them! Do not give any of your attention to these people! These people are making

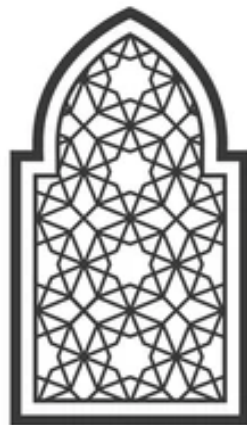
your belief weak, taking you away from Allah Almighty, making your *iman* weak. When your *iman* becomes weak, eventually you will be without any *iman*. That is a very dangerous thing.

May Allah Almighty give us real *iman* and real knowledge. It is very important. We are living here – actually anywhere now – it is all controlled by *shaitan*. This is the summary in short. Everywhere in the world, *shaitan* is controlling. Maybe here, nonbelievers of course can do anything. But do not think that in your country also, they are not controlling. They are controlling everywhere, and maybe even more than here. They are destroying the belief of people and only making them look for their pleasure, to make their ego bigger and bigger. Especially those famous ones who like people to watch them and listen to them.

Allah Almighty knows best, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) told us, we are at the end of time. This is exactly what the Prophet (peace be upon him) said. Prophecy means to say what will happen later. Everything the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, one by one, has happened since his time until now. And now it looks like it is the end of time. Because as we said, *shaitan* is controlling everything in this world. But his kingdom is not forever; it will finish *inshallah*.

So we are not hopeless. We are hopeful. Hopeless are those who do not believe in Allah. Allah Almighty says “Do not despair of the mercy of Allah.” (Quran 39:53). Do not be hopeless, Allah Almighty is with you. Allah Almighty is with us, *hamdulillah*. This is the most important thing which nonbelievers do not have. They think they can do everything by themselves. If anything happens to them, they become very sad and very angry. Many of them commit suicide to finish their lives. But in our belief, *hamdulillah*, everything is from Allah Almighty and Allah rewards us for enduring difficulties. For this, we are lucky. For every difficulty, there is reward. That is why it is easier for believers, strong believers, to live. When faith becomes weaker, it becomes difficult for people to live and to carry these burdens. They think that by themselves they can do anything, not knowing that everything happens by Allah’s will and is happening all the time. May Allah Almighty keep us safe.

May Allah Almighty keep you safe. Everybody; our children, daughters, sons, big, old, small, young people. May Allah Almighty keep all of you safe. This time is a difficult time but we depend on Allah Almighty. *Inshallah* He protects us.



BUILDING MOSQUES

June 9th, 2023

Mevlana Masjid, Markham, ON

“The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day.” (Quran 09:18)

Allah Almighty is praising people who are building mosques, *masjid, jami*. These people believe in Allah Almighty and the next life, He said. Those who believe in this, *mumin* and Muslim, wherever they go they build a mosque, to be a light for people. Wherever they are going, they are light for people to come to Islam and for Muslims to keep their faith in this area. It is a very important thing.

And it is important to be, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) says, all places for *iman*, not only Islam but *iman*. It is more important. Because who built this, built it by their *iman*, their love for Islam. They are sincere Muslims. They are building by their efforts, not by bringing from outside, as many of these people are claiming. If they do so, it will not be good. The important thing is if you build this for the love of Allah, for the sake of Allah, Allah Almighty gives you a palace in Paradise and in this life also you will be more happy and more safe.

This is a place for worshipping Allah, defending the truth, telling the truth to people; for believers or unbelievers. The first thing when our ancestors were going to a new place, they were building a mosque, making a place for prayer. They either bought or sometimes people gave them the space. But most of them were building. And when they were building these spaces, the first thing they were doing was building a place for *wudu* (ablution), building a washroom. They were building a mosque with cleanliness. Not only for the place to be clean, but they also wanted whoever was building the mosque to be clean, in *wudu*. They must be in *wudu* to build the mosque. So first before building the mosque, they make a bathroom, a washroom, and make a place for *wudu*. Old *mumins*, old believers had good mentalities and good attributes. They were

looking after everything, not wanting to miss anything from the rewards of Allah Almighty and for the sake of Allah Almighty, blessings of Allah.

These were the people of old times whom we are following. We are following these people. Since the Prophet (peace be upon him) until now, we have been following this. And after that, people who are now claiming to represent Islam are bringing money from the government and making a mosque by themselves. And the ones who built the mosque, no one knows what he drank or if he was unclean. This is not important for them. And after that, they say “These people are not on the right path. They are introducing *bidaa* (innovation), they are committing *shirk* (polytheism).” I do not know what we will say to these people. But unfortunately, many people are cheated by them. We see many people thinking they are right. They are arguing with you “What are you doing? What is this? What is that?” They do not know many of the *sunnas* of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Even for these *sunnas*, they say that many of them are *shirk* and *bidaa*. They are ignorant, but unfortunately many people are cheated by them. Because actually people do not know anything about Islam. And when they hear that, they think it is the real Islam and that all these other people are on the wrong path. How is it the wrong way when our ancestors, fathers, grand grand grandfathers were all on this way?! If they were on the wrong path, Islam would not exist today.

Hamdulillah Islam will continue. Thousands and millions like these people came and disappeared; not any name or anything remains from them. Once someone wanted to be famous, so he came during *hajj* time to the well of Zamzam. And to be well-known, he urinated in the well of Zamzam. People caught him and brought him to the governor. “Why did you do this?” He said “For my name to be known forever.” And so this man urinated in Zamzam but nobody knew him. They heard his story but nobody knows his name. They only remember this terrible story. And this is an example for people who are all the time urinating on Islam, on our belief. They are destroying belief.

But *hamdulillah* we see many mosques built and owned by people who love the Prophet (peace be upon him), love *sahaba*, love the four Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Omar, Osman and Ali (may Allah

be pleased with them). People who love *Ahlul-Bait* and also love *sahaba*. There are many many of these mosques everywhere.

Today we were also in a big mosque in Mississauga called Riyadul-Jannah. They said they made the mosque from thirteen or maybe fourteen years ago. *Hamdulillah* the people of that mosque are *Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaah*, real believers, real *mumins*. *Hamdulillah* all the time they pray *Jumaah* (Friday prayer) and many people come.

So those people who do not believe in *awliya* and do not believe in the Prophet (peace be upon him) will be finished. So do not be anxious. Our way is the right way to Paradise *inshallah*; straight to *Jannah*. Hadith says “He who separates from the community/majority will be separated in hell forever.” Whoever goes out of the way will be going to hell, to fire. Who is on the straight way, do not be afraid, you will go as fast as you can. You will go. Don’t worry. *Inshallah* you are in *Jannah*.

Hamdulillah today we are here also. They told us it is a small mosque and it won’t fit too many people. But *hamdulillah*, maybe more than a hundred people are here and still there is space. May Allah Almighty make them more and more *inshallah*.

Everywhere there must be mosques *inshallah*. Mawlana Sheikh was saying that we also need small mosques because it is a place to teach and to come as a community. Maybe if you want to go to a big mosque, it is difficult to go from your home. But like this, in every small town you can find a small mosque and you can go once or twice a week or more often to pray in *jamaah* (congregation), as much as you can. We are thanking Allah Almighty for what He gives us. Even if we are living in a difficult place and around us all are unbelievers, in a foreign country, this place is like an oasis. With the blessing of Allah Almighty and mercy of Allah Almighty for believers, when they come here, Allah Almighty by His blessing gives them mercy *inshallah*.

May Allah Almighty bless you.

BLESSINGS OF THE SACRED MONTHS

June 10th, 2023

Masjid al-Mustafa – Mississauga ON

Hamdulillah we are in the three months of *Ashhurul Hurum* (The Sacred Months). The first one is *Dhul-Qadah* which will end soon. And after that is also a holy, blessed month; *Dhul-Hijjah*, a very important month for Muslims, as believers complete their obligatory worship of *Hajj* (pilgrimage). Whoever has not performed *Hajj* – it is only one day in the year during that month, the month of *Dhul-Hijjah*, one of the Arabic months. Even those not going to *Hajj*, it is also very important for them. Especially the ten nights which Allah Almighty mentioned in the Quran in Sura Fajr: “By the dawn. By ten nights” (Quran 89:1-2). Holy and blessed nights.

So *hamdulillah*, we Muslims, believers, Allah Almighty encourages us not to forget ourselves, to not forget that we are not created for *dunya* but for *akhirah*. We must always remember this. Five times every day, you have to remember this. Every month also, you must remember. Especially in the holy months: *Rajab, Shaaban, Ramadan, Dhul-Qadah, Dhul-Hijjah, Muharram*. It is important for the believer, for the Muslim to ask for more rewards. Allah Almighty gave you an opportunity to gain more reward. Take as much as you can. Don’t be afraid. Don’t be ashamed. Take as much as you can, He said. Take. Ask.

If you ask rich people, they might give you once or twice or three times. At the tenth time they will be fed up with you “What is this?! I gave you ten times and you are still asking for more!” On the other hand, Allah Almighty is happier when you ask more; He is happy. So we are at the Door of the Most Generous. Allah Almighty is the Most Generous because everything is in His Hand. He is not worried that His treasures will be finished. As much as people are rich, they are still greedy and are afraid their money might run out. That is why, when somebody asks them too much, they stop giving. Who gives? The prophets. Because they have the highest belief, because they have this connection with Allah Almighty and Allah Almighty chose them. They have this generosity and they give without fear. But now, there is no prophet after the Prophet (peace be upon him). So you must ask from Allah Almighty.

And as we said, Islam is first based on believing in the oneness of Allah Almighty and in the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). After that, praying five times a day. After that fasting, *zakat* and *hajj*. “Pilgrimage to this House is an obligation that is due to Allah, for whoever is able among the people” (Quran 03:97). To go to *hajj*, those who can afford, who can go. Because these days, unfortunately, people may have money and their health is okay, they can go but not all people are allowed. They allow only very few people to go for *hajj*. They do something like a lottery. Millions of people wait for *hajj*. But also, when you put your intention to go to *hajj* and you prepare yourself, but something prevents you from going, Allah Almighty accepts this as if you are in *hajj*. Because your intention and action is the same; you prepared everything but they did not allow you to go. And maybe you cannot live to the next year or the next ten years, Allah will accept it as *hajj* for your intention, and you will not be asked why you did not go. You have enough money, your health is good and you can go safely but they did not allow you. That is not your fault.

“Allah does not obligate any soul except with what is within its capacity.’ (Quran 02:286). Allah Almighty is not asking people for what they cannot do for some reason out of their control. This is not from His Justice. His Justice is that He accepts. As the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, somebody in old times was going with a caravan to *hajj* and something happened on the road. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said it is also accepted as *hajj*.

We are, everybody, all together, our hearts are asking to be in these blessed cities: Makkah al-Mukarramah, Madinah al-Munawwarah, to visit the Prophet (peace be upon him), to be in his blessed mosque, to visit him, to greet him. It is the utmost pleasure for a *mumin* and a *mumina*, big and small, young and old. All who are believers like to visit these holy places and the *duaa* (prayer) that we recite during the final farewell, the last circulation of the Kaaba at the end of *hajj*, we make a particular *duaa* that Allah Almighty makes it for us many times and many times to come here.

It is a very special thing for human beings, for all human beings. Whoever believes in Allah Almighty and His Prophet, has a good opportunity to go there. But whoever does not believe, Allah Almighty does not allow him. The whole earth is for you, but if you like to come and take

a place on these days or any other days, it is only for Muslims. This is a very special gift. Muslims must be happy with this because in the whole world, in any place anybody can go. But only those two cities, blessed cities, the most blessed cities in the world, only the ones who accept Allah Almighty and His last prophet, our master Muhammad (peace be upon him), only they can receive that blessing. Why is that? Because they are accepting the most beloved one for Almighty Allah; our Prophet (peace be upon him).

We must know how honoured we are by Islam. As our master Imam Busairi says “Good tidings for us in Islam, that we have an unbreakable support of grace.” This poet is the famous Imam Busairi. He said good tidings for us O Muslims. We have a strong protection, strong grace, happiness and every goodness which cannot be destroyed. This is very important. O Muslims do not look at other people who are cheating you. They say “You don’t have anything. We have this big building. We have this car.” This is not important at all. All of this can end at any time but what we have does not finish. Nobody can destroy it. Nobody can replace it. Nothing can compare to this blessed gift from Allah Almighty, nothing can compare to this gift we have.

Everything is for us. Everything, all this world is for you. You must be thankful for Allah Almighty. Do not be sad. Many people are saying “We don’t have this. We don’t have that.” You have the most precious thing. Allah Almighty gave you *iman*. Many of you were born Muslim, and many of them Allah Almighty gives them guidance and chooses them to be believers, Muslim. And to follow the love of the Prophet (peace be upon him), to follow *tariqa*. And *tariqa* teaches only good things, teaching to love Allah Almighty. The ones who Allah Almighty loves, we love them. But whom He does not love, we also do not love them.

But we ask for *hidaya* (guidance) for them also. We are not envious. “No, do not come to us.” We do not say this to those who do not love Allah. We say may Allah Almighty give them *hidaya*. Many of them, many people were coming against Islam, and then they became the first defenders for Islam. Like our master Omar ibn al-Khattab who was coming with his sword to the Prophet (peace be upon him), with a bad intention. But when he came out of the same house, he went out with the Prophet (peace be upon him) to the streets of Makkah, saying *shahada*, saying *takbir*, appearing as Muslim. Before he came to Islam, they were hiding in that house reading

and worshipping. But when he came with the Muslims in that house he said “Why are we hiding? We must go to the Kaaba. We must show ourselves to those people.”

So this we also know: we do not hate these people but we do not love them when they do not love Allah. But when they love Allah, we love them. We ask for guidance for everybody. If the whole universe becomes Muslim, there is no problem for Allah Almighty. All of them can be rewarded. Do not think like these narrow-minded people “If all of them come to Islam, there will be no place for us in Paradise.” No, it is not like here in Canada, if three or four million people come they become anxious “What is this? Where will they stay? They will finish the country.” No, in *Jannah*, billions, trillions of people can fit. There is no problem.

So all the time, we are asking Allah Almighty and praying for people to come to Islam. Because they have – Allah Almighty gave human beings from His light. Everybody has *nur*, but it must appear. When they are saying the two phrases: *La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadun Rasulu Allah*, this light opens and appears. But the *shaitan* does not allow these people. They *mashallah* have every good thing; they are honest people and good people, but they need only two words to save themselves from a bad end.

Inshallah Allah Almighty gives *hidaya*. And we know from the Prophet (peace be upon him), good tidings that in the end of time, the whole world will become Muslim, believers. So *inshallah* this time is near. And we hope to reach this time, to reach this Second Century of Happiness. The first one was with the Prophet (peace be upon him), ‘The Century of Happiness’. It was with the Prophet (peace be upon him), and it was the happiest time for humanity. Why were they happy? Because they were with the Prophet (peace be upon him). With his spirituality, his light, his mercy, the blessings coming to him from Allah Almighty.

That was the happiest time. Why? On the other hand, they could not find anything to eat for maybe two, three days. The Prophet (peace be upon him), was tying his stomach with stones to dull the hunger. It was like that, but still it was the happiest century. Not by filling their stomachs but by filling their hearts with light and happiness. May Allah Almighty give us this taste, this sweet taste of *iman* (faith). Who has that faith will not look for anything else. May Allah

Almighty give us this *inshallah* for the sake of the most beloved one, our Prophet (peace be upon him), our master Muhammad (peace be upon him).



THE EYES OF WISDOM

June 11th, 2023

Vineland, Niagara, ON

We are thanking Allah. *Hamdulillah wa shukrulillah* for everything He gave us. *Hamdulillah* with the blessing from Allah, we visited this country which Allah Almighty gave big beautiful lands and is rich in everything, especially water. “And We made from water every living thing” (Quran 21:30). Water is a big *nima* (favour) for human beings. Allah Almighty creates everything from water. That is why having rivers means Allah Almighty gave a huge favour for this land.

Everything, Allah Almighty gives. We are thankful to Him for everything He gave us and the biggest favour, more than this, is our belief, our *iman*. We are thanking Him for this.

Hamdulillah we came here for our brothers, our sons who are living in this country, to visit them. Because few of them met Mawlana Sheikh Nazim during his life. But after he changed his world, many of them are also seeing him in their dreams. Because he is still – he has the strongest spiritual power, *awliya*. In a hundred years there will not come someone like him. That is why he is still active. He is with us. Wherever we go, everything becomes better *inshallah* with his *baraka*. I don't know anything myself but when the permission came, we asked for *madad* (spiritual support) and he gave *madad*. And *hamdulillah* for one month we have been among you in this country, this beautiful country.

Allah Almighty creates everything beautiful. Everything is a miracle of Allah Almighty. Wherever you look, you find His beauty, His power, every good thing. If you look with the eyes of wisdom, wisdom is what *awliya* teach, when you look with the eyes of wisdom you will see everything good and beautiful, nothing bad. Why? Because Allah Almighty wants this, He created this, we must accept everything.

Some people are not accepting. Of course not everybody can be the same. There is a test in this world. Allah Almighty created people and put them on this earth. “To test you, which of you is best in deeds’ (Quran 67:02). To test people, who is doing the best. And then, he becomes favoured by Allah, beloved by Allah Almighty.

Allah Almighty gave everybody understanding and gave everybody a mind to think. You must know the good, and you must know the bad. How do we know this? Through His messengers and prophets. They taught us about this. If we follow our own thoughts or follow people in knowing what is good and what is not good, the answers will keep changing. You cannot find the same good thing forever in man-made rules. Twenty years ago, it was different and now it is different. But fifty years ago, it was even more different than twenty years ago. A hundred years ago, it was completely different. So you cannot follow what human beings are doing. Because they are doing something, they are testing and after trying one way they say “This is not good” and then they change things. They are not even changing for the better. Most of the time it looks like it is better, but in reality it is worse. Every time it gets worse and worse and worse.

Therefore the right thing is what prophets have told us through holy books, heavenly books. And the true one that did not change is the Glorious Quran. Since more than one thousand and three hundred years, nothing has changed in the Quran. The other books, too much has been changed inside them. Some of them changed things, some of them hid things, some of them took out what they did not like. The only real one is the Quran.

All books were almost the same because Allah’s religion is one. Everything was coming better and better and better. And the best for human beings is the Quran. And the Prophet (peace be upon him) explained that through his life and his actions, as Sayyidatina Aisha, the Mother of the Believers, the wife of the Prophet (peace be upon him) reported. She was also a scholar. They would ask her about many things in *fiqh* and Hadith. They asked her “How was the Prophet (peace be upon him)?” She said “He was like the Quran.” Following what the Quran says, explaining what the Quran says. That is why following the *sunna* is obligatory for us.

Now the new fashion, people come and say “Hadith is not good. We cannot believe in Hadith, we only believe the Quran.” How will you understand? How will you explain the Quran? You must see an example in front of you on how to follow. And that is through the Hadith, the sayings of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and actions of the Prophet (peace be upon him). This is the religion, our religion, the rules for human beings from Allah Almighty through the Quran and the Prophet (peace be upon him). Whoever follows this will be a winner all the time. The Prophet (peace be upon him) says: you must hold on to my *sunna* and Quran and follow *Ahlul-Bait*, then you will never be a loser. You must follow these three things, then you will be safe. Safe from what? From *dunya*. *Dunya* is not important. What is important is *akhira*. To come out from this life with *iman*, in belief, you will be the happiest one, more than if you owned the whole world and you lost your belief, you will be a loser. But with faith, if you do not own anything from this *dunya* but you have *iman*, it is enough for you to be a winner.

This is why we are saying this is for all human beings, all humanity. Now they are making very bad decisions. Every day they are making laws that are against the rule of Allah. What does it mean against the rule of Allah? It means you are making laws that are against the nature of human beings. Islam is the religion based on the nature of human beings: *Deenul-Fitra*. *Fitra* means, when the baby comes to the world, he is directly drinking milk from his mother. How does he know this? Allah Almighty gave him this instinct. So as he is taking milk from his mother, how he is walking, how he is speaking; all of this is the nature of human beings, *fitra*. Allah Almighty gave human beings a speciality in everything, they must follow it. Others are trying to change what Allah Almighty created. And every time they change, they are creating more misery, more terrible things for people.

They think – I don’t know if they think they are doing good. I doubt this also for those people. They are saying “You must give freedom for everybody to do what they like.” How is this? If everybody does as they like, it will be a disaster. There must be some limits. You cannot say freedom for everything. Everybody is of course free but freedom must be within the rules of Allah Almighty.

There is *haram*, there is *halal*. This is the border. When you go after *haram*, you will not be happier, you will be worse. In everything, you will be worse; in your health, in your psyche, in your relationship with others. You will not be a beloved person to people. People will be afraid of you or run away from you.

Therefore, to be good with yourself first, you should follow Allah Almighty's rules. Because when you do that you control yourself, you train yourself to be an accepted one. If you are only selfish and you only think about yourself, nobody likes selfish people. Even the people who are claiming to be 'humanists', or they are this, or they are that, nobody likes selfish people. But what they are doing is creating completely selfish people, not thinking about anything else, about the next generation, about the Earth, about the world. They are not thinking. They are only thinking about themselves and their pleasure. And they think this pleasure will be good for them.

Allah Almighty created pleasure in this *dunya* – this is also a secret, many people don't know this – the pleasure or happiness is not for the whole time. You cannot find it the whole time. Allah Almighty gave only very little pleasure in this life. If you are in the way of Allah, this little happiness is enough for you. But these people think that what they are doing will bring them happiness and they will be happy the whole time. But their happiness only lasts maybe five minutes, and after that they will be miserable. Their whole life, they will be miserable. And from this sad situation, they are attacking other people also. They want to make the whole society like them because they regret their life. But they cannot do anything because they are not looking for someone to save them or they do not want to survive. They are committing more sins, more wrong things and more bad things for themselves and nothing gives them pleasure or satisfaction.

But the most important thing is for people not to think that these people who show off are indeed happy. They are, as we said, happy, not a hundred percent. Maybe five percent only. But for the believer it is enough, more than enough. For non-believers, they try to have more and more in every aspect: drinking, smoking and doing other dirty things. They think that with this they can be happy. Never. Allah Almighty does not like who is not in His way, not obeying His orders. And when Allah Almighty does not love them, they cannot be happy at all. Allah Almighty does

not love this *kufir* (unbelief) attribute of people. This attribute makes them to be not beloved by Allah.

But normally, Allah Almighty created human beings the best and honoured them. “And We have certainly honoured the children of Adam’ (Quran 17:70). Allah Almighty says We honoured human beings. But when they are committing sins, because of their action, this action makes them to not be beloved by Allah. They must stop this, and then Allah Almighty will accept them. The Almighty is the Most Merciful. “Indeed, Allah forgives all sins” (Quran 39:53). Allah Almighty forgives everything that is done. Do not be hopeless. If you want Allah Almighty to love you, leave this bad action, and then you will be clean. This is very important. And Islam is also like this. “Islam erases previous misdeeds.” When one becomes a believer, a Muslim, all these previous sins, Allah Almighty forgives them; no more sins. So these bad actions, bad habits and what they are doing are like dirt on them. When they accept Allah Almighty and His rule, all this dirt will become removed, going out from them; no more.

Many people do not know this, *shaitan* does not let them hear about this. But it is the reality. For the happiness of human beings, they must obey their Lord, accept Him and not be away from Him. When you run away, you will not find mercy. As much as you go away from goodness, going to badness, you are going from water to fire. This is the summary of everything.

May Allah help them *inshallah* to find the right way. And may Allah Almighty keep us and our children from bad actions, from our egos, to not be selfish. Selfishness is the worst thing in *tariqa* and in *sharia* also.

Wa min Allah at-tawfiq

Fatiha

