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KNOW THE PRICELESS VALUE OF MASHĀYIKH

As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

A‘ūdhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. BismiLlāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.

Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwālina wa l-Akbarin.

Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūlilLāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā,

Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullāh al-Fā’iz ad-Dāghistāni, Sheikh Muḥammad Naẓim al-Ḥaqqāni. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fī l-Jam‘iyyah.

AlhamduliLlah, this gathering is very precious, very valuable. Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says Allāh Azza wa Jalla says, Allāh ﷻ orders the angels to put their wings under the feet of people who are gathering for this, for His ﷻ love, for listening to advice, in shā’a Llāh. This is the most important thing for human beings. It is the most valuable thing also. To find insha’Allah, good people who are giving advice and showing the way of Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. And those who know the value of this are very rare, very few in this world now. Most people in this world are running after material things. And material things are listening to their desires to make their ego become happy. And this is the most important thing for nearly everybody. Very rare are the people gathering for the sake of Allāh ﷻ. For this, Allāh Azza wa Jalla praised them and gave them the most valuable thing.

In old times, it was better, of course, than this time. In this time, there are many things that make people not think about anything or about spirituality. There is this machine, there is television, there is internet, there is telephone, and it is just making people go after their egos; “How to make our ego be satisfied.” And they running after making themselves happy. This is the most important thing for people of this time. People of old times had less of these material things. So, most of them were looking after their worshipping or after good things to do. But also, even in that time - because Allāh ﷻ created human beings the same - when they found some occasion or some chance to get benefit, material benefit, they were looking after this also. Before, there was big ulama, big ‘awliya also. They were giving sohbah, giving advice to people. And from these people, some of them understood, and some of them even did not understand.

Especially in India, there are many big ‘awliya from our ṭarīqah and from other ṭarīqahs; especially from the Chistiya ṭarīqah. AlhamduliLlah, these people spread Islām in India. Millions of people came to Islām without war. There was Shaykh Nizamuddin an ‘awliya in New Delhi. He was famous. He has thousand, 100,000 of murids. He was famous and he was very generous. Once, one poor man heard about his generosity. He

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went to him to get something. Shaykh Nizamuddin Awliya was really generous. And when this man asked something from him as sadaqah, he was looking here and there, but he couldn't find anything. Because 'awliya don't leave anything. They quickly distribute it. So it's difficult to find something. Sometimes they cannot find anything. He only found his old shoes. What will he do? Because he cannot let the one who asks something from him to go empty handed. He said, "Take this. It is my old shoes. Sorry." This poor man looked and took it; what shall he do. But he was disappointed, not happy with this. He took it and went to one inn, around this area, or a little bit far, to sleep that night there. And at that time, there was also a murid of Shaykh Nizamuddin Awliya. He is an 'alim, a big 'awliya and big trader also. He was coming from a place. He was trading and bringing wood to Delhi. So he must stay one night there before coming to Delhi. He stayed in that same inn. When he entered this place, he said, "Oh, I am smelling my Shaykh's perfume." He was looking around to find from where this smell was coming. He went after this smell until he found a room that the smell was coming from. He knocked on that door. The poor man opened the door. This Shaykh was called Amir Khusrow. They greeted each other: Salamualeykum, wa aleykumsalam. He said, "From where is this smell coming? I smell my Shaykh's perfume." He said, "Yes, I went to him. He didn't give me anything; he only gave me his old shoes." Amir Khusrow said, "I will give you all my gold, just give me this." The man said, "Are you joking!" "No, I'm not joking. If I had more, I would've given you." The poor man asked him, "Why are you giving all this for this [shoes]?" He said, "If you knew the value of these shoes, if you had money, you would've given me double this [amount]."

This is the difference between who knows the value and who doesn't know the value. So we must, in shā'a Llāh, be happy with what Allāh ﷻ showed us and that He ﷻ put us in the way of the mashāyikh, way of Prophet ṣallā Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam. It is priceless. Because this is not for a very short time, it is forever, in shā'a Llāh. In shā'a Llāh, may Allāh ﷻ make us be from the people who know the value, in shā'a Llāh. May Allāh ﷻ bless you.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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