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OUR CHILDREN ARE TREASURES

As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh.

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

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

Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūliLlāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā,

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

Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla says, Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ

(Qur’ān 64:15). Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla says, ‘Innamā amwālukum wa awlādukum fitnah’, ‘Your wealth and your children are but a trial.’ Your money and your children are as a test for you. It means you must teach them to be out of fitnah; money or children or family. You must guide them with good manners and good teaching, or to spend without looking at money as your aim, but only considering it as a means. Because many people before they get money, their intention is to do charity, to give poor people, to help, to do this, to do that, but when they have the money, they cannot do so. They cannot do anything. For children also, when they are small, their family brings them to a mosque or to a gathering of people for the sake of Allāh ﷻ, they are happy when they are small. After that, when they become older; ten or more than ten years old, they want to run away from such gatherings.

For this, you must be careful about children. You must teach them good manners from childhood until they grow up. And to make them grow up in places or with a friend that’s on the same way, way of Allāh ﷻ. Because many people care about what their children will study, what they will do later on. They are very interested in that. Some of them even send them to learn piano, music, singing or dancing. But when it comes to ‘ibādah, they are not interested at all. They are treasures. They are treasures. You mustn’t leave this treasure to the thieves’ hands. These thieves want to take your children from your hands and destroy them. Because each one of these children is the future enemy of shayṭān. For this, when they destroy their belief and destroy them by giving them bad teachings, bad habits, bad actions, every bad thing, they go out of humanity. And when they lose their children, they run from place to place, “Oh, make du’ā’. My child doesn’t believe. My daughter is not happy with us. My son ran away from home; they went to some bad friend and are living there.” They are running from place to place.

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For this, from childhood – childhood means 3 years old – he can learn. Shayṭān people know this better than us. For this, they are making school obligatory from 3 years. I was seven years old when I went to school. What we learned and was taught in six years of school was better than high school now. For this, these people know that better. And they know that the child can begin to learn starting three years old. So, they insist on making you bring your children to school in this age to teach them what they want to teach. There's a Turkish saying; you can shape the tree as you like when it is small. You can take it right or left; like this, like that. Japanese people make funny things with trees. So, when it's young, it's still soft, you can do anything with it.

For this, starting three years, you must be careful with your boy or girl. You must teach them good manners, good things with other people also. If you find someone to teach them or like a small school or something, you must make them be happy with that. What we see is bizarre. These children don't know anything; they go to the kindergarten and they are pure. After two days, you hear them speaking bad words. This is everywhere, not only here; even in Arab countries or Türkiye or other places where there are these schools that are not responsible and are there just for money and for jobs. So, this is completely bad.

For this, you must be careful. Teach children good manners and good things. Before this war happened, we heard about this big thing going around in the world. How these shayṭān people want to destroy humanity, how violent they are, how they don't have any mercy in them. So, you must be careful. And keep yourself and your family away from this shayṭān. They have a plan. This plan is not stopping. And they are not getting tired, not fed up, but insisting on destroying humanity. Muslims are sleeping. The sleepest people are the Muslims. All humans sleep but the sleepest are Muslims. They like to rest; to not be tired, laziness comes upon them. Even in danger, they are not doing anything. Mawlānā Shaykh used to say one story. It's a real story. In the time of Sultān AbdulHamīd, they needed people for the army. And those who go to the Dergahs to be dervishes were not taken to the army. Dervishes were just eating and sleeping there; not doing anything. The Dergah became full. So, they came to the Sultān telling him, "Most of them ran away from the army. They are liars. They are not dervishes. They just went there to run away from the army. And it's very nice to sleep and eat there without doing anything." The Sultān asked his men, "What we can we do with these people? Because this is a Dergah, we cannot kick them out." They said, "They are dervishes, we cannot do anything to them. What must we do to make them go?" One man said, "O Sultān, I have an idea. We can excite fire from one side, so the dervishes will run away. Then, we'll catch them and take them to the army." They lit up a small fire. Those who saw the fire ran away, so they caught them and took them. All of them ran away, only two were sleeping, lying there. The one who was the nearest to the fire said to his friend, "O my friend, can you move a little bit to that side, the fire's

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reaching me. I must move a little.” He told him, “How are you not tired to tell me to move aside!” One of the Sultān’s men saw this, he said, “These are real dervishes. Take these two only to another place and let it burn here.”

Nowadays, all people are like this. Muslims don’t want to move. They don’t want to do anything. Even for their children and for themselves. They say, every day they hear this, “This machine is destroying you. You must be careful of what’s inside, what’s outside. They are taking your mind, taking your health, taking everything.” And they’re still not looking what’s inside this. As we said, there’s a bad thing inside. And now there’s another thing also, they take your identity, they take money through you or they sign you up to make gambling; all this is in this [machine]. People like to enjoy themselves the whole time. But enjoying all the time is not good. Sometimes, you must be bored also. When you’re bored, you’ll look after your business, your family, your children. Not only enjoying yourself and your ego.

May Allāh ﷻ save us from this fitnah. May He ﷻ not make it a fitnah for us, in shā’a Llāh. They are our treasure, as we said. Because this treasure – Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says, when somebody dies, passes away, the rewards of only three things can reach them in their grave. First is ilim, good knowledge. Second is to leave behind charity that people can use. And third is a good generation that prays for you after you leave. May Allāh ﷻ keep us safe from this fitnah; old and young. Everybody is in this fitnah now. But when Allāh ﷻ wants, with du’ā’, with praying, Allāh ﷻ saves us, in shā’a Llāh. All the time, don’t forget to pray.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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