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A JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF GUIDANCE

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-Akbarin.

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.

Today, in shā’a Llāh, we are setting out on a journey to Central Asia—to Turkmenistan and the Turkistan region. Many people emerged from that region who became means of guidance for the people and the creatures of Allāh ﷻ. Because they followed the way of our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam, they were granted the privilege of bringing knowledge, wisdom, beauty, mercy, and every form of goodness to the world. They rendered immense services to Islām and humanity in both exoteric and esoteric knowledge, as well as in spirituality; also the knowledge of ḥadīth and Qur’ān. Of course, ṭarīqah stands foremost among these; such service could not have been rendered without it. Ṭarīqah is the way of our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. From there, they radiated light to the world. Long before the sword, they sent forth virtuous people who became instruments of guidance and spiritual enlightenment for others. This demonstrates that the wisdom of Allāh ﷻ resides there. Our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam stated in a ḥadīth sharīf, “اتركوا الترك ما تركوكم,” “Utruku t-Turk ma tarakūkum,” “Leave the Turks as long as they leave you.” So he ﷺ commanded, “Do not fight them unless they fight you; leave them be.” In Arabic, the word “Turk” carries the meaning of “leave” or “let be.” Thus, they gradually became involved in this service. Subsequently, for over a thousand years, they safeguarded Islām and served as a means for people to find guidance.

Shukr to Allāh ﷻ, we too have been granted the opportunity to travel there. We previously went twice with Mawlānā Shaykh Nāẓim. We went a third time roughly five years ago. This trip marks our fourth visit to those blessed lands. There are many tombs of ‘Awliyā’ and Companions. Of course, we could not visit every single one of them. In shā’a Llāh, this trip will provide an opportunity to visit places we could not reach before and to attain their spiritual blessings, fayz. May Allāh ﷻ bless our journey. For there are wonderful people there, too—people who are waiting for us. They follow us from afar from screens, yet there are many who deeply desire to see us in person. We wanted to gladden their hearts as well; we wish to meet them solely for the sake of Allāh ﷻ. As our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says in his ﷺ blessed word: “If two believers set out to meet one another for the sake of Allāh ﷻ, with every step they take, a sin is forgiven, a

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good deed is recorded, and their spiritual rank is elevated.” In shā’a Llāh, this visit will be a means to these ends and will further strengthen our spiritual power. May it also serve as a means for their guidance. There are many people there who do not know, and have been misled; there are those who view ṭarīqahs as enemies, saying that “this is what Islām is”—and others who regard Islām as backwardness. Our intention, in shā’a Llāh, is to be a means for the guidance of all these people; may this visit be beneficial for both us and them. May Allāh ﷻ grant us a safe and blessed journey, and may He ﷻ make it a means for goodness. Our intention is solely to seek the pleasure of Allāh ﷻ; it is not for money or material gain. Our only wish is to bring joy to their hearts and for everything to be beautiful. May we attain the pleasure of Allāh ﷻ, in shā’a Llāh.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfiq. Al-Fātiha.

There are recited Qur’ān Khatms, ayāt, surahs, salawat, tasbihat, tahlilāt, takbirāt, khatms of Dalā’il Al-Khayrāt. May Allāh ﷻ accept all good deeds done. We gift them to the soul of our Prophet ṣallā Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam, for the souls of his Ahlu l-Bayt and ṣaḥābah. For the souls of all prophets, Awliyā’, asfiya, mashāyikh. To the souls of all our ancestors. To the souls of all Muslimin and Muslimat, Mu’minin and Mu’minat. For goodness to come and the evil to be warded off. For the strength of our imān.

Li-Llahi Ta’ala, Al-Fatiha.

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