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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. Tarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam‘iyyah.

Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla says in Qur’ān ‘Aẓīmu sh-Sha’n,

وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ

‘Wa ‘Asá’An Takrahū Shay’āan Wa Huwa Khayrun Lakum ۞ Wa ‘Asá’AnTuhibbū Shay’āan Wa Huwa Sharrun Lakum’, ‘But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you.’ (Qur’ān 02:216). Ṣadaqa Llāhu l-‘Aẓīm. Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla says: “You may love and desire certain things, yet there is no good in them for you; indeed, they may be evil for you.” Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla states that things you perceive as good may actually be evil. Conversely, there are things you neither love nor desire, yet they may hold good for you. So, things are not always as they appear. Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla may decree matters in this way to test mankind.

Many people—like those of today—embark on an endeavor hoping for a favorable outcome, only to see it fail and end in disappointment. They become deeply distressed when things do not work out. Yet, when things do not go as planned, saying “There is good in everything” and placing one’s trust in Allāh ۞ is beneficial for both the individual and their undertakings. Inevitably, some will come and say, “I did this and that, but my task did not succeed.” It is, after all, impossible for everything to go smoothly for everyone. It is the lot of only a very rare few to have every endeavor succeed throughout their lives. Sometimes it is one way, sometimes another; life passes by with a mix of good and bad.

Placing one’s trust in Allāh ۞ and seeking what is best from Him ۞ is the hallmark of a believer. Expecting good from others yields no benefit. It is Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla Who has power over all things. Everything happens solely by His ۞ will; all things come to pass through His ۞ will. Even evil can be transformed into good; adversity can turn into goodness. May Allāh ۞ grant us all faith; for in these times, everyone is in distress, unsure of what to do. The right course of action is to place one’s trust in Allāh ۞ and seek His ۞

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goodness, in shā'a Llāh. May Allāh ﷻ open the doors of goodness for us all. And most importantly, may He ﷻ grant us all strength of faith, in shā'a Llāh.

Wa min Allāhi t-Tawfīq. Al-Fātiḥa.

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