



Sohbats by Hadrat Shaykh Muhammad Mehmet Adil al-Hakkani

TARIQAH IS NOT FOR PERSONAL INTEREST

As-Salāmu 'Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh. Aʿūdhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. BismiLlāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm. Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu 'alá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Akhirīn. Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūliLlāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā, Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistāni, Sheikh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam'iyyah.

Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَن يَشَاءُ

'Innaka la tahdi man 'ahbabta wa lakinna Allaha yahdi man yasha'u', 'Indeed, [O Muhammad], you do not guide whom you like, but Allah guides whom He wills.' (Qur'ān 28:56)

He * tells our Holy Prophet salla Llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam, "You cannot make those whom you love or want reach guidance". Allah * lets whomever He * wants reach guidance. Guidance is from Allah *. A person who is given it should make Shukr. He should praise Allah * and make Shukr that He * gave him this beautiful thing. It is a beautiful gift. It is from Allah *.

Tariqah is a part of it. Shari'ah and Tariqah – all of them are from Allah ⁴⁸ to some people. Not for all people. Most people are away from it. They are not in it. Some people say, "I've been in Tariqah for so much time. I did so and so." It means you are not in Tariqah then. If you see it as personal interest, you have not joined it since the beginning. You have not devoted yourself to this way, as you don't know it. Allah ⁴⁸ gave it. But you think it is from yourself. And you want something in return.

You can only expect the reward from Allah ⁴⁸ in return for it. When you do so, your heart, your work, everything will be good. Otherwise, it is for personal interest. When you say, "I've been here for so many years. I've been there for so many years", then you have joined it for your personal interest. When there is such an interest, you do it not for Allah ⁴⁸ but for your own ego. And that has no benefit to you at all. You will have wasted your time in vain. It must be for Allah ⁴⁸. You must be sincere. He ⁴⁸ can give or not give; He does ⁴⁸ whatever He ⁴⁸ wants.

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When you think, "I am here for so many years", it means nothing of what you did was right. It was hypocrisy. It was for your personal interest. Because people of Dunya, people of the present time are worse than those of other times. Everything is for their personal interest. They join a party for benefit. They go here for benefit; they go there for benefit. And they think the matters of religion and Tariqah are similarly for personal benefit. There is great benefit. But it is not the worldly benefit, it is the benefit of Akhirah. People must know this and act accordingly. If they come here for personal benefit, for Dunya – there is also worldly benefit in Tariqah, Shukr to Allah [&]. But it is mainly for Akhirah.

Therefore, we don't keep anyone by force. We don't take anyone by force. It is the matter of the heart. If Allah ¹⁸ put it in one's heart, he will come. If not, they shouldn't wait at all. This door is not the door of worldly benefit. It is the door of the benefit of Akhirah with the permission of Allah ¹⁸. May Allah ¹⁸ give us all strong Iman. May He ¹⁸ help us all.

Al-Fatiha.

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