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Jerusalem. Walter Ph. Schulz, *World of Islam*, Munich 1917, to. I, p. 48.

You Must Help Your Brother, whether Oppressor Or Oppressed

Once Jesus Christ, peace be upon him, was walking. He saw a man and a boy. The man was on fire, burning the boy, and the boy was on fire, burning the man. And he was astonished; what was that punishment for the two of them? That is the worst action; those people are making fire come on them. Therefore Allāh Almighty is punishing, His curse coming on earth by fire. It is impossible to stop that third world war now – *Armageddon*, they say in all books. It must be. Don't suppose that that fire from nuclear weapons is without wisdom; no. It is by the will of Allāh Almighty, to burn them, to burn every dirtiness on earth, *astaghfiru llāh!*

Sohbet from Morning/June 3, 1985 in: *MS Toward the Divine Presence, Book Two*, p. 21 ff.

Whoever comes to a Muslim teacher to listen and to say, "You are right," then his ego or her ego, like a dragon, catches him by his ear, taking him out. "I do not give you permission to do more than only to go and see what is in this Regent's Park Mosque – to see how it is built, what is inside, what they are eating and drinking, what they are saying; to look at as an exhibit, not to learn Islam from these teachers. We do not give that permission. You can just go and look around; then it is like an exhibition in Alexander's Palace. Go out; it is enough. Who said to you to sit down, to learn what religion is, what Islam is, what it orders? What is this? Get out," it says.

Therefore, the one who may be able to put his ego under his feet, he is a real hero. All of you, without putting your egos under your

feet, you can't come to me – from Germany, from America, from Sweden, also; from every part of the world so many people are coming. You are putting your ego under your feet so that you can come, yes. And you have been written in Heaven as heroes; the names of every one of you are written as heroes on the Heavenly Tablet.

It is not an easy thing to put your ego under your feet, and almost all of you are young people, with egos like spirited horses. All of you, all of you, you may fly – strong ones, your egos. That is the reason that you have been written as heroes on earth, and wherever you may go there is *nūr*, light, lighting you, as we look at the stars at nighttime, and heavenly people are looking on earth and seeing you also with lights. Say, “*Al-ḥamdu lillāhi rabbi l-‘alamīn.*”

MURĪD: You were speaking yesterday about respect, and I would like to understand. How do we respect those people who are like animals, or people who are oppressors or who are really wicked?

SHEIKH: The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, “*Unsur akhbāka zālīman au mazlūma.* You must help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or oppressed.” You must give your help because all people have been created for the manifestation of the Holy Names of Allāh Almighty and they are candidates to be Allāh Almighty's deputies. That is their honour.

Now, we are fighting against Satan or against egos. A surgeon does an operation but he does not cut a person to kill him; he is not a butcher. Butchers kill, and surgeons do the same kind of thing but they do it to preserve life. Thus, every one of the Sons of Adam has been honoured originally but our egos take people under their command, and egos are like wild animals. We must help them or save them by any means. For this reason, the Prophet said, “Whether

oppressor or oppressed, you must help your brother.”

Then people asked, “Oh Prophet, how can we help an oppressor?” and he said, “You must catch hold of his hand.” If you see one person beating another, catch his hand, or if in his hand there is a sword, ready to kill, catch his hand. That is help to the oppressor. And you can help the oppressed person by taking him from the hands of his oppressor.

Now, all people, even oppressors, like to be respected. Respect is a kind of protection for you. In front of the oppressor you are weak, you can't keep him away. Therefore, when you give him your respect, you may have a protection from him, and by that means – because your respect works on him, also – you may be able to make him give at least something of respect for your life.

Therefore, although oppressors may do bad deeds, they are not bad originally (1) but by the path of following their egos they are going to bad ways. Man is not bad originally, he is not dirty originally, but you may make yourself dirty by dirty actions, by following satanic ways and by following your ego. Therefore we may give respect, particularly to oppressors, to put ourselves under protection by that respect. That is a wisdom that we may use in our time. Our Grandsheikh lived in a time when there were so many oppressors around, so many enemies for sheikhs and *ṭarīqats* during his time; they would come to visit him often, and they wanted to do some harm to him, also. But he had heavenly wisdoms, keeping respect for them. When he gave respect to an official person, too much respect, too much praise, then his *murīds*, his students, would sit and look; they thought that it was all right. But his wife often said, “Oh

1 That is, bad intrinsically or by nature.

my sons, when you hear your Grandsheikh praising someone too much, run away from him. It is only for protection from his evil so that no harm comes to you.”

Therefore, respect takes away troubles and harms from you. There is no problem in giving your respect, and originally all people are respectable in the Divine Presence. And, according to your intention, you are going to apologize to Allāh for what you did, but it is something that Allāh Almighty’s tolerance covers. Allāh Almighty never punishes a person because of his respect to His servants because respect keeps harm away from you.

MURĪD: So, even if you meet Hitler or Stalin, for example – the worst of the worst – you should behave respectfully to him?

SHEIKH: Then what can you do? You have power to stand in front of him, to kill him, to take his harm from you? No. Once a sheikh was sitting at the entrance of the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus. A new *pasha*, general, came by on a horse and all the people stood up to salute him. That sheikh looked to see who he was; then everyone stood up, saluting, except him. The sheikh had a tigerskin in front of him. Then with his stick he hit the tigerskin. A tiger – grr-r! rushed at the people, at that *pasha*, also. If you can be such a person, no worry about facing Hitler or Stalin or any other one!

‘Aṣr, June 3, 1985

There are so many tapes here, but which is the best one? The best one is Japanese, they say, or British, because they have a certain stamp or seal, a trademark. Then, if people see that seal or trademark, they say, “This is a famous one. It must be the best.”

What about yourselves, the Children of Adam? You have a stamp in your heart, the stamp of the Creator. Do you think that? Sometimes certain newspapers put some photographs, saying that the word

“Allāh” is written here, (2) but it is written so weakly (if there is something useless, photographs fill the whole world and people look at that so much). And on the heart, they say, is written “Allāh,” also, the Lord’s stamp on it, but not too many people are looking for that.

But everyone’s heart has been sealed by the divine signature. The Children of Adam bear the divine stamp, the divine signature – all of us. That is *tasbrīf*, to be honoured, by the divine seal. We have that honour. Now, insha’Allāh, as They give to me, as my “Spiritual Headquarters” gives to my heart, I am going to translate to you, according to your spiritual desires.

Now, there are two kinds of people who have knowledge. One kind of people claim that they are scholars, they have knowledge. And another kind of people – they have wisdoms. Scholars may get their knowledge by looking at everything, testing and observing, obtaining knowledge, but wisdoms are heavenly knowledges, and they are given to certain people, not given generally.

Then, those who have been given knowledge, their vision is different from the vision of wise people. Scholars may look at you, but wise people look and see you in another shape or form. Wisdom gives honour to everyone, as Allāh Almighty honoured them, even though they may do bad actions.

What is the proof? When Allāh Almighty, the Creator, the Lord of the Children of Adam, the Lord of the universes, the Lord of the angels, the Lord of the Heavens, decided to create Adam, or when He decided to make him appear in existence, Adam was our Lord’s deputy from the time when there was no time.

2 A reference to some recently-published photographs in which the word “Allāh” is seen to be faintly inscribed on leaves, the palm of the human hand and the heart.

Time is created by this world. If the sun does not move or the world does not turn, no more time; time would finish. Allāh Almighty made Adam and his children to be deputies from eternity to eternity. That is in the sight of Allāh Almighty but it was appointed by His divine will that he appears when He declared to the angels that now is the time when I am going to create. He meant to say, “The time has now come to appear, oh My deputy Adam.”

Then the angels said, “Oh our Lord, what are You doing? What are You creating? Are You going to create creatures who do evil and kill each other, doing every dirty thing, while we are always, from beginning to end, glorifying You?” They meant to say that those creatures whom You are going to create, or to cause to appear in existence are creatures of such bad actions, while we are correct, glorifying You, servants to You. If You need to make someone Your deputies, then it must be ourselves. We are suitable for that.

Yes, that was the meaning of their statement. But Allāh Almighty said, “I know whom I am making My deputies because I gave them something I didn’t give to you.” A ruby or diamond may fall into the dirt but no one would leave it there and go away. If it fell from someone’s hand into the dirt, no one would leave it there. Yes, he would take it from there and wash it, putting so much soap on it, and also cologne. Then no one would say to him, “Why did you take it out of the dirt and put it here?” No, it is right. Why? It has its value and dirt never affects it.

“Therefore, even if they kill each other, they make so many troubles, sufferings, wars – every kind of dirtiness, yet they have something from My divine secrets; My precious divine thing I have given to everyone. Even though they may do everything, they

are still deputies because I gave them that divine secret which I never gave to anyone else. Therefore, the Sons of Adam, the Children of Adam, they are the top. No one can reach their ranks.” Then all the angels said nothing. They knew.

Those who have been given divine wisdoms, they look at all those people who are doing dirty actions; wise people look at them and say, “Oh our Lord, one drop of Your Mercy Oceans will clean them. And we respect Your servants. No matter how dirty they are now from their actions, yet that secret which You gave them is still there and it is well-protected in their hearts, deeply planted, as the most precious treasure is placed in the deepest place of their hearts.”

You still do not know about yourself. When you look at yourself, you may understand about yourself step by step. But we are occupied by everything around ourselves and we are looking outside, not within ourselves. As long as you look outside, you are heedless about yourself; if you can look into yourself, you will find something else. You look at your photograph or you look in the mirror and you still see the outward view of yourself, but you must think about yourself that you have been given divine secrets.

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