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OF HADHRAT MAULANA ASHRAF ALI THAANWI (Rahmatullah Alayh)

1305. WHO ARE THE ULAMA-E-HAQQ?

Explaining who in the truest sense of the concept are the Ulama-e-Haqq (the True Ulama), Hakimul Ummat, Hadhrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thaanwi (rahmatullah alayh) said: “How can he (an Aalim) be of the Ahl-e-Haqq when his gaze is focused on others (besides Allah Ta’ala)?
Walahoula wa la quwwata!

It is utterly disgraceful that a man is initiated as a mureed (by a Shaikh) merely to increase his circle and strength. Haqq is such a power that if in the entire world there remains only one Man of the Haqq, and the whole world is filled with Ahl-e-Baatil (People of Falsehood), then the Aalim of Haqq views them all as beings devoid of reality. He understands and knows: ‘I can overwhelm them all (with the Haqq).’ If he (the Aalim of Haqq) lacks this degree of spiritual power, then, in fact, he is not among the Ahl-e-Haqq.”

1306. FIQAH IS DELICATE AND DANGEROUS

Nowadays, people are extremely audacious in the matter of Fiqhi Masaa-il. What I fear most, is the expression of opinion in issues pertaining to Fiqah. Masaa-il are extremely delicate. It is not a sphere for every person. Just anyone should not venture into this domain. When a mas’alah or fatwa is submitted to me, very remote probabilities come to mind on the issue. It is precisely for this reason that nowadays I furnish the reference of others in the fataawa which I issue. I

observe that some persons are extremely audacious in this field when in fact there is an imperative need for the greatest caution.

1307. THE MUFTI'S FOCUS

A Buzrug said: "Whenever a person asks me a mas'alah, then before answering I reflect: on my presence in Qiyaamah. I imagine myself standing in front of Allah Ta'ala. Now if someone (in Qiyaamah) had to ask me this question in front of Allah Ta'ala, then what would I answer? And, if the daleel (proof and basis) for my answer is sought from me (by Allah Ta'ala), then what will be my response? If I am confident that I will be able to furnish the daleel for the fatwa I issue, then only I respond, otherwise not." Hadhrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thaanwi (rahmatullah alayh), commenting on this attitude of the Buzrug said: 'This is indeed a wonderful Muraaqabah (meditation).'

1308. TODAY'S JALSAHS

"Today's jalsahs are *jhulsah* (an inferno or an evil disaster). In most cases, the objective is pride and fame."

1309. NADWATUL ULAMA AND ABU JAHL

"Nowadays, people suffer from a lamentable insanity regarding names. When they embark on a project, they desire a new and a unique name. By virtue of this insanity, Nadwah (i.e. Nadwatul Ulama in Lucknow) committed a serious blunder. Searching for a new name, they named the their council of the Ulama with the epithet of 'Nadwah'.

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Nadwah was the designation of the organization of the chief of the juhhaal (ignoramuses), the enemy of Allah, Abu Jahl. The primary objective for the formation of this body (the Nadwah of Abu Jahl) was to harm Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and to prevent the spread of the Deen. It is therefore not surprising that this very influence (of Abu Jahl's Nadwah) is today raining on Nadwah (i.e. Nadwatul Ulama of Lucknow)."

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