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An Effort to Revive Deen in Totality

The Deep Concern for Deen in the Heart of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ

The heart of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ was always filled with the deep worry and concern for Deen.

At times, his worry and concern would become so much that he would toss and turn in bed. Unable to sleep, he would then wake up from the bed and begin to pace up and down the room.

One night, when he was restless and could not sleep, his wife asked him, “What is it that is preventing you from sleeping?” Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ replied, “What should I tell you? If you knew (the worry and concern that I have), then there would be two people awake instead of one!” (Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da’wat pg. 219)

He placed his concern for Deen before his concern for his own well-being, and whenever he found the opportunity, he would give guidance and advice regarding the effort of da’wah and tableegh. Even if a doctor came to treat him, he would first give him da’wah and speak to him about the effort, and only after that would he allow the doctor to examine him.

Giving Da’wah to the Doctor Before Being Examined by Him

On one occasion, Mufti Kifaayatullah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ brought Dr. Shaukatullah Ansaari (a renowned doctor of Delhi) and another doctor to examine Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ. When Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ was informed that they were coming, he instructed that when they enter his room, they should be made to sit in such a way that he would be able to speak to them and give them da’wah before they examine him.

Accordingly, when the two doctors entered Hazrat Moulana’s رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ room, they were made to sit on a carpet which was placed at a slight distance from Hazrat Moulana’s رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ bed. Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ then addressed Dr. Shaukatullah and said the following:

“Doctor Saheb! You have learnt a science through which people derive benefit. I have also heard you being praised by people in regards to your mastery in this science. However, this is that science (of healing people) which Nabi Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was given by Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in the form of miracles when he was

chosen as a Nabi and sent to his people. Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى blessed him with the miracle of reviving the dead and giving sight to the blind to convince the people of the truth of Islam. You also know very well that the spiritual knowledge of Nabi Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was far superior to those miracles.

“The point that I now wish to bring to your attention is that the spiritual knowledge of Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the commandments of Deen which he brought to us have abrogated the spiritual knowledge of Nabi Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and his Shari’ah (despite the spiritual knowledge of Nabi Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ being so great, that it was far greater than his miracles of healing people, this spiritual knowledge which he brought of his Shari’ah and the Injeel was all abrogated with the Shari’ah of Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his kitaab, the Qur’aan Majeed.)

“Just imagine the height of ingratitude we will be showing Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى if we left out the Shari’ah of Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his kitaab! Just imagine the height of ingratitude we will be showing if we fail to appreciate these spiritual bounties which Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ had brought to us!

“It is for this reason that we are telling the people that they should take benefit from these spiritual bounties and avail themselves for engaging in this great work of da’wah and tableegh, otherwise they will be in a great loss.”

After Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللهِ had addressed them, the two doctors were given time to examine him. After conducting a thorough medical examination, they exited the room and began to speak to one another in English. Thereafter, Dr. Shaukatullah turned to Mufti Kifaayatullah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ and said, “We were just discussing among ourselves that according to medical science, there is nothing left in this person. Where did he get the strength to speak? Besides the fact that this is beyond our science, we could not understand anything. This is some spiritual strength through which this person is alive and speaking!” (Tahdeeth-e-Ni’mat pg. 217-218)

Concern for Deen before His Own Well-being

Hajee Abdur Rahmaan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ mentions that a few relatives of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللهِ once came to visit him from Kaandhlah. On seeing them, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللهِ asked them, “What brings you here?” They replied, “We have come to enquire about your health and your well-being.” Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللهِ responded, “You have travelled all the way from Kaandhlah and come here merely to enquire about my well-being, whereas my health will disappear (when I pass away), yet you do not enquire about the well-being of the Deen of Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ which is meant to remain until Qiyaamah but is gradually perishing in the lives of the Muslims!” (Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da’wat pg. 174)



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