

Advice to the murids from Sheikh Ibrahima Fall.

O ye with understanding do not consider my book among books that you open, see truth and reject it. If this book is not from Allah, it is from those who advise righteousness. If this book is not from Allah, it is a book which draws the Murid toward the service of the eminent Shaykhs.

O ye, who listen to me, do not laugh at the murids who do not desire anything besides what pleases Allah, the Most-High and are in the service of the Prophet Mohamed (saw). Since the Prophet has passed away, the debt you owe is to be given to the heirs and if you do not see them, it becomes legitimate to give it as alms. I title this book: "What draws the murid toward the service of the eminent Shaykhs". Do not laugh at the murids, as the gates of Allah are concealed in the hearts of the believers. If you desire the gate of compassion, knock at the hearts of the believers and take of what is concealed in them, and make it an act of faith toward Allah, an act of sincere devotion and an act of piety. Be hopeful and positive as it elevates you. Make Allah your companion because He is with you. He said I am with you wherever you are and Allah knows what you do. He sees it. Whatever you do consider Allah. Whatever you do with no consideration of Allah shall be vain. Be in need of the divine light which is everlasting because any other light which is not His shall perish. Consider only his reign as any other reign shall perish except His. If you desire food, desire the food of Allah because any food other than His shall be vain. Do not desire intoxication from alcohol or smoke. If you desire piety and good health, make your intoxication be abstinence, prayer, pious gifts for the sake of Allah and service to the Master. Do not be intoxicated by the pleasures of women and the power of kings otherwise Allah will put the shame on you. Do not aspire in this epoch, to the company of prostitutes and those who have gone astray. What I mean in this epoch, they both solve people's needs that may seem legitimate when it is not the case at all. Allah said, I should not advise you and forget about myself.

This is an advice to the murids. O ye Murids how can you be a building who wants to build (a building)? Surrender yourself to me in order to attain felicity. How can you be riding in a train

and overload yourself with luggage? Do not be preoccupied by it, alleviate yourself. Do not be intrigued by it. It is like hoping your sins to be taken away by the Shaykh to whom you were inspired to be with and you trouble yourself with worries and dark thoughts. Never take your need away from the veil of honor of your Creator and His decree. What you want from your Shaykh is your need. Lean at his gate since it has never been closed and aspire to his baraka (blessings). Allah said I will allow them a baraka who comes from Heaven and Earth which will come with the rain, the angels and the messengers.

Be satisfied with what we told you. All the gates of Allah are concealed in the hearts of the believers. If you trouble their hearts, Allah will burn your heart. Allah said that who troubles the hearts of the believers male and female and do not repent, for them is the punishment of Fire. You should devote through work and give of your wealth to the Shaykhs, to the needy, to the weak and to those who are close to you. When you give with your right hand, do not let your left hand know about it. The salat (prayer) is a must for both man and woman and their members should be covered properly and when you do the prayer be mindful of death and let it be your provisions for your next home. Before you move to any home or city, it needs to be made comfortable. Desire what is in Allah and the Prophet Mohamed (saw) and the reward is after death. Do not forget your (last) home or you will find it all uncomfortable (to dwell in it).

Hurry up your pace so you will get early at the market place. If you are slow you should wake up early. Avoid the punishment of Fire as ribba (interest) spoils benefits. Desire Heaven as in both Heaven is your sustenance. Do not be like a blacksmith who does not keep anything in his toolbox, but prices of iron that he burns again.

This is about your parents and your duty toward them. Be kind to both your parents is a must according to the Book (Quran), to the Sunna (Tradition of the Prophet) and the consensus of the Shaykhs. Be with them in what is legitimate, but not in what is illegitimate, in other words, what is forbidden (by Allah). Be compassionate to them and pray for both of them if they are Muslims. Treat them good to the best of your ability and be to them as a servant to his master because Allah said: I advise you to respect them, to have compassion for them. These are the words of the Truthful Allah. Pray for them by saying: have compassion for both my parents as they had compassion for me when I was young.

Allah said: do not believe anyone beside me and then treat your parents with reverence when they are with you in their old ages,do not disrespectful to them,do not shout at them.Talk to both of them with compassion and be good to them at all times and places.Do not treat them good in front of people and stop it when you are left alone with them.You will inherit them if you are still alive after they are gone.They raised you to appreciate work and whoever teaches you to work for the sake of Allah did you a favor.Whoever teaches you to work for someone beside Allah will not have reward from it.Allah said everyone is weary and that is what He confesses to desire good(for you) is a challenge for them and they do not wish to inherit their children.Children are the ones who inherit from their parents,but parents do not want to inherit from their children for the love they have for them.

If you work for both your parents and not for Allah because you desire vanity of this world and position in society,they may not complain about it,but when you work for Allah they start to complain while Allah is the One worthy of working for.Allah is your Creator and worthy of your actions.Allah said: whoever you are I created you and I am worthy of your actions.If He wanted he could kill you in an accident.if He wanted he could them and let you live,if He wanted he could kill you and let them live.He is the Provider.Allah said: there is nothing which moves on Earth which I do not provide for and I am the One who knows where the provision is and where it comes from.Allah has been written before creation.Allah said: I have bought from the beleivers their lives and their wealth in exchange of Heaven.From the hadiths of the Prophe Mohamed(saw),Allah said:My creatures,the wealth is Mine;the Heaven in Mine,therefore my wealth in my Heaven.

