

LETTER TWENTY-FOUR
CONCERNING ILL WILL

With His Glorious Name ﷻ
Allah, Allah, Allah

Dear honorable sister:

Assalāmu ʿalaykum wa rahmatullāhi wa barakātuhu.

Below I have answered some of your questions from your previous two letters.

The *hadīth* tell us that the best thing after having accepted Islam is good etiquette and that the successful believer is one whose etiquettes and character are excellent. Other noble elders have written that Allah ﷻ will hide the faults of one who hides the faults of others. The one who is quick to forgive others will find himself quickly forgiven by Allah ﷻ. Whoever is quick to accept others' apologies, Allah ﷻ will accept his apology just as quickly. Allah ﷻ will be kind on the Day of Judgment to one who is kind to others.

Do not harbor ill will, envy, or hatred in your heart toward anyone, for Allah ﷻ likes the heart that is free of hatred. Through jealousy and hatred one keeps a raging fire in his own heart, so whose house is destroyed in the end?

*Time for love is very short in this world,
Where do people find time to fill it with so much hate?*

If you want to hold enmity towards someone, have enmity with the devil [*shaytān*] and your base desires [*nafs*]. It is ironic that one starts despising others merely on a suspicion of fault, whereas he stays in love with himself despite knowing the evil in his own soul [*nafs*].

*Oblivious to my own faults, I could not see anything but
others' wrongs,
Noticing my own faults, suddenly no one seemed in the
wrong.*

A mere sign is sufficient for the wise.

Was-salām maʿ al-ikrām,

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