**LESSON 28**

**82) HEEDLESSNESS 83) LUST 84) ADMIRATION**

1. **HEEDLESSNESS:**  The state of following the desires of the carnal soul, and forgetting the rules and prohibitions set by Allah.

Heedlessness; absent-mindedness, carelessness, not being able to notice what is happening around your surroundings, not being able to know the reality of things and value them accordingly, not being able to see or feel. When humans cannot understand the truth of their duty along the way the walk, and are oblivious of their fate and as a result live without concerns.

There are several elixirs that can liquidate heedlessness. For example, tadabbur (deep thinking), tazakkur (deep awareness), tafakkur (contemplation), and ta’ammul (reflection, deliberation) can all be means to eliminate heedlessness.

Earnest and sincere prayer can be another mean to eliminate heedlessness.

## (KT 12 / Yenilenme Cehdi -­‐ Gafleti Dağıtacak İksir: “Zikir”)

1. **LUST:** The wants and desires of the carnal soul

Desire, is the trick used most often by Satan. When Rumi started semaa (a ritual to remember God in whirling), either Zerkub or Husamettin Celebi recorded in quatrains (rubai) of Rumi, Rumi improvised that: Satan and Allah were opposite of each other. Satan spoke, “I swear on your Glory that I will make all humans go completely off the rails. However, they have an anchor, therefore I must have one as well.” Allah responded, “Take as much money as you want and use it.” This does not convince Satan and he winces. “Take as much time…” continues Allah, yet he winces again. “Take as much strength and power…” and he winces again. When Allah offered “lust,” Rumi says that is when Satan jumped for joy.

It can be said lust is Satan’s best card. How many brave fellows throughout all of history can be found that have resisted, endured, and not capsized in the face of lust? How many brave fellows are out there whose hearts have never swerved, whose eyes have never been caught in a daydream, whose ears have never heard the confidential, who have never taken a step in that direction, or who have not reached out a hand? Because this is the matter for which Satan jumped for joy. Muhammad (saw) says, “I did not leave my Ummah a more tremendous trial or means for fitnah than this.” The prayers we perform morning and night, are the ones that protect us against lust. They mean “I take refuge in You to not come face to face with such a trial.” It is important to remember that this is not a one-sided trial. As men are tested with women, women are tested with men.

Especially lustful desire is one of our times most important and hardest trials. While the problem of lust has been a difficult struggle for all of human history, it has become a much more dangerous struggle today.

## (Varlığın Metafizik Boyutu -­‐ 3.Bölüm Cin ve Şeytan)

1. **ADMIRATION:** Admiration is seeing something someone else has and wanting it for themselves without wishing the other person to stop having it.

There are two situations in which you should admire others. When Allah endows an individual with Islamic knowledge, and they act according to that wisdom. Secondly, when Allah bestows an individual with wealth, and they use this prosperity for the sake of and in the name of Allah. (Hadith)

Admiration is a good habit. One should admire the virtuous (salih) ones, those who fulfil the obligatory Islamic practices and stay away from those that are forbidden. Admiring worldly possessions is considered abominable (makruh tanzihi). (Ebû Sa'îd Muhammed Hâdimî)

**Match the following words to the definitions:**

Admiration The wants and desires of the carnal soul

Heedlessness Meaning to covet or emulate

Lust Forgetting the rules and prohibitions of Allah and listening to the carnal soul instead

**Fill in the blanks:**

(Satan): *“And I will attack them from their left.”*

So, I will release all of the types of sins on them, inciting and encouraging superstition and inviting them to every kind of evil and misdeed. I will tickle their insides and stimulate them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. By releasing women on men and men on women, I will bring them to a state of lewdness, impurity, inconsistency and dishonesty.

Bediuzzaman declared that although each Muslim is required to only have Muslim characteristics this is not the case in each and every moment, similar to how not every kuffar’s characteristics are always heretical, sometimes we observe heretical characteristics in believers, and adhering characteristics in nonbelievers. For example, gossiping, lying and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are characteristics of nonbelievers; unfortunately, however, some believers can also commit these sins.

The definition of dhikr is not only confined to the repetition of glorifications with the tongue; at the same time, it includes the worship of tafakkur (contemplation), remembrance, contemplation and reflection. In this sense remembering the heroism of companions such as Mus’ab Ibn Umayr and Sa’d Ibn Mu’adh and how they walked toward Allah is also a form of dhikr. This kind of remembrance will disburse ones \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, allowing them to recover and discover themselves again, so that they can read and analyze themselves and once again walk towards Allah’s magnificence and mercy.