



Sohibats by
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KNOWLEDGE AND IGNORANCE

*Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,
Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem,
Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Anwalin wal Akhirin,
Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya Sadat As'habi RasuLillah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina,
Dastur Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Faiẓ Dagbestani, Sheikh Nazim al-Haqqani. Madad.
Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

(Qur'ān 39:09). Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla says, 'Hal yastawī lladhīna ya 'lamūna wa-lladhīna lā ya 'lamūn', 'Are those who know equal to those who do not know?' Are those who know and those who don't know equal? Those who know means those who know Allah ﷻ. To be 'Alim is to know Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla. And knowledge is what teaches about Him ﷻ.

Also our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, “الْعُلَمَاءُ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ”, 'Alims/scholars are the heirs of the Prophets. They are like them. They are valuable people in the presence of Allah ﷻ. Certainly, true 'Alims and Mashayikh are people who teach about Allah ﷻ, who make people love Him ﷻ and obey Him ﷻ. Those who don't do so are those who don't know. They are not equal. They cannot be put on the same scale. They are those who spread evil and ignorance, not knowledge. They think something big of themselves. By going around in vain all their lives, they mislead people and themselves.

Those who don't know Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla are ignorant. Therefore, it is called Jahiliyyah/Ignorance. The first Jahiliyyah was during the time of our Holy Prophet ﷺ. And now we are living in the second age of Jahiliyyah/Ignorance. It is worse than the first one. During the first one, even if little, they still had belief. But now people don't have belief. They say that they are studying; universities are full, everywhere is full. Let alone universities and knowing Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla, they are trying to deny Him ﷻ and are competing with each other in it. And then they claim that they are clever. Those who are clever know Allah ﷻ. Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla gave mind to people. He ﷻ gave them this favor in order to know Him ﷻ. But they are not using it, yet claiming that they are clever. They say, “We know everything”. You don't know anything. You are ignorant. May Allah ﷻ protect us.

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We are living in the second age of Jahiliyyah/Ignorance. Many people are living in this darkness. They are looking for something but cannot find it. They have minds, they should use them. As we said, universities seem to be teaching something, but they teach nothing. They have neither worldly knowledge, nor knowledge of Iman. Let alone Iman and believing in Allah ﷻ, what they teach is nothing. Mawlana Shaykh Nazim used to say that universities are just entertainment, nothing else. May Allah ﷻ give true knowledge to students so that they rescue themselves. May He ﷻ give true knowledge to us as well insha'Allah.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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