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KNOWLEDGE IS LEARNED WITH ADAB

*Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,
Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Rabeem,
Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Anwalin wal Akhirin,
Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya As'habi RasuLillah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina,
Sheykh Abdullah Daghestani, Sheykh Nazim al-Haqqani. Dastur.
Tariqatunas sobba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) states:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ

“Allahumma inni authu bika min ilmin la yanfa” “We seek refuge in You from useless knowledge,” says our Holy Prophet (SAW) to Allah Exalted and Glorious be He. How can it be useless when you learn knowledge and suffer so much for it? Of course it would be of no use if you use it for your own benefit, for worldly benefit. It would be useful knowledge if you use it on the path of Allah Azza wa Jalla.

Knowledge is what makes Allah widely known and notifies of Allah. The rest is not knowledge. So it is not important if one is a university graduate and does not practice what one studied. It is not important if one earned a degree in business administration but works at the municipality and hangs the diploma there. These are not considered knowledge anyway. These are things for this world and will remain in this world. They are not lasting.

Knowledge is what shows the path of Allah. They call it religious knowledge, theology. This is knowledge. If it becomes useless then we seek refuge in Allah. We seek refuge in Allah since it is not useful, it is of no use, to its owner nor anybody else. As long as it is useless to its owner, it is no use to anybody else. In fact, it is harmful. It would either make people go astray or people would say, “If this guy is a scholar why should we ever learn knowledge?”

It is obviously useless. So they have done it all for nothing and on top of that it carries sin. They go wherever there is a thing for self-benefit and for fame, and they appear on TV and talk much. “The one who talks much errs much,” says our Holy Prophet (SAW). The one who speaks a lot lies as well.



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Therefore, those who study knowledge, those who seek knowledge, whoever they may be even if from amongst the laymen, they should study for their knowledge to be of benefit and not for self-interest. Those people who come out slandering others saying, “I am a greater scholar!” are worse. They would be committing sin too. May Allah help them, may Allah show them the right path.

Scholarship, being a person of knowledge is a great station. Before learning the knowledge, one should know the wisdom behind it and its virtue. Those who teach should teach that this knowledge is nothing: if you do not act by it or do not give it its due, then it is of no use and it would harm you.

They teach anybody who comes and give lessons without saying a thing. The one who teaches and the one who is learning are almost the same anyway. Actually, along with the discipline and knowledge one learns from that person, the personality of the one who teaches is also important so that students look up to their teachers and resemble them. Woe on our situation if the teachers are like themselves. May Allah help us all. May we learn knowledge with adab¹ Inshallah so that it may be useful knowledge.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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1. Manners