

Knowledge

- ❖ The admirable knowledge is the knowledge that its seeker may benefit from in this world and in the hereafter, as well as others benefiting from it too.
- ❖ The knowledge that does not benefit its possessor would not advance him other than by distancing him from Almighty Allah.
- ❖ You should know that by knowledge it is meant the fundamentals of religion, the rulings of Islam, its ethics and etiquettes, as well as guiding the straying.
- ❖ The faithful who devotes his life in the cause of Almighty Allah and in His obedience, spends his time praying, fasting, reading the Holy Qur'an, going to hajj pilgrimage, should set aside the major part of his time in seeking knowledge (*'elm*), and by *'elm* I mean:
 1. The Fundamentals of the Religion (*osool al-deen*),
 2. The Rulings of Islam [on the *halal* and *haram*] (*ahkam al-Islam*), and
 3. The Ethics and Etiquettes of Islam (*akhlaq & adab*).
- ❖ He who specializes in one field of knowledge and dedicates all his effort and endeavor for that, will attain the highest degrees therein, and will surpass the one for whom that field of knowledge was [only] one of his interests.
- ❖ Let us read about Islam and about other religions too, and then compare them. In the middle ages a scientist would have been killed merely for expressing his opinion on a certain subject matter, even though it was purely scientific, and had nothing to do with religion or divine laws.

Inspirational Quotes

- ❖ The beneficial knowledge is not compared to the struggle and the extent of learning, even though these two are desired too.
- ❖ Knowledge is essential, since one does not know what [situation] one would come across, how should one deal with it or react to it, such that one would not be one of those that [becomes clear to them from Allah that which they never suspected].¹ So he gives to charity thinking that his giving is a good deed, or writes [books and articles], gives lectures, assuming that these are good deeds, then it becomes apparent to him that they were [counted as] bad deeds. We religious scholars must pay attention to this crucial matter more than others.²
- ❖ If knowledge is a Light, why doesn't Almighty Allah cast it in the hearts of all the people, even though it does not constitute a loss for Almighty Allah. When any one of us gives or donates something, this would definitely constitute a loss for him; even if one dedicates half an hour of his time to teach, then that would be a loss of half an hour from his lifetime. But in the case of Almighty Allah, it does not constitute a loss no matter how much He gives. Therefore, why doesn't He cast the light of knowledge in the hearts of all his servants? In reply we would say, because the donor is discerning. In other words, He distinguishes between the sincere and the non-sincere; thus He gives the sincere individual what he deserves.

¹ The Holy Qur'an; Throongs (39): 47.

² If one does good deeds, but the intention was to impress others, say, and not for Allah's sake, then one day one would reckon that they were not so good after