

Sparkles from the Pearls Of knowledge

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Knowledge & Ignorance are not equal

Regarding the excellence of knowledge and the people of knowledge, Allaah – *Subhana wa Ta’aala* – negated equality between the people of knowledge and other than them.

Just like He negated equality between, the companions of Paradise and the companions of the Hell-fire.

Allaah *Ta’aala* said:

<< **Say: "Are those who know equal to those who know not?"** >>
[Zumar :9]

He also said:

<< **Not equal are the dwellers of the Fire and the dwellers of the Paradise** >> [Hashr :20]

This indicates the elevated excellence of the people of knowledge and their distinguished nobility.

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Wisdom is knowledge

Allaah *Ta'aala* testifies for the one who, has been given knowledge, that He has given him lots of good.

Allaah *Ta'aala* said: << **He grants *Hikmah* to whom He pleases, and he, to whom *Hikmah* is granted, is indeed granted abundant good**>>

[Baqarah :269]

Ibn Qootayba and the majority of the scholars said: Wisdom is to be on the truth and to act upon it, and that is beneficial knowledge and good actions.

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Knowledge is the Greatest Blessing

Allaah *Ta'aala* has given numerous blessings to His Messenger, and has given him excellence. Allaah *Ta'aala* has made the greatest blessing that He gave to him the Book and *Hikmah* (wisdom).

Allaah taught him that which he did not know.

Allaah *Ta'aala* said:

<< **Allaah has sent down to you the Book and *Al-Hikmah* and taught you that which you did not know. And Ever Great is the Grace of Allaah unto you** >> [Nisa: 113]

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The Blessing of knowledge obligates thankfulness to Allaah

Allaah *Ta'aala* reminded His believing slaves with this blessing, and He commanded them to be thankful for it, and that they should remember Him, for the blessings He bestowed to them.

Allaah *Ta'aala* said:

<< Similarly, We have sent among you a Messenger of your own, reciting to you Our Verses and sanctifying you, and teaching you the Book and the *Hikmah* and teaching you that which you did not used to know. Therefore

remember Me, I will remember you, and be grateful to Me and never be
ungrateful to Me. >> [Baqarah : 151-152]

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Knowledge is Goodness in this World

Al-Hasan said regarding "the saying of Allaah *Ta'aala* << **“Our Lord! Give
us in this world that which is good!”** >> [Baqarah: 201]

It is knowledge and worship.

And regard Allaah's saying <<**and in the Hereafter that which is
good**>> [Baqarah : 201]

It is Paradise."

This is from the best explanations of this *Ayaah* indeed the greatest of the
goodness of this world, is beneficial knowledge and good actions.

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All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad,
his family, his Companions and all those who follow his guidance.