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## THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES OF ALLAH ALLAH AL 'ALEEM – THE ALL-KNOWER

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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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## INTRODUCTION

### MANNERS OF THE STUDENT OF KNOWLEDGE

- The heart is the place of faith and we can see where we stand when something happens. If we do not stand, then we need to go back to our foundation – and that is faith.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) gave an example of the hearts of people, some hearts are like moist and absorbing land, so they take in the rain and it grows. May Allah (ﷻ) grant us tender hearts. Ameen. We do not want to have tender hearts

only after we face a problem. May Allah (ﷻ) grant us tender hearts before. Ameen.

- So he is beneficial to others whether helping them, protecting them or making them happy.
- Another example of the heart is one that collects the water; he preserves and carries the knowledge so that others can take from it, but he is not a good example. He may have knowledge, but does not portray it greatly in actions.
- Another is a hard heart that does not absorb the water to grow or collect it.
- Knowledge comes and decrees come, but the land is different because the hearts are different.
- There are two things that stop a person from learning:

1. Arrogance: an arrogant person will be unable to learn. Even the great scholars will listen to someone less in order to be humble and not be deprived from learning. Anyone with an atom of arrogance will not enter paradise. When Musa (peace be upon him) was asked who was the most knowledgeable, he said himself. And then Allah (ﷻ) told him he will learn from someone who is not a messenger, but has knowledge which he does not have.

2. Shyness: when the Prophet (ﷺ) migrated to Medina, he noticed the women were asking very specific questions, that can be embarrassing, but he made dua may Allah have mercy on them because

shyness did not stop them from learning the religion. For example, someone may not know how to pray or make wudhu, he cannot say, "I'm shy to ask" because he must pray. Or to not know the major sins or the rights of Allah (ﷻ). There is some knowledge that a Muslim must know.

- And when we have taqwa, we will learn more.

#### SURAH AL BAQARAH 282

وَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللَّهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

And fear Allah. And Allah teaches you. And Allah is Knowing of all things.

- Anyone following desires will not learn.
- Taqwa is our provision and taqwa is our adornment.

#### SURAH AL BAQARAH 197

وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَىٰ

And take provisions, but indeed, the best provision is fear of Allah.

## SURAH AL 'ARAAF 7

### وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَىٰ ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ

But the clothing of righteousness - that is best.

- Just as eating food conceals our moodiness when we are hungry, clothes conceal our faults. And taqwa is our inner-nourishment and it is our garment from the outside.
- Allah (ﷻ) is so gentle and compassionate and His mercy precedes His anger though He is The All-Knowing.
- No one knows more about us than Allah (ﷻ) and He does not make us feel fearful because His mercy precedes His anger.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) called his companions as companions and not as students. He was always caring and merciful to them.

## SURAH AL ANBIYA 107

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], except as a mercy to the worlds.

- The more a person has knowledge, the more merciful a person should be.

## THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES OF ALLAH

### ALLAH AL 'ALEEM (العليم) – THE ALL-KNOWER

- The Name of Allah Al 'Aleem (The All-Knower) is the third most repeated Name in the Qur'an after the Names "Allah" and "Ar Rabb".
- The Names of Allah (ﷻ) change us 360 – inside and out – and it takes time, and that is fine.
- The Names of Allah are:
  1. Al 'Aleem (العليم) – The All-Knower – is mentioned 157 times in the Qur'an

2. 'Aalim Al Ghayb wal Shahada (عالم الغيب والشهادة) – Knower of the Unseen and Seen – is mentioned 13 times in the Qur'an
  3. 'Alaam Al Ghiyooob (علام الغيوب) – Knower of the Unseens – is mentioned 4 times in the Qur'an
- o No one is born with knowledge; our knowledge needs to be learned and we forget. And someone can be so intelligent that they cannot even explain their knowledge to others and make it understandable.

#### SUPPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL KNOWLEDGE

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا، وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا، وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

Allāhumma innī as'aluka `ilman nāfi`a, wa rizqan ṭayyiba, wa `amalan mutaqabbala.



O Allah, I ask You for knowledge that is of benefit, a good provision, and deeds that will be accepted.<sup>1</sup>

- We do not want to learn something that is not useful, or to learn something useful but it makes us arrogant such that we cannot see the reality of ourselves anymore. Someone can have so much knowledge, but he disconnects with people.
- People can even take science, nature and knowledge as an idol.
- There is no one like Allah (ﷻ) in His knowledge and to believe in the perfect knowledge of Allah (ﷻ) is to negate the perfection of knowledge of anyone else.
- Allah (ﷻ) knows all the thoughts running through in our mind, all the feelings in our

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<sup>1</sup> Ibn Majah no. 925

hearts. He knows our future and final destination.

- When we know Allah Al 'Aleem, it makes us well-behaved and to not cross our boundary in anything.
- When we pray, and we know that Allah is Al 'Aleem, The All-Knower, how will we pray? It will make us very conscious, aware and not to make our worships as routines.
- Allah (ﷻ) knows what we are doing, what we feel and what we think, and how we are dealing with people.
- The purpose behind our creation is to know that Allah (ﷻ) is able to do all things and His knowledge surrounds all things.

SURAH AT TALAQ 12

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ  
بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ  
شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا

It is Allah Who has created seven heavens and of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven). His Command descends between them (heavens and earth), that you may know that Allah has power over all things, and that Allah surrounds all things in (His) Knowledge.

- When decrees take place, surely Allah (ﷻ) knows about it, and He knows the right time it will take place. And the knowledge of Allah (ﷻ) is far more than what happens.
- Imagine someone wants to make a plan, but has no knowledge, will it be good? No.
- Allah (ﷻ) decrees everything and has complete and perfect knowledge, and when decrees befall us, it is to know that Allah is Al

'Aleem (The All-Knower) and Al Qadeer (The All-Able).

○ Allah (ﷻ) knows every possibility of what we could be doing. He knows all:

1. Possibilities
2. Impossibilities
3. Probabilities

○ Allah (ﷻ) decrees everything and has complete and perfect knowledge, and when decrees befall us, it is to know that Allah is Al 'Aleem (The All-Knower) and Al Qadeer (The All-Able).

### MEANING OF (العلم) IN THE LANGUAGE

○ The meaning of (العلمُ): is a sign (العلامةُ) or trace (والأثر). Knowledge cannot be a dream or illusion.

- It also means division between two lands (الفصلُ) (بين الأرضين). And surely knowledge sets a boundary to matters.
- (العلمُ) also means landmark (منصوبٌ في الطريق يُهتدى به). If there are no signs, landmarks, then people will be misguided and make mistakes.
- (العلمُ) also means a design or pattern on clothing (رسم في الثوب).
- (العلمُ) means leader of the people (سيّدُ القوم).
- (العلمُ) means mountain (الجبَلُ). Knowledge keeps us firm and there is knowledge that we take in and then it shows on us, just like a mountain that has deep roots, but what appears is less.
- (العلمُ) also means flag (لواء). Someone with knowledge is like a flag.

- (إِدْرَاكُ الشَّيْءِ) (الْعِلْمُ) is to know the reality of matters (بِحَقِيقَتِهِ). People who have knowledge about magic, energy and so forth is not knowledge.
- (الْيَقِينُ) (الْعِلْمُ) also means certainty. It is not knowledge if we doubt something.
- (نُورٌ) (الْعِلْمُ) is also light. Knowledge is not just information, but it enlightens and expands us.

#### SURAH AL AN'AAM 122

أَوْمَن كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَأَحْيَيْنَاهُ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُ نُورًا يَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ  
 كَمَن مَّثَلُهُ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ لَيْسَ بِخَارِجٍ مِّنْهَا كَذَلِكَ زُيِّنَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ مَا  
 كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

And is one who was dead and We gave him life and made for him light by which to walk among the people like one who is in darkness, never to emerge therefrom? Thus it has been made pleasing to the disbelievers that which they were doing.

- A believer will attain light and knowledge will make a person to deal rightly with people. He

needs to be well-mannered and have a good impact on others. It is not everything that we learn that we will be able to say to others, but it will show in our behavior, reactions and kindness. Light will always reflect.

- Allah (ﷻ) will cast light in the heart of the one He loves. May Allah (ﷻ) love us. Ameen.

### Difference between (المعرفة) and (العلم)

- (العلم) is to know the full picture and details.
- (المعرفة) is something simple and not deep knowledge, like information.

### TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE (أنواع العلم)

- Knowledge exclusively from Allah (ﷻ) (العلم اللدني)
- Life science (العلوم الحقيقية): such as chemistry, biology and so forth

○ Authentic and legislated knowledge of the religion ( العلوم الشرعية )

MAY ALLAH INCREASE US IN KNOWLEDGE. AMEEN.

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