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’ala testifies for the one who, has been given knowledge, that He has given him lots of good.

Allaah Ta’ala 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’ala has given numerous blessings to His Messenger, and has given him excellence. Allaah Ta’ala 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’ala 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’ala 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’ala 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 Allah Ta’ala << ‘Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good!’ >> [ Baqarah: 201]
It is knowledge and worship.

And regard Allah'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 Allah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his Companions and all those who follow his guidance.