

Who are the people of True Knowledge? -By Habib Umar bin Hafiz

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1) The one who outstrips you in the knowledge of Tasawwuf, is the one who outstrips you in noble and prophetic characteristics. The connection of the seekers of the Path to those already established on the Path (the awliya, the spiritual guides and the gnostics) will play a part in moulding these seekers. This special connection can cause the inner knowledge and noble qualities to be inherited within the seeker and imprinted on him. The love that the seeker has towards his spiritual master allows the qualities of that spiritual master to be like seeds sown into the heart of that seeker.

2) Those who have attained exalted ranks in Allah's presence may eat, sleep and walk at the markets like us. But those human-like qualities are simply a veil of normality. Don't be fooled by this veil and become like the unbelievers who used to say, "How can a prophet be an ordinary person like us?"

3) Those whose hearts are manifestations of ArRahman (The Merciful) don't mention the faults of others. They lower their gaze from the faults of others. They are in service of the AlMighty by wanting to elevate creatures to the Presence of Allah; not asking anything in return. Not asking for stations nor are they asking for fame. They don't seek leadership. They don't seek out for their dues nor do they seek out for others to fulfill their rights. On the other hand, they are careful in fulfilling the rights of others. Whoever looks at them with wisdom and honesty will definitely love them. They are able to straighten the crookedness of whosoever gets close to them. The closer one gets to any of them the better his crookedness be straightened. This is how the companions were groomed by Prophet(s). Each companion received lights from the Prophet(s) that enveloped their very souls that caused them to emerge like stars.

4) The companions received no better joy after Islam except when Prophet(s) proclaimed as what was narrated in the Hadith: You will be with whom you love. Indeed the Love of Allah and His Prophet(s) is the very thing that holds the ummah (nation) in solid firmness. If this love is shaken, all else is shaken.

5) The seeking of knowledge is an obligation of every Muslim. Always make this du'a: O Allah! Give us to see Truth as Truth and grant us the ability to follow it. And Give us to see falsehood as falsehood and grant us the ability to avoid it.

6) Habib goes on to speak of what kinds of knowledge are deemed as obligatory upon every Muslim (fard 'ain). Every Muslim is obligated to learn the outward rulings that govern the limbs and the inward rulings that govern the heart. Every Muslim is obligated to know *how* to please His Lord. He is obligated to learn the correct aqeeda (doctrine of Islam). He is not obligated to delve into what is considered heresy. However if his belief is contaminated with heresy or shaken with heresy, he is obligated to learn whatever he needs to know to remove all heresies from his belief.

7) The knowledge of judgment, grammar, making fatwa (Islamic legal decree) is not obligatory upon every one. But obligatory upon a representative of community (fard kifaya). Some knowledge is considered haraam. This includes black magic, astrology etc. Learn real knowledge and leave your customs.

8) Every knowledge without practice is false. Seek refuge from knowledge which does not benefit you.

9) Who looks down upon the knowledge of sacred law, his state is corrupt. Our own foundation as a nation of Prophet Muhammad(s) has crumbled because we have exposed ourselves to the domination of the kuffar (unbelievers) by giving so little importance to the knowledge of sacred law! The Romans had knowledge; the Companions of Prophet(s) had not any. The Romans had knowledge, of weaponry even. But look at how Allah has granted the Muslims then victory over the Romans! Know this. The cause of our present calamities is because the Muslims themselves have given very little importance to sacred law. They have given very little importance to the religion of Allah and Prophet(s). The youngsters have even made to see that occupations like being imam (leader) of the mosque of teachers of religious knowledge as lowly occupations; when these are the occupations that have high standing in Allah's Presence! The Muslims have allowed the Kuffar to make them prioritize materialistic knowledge over religious knowledge. The Muslims have been duped!

10) Oh world! Know that the medicine that cures the sickness of the whole entire world and its inhabitants is from the pharmacy of the heavens! But no...the kuffar has not only taken over our lands. But they haven't taken over our hearts as well! Until instead of magnifying the Prophet(s) in our hearts we magnify their television stars! Wake up O Muslims! The kuffar has taken over your hearts and because of your own susceptibility to their influence you are going to meet Allah with a blackened face! Are you going to allow them ruin your eternal life? Wake up and give importance to your religion! Give importance to Allah! Give importance to His Messengers! Give importance to the Truth. What can this materialistic knowledge give you? You spend years and years mastering such knowledge only to land yourself in an occupation that don't even make use much of what you have learnt? Stop wasting your time! Prioritize the knowledge that will grant you eternal happiness. May Allah grant us protection from meeting Him with a blackened face and grant us eternal happiness.

11) Habib comments on the state of some so called scholars now. Since when did fatwa (legal statements regarding Islamic rulings out of research and personal standing) making ever became the front stage of Islam such that they start to appear in television shows issuing fatwa, doing nothing but confusing the believers? They are saying this is haraam or halaal or bid'ah without proper justifications and research. Believers are in confusion now! Believers are in confusion now because of all these scholars who love making fatwas without sound knowledge and research! Without taqwa (fear of God)! Know that the true scholars in the past were most afraid of making fatwas. It is like carrying a burden of the whole nation and being answerable to Allah and His Messenger(s). Sayidina Ali, the gate of knowledge! He only made 1 fatwa in his life. As for the companions of Prophet(s), they were very afraid to answer questions, which they were

unsure about. They preferred silence over giving their own opinions/legal statements. There was even a well respected scholar of hadramaut that took 10 years just to come up with 1 fatwa. And that was the only fatwa he came up with in his life!. Nowadays, scholars come up with 5 or 10 fatwas in a month! People nowadays think that the real scholar is the one who talks alot; so confidently saying "oh this is haram. that is halal. That is bid'ah."...answering every single question that comes to him. Even Imam Shafi'e used to say "I don't know." more often than he would give rulings. For he would only answer if he was 100% sure. There was a scholar from the period of the tabi'een (period after the Companions of Prophet(s)) that used to say, "The one who is able to answer every religious/sacred law question given to him is a crazy man."

12) O Muslims. Know that Allah has promised to protect His religion from the unbelievers. But the state of our people today is solely because of ourselves. Look into our hearts. Where are our hearts? If the heart is sound all else is sound.