

What Is Obligated Upon The Muslim To Learn

The Esteemed and Noble Shayh, Our father

Hasan Abdul-Wahhaab Marzouq Al-Banna

(May Allah preserve him and his family upon good).

Translated by: Aboo Abdir-Rahmaan Abdur-Raqeeb (Oh Allah, forgive me and accept my repentance).

This is from a sitting with our father in Misr (Egypt), Shaykh Hasan Abdul-Wahhaab Marzouq Al-Banna (May Allah preserve him and his family upon good).

Our shaykh began by saying, “In regards to the books of Al-Aqeedah, it is required upon you my son, my brother to understand the pillars of Islaam and the pillars of Eemaan; understand its grouping and its categories. No doubt, you must study that which is required upon of you. It’s not required that you study everything in regards to Islaam. No, but what is required is that you educate yourself regarding what is necessary for you. Certain things must be studied by the students of knowledge and the scholars, such as the science of Islaamic Law, which they will teach us and bring good to the nation of Muslims by this. However, the general people must know that Allah alone is the One true god deserving to be worshiped. They must know His Names and Attributes; His Names which are found in Al-Qur’aan and in As-Sunnah, which explains that He has 99 Name, 100 minus 1. We must know about His Attributes, such as His Eyes, His Hearing, Hands, Shins and Feet, and other than these. We learn from the Book and Sunnah that Allah says in Suratush-Shuraa:

{لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ}

{There is nothing similar to His likes, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing}.

The majority of the people do not know this, but they speak regarding it in abundance. They speak about that which they do not know and/or they don’t study that which is necessary for them, rather, they study that which is not necessary upon them. How do you not know your Lord? How do you not know His Names and Attributes? How do you not know your Lord?! He created Adam with His 2 Hands and He created his wife. He created creation by the word “Be” and they came to existence. The people do not know this. We are not talking about the poor or the needy. No. We are talking about the doctor, the engineer, the manager, the old and the young, who do not know their religion. They do not know the foundation of the religion, not everything concerning the religion, but the foundation of the religion.

It is a must that one knows the religion. They must study Al-Aqeedah. A book such as Al-Aqeedatul-Waasitiyyah explains the Names and Attributes of Allah. It explains how his Names are raised and exalted. We name Allah by that which He named Himself, not as the non-Muslims name Him. We oppose their beliefs from our foundation. Teach your families, teach your wives! Ask your family, “Where is Allah”? Teach her that He is above the heavens, above His Throne. Teach this to the old and to the young. Just as Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s peace and blessings upon him) said when he asked the slave girl...

(قال لها: أين الله؟ قالت: في السماء، قال: من أنا؟ قالت: أنت رسول الله، قال: أعتقها فإنها مؤمنة)

(He said to her: Where is Allah? She said: In (above) the sky. He said: Who am I? She said: You are Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s peace and blessings upon him). He said: Free her, indeed she is a believing woman).

A lot of people say, “Allah is everywhere”. No! He is everywhere, such as bathrooms and other filthy places? No! Some say that He exists without a place. Others speak with speech resembling the non-Muslims. They say, “You can find Allah everywhere”. This is the speech of the people of Shirk. What is correct is that mankind knows Allah truthfully from his natural disposition.

Our shaykh ended here due to the Adhaan for Salaatul-Ishaa’. May Allah bless and reward the shaykh with an abundance amount of good for the time that he spends teaching us our religion.

Shaykh Aboo Abdil-A’laa Khaalid Uthmaan Al-Misriyy (may Allah preserve him upon good) once said, “The time that our father, our shaykh Hasan (may Allah preserve him and his family upon good) spends traveling to teach us our religion is a blessing upon us. Our shaykh is in his mid-eighties and he still travels an hour, some times 2 hours just to teach us ignorant individuals our religion. But yet, you see the people running and flocking to the classes of the small students of knowledge. This is in opposition to our Manhaj. This is not from good; when you see the people abandon the sittings of the elders for the sittings of the youth. Fear Allah brother, fear Allah. With Allah is the aid and assistance”.

ربنا زدنا علما.

Our Lord, increase us in knowledge.