

Fruits for the Week

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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Allah (SWT) said: *“And follow not that of which you have no knowledge; for every hearing, seeing, and feeling (in the heart), all these will be questioned (on the Day of Judgement).”* (Al-Isra’ :36)

Everything we have, whether it be our bodies, our abilities, or our worldly possessions, is a trust from Allah (SWT). This trust must be safeguarded and used according to His commands. Since this trust has been established with Allah (SWT), we must use these blessings according to His wishes.

Every human being has been given this trust, but not everyone chooses to safeguard it according to the wishes of Allah (SWT). Sometimes, when people possess something, they begin thinking that they really own it and that they can do whatever they want with it. They use these gifts of Allah (SWT) for their own benefit without giving due praise to Him for these blessings.

Their successes and achievements, instead of making them thankful, make them proud and arrogant. The more these people achieve success, the more they believe in their own merits and forget about the mercy of Allah (SWT). It is important to remember to thank Him for the blessings.

Allah (SWT) has given us beautiful bodies and healthy minds which we use to work and think with.

Through our eyes, ears, tongues and minds we gain knowledge of this world. Our bodies and minds are a trust from Allah (SWT).

Allah (SWT) has made human beings responsible creatures. We are the only creation which has such a high level of intelligence. If we do not use our various faculties – hearing, vision and feeling – properly, we shall be answerable to Allah (SWT) on the Day of Judgement.

We are the only ones that have the ability to differentiate between right and wrong. The knowledge that we are unable to gain through our bodies and senses has been taught to us through His revelation. He has sent His Messengers to guide us and He has given us His books to teach us right from wrong.

Seeking knowledge is an obligation which Islam has enjoined upon every Muslim. The Qur’ an teaches us the beautiful Du’ a: *“Oh my Lord, increase me in knowledge.”* (20:114). We should not follow those things of which we have no knowledge. Our minds, eyes, ears, and tongues must not be used for any evil purpose.

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) used to pray to Allah (SWT): *“O Allah, bless me with the knowledge that helps everyone. O Allah, save me from the knowledge that harms others.”*

Wallahu A’ lam.

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