

# KNOWLEDGE WITH WISDOM

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***"...God has sent down to you the scripture and wisdom, and He has taught you what you never knew. Indeed God's blessings upon you have been great" (4:113).***

***"...I have given you the hearing, the eyesight, and the brain, and you are responsible for using them" (17:36).***

The human being was very much aware that there was no god but the one God- since the time before we came to this dimension. The knowledge was given from the beginning because of God's mercy and graciousness. God's greatness was limitless then and it is endless now. The truth, the information we experienced and witnessed occurred in the other dimension when we were gathered in front of God and asked by the Almighty, "Am I not your Lord?" We all answered, "yes."

God-willing, we understand clearly the fact that we had committed something terrible against our souls which caused us to come to this big prison called earth. We did not stand for the absoluteness of God, even though we had borne witness that God was our Lord and we were aware of this through knowledge given by God (7:172).

Knowledge is defined in Webster's dictionary in the following terms: 1) the range of one's information or understanding, 2) the fact or condition of apprehending truth or fact, 3) the fact or condition of having information or of being learned.

Even though this great knowledge was given by God to the human being, the question arises as to what could have prevented the human being from remaining pure and standing for the absoluteness of God as the angels did? ***"...They harbored thoughts about God that were not true- the same thoughts they harbored during the days of ignorance. Thus they said, 'Is anything up to us?' Say, 'Everything is up to God..'"(3:154).*** Whenever the human being thinks he can do anything, or feels he has any kind of control or power, he falls into the same trap of worshiping the ego which was initiated by Satan.

Praise be to God, we still have the perfect knowledge which God blessed us with previously. In addition to this, God blessed us tremendously with the Quran. We also were witnessing the purification of God's religion which gives us even better, more complete knowledge. This we experienced through God's servant- the Messenger of the Covenant. After all these blessings, after all these experiences, and after witnessing something so overwhelming, are we going to use this knowledge to acquire wisdom which would enable us to return to our Creator? Knowing this incredible knowledge and having lived with the Messenger of the Covenant, and having witnessed one of the greatest miracles, will cause our damnation if we don't use the knowledge, and attain the wisdom, to be with God in heaven when we get out of this prison on Earth.

Remember God gives an example for us to comprehend how the angels submit by realizing God's complete control (2:32). The angels do not question God's absolute authority-They do this without any doubt or question, and without the slightest hesitation. This is the way to attain the wisdom God gives us. Many examples in Quran show how unconditionally the angels constantly worship God alone. The angels attain their wisdom from God because they never abuse the knowledge which is limited within their realization. They never thought twice about questioning God's greatness, God's absolute control and power, plus God as being the only source of their existence. Angels depend on God and have chosen God as their only Master. They were pure enough to realize they did not want to do anything but serve God, worship Him, and stand on His absoluteness.

On the other hand there was an angel who thought he could go on his own and be a god besides the one God. Why? Is it because the devil thought he could survive without needing God? This is against the common sense which God has placed inside of all of us. How could any creature survive or try to become a god besides God when he positively knows he was created by God. This shows us the devil is an absolute idiot because even though God gave him knowledge, he could never be as powerful as the one who created him. This is knowledge without wisdom. How does ignorance come into existence? What causes it? One way is to think, can we actually do things on our own without God? I don't know how many of us can fully comprehend the reality that we absolutely have no control, not even an atom's size of any kind of control, except the decision to believe or disbelieve. This is something very hard to remember without falling into ignorance.

Can we say having doubts about God's absoluteness, and thinking the devil could be a god besides God, is proof itself that the human being went against God's given, perfect knowledge; against the perfect sense of God? The human being had knowledge without the wisdom to go with it. This was something terrible we did against our souls.

Before we go any further on this subject, let us look at how Webster's dictionary defines the word Wisdom: 1) ability to discern inner qualities and relationships: insight, 2) good sense: judgment, 3) a wise attitude or course of action.

The human being had neither good sense or judgment, nor did he have a wise attitude when he chose to take the responsibility God talks about in Sura 33:72. To be very straightforward, we chose not to use the knowledge given to us by God wisely. Therefore this great knowledge did not become wisdom. Without wisdom the human being turned ignorant.

God's system is not changeable on this earth. Are we making the same mistake we made in the other dimension? Are we abusing the knowledge?

How do we get out of this predicament? What is the most effective way of struggling to go back to our Creator and turning our knowledge into wisdom?

Instead of questioning God's wisdom, we should kill our egos and totally submit to

His will, to His control, to His absolute authority. How do we do this? We must believe totally that we depend on God and we cannot survive without Him. We must remind ourselves, as much as we can, that we have absolutely no control of anything except our decision to believe or disbelieve. God is the only source of all goodness, all blessings, and all benefits. We must struggle to remember His greatness and try to comprehend and realize the power of our Creator. How can we think that we do anything? How can we give any credit to ourselves after knowing God is the one who created billions of galaxies containing a billion, trillion stars, within a vast universe that spans billions of light years? God also teaches us in the Quran that this vast universe is within His right hand (39:67).

In conclusion, we are the ones who should know better than anyone else on this earth. We have received God's knowledge first-hand. God blessed us with the Messenger of the Covenant and with one of the greatest miracles of all. Now we cannot afford to do what we did in the other dimension by remaining neutral and questioning God's absolute authority after being given this knowledge. God-willing we can read the Quran and study it carefully, and live our lives with it; use the knowledge of God in our lives and strive very hard in this cause to discern our inner relationship with God. Then, God-willing, our Lord will bless us by turning our knowledge into wisdom.

***"God: there is no other god besides Him, the Living, the Eternal Never a moment of unawareness or slumber overtakes Him. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and everything on the earth..."No one attains any knowledge except as He wills. His dominion encompasses the heavens and the earth, and ruling them never burdens Him. He is the Most High, the Great' (2:255). "He bestows wisdom upon whomever He chooses, and whoever attains wisdom, has attained a great bounty. Only those who possess intelligence will take heed' (2:269).***

**ALL PRAISE BE TO GOD**