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ADVICE TO STUDENTS OF SACRED KNOWLEDGE

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1. Serving the deen with sincerity (only for the sake of gaining the pleasure of Allah ﷻ) should be your sole purpose and aim of your life. Do not make hoarding wealth and gaining money as your aim and objective.
2. Do not become a scholar just to serve the Masjid or the Madrasah. Become a scholar in its true meaning: as a vicegerent and an heir of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. This should be such that one should always be anxious and worried about propagating Islam and the doctrines of the Ahl-us-Sunnah, and always strive hard for this; as was the life of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.
3. Alongside reciting the Holy Qur'an and studying the Ahadith, study fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence) in depth, as in the sight of Allah ﷻ and His Beloved Messenger ﷺ the greatest scholar is he who has been bestowed with superlative knowledge pertaining the deen (fiqh), even though someone else may be a specialist expert in the fields of Qur'an and Hadith. [Fatawa Ridawiyah - Vol. 4, Pg. 572]
4. To become a scholar in its true meaning, it is incumbent that one studies the books of the scholars of the Ahl-us-Sunnah fraternity, especially those books authored by Imam Ahmed Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ.
5. Do not think of merely receiving a certificate of graduation in the 'Alim field as enough, but in fact engage in learning knowledge throughout your life. Be certain that during the years of seeking knowledge (being a student) one is only preparing himself with sufficient tools to be able to acquire knowledge in the future. It is only after this time period that in reality one embarks his journey in acquiring the sacred knowledge.

6. Become a scholar who acts upon his knowledge, and also work tirelessly day and night to incite others to acquire knowledge, and act upon it.
7. Flee and 'run-away' from a transgressor, misguided, and a greedy 'scholar' (who is always in pursuit of wealth) as you would flee from a lion or even more, as a lion shall take our life, but this shall destroy your faith.
8. Do not ever show hypocrisy in relation to the deen; Make speaking the truth the emblem of your life.
9. Instead of saving money in the bank, spend it and re-invest the money in profitable businesses of the deen, write and compile books, publish them to propagate the teachings of Islam and the doctrines of Ahl-us-Sunnah as much as possible. Have certainty and affirm your belief in the fact that when those who do not work for the deen in fact even those who go against the commands of Allah ﷻ and his Beloved Messenger ﷺ, when even such people receive sustenance and provisions, you shall never remain in hunger.
10. Fulfilling the rights of your teacher should be at the forefront of the rights of any other Muslims. Never inflict any pain to your teacher otherwise you shall remain deprived of the blessings of the sacred knowledge.