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Topic: **Intention**

❖ Chapter 2

➤ **Intention is essential in everything** because the Prophet (peace be upon him & his progeny) said:

- «إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ» “Deeds are (evaluated) just by intentions.”
- «إِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا نَوَىٰ» “Only the intention (remains) for one.”

➤ It's decent for the seeker of knowledge to **intend the satisfaction of Allah** almighty in acquiring knowledge

- ...and **to erase ignorance** from himself and others
- ...and **to revive faith and preserve Islam** by advocating good deeds and denying bad ones ... as far as possible

➤ ...and (he should) be **patient in difficulties** and to try as far as he can

➤ ...and **not waste his lifetime** in this worthless and finite world

➤ ...and **not belittle himself by greed** and avoid holding grudge against others

➤ ...and **avoid arrogance**

❖ Chapter 3

(About) choosing the knowledge, master, partner and (about) stability

➤ ...should **choose the best knowledge** and the one he **needs now and always**...

➤ ...and the **priority is with Tawhid** (monotheism) and to know Allah by reason

➤ As for the master, one should **choose the most knowledgeable, the most pious** and the oldest (most skillful) one

➤ ...and (he should) **consult in choosing** ...

➤ ...and not hurry ... in choosing ...

➤ He'd better **stay with one master, book** (skill and place) so he wouldn't become *abtar* (insufficient, incomplete)

- These (wrong) things will **take you away** from achieving knowledge.

- ...and will preoccupy your heart and waste time.
- ...and (he should) choose the diligent, the most pious and the fair one as the partner
- ...and avoid the lazy, the idle, the talkative, the corrupted and the cunning one.