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Topic: **Deliberation**

A review on chapter 2: intention

- The student should be **always deliberating** about details of knowledge
- **Concentration is a fierce power.**
- ... and to **think before speech**

«وقال عليه السلام: لِسَانُ الْعَاقِلِ وَرَاءَ قَلْبِهِ، وَقَلْبُ الْأَحْمَقِ وَرَاءَ لِسَانِهِ» (نهج البلاغة «الحكم» «الحكمة» (٤٠)

The tongue of the wise is behind his heart (brain) ...

- The statements are like arrows, so they have to be stated carefully
- For example: “Take (wisdom) *hikmah* from anyone even a hypocrite, because it’s not stable in their hearts”

«الْحِكْمَةُ ضَالَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ»

“*hikmah is always missing for a believer*”

«وَمَنْ يُؤْتِ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا»

“*and whoever is given hikmah, indeed he has been given a huge grant*”

- “Whoever sincerely acts for Allah for forty days, Allah will open the wells of *hikmah* from his heart on his tongue”
- ... He should be **always grateful towards Allah, verbally and in action**; to see understanding and knowledge as from Allah.