

With regards to the student of knowledge adorning himself with *muroo-ah* (honourable and fine behaviour), Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* comments:

And what is *muroo-ah*?

The scholars of *fiqh* – may Allaah have mercy upon them – have established what it is in the Book of *shahaadaat* (bearing witness).

They said: it is doing that which beautifies him and adorns him and avoiding of that which would dishonour him and disgrace him.

And this is an expression which is general (in its nature) – everything which will beautify you in the eyes of the people, and adorn you and which will be a cause for your being praised, then this is *muroo-ah*, even if it is not from the acts of worship.

And everything which is opposite (to this), then it is something that opposes *muroo-ah*.

Then (the author) strikes an example for this, by saying that (from *muroo-ah*) is having noble manners. So what are noble manners? They are that the person is always forbearing, that he is forbearing when it is the occasion for forbearance; and that he acts with firm resolve when it is the occasion for firm resolve.

And therefore the Islaamic Religion has come being justly balanced between forbearance - by which rights may be lost - and acting with firm resolve, which may sometimes lead to oppression.

(*Sharh hilyah taalib il 'ilm* p36 of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah*)