

With regards to the student of knowledge not being someone who fosters *ta'assub* (rigid adherence to certain opinions or people) and thereby brings about enmity between people who were previously friends, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* comments:

Then there has indeed occurred *tafarruq* (splitting) and differing in opinions and ideas amongst the youth in our towns and in other than them. And *ta'assub* (bigoted adherence), be that to the statements or to the people who spoke (those statements).

So *barakah* (blessing) has been taken away from their actions.

And- instead of being one nation - they have become separated and ones who fight amongst themselves, up to the extent that the person who was your brother yesterday is your enemy today, due to *ta'assub*.

Therefore it is obligatory upon us to be aware of this bottomless pit and that the person strives in that which will benefit him and leave off that which contains no goodness. The Prophet *sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam* said:

*"The one who truly believes in Allaah and in the Last Day, let him speak good - or remain silent."*<sup>1</sup>

And He, the Most High, said in description of the servants of *ar Rahmaan* (the Most Merciful):

**<<And when they pass by some evil play or evil talk, they pass by it with dignity.>><sup>2</sup>**

Meaning - they do not waste their time in it; rather they work hard to preserve their time in that which will benefit them in their present and in their future.

Quoted in *Wasaayaa wa tawjeehaat li tullaab il 'ilm* page 83-4, translated by Nasser ibn Najam

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<sup>1</sup> Reported by al Bukhaari (6018, 6136, 6138) and Muslim from the hadeeth of Aboo Hurayrah

<sup>2</sup> Soorah al Furqaan (25) aayah 72