

A mistake made by parents with gifted children

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From the general mistakes made by some parents in raising their children; is if they find their son is intelligent, they direct him to acquire secular knowledge exclusively. They say: “My son is smart, so it’s not befitting that I enter him into any field of study except medical college, or engineering college”. Thus it is as though Islamic knowledge has a lesser status than medicine and engineering. And this is incorrect. If you see that your son is intelligent then direct him to that which is best for him and best for the Muslims as a community. And there is no good for the Muslim Ummah except by way of knowledge. And there is no rectification of the people except by way of the scholars.

Consequently is a must to inform the people; because it is the viewpoint of the people today, that those who study the secular knowledge of medicine and engineering have a higher status than those who study Islamic knowledge. This mindset has been infiltrated upon the Muslims in order to turn our children away from Islamic knowledge.

Yes, the secular knowledge is needed, but it is not like the Islamic knowledge.

يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ

Allah will exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge. (Soorah Al-Mujādila 58:11)

هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

Are those who know equal to those who know not? (Soorah Az-Zumar 39:9)

The need of the Ummah for those who will rectify their hearts is greater than the need of the Ummah for those who will rectify their bodies and their roads, and their homes. There is a difference between those who repair the hearts of the people and those who treat the illnesses of the body. It (secular knowledge) is needed. We are not saying its blameworthy; rather it is a communal obligation. But seeking Islamic knowledge is an obligation upon each and every individual.