



Yaqūlu l-llāhu ‘azza wa jall:

Allāh ,Azza wa-Jalla says in the Qur‘ān:

قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

„Hal yastawī l-ladhīna ya‘lamūna wa l-ladhīna lā ya‘lamūn?“ (39:9).

„Are those who know equal to those who do not know?“ (39:9)

Fi l-ḥaqīqati lā.

Certainly, they are not.

Al-ladhīna ya‘lamūna hum man ya‘rifūna l-llāha wa yu‘minūna bih. Wa man lā ya‘rifūna l-llāh hum man lā yu‘minūn, wa hādhāni l-farīqāni lā yumkin an yakūnū mutasāwīn.

Those who know are those who know Allāh and believe in Him. Those who do not know Allāh are those who do not believe in Him. Both these parties cannot be the same.

Idhā lam tu‘min, fa satabqā fi ḡulmati l-jāhiliyya. Lan ta‘rif mā taf‘al wa lan tajida salāman, wa lan yurḡika shay’.

If you do not believe, then you will remain in the darkness of *jahiliyya*. You will not know what you are doing. And you will not find peace. Nothing will satisfy you.

Fa-hadafunā naḥnu l-muslimūn huwa l-ākhirah. Huwa ja‘alaha makānana, wa yad‘ūna ilā l-janna:

Our goal as Muslims is ākhirah. Allāh has made it our place. He invites us to Paradise:

وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَىٰ دَارِ السَّلَامِ

„Wa l-llāhu yad‘ū ilā dāri s-salām.“ (10:25)

„Allah invites to the *House of Peace*.“ (10:25).

Al-yawma yuṣirru n-nās ‘alā d-dirāsa wa l-ḡuṣūli ‘alā shahāda. Hādhīhi sh-shahādāt laysat hāmma. Wa lākinna l-‘ālam yalhathu khalfa sh-shahādāt. Wa lākin law lam tu‘min bi l-llāh fa lan tanfa‘aka sh-shahāda.

Today everyone insists on studying and getting a diploma. This diploma is not important at all. The whole world is running after diplomas. If you do not believe in Allāh, it will not benefit you.

Wa li-dhālik anta law ‘arafta l-llāh fa-qad ḡaṣulta ‘alā akbari shahāda fi yadik, fa sh-shahādāti d-dunyā lan tanfa‘ak fi l-ākhirah.

Therefore, if you know Allāh, you have the greatest diploma in your hands, for the diplomas of this world will be of no use to you in the ākhirah.

Allāhumma ‘allimnā mā yanfa‘nā wa j-j‘alnā mimman ya‘rifūnak!

O Allah, teach us what is useful and let us be of those who know You!

The so-called „*diploma*“ you hang on your wall does not even correspond to its own name, which means „two-sheet“ (*diplous*), as you were given a document with only one sheet, which would better be called „*haplo-ma*“ (from Greek „*haplous*“).