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Motto:

"Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees, and Allah is acquitted with what you do." Surat Almujudala, Aya 11.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "He who follows a path in requesting of knowledge, Allah will make the path of Jannah easy to him. The angels lower their wings over the searcher of knowledge, satisfied with what he does. The inhabitants of the heavens and the earth and even the depth of the oceans seek forgiveness for him, and the superiority of the lean man over the devout worshipper is like that of the full moon to the rest of the stars (i.e., in brightness). The learned are the heirs of the Prosperers who bequeath neither dinar nor dirham but only that of knowledge, and he who acquires it has acquired an abundant portion." [Abu Dawud and At-Tirmidhi].

"Knowledge is a candle that leads us to the right way, and with knowledge and science, nation elevates. Through knowledge, both beneficial and harmful things were discovered; with science, man has reached the greatest of the universe. We must nourish our minds with knowledge and science to achieve the maximum we want".

(Moses Tende Stephens)

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