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Listening and The Listener

Listening and the listener-الإستماع والسامع والمستمع

1. May Allah have mercy on the servant who hears a ruling so he heeds it, is invited to the right path so he approaches it, and holds on to the guide so he is saved.

1 رَحِمَ اللّهُ عَبْداً سَمِعَ حُكْماً فَوَعى، وَ دُعِيَ إلى رَشاد فَدَنى، وَ أخَذَ بِحُجْزَةِ هاد فَنَجا ـ

2. Knowledge is not ruined except by the miscomprehension of the listener.

2 لا يُؤْتَي العِلْمُ اِلاّمِنْ سُوءِ فَهْمِ السّامِعِ ـ

3. Listen and you will learn; remain silent and you will be safe.

3 اِسْمَعْ تَعْلَمْ، وَ اصْمُتْ تَسْلَمْ ـ

4. One who listens well benefits quickly.

4 مَنْ أحْسَنَ الاِسْتِماعَ تَعَجَّلَ الاِنْتِفاعَ ـ

5. Do not desire for everything that you hear, for this suffices as gullibility (or foolishness).

5 لاتَطْمَعْ في كُلِّ ما تَسْمَعُ، فَكَفى بِذلِكَ غِرَّةً (خُرْقاً ـ).

6. Train your ears to listen well and do not pay attention to that which does not increase anything useful for you by listening to it, for verily this corrodes the hearts and leads to dispraise.

6ـ عَوِّدْ أُذُنَكَ حُسْنَ الاِسْتِماعِ، وَ لاتُصْغِ إلى ما لايَزيدُ في صَلاحِكَ اِسْتِماعُهُ، فَإنَّ ذلِكَ يُصْدِيُ القُلُوبَ وَيُوجِبُ المَذامَّ.

7. The listener is a partner of the speaker.

7ـ السَّامِعُ شَريكُ القائِلِ.

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