

and ideas in doing a certain act which does not confirm with the teachings of Islaam. As we look around today we can see that this is exactly what is happening, everyone is giving their own this is exactly what is happening, everyone is giving their own ideas and opinions about certain things without asking, "What does the Shari'ah has to say about such?" This is very dangerous practice which can certainly lead to Fitnah (Disaster).

Hence it was compulsory upon the Holy Prophet Muuhammad (S.A.W.) to teach the Holy Quraan to the People so that they can understand it, even though the Holy Quraan was revealed in Arabic and the language of the people was Arabic, and the Arabs were the direct Addressee of the Holy Quraan, Yet they were not left to understand the Holy Quraan in the way they wanted to. The Prophet Muuhammad (S.A.W.) was commanded by Allah to teach it to them and they had to learn from Him. This was done to prevent the people from giving the wrong interpretations to the verses of the Holy Quraan by giving their own ideas and opinions. To seek the understanding of the Islamic Shari'ah (Which is actually Fiqh) is so important that Allah Himself speaks about it in the Holy Quraan by using the word YAFQAHOONA to the knowledge of FIQH.

Islaam is not only to be learnt but to be understood, it is quite possible to learn something but that does not mean that we have understood it.

This is what is meant by FIQH to understand the SHARIAH (The Laws of Islaam).

Without the knowledge of Fiqh the Penal Code (Hudood) and the Death Penalty (Qisaas) can never be understood,

Without Fiqh the flame of Faith and Light of Islaam will be put out forever and forever.

This is why you should write all your problems to us whether it is a personal problem, sexual problem, family problem, business problem, an entertainment problem, sporting problem, a worldly problem or a problem of the hereafter, please do not hesitate write to us now, we guarantee you a reply in sha Allah, Our Council of Muftes are from the four schools of Thought. (Hanifi, Hambali, Maliki and Shafi'e) you can write in any language or from any part of the world.

The Address.

DdAARUL IFTAAH (HOUSE OF ISLAMIC LAW)

C/O THE ISLAMIC STANDARED INTL

P.BOX NO.79

NORTHOLT, MIDDLESEX, UB5 6SS

ENGLAND

ALL CASES ARE DEALT WITH IN STRICT CONFIDENCE
AND FREE OF CHARGE.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FIQH

When we speak about fiqh we are actually speaking about the understanding of Islaam, Fiqh in no way confines itself to Islaamic jurisprudence but in fact it is general.

To seek the knowlege of Islaam in every possible way, whether it is Ibaadah (worship) Maa'aashiraat (living in society) or Ma'mallaat (dealings and trade.)

Fiqh literally means to understand, wether it be the Holy Qurann, the Hadeeth (the words and life of the last Messenger of Allah Muhammad S.A.W.) or whatever, Technically Fiqh refers to the knowledge of the Ahkaam of the sharia'h (the commands of the Islaamic law) So when we say to learn Fiqh it means to learn the Ahkaam of Allah (commandments of Allah) to know what is Halaal (Lawful) and abstain from what is Haraam (unlawful)". If we look around today we can never find a more pious person than that person who practices upon the Halaal and abstain from the Haraam. Today mankind is suffering from a disease and weakness even though we know fully well the things our master and creator has warned against, we happily and shamelessly indulge in it e.g. Lack of knowledge can be rectified by seeking knowledge, carelessness and negligence, by practising upon the commandments of Allah and abstaining from Haraam (Unlawful and prohibited) Things.

In every commandment of Allah and in every saying the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) there is a ruling from the Shari'ah (Islamic Law). It can be a compulsory act, obligatory act, an emphasised or unemphasised sunnah (practice of the prophet Muhammad S.A.W.) or it can be something that is Haraam (Forbidden) allowed, not allowed, disliked etc. Also knowing the limits of the Shari'ah e.g. To what extent has the Shari'ah given me permission to do such and such an act.

The subject of FIQH deals with this and much, much more.

A person who has the knowledge of all these things would be very keen and cautious in his worship and behaviour.

He will worship his Master and Lord with allot more devotion, sincerity and confidence, which will endeavour him to earn the maximum reward and closeness of his Creator. Similarly the knowledge of the Shari'ah (Islamic Law) will save a person from falling prey to satanic temptations and influence.

It is for this reason that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) has said, "That one FAQEH (i.e. a person who has acquired the knowledge of Fiqh) is harder on Satan than a Thousand ignorant worshippers"

It is quite clear if a person does not have the knowledge of the Islamic Shari'ah he can easily be carried away into his own thoughts