

Final Word

- Knowledge is sacred:
 - The value of knowledge:
 - The first word that was revealed in the Qur'an was "Iqra' (Read!)."
 - Seek the knowledge that pertains to there being no God Except Allāh سبحانه وتعالى. So what about other areas of our deen?
 - The value of the 'ulama:
 - They are our guides, but we don't worship them. We give them the respect they deserve.
 - Sometimes we disagree with their opinions but we take the khayr and be patient with the rest.
 - As a student of knowledge, you need them to teach you the different opinions.
- The Fatwa and The Mufti:
 - Etiquette of Fatwa
 - Much more than just giving your opinion on an issue.
 - Remember that you're signing on behalf of Allah سبحانه وتعالى so be careful what you say because Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: whoever gives fatwa without proper knowledge, then let him take his seat in hellfire
 - But if you have the knowledge, then give the advice on what you know
 - Whoever is asked and has the knowledge but conceals it, his mouth will be sealed with a seal of fire on the Day of Judgment
 - If you have the knowledge and people would like to learn, give it to them! Don't be arrogant.
 - Etiquette of Mufti

The 'ulama said that knowledge comes in three "hand spans"

1. First is "shibr," that you become arrogant because of the little knowledge you have.
2. Second, you realize that your knowledge is not significant compared to the knowledge there is to learn. "The humbling stage"
3. Third, you come to realize that you actually know nothing because there's so much knowledge in the world.

So keep reading and keep learning, and may Allah grant us knowledge that is beneficial. Ameen.