

اطلب العلم من المهد إلى اللحد

يحكى أن إبراهيم المهدي دخل على المأمون وعنده جماعة يتكلمون في  
الفقه

فقال: يا عم ما عندك فيما يقول هؤلاء؟

فقال: يا أمير المؤمنين شغلونا في الصغر، واشتغلنا في الكبر

فقال له: لِمَ لا تتعلمه اليوم؟

قال: أو يحسن بمثلي طلب العلم وقد كبر؟

قال: نعم، والله لأن تموت طالبًا للعلم خير لك من أن تعيش قانعًا  
بالجهل

قال: وإلى متى يحسن بي طلب العلم؟

قال: ما حسنت بك الحياة (اطلب العلم من المهد إلى اللحد)

#### Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave

It is said that Ibrāhīm al-Mahdī came to see al-Ma'mūn and with him was a group speaking about Islamic Law (*Fiqh*).

He (al-Ma'mūn) said: Uncle, what is your opinion about what these (men) are saying?

He (al-Mahdī) said: O Commander of the Faithful, we were kept busy in our youth and we worked in our old age.

So, he said to him: Why don't you learn it today?

He said: And is it suitable for someone like me to seek knowledge while I have aged?

He said: Yes, by God, for it is better to die seeking knowledge than to live content with ignorance.

He said: How long will it be appropriate for me to seek knowledge?

He said: As long as life is good for you (Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave)