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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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With regards to the way that the student of knowledge gains knowledge, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ comments on the saying:

“Whoever wishes (to attain) knowledge in one go, then it will depart from him in one go”:

If the person wished to take hold of knowledge in its entirety, then knowledge will elude him in its entirety – because this is (something) not possible.

It is a must that you take knowledge bit by bit, just like a ladder which you climb upon, from the ground to the roof.

Knowledge is not like a food in which are written the (various branches) of knowledge; so you eat it and you say:

Finished! I have digested knowledge.

No! Knowledge needs resilience and patience and patiently remaining firm and gradual progression.

(Sharh hilyah taalib il ‘ilm p55 of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ))

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him