

٣٢٠. وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) لِسَائِلٍ سَأَلَهُ عَنْ مَعْضَلَةٍ: سَلْ تَفْقُهَا وَلَا تَسْأَلْ تَعْنَتًا فَإِنَّ الْجَاهِلَ الْمُتَعَلِّمَ شَبِيهٌ بِالْعَالِمِ وَإِنَّ الْعَالِمَ الْمُتَعَسِّفَ شَبِيهٌ بِالْجَاهِلِ الْمُتَعْنَتِ.

320. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, replied to a man who had asked him a difficult question: Ask me for understanding but do not ask me for confusion, because the ignorant person who tries to learn is like the learned man, but the learned man who tries to create confusion is like the ignorant.