



# The Importance and Value of Knowledge in the Religion of Islam

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**Abstract:** *This article discusses such questions as: what place is given to knowledge in the religion of Islam? What honorable place is given to literate people and teachers? And also it is about religious sciences and secular sciences, and that every Muslim in his life should strive to gain knowledge. The journal explores the critical role of knowledge in Islam. It highlights how Islam, as the true religion of Allah, emphasizes the acquisition of knowledge as essential for leading a righteous life. The teachings of the Holy Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) underscore that a Muslim is responsible before Allah for all actions and must pursue knowledge to avoid error and find the true path. The Quran encourages reflection and knowledge acquisition, linking religious values and scientific understanding, emphasizing the harmony between religion and science. Islam views education as the foundation of personal and societal prosperity, where knowledge gained must be applied for the benefit of others. Teachers hold an esteemed place in Islamic society, as they shape individuals into wise, ethical, and productive members of society. The article concludes that education fosters human progress, and Muslims must respect teachers and continue striving for knowledge, which ultimately leads to personal growth and societal welfare.*

**Keywords:** *Knowledge, religion, Islam, Hadis, education, Muslim, praying, teachers, students.*

## Introduction

Islam is the true religion of Allah Almighty, which leads a person to the righteous path and fear of God. In our religion, all deeds and actions are carried out based on the knowledge that was revealed in the Holy Quran and the pure Sunnah of our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). A Muslim must understand that he is responsible before the Almighty for his life and for all his committed actions and deeds in this world. Everyone who lives according to the true laws and provisions of our religion will find prosperity and the right path, and those who do not pay the necessary attention to this serious aspect will then fall into error.

The Holy Quran is a guide for people and covers all areas of their activities. Gaining knowledge is one of the most important functions of a person, which affects all areas of his life. The Holy Qur'an contains numerous verses that encourage a person to reflect and

acquire relevant knowledge. Allah Almighty says: "Whoever remembers Allah standing, sitting and on their sides and reflect on the creation of the heavens and the earth: "Our Lord! You didn't do this in vain. Glory to You! Protect us from torment in the Fire." Surah Ali-Imran, verse 191.

The Prophet of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) attached great importance to the acquisition of knowledge. He said: "The pursuit of knowledge is the responsibility of every Muslim man and woman." This hadith was reported by Imam at-Tabarani and Imam Baykhaki. It is the duty of every righteous person to acquire the necessary knowledge and strive for it. The Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "If Allah wants to bestow a special benefit on someone, he bestows upon him the understanding (knowledge) of religion." This is an authentic hadith, says Imam Bukhari. From this hadith it follows that those who acquire knowledge are people whom Allah has given special blessings in this world and such people in the next world can fall into the mercy of Allah Almighty. The Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "The pursuit of knowledge before Allah is more valuable than prayer, fasting, hajj and jihad in the path of Allah." This hadith was reported by Imam at-Tabarani.

## Methodology

In Islam, education has always meant nurturing, developing abilities, teaching knowledge, respect and ethical standards. This concept was also used to mean high morality, politeness, and knowledge of life. Our religion places great importance on knowledge and education, understanding them as the enlightenment of the mind and heart. In the first verses that Allah Almighty revealed, He commands His Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and all the people in his person to read and learn. The Holy Quran says: "Read the revelation in the name of your Lord, who created all creatures, created man from a clot of blood. Proclaim, for your Lord is the most magnanimous, who taught [man writing] through kalam, taught man what he did not know before." Surah al-Alaq, verses 1-5.

Allah Almighty constantly appeals to those with intelligence to think about one or another of His creations and how amazingly the world works. In the Holy Quran there are no contradictions between religion and science, and if science teaches how to use some knowledge, then religion teaches the ethics of its use, since it informs a person about the Creator and calls on him to study the laws that He sends down to humanity; after all, both the so-called "laws of nature" and religious prescriptions are one thing: the correct order of life on this Earth, transmitted in the form of laws or religious prescriptions by the Creator.

Moreover, it is the system of religious values that forms the basis of civilization. The Holy Quran repeatedly emphasizes that knowledge is the key to understanding the processes that occur in the history of mankind: "Those who have been given knowledge see that what has been revealed to you from your Lord is the truth that leads to the path of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." Surah Saba, verse 6. The owner of all knowledge is Allah

Almighty: "The knowledge of this is with my Lord in the Holy Scripture. My Lord makes no mistakes and does not forget." Surah Ta Ha, verse 52.

A person should always have the right intentions and live in such a way that Allah Almighty is pleased with him. Therefore, he should strive to acquire necessary and useful knowledge, which in the future will help him follow the right path in life. The Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "O people, knowledge is acquired as a result of the pursuit of it." This hadith was reported by Imam Tabarani. Therefore, the scholar of the Islamic world, Imam Tabarani, says that Muslims should set goals for themselves in acquiring good knowledge of Islam. And everyone who takes steps on the path of seeking knowledge receives the praise of Allah Almighty.

A person cannot always learn good things while sitting at home, so when he goes out on the road, he leaves his home to become a more knowledgeable and wise person. And for such efforts, the Almighty promises him ease in this world and reward in the future. The Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever leaves home for knowledge, Allah makes the path to Paradise easier for him." This reliable hadith is reported by Imam Muslim and Imam at-Tirmidhi.

The knowledgeable and righteous Imam al-Ghazali in his book "Revival of Religious Sciences" wrote a lot about the acquisition of knowledge, where you can find the following that everyone who strives for knowledge in the path of Allah Almighty and achieves it, his sins and mistakes will be forgiven, because The angels themselves rejoice for such people. The Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Verily, the angels spread their wings over the one who strives for knowledge, rejoicing in his studies." This hadith is reported by Imam at-Tirmidhi and Imam Abu Dawud.

## Result and Discussion

A Muslim must first of all think about how he can benefit society and the people among whom he lives, help and care for his family and friends. A knowledgeable person should not boast of his knowledge, and of course his knowledge should not lead him to arrogance and boasting. The Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "He who has arrogance in his heart, even the size of a mustard seed, will not enter Paradise." This hadith was reported by Imam Tabarani. There is another hadith that says that one should not be arrogant among people, and this is condemned by Islam.

The attitude towards knowledge in Islam is enormous, and in the first place, of course, is the knowledge of religion; a Muslim must be able to read the Holy Quran, study the hadiths of the Prophet of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), know the basics of the Sharia of Islam, what can and cannot be known the history of your religion and its main dates, study books and works that were written by Islamic scholars.

This aspect has an important place in our religion, and we Muslims must not forget about it, the Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Oh, Abu Zar, learn one section of science in the morning and follow the knowledge received - this is better for you than performing a prayer of a thousand rak'ats." This hadith is reported by Imam Ibn Majah. Whoever wants to acquire benefits for himself in this world

and receive a reward before the Almighty, let him know that it is the study of Islamic sciences and their knowledge that leads him to this. The Prophet of Allah Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: «There is no benefit from this world and from everything in it except the remembrance of Allah and what is connected with it, and also except the alim (scholar) and student.” This beautiful hadith was reported by Imam at-Tirmidhi and Imam Bayhaki. To acquire good knowledge, we must always find good and strong mentors and teachers. Islam places a high place on teachers who take upon themselves the task of education and upbringing. For their work they receive the mercy of Allah in this and the next world and the respect of people. Teaching is one of two things in this world that you are allowed to be envious of. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said this:

“One should not envy anyone except two: the man to whom Allah has given wealth and the opportunity to spend it properly, and the man to whom Allah has given wisdom and who judges on the basis of (this wisdom) and passes it on to others.” This hadith from the words of Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, may Allah be pleased with him, is reported by Imam Bukhari and Muslim.

Our religion says if the teacher and doctor are not given due honor and respect, they will not be able to benefit the patient and student. If there is no respect for the doctor, then you will have to endure your illness. If there is no respect for the teacher, then you will have to be content with your ignorance. We must respect teachers and those who have knowledge.

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “He is not from my community who does not respect the elder, is not merciful to the younger, and does not give credit to those who have knowledge.” This beautiful hadith was reported by Imam at-Tirmidhi.

## Conclusion

Su We always see that Muslims treated their teachers with great respect. Muslims have always recognized that education is the foundation of prosperity, since progress is always driven by people. It is thanks to the efforts of scientists that today we live in a modern, convenient and safe world. But scientists are not born; they become scientists after they receive knowledge from knowledgeable people.

Each person, acquiring knowledge, becomes wiser and more literate, which makes him stronger and nobler, but such a person must still be able to invest all his knowledge in doing necessary and good deeds for people, and only then will there be benefit from all his acquired knowledge.

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