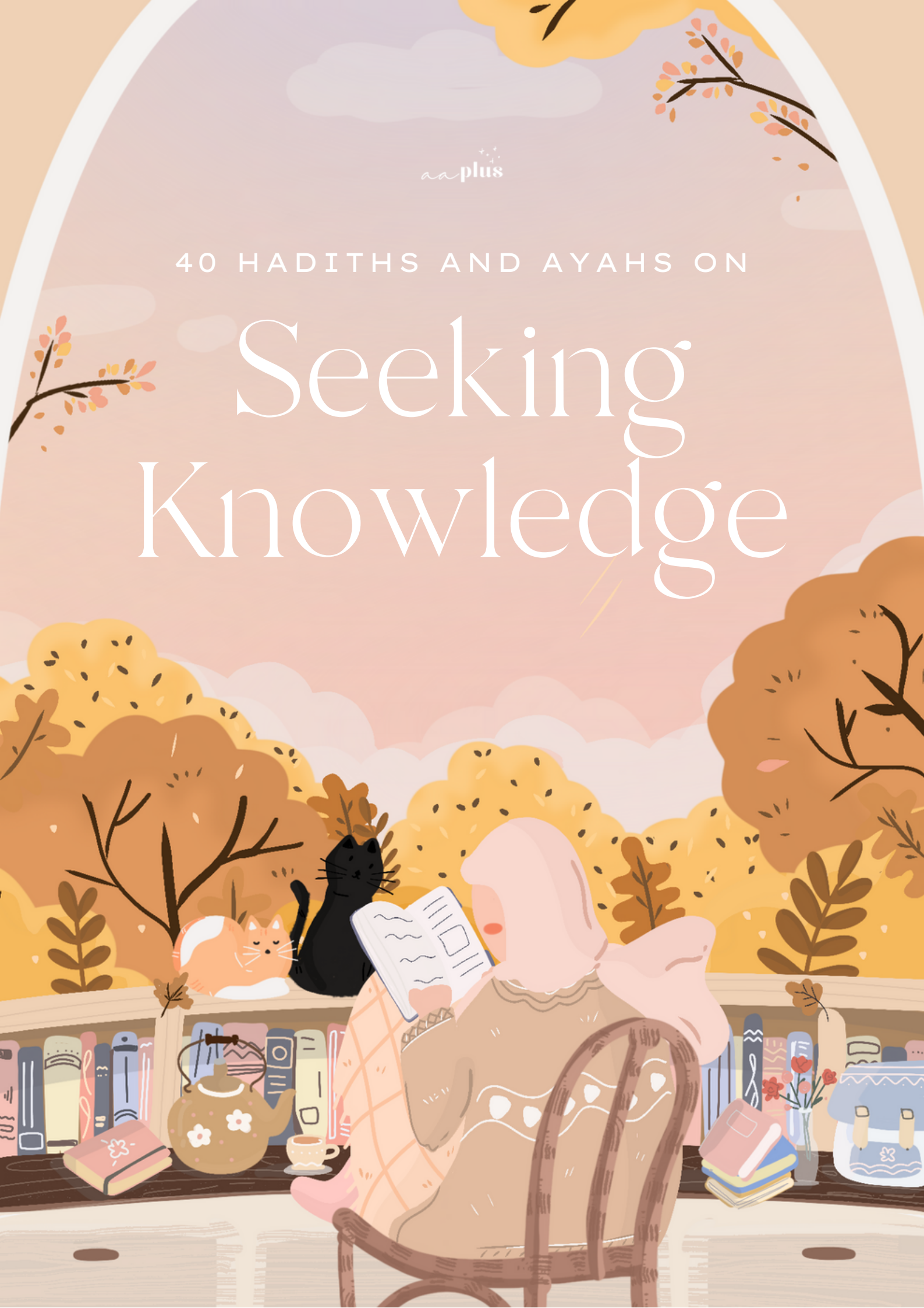


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40 HADITHS AND AYAHS ON

Seeking Knowledge



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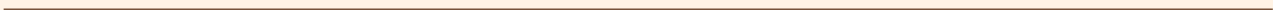


بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Peace be upon you, dearest Champs,
aka Sincere Seekers of Knowledge!

With immense gratitude to Allah SWT
and with great pleasure, my team and I are
deeply humbled and grateful to present this
beautiful collection of 40 Quranic Ayahs and
Hadiths of Rasulullah ﷺ on the virtues and
importance of seeking knowledge.

We hope these will be a source of constant
motivation and inspiration for you to never
give up on your pursuit of ilm!



DU'A AND INTENTION OF SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

by al-Imam Abd-Allah b. Alawi b. Muhammad al-Haddad

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the
Merciful*

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

*May God bestow mercy and peace upon our
master Muhammad ﷺ as well as upon his
family and companions*

نَوَيْتُ التَّعَلَّمَ وَالتَّعْلِيمَ

I hereby intend to learn and to teach

وَالتَّذْكَرُ وَالتَّذْكَيرَ

To be reminded and to remind

وَالنَّفْعَ وَالِإِنْتِفَاعَ

To be beneficial and to derive benefit

وَالِإِفَادَةَ وَالِإِسْتِفَادَةَ

to be useful and to find use.

وَالْحَثَّ عَلَى التَّمَسُّكِ بِكِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَسُنَّةِ رَسُولِهِ ﷺ

*And to encourage holding fast to the Book
of God and the Sunnah of His messenger ﷺ*

وَالدَّعَاءَ إِلَى الْهُدَى وَالِدَّلَالَهَ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ ابْتِعْغَاءً وَجِهَ
اللَّهِ وَمَرْضَاتِهِ وَقُرْبِهِ وَثَوَابِهِ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى

*and to call unto guidance and to guide unto
good, for the sake of Allah, His pleasure,
proximity, and reward, transcendent and
exalted is He!*

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WHO SHOULD SEEK KNOWLEDGE?



The answer is..

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US!



Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, said,

"Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim."

(Sunan Ibn Majah)



ARE YOU A BELIEVER?

Because the Prophet ﷺ said,

*"The believer will never be satisfied
with hearing what is beneficial
until he ends up in Paradise"*

(Tirmidhi)



ALLAH LOVES YOU

One of the signs that Allah SWT loves us is that He put in our hearts a love for seeking knowledge:

Mu'awiyah reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

“To whomever Allah wills goodness, He grants him understanding of the religion.”

(Bukhari & Muslim)

THOSE WHO SEEKS PARADISE



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

“Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise.”

(Muslim)



THE BEST INHERITANCE

Abu Darda reported: The Messenger of
Allah ﷺ said,

“The scholars are the successors of the prophets. Verily, the prophets do not pass on gold and silver coins; but rather they only impart knowledge.”

(Musnad al-Bazzār 10/68)

RAISE IN RANK



وَإِذَا قِيلَ اُنشُرُوا فَانشُرُوا يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ
ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ
وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ

Allah will elevate those of you who are faithful, and 'raise' those gifted with knowledge in rank. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

(Al-Mujadila 58:11)

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IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING KNOWLEDGE



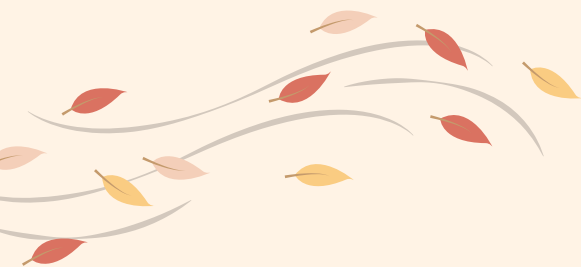
THE FIRST REVELATION..



أَقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ (١) خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ
مِنْ عَلَقٍ (٢) أَقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ (٣) الَّذِي عَلَّمَ
بِالْقَلَمِ (٤) عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ (٥)

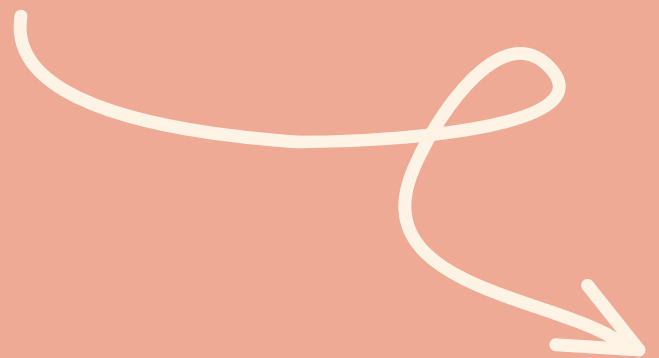
*Read, 'O Prophet,' in the Name of your Lord
Who created— created humans from a
clinging clot. Read! And your Lord is the Most
Generous, Who taught by the pen— taught
humanity what they knew not.*

(Al-'Alaq 96:1-5)



IS ON SEEKING KNOWLEDGE.

Seeking
knowledge
was important
even while
battles are
ongoing



From the Quran

وَمَا كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لِيَنْفِرُوا كَافَّةً
فَلَوْلَا نَفَرَ مِنْ كُلِّ فِرْقَةٍ مِّنْهُمْ طَائِفَةٌ
لِّيَتَفَقَّهُوا فِي الدِّينِ وَلِيُنذِرُوا قَوْمَهُمْ إِذَا
رَجَعُوا إِلَيْهِمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَحْذَرُونَ

‘However,’ it is not necessary for the believers to march forth all at once. Only a party from each group should march forth, leaving the rest to gain religious knowledge then enlighten their people when they return to them, so that they ‘too’ may beware ‘of evil’.

(At-Tawbah 9:122)

EVERY SINGLE STEP COUNTS

Anas ibn Malik reported:
The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

*“Whoever goes out seeking
knowledge is in the way of Allah
until he returns.”*

(Tirmidhi)



From the Quran

SEEKING KNOWLEDGE = WORSHIP

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ
سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

*As for those who struggle in Our
cause, We will surely guide them
along Our Way. And Allah is
certainly with the good-doers.*

(Al-Ankabut 29:69)

YOU CAN WORSHIP ALLAH BETTER

Of all of Allah's servants, only the knowledgeable 'of His might' are 'truly' in awe of Him. Allah is indeed Almighty, All-Forgiving.

(Fatir 35:28)



INCREASE IN FAITH

وَلِيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَيُؤْمِنُوا
بِهِ فَتُخَبِتَ لَهُ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهَادِ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِلَى
صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

‘This is’ also so that those gifted with knowledge would know that this ‘revelation’ is the truth from your Lord, so they have faith in it, and so their hearts would submit humbly to it. And Allah surely guides the believers to the Straight Path.

(Al-Hajj 22:54)

PRESERVE THE SCHOLARS



Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-'As: the
Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"Indeed Allah does not take away knowledge by removing it from the people, but **He takes away knowledge by taking the scholars** until there remains no scholar and the people begin to ask the ignorant leaders, so they give their verdict without knowledge. They will go astray and lead the people astray."

(Tirmidhi)

TO NOT REGRET IN THE HEREAFTER

وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا كُنَّا
فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ

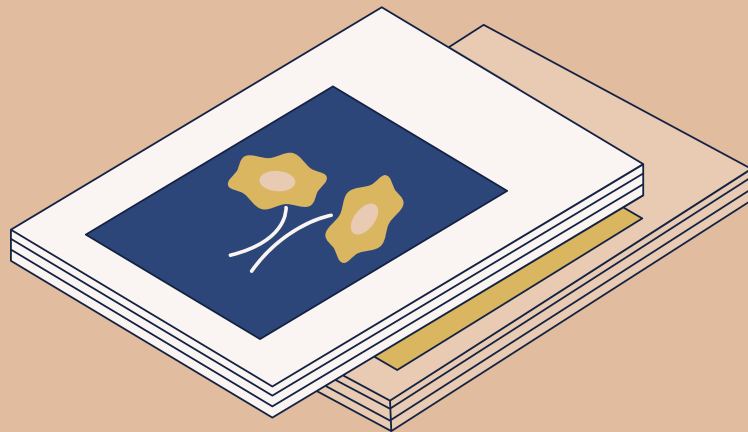
*And they will lament, "If only we
had listened and reasoned, we
would not be among the residents
of the Blaze!"*

(Al-Mulk 67:10)



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ADAB IN SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

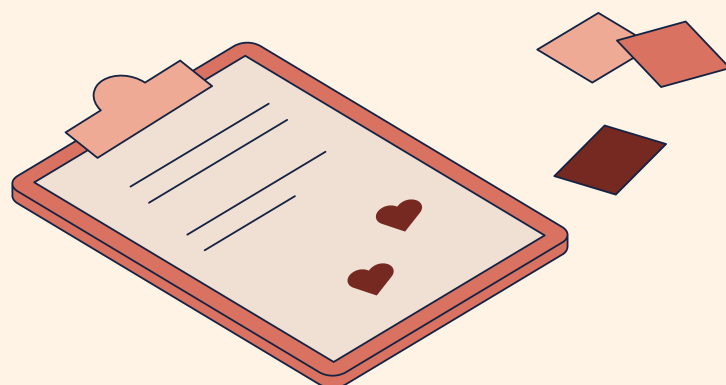


HAVE THE RIGHT INTENTIONS

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

"He who does not acquire knowledge with the **sole intention of seeking the Pleasure of Allah** but for worldly gain, will not smell the fragrance of Jannah on the Day of Resurrection."

(Abu Dawud)





FOLLOW THE PROPHET

Abu Dharr reported:

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ left us behind and no bird flaps with its wings but that he had given us some knowledge about it.

Abu Hatim said, "It means by his commands, his prohibitions, his stories, his actions, and his permissions, peace and blessings be upon him."

(Sahih Ibn Hibban)



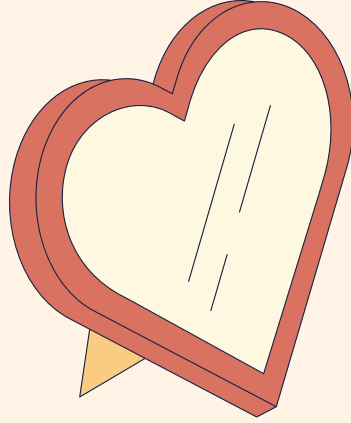
ATTRIBUTE KNOWLEDGE TO ALLAH

Narrated Ubai bin Ka`b: The Prophet ﷺ said,

"Once Prophet Moses stood up and addressed Bani Israel. He was asked, "Who is the most learned man amongst the people?" He said, "I am the most learned." Allah admonished Moses as he did not attribute absolute knowledge to Him (Allah). (leading to his meeting with Khidr)

(Bukhari)

BE GRATEFUL



وَاللَّهُ أَخْرَجَكُم مِّن بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ
شَيْئًا وَجَعَل لَّكُمْ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

*And Allah brought you out of the wombs of your mothers while you knew nothing, and gave you hearing, sight, and intellect **so perhaps you would be thankful.***

(An-Nahl 16:78)



EMBODY THE QURAN

Abu Abdur Rahman reported: The companions would learn to recite ten verses from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. They would not take another ten verses until they understood the knowledge and deeds they contained. They would say, "***We learned sacred knowledge and action together.***"

(Musnad Ahmad)

WRITE IT DOWN

Narrated Hammam bin Munabbih: that he heard Abu Hurairah say:

"None of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ narrated more Ahadith from him than me, except 'Abdullah bin 'Amr. For he used to write them down and I did not write."

(Tirmidhi)



TAKE TIME TO REFLECT

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي
الْاَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ ؕ اِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ
لَآيٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَّتَفَكَّرُوْنَ

*"And He has subjected to you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth - all from Him. **Indeed in that are signs for people who give thought**"*

(Al-Jathiyah, 45:13)





SHARE WITH OTHERS

Ibn Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ saying,

"May Allah freshen the affairs of a person who hears something from us and communicates it to others exactly as he has heard it (i.e., both the meaning and the words), for it may be that the recipient of knowledge understands it better than the one who has heard it."

(Tirmidhi)

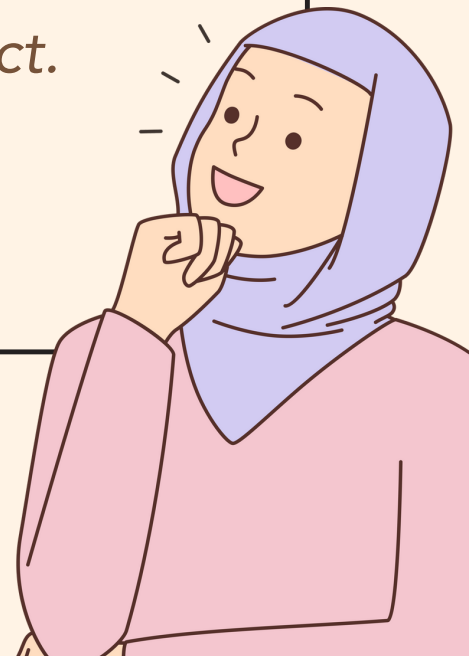
From the Quran

AVOID THE DOUBTFUL

وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ إِنَّ
السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ أُولَئِكَ
كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا

*Do not follow what you have no
'sure' knowledge of. Indeed, all will
be called to account for 'their'
hearing, sight, and intellect.*

(Al-Isra 17:36)



ASK QUESTIONS



Jabir reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, ***“Verily, the only cure for ignorance is to ask questions.”*** (Sunan Abi Dawud)

It was said that whenever `Aisha (the wife of the Prophet) heard anything that she did not understand, ***she used to ask again till she understood it completely.*** (Bukhari)



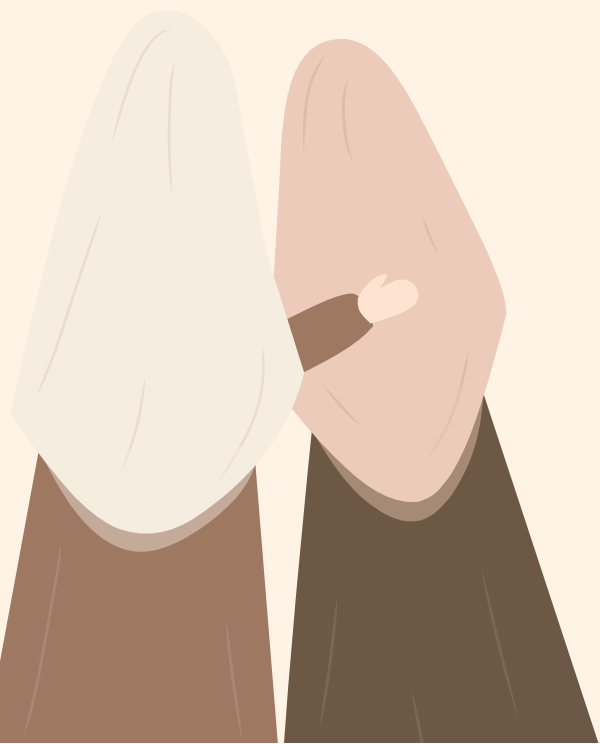
IF YOU ARE SHY..

Remember the women of Ansars!

Safiyyah bint Shaybah reported: Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, said,

"How excellent are the women of the Ansar! They do not allow shyness to prevent them from understanding the religion."

(Muslim)



From the Quran

ACT ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لِمَ تَقُولُونَ مَا لَا
تَفْعَلُونَ (٢) كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ
تَقُولُوا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ (٣)

O believers! Why do you say what you do not do? How despicable it is in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do!

(As-Saf 61:2-3)

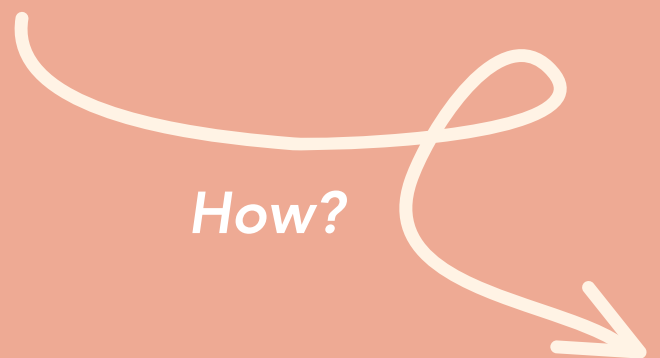
FIND A GOOD TEACHER

Narrated Ibn Mas`ud: I heard the Prophet ﷺ saying, "There is no envy except in two: a person whom Allah has given wealth and he spends it in the right way, and a person whom Allah has given wisdom (i.e. religious knowledge) and he gives his decisions accordingly and teaches it to the others." (Bukhari)

In another hadith narrated by `Uthman: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The best among you (Muslims) are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it." (Bukhari)

Remember:
It's equally
important to
take care of
your Adab
with your
teachers.

How?



BY HAVING GOOD MANNERS

وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لِلنَّاسِ
مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ ۚ وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ أَكْثَرَ
شَيْءٍ جَدَلًا

*We have surely set forth in this Quran every 'kind of' lesson for people, but **humankind is the most argumentative of all beings.***

(Al-Kahf 18:54)

BY HAVING PATIENCE

فَوَجَدَا عَبْدًا مِّنْ عِبَادِنَا ءَاتَيْنَاهُ رَحْمَةً مِّنْ عِنْدِنَا وَعَلَّمْنَاهُ مِمَّا
 لَدُنَّا عِلْمًا (٦٥) قَالَ لَهُ مُوسَىٰ هَلْ أَتَّبِعُكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَنِ مِمَّا
 عُلِّمْتَ رُشْدًا (٦٦) قَالَ إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَسْتَطِيعَ مَعِيَ صَبْرًا (٦٧)
 وَكَيْفَ تَصْبِرُ عَلَىٰ مَا لَمْ تُحِطْ بِهِ خُبْرًا (٦٨) قَالَ سَتَجِدُنِي إِن
 شَاءَ اللَّهُ صَابِرًا وَلَا أَعْصِي لَكَ أَمْرًا (٦٩) قَالَ فَإِنِ اتَّبَعْتَنِي فَلَا
 تَسْأَلْنِي عَنْ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ أَحْدِثَ لَكَ مِنْهُ ذِكْرًا (٧٠)

There they found a servant of Ours, to whom We had granted mercy from Us and enlightened with knowledge of Our Own. Moses said to him, "May I follow you, provided that you teach me some of the right guidance you have been taught?" He said, "You certainly cannot be patient 'enough' with me. And how can you be patient with what is beyond your 'realm of' knowledge?" Moses assured 'him', "You will find me patient, Allah willing, and I will not disobey any of your orders." He responded, "Then if you follow me, do not question me about anything until I 'myself' clarify it for you."

(Al-Kahf 18:65-70)



BY STAYING HUMBLE

Narrated Ibn `Umar: We were with the Prophet (ﷺ) and fresh dates of a palm tree were brought to him. On that he said, "*Amongst the trees, there is a tree which resembles a Muslim.*" I wanted to say that it was the date palm tree but as **I was the youngest of all (of them) I kept quiet.** And then the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "*It is the date-palm tree.*"

(Bukhari)

From the Quran

BY HONOURING THEM

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نَجَيْتُمُ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدِّمُوا
بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوٰكُمْ صَدَقَةٌ ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ
وَأَطْهَرٌ فَإِن لَّمْ تَجِدُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

O believers! When you consult the Messenger privately, give something in charity before your consultation. That is better and purer for you. But if you lack the means, then Allah is truly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

(Al-Mujadila 58:12)

aa⁺plus

DU'AS TO READ WHEN SEEKING KNOWLEDGE



From the Quran

FOR INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE




رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

Rabbi Zidni 'Ilma

***"My Lord! Increase me in
knowledge."***

(Taha 20:14)



FOR BENEFICIAL KNOWLEDGE

لَلّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا
وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

*Allahumma inni as'aluka' ilman nafi'an, wa
rizqan tayyiban, wa 'amalan mutaqabbalan*

***O Allah, I ask You for beneficial
knowledge, good provision and
acceptable deeds.***

It was narrated from Umm Salamah that when the Prophet (ﷺ) performed the Subh (morning prayer), while he said the Salam, he would say the above du'a.

(Sunan Ibn Majah)

FOR BENEFIT IN KNOWLEDGE

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَنْفَعْنِيْ بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنِيْ وَعَلَّمْنِيْ مَا يَنْفَعُنِيْ
وَزِدْنِيْ عِلْمًا

*Allahumman-fa'ni bima 'allamtani, wa
'allimni ma yanfa'uni, wa zidni 'ilma*

***“O Allah! Grant me benefit in what
you have taught me, and teach me
useful knowledge and increase me in
knowledge.”***

(Tirmidhi)



SEEK REFUGE FROM THESE FOUR

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ
وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَشْبَعُ وَمِنْ دَعْوَةٍ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَهَا

*Allahumma inni a'udhu bika min 'ilmin la
yanfau', wa min qalbin la yakhsha'u, wa min
nafsin la tashba'u, wa min da'watin la yustajabu
laha'*

**O Allah! I seek refuge in You from the
knowledge which is not beneficial, and from
a heart which does not fear (You), and from
desire which is not satisfied, and from
prayer which is not answered].**

(Muslim)



WHEN IT GETS DIFFICULT

اللَّهُمَّ لَا سَهْلَ إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَهُ سَهْلًا،
وَأَنْتَ تَجْعَلُ الْحَزْنَ إِذَا شِئْتَ سَهْلًا

*Allahumma laa sahla illa ma
ja'altahu sahlān, wa anta taj-alul
hazna iza syi'ta sahla.*

**"Oh Allah! Nothing is easy
except what you have made
easy. If you wish, you can make
the difficult easy."**

(Sahih Ibn Hibban)

From the Quran

FOR EASE IN LEARNING

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي
وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِنْ لِسَانِي يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

*Rabbish rahli sadri wa yassirli amri wah lul
uqdatan min lisaani, yaf kahu kauli*

***My Lord, expand for me my breast [with
assurance] and ease for me my task and
untie the knot from my tongue that
they may understand my speech.***

(Taha 20:25-28)



WHEN YOU ARE UNMOTIVATED

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الِهَمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ، وَالْعَجْزِ
وَالْكَسَلِ، وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ، وَضَلَعِ الدَّيْنِ،
وَعَلَبَةِ الرِّجَالِ

*Allahumma inni a'uzu bika minal-hammi wal-hazani,
wal-'ajzi wal-kasal, wal-jubni wal-bukhul, wa-dhola'id-
daini, wa-gholabatir-rijal*

**O Allah! I seek refuge with You from worry
and grief, and from incapacity and laziness,
from cowardice and miserliness, from being
heavily in debt, and from being overpowered
by (other) men.**

(Bukhari)

