

Hadith: Seeking of knowledge.

Hadith means: The words actually spoken by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) or the words that describe an incident related to the Holy prophet's life. If a hadith does not contradict with *any* verse of the Holy Quran, it is our duty as Muslims to act upon it throughout our lives



طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ وَ مُسْلِمَةٍ

Seeking of knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim man and woman.

It is very clear from this Hadith how important it is to seek knowledge. At the same time we can see that it is just as important for women to seek knowledge as it is for men.

Knowledge helps to open your mind and make you a better person. But it is important that you not only seek *worldly* knowledge but *religious* knowledge as well. The Holy Quran says that true learning must be accompanied by righteousness and piety otherwise it is no better than a load on the back of a donkey. This means that it is like a 'heavy load' but is of no real value because it is empty of righteousness and piety. We can see how important knowledge is, as The Holy Prophet (PBUH) also said that even if you have to travel all the way to China to get knowledge, then you should make that journey, no matter how far.