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## Knowledge Pursuit in Islam

MOHAMMAD FAHIM AKHTAR NADVI

*The relation of Islam with knowledge has been intact since the time the first revelation of Qur'an came to the Prophet of Islam Hazrat Muhammad, (PBUH). Acquisition of knowledge is stressed at numerous places in the Qur'an. Knowledgeable person has been accorded respect and great importance by it. According to one of his sayings, He (PBUH) has been sent in the capacity of a teacher. He said that obtaining knowledge is the responsibility of every person. The Gracious Apostle (PBUH) also said one should obtain knowledge wherever he finds it, even if he has to travel to a far away country like China for this purpose. By letting non-Muslim teachers teach Muslim children, he also told that religious differences should not be allowed to become a hindrance in acquisition of knowledge. Acquisition of knowledge was made easy and free. The Prophet (PBUH) told that one, who possesses knowledge, should impart it to others. On account of these teachings of Islam, dialogues on knowledge spread among Muslims from door to door and men and women as well as servants and slaves, all of them started obtaining knowledge. After obtaining knowledge, they started disseminating knowledge without any remuneration, considering it as their responsibility. As a result of which the science, medicine and mathematics became popular in Muslim society along with the religious sciences, and leading experts came into existence that made valuable additions to these sciences through their researches.*

The relation of Islam with education is very deep-rooted. This relation traces its origin in the first revelation of the Qur'an. The authentic document of Islamic teachings, which is safe and sound in full sight of history, and which is known to the world by the name of Al-Qur'an, the very first word of its first verse descended therein is: Iqra', which means: Read. Here are the five verses of this chapter as descended on the holy heart of the Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH):