

# **Survey on the rights of education in Islam and its effect**

**Nariman Karam Ravan**

PhD student at Baku State University, professor at Payame Nour University

**Corresponding author:** Nariman Karam Ravan

**ABSTRACT:** One of the good features of human for God is gaining knowledge. The aim of Quran and the prophet teachings is informing of mankind. Since human being can live in happiness and become closer to the creator only by gaining knowledge. The almighty God provided the context for mankind so that he could discover the facts and laws of the existence. In this relation, Imams are the best religious motivators and they are aware of sciences and knowledge and the man could to reach happiness in both worlds by obeying their orders.

**Keywords:** Holy Quran, science and knowledge, human, right of education, Islam.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Islam has emphasized on education and gaining knowledge since it distinguishes human from other creatures and he has thinking power and the value of gaining knowledge is so that the God refers to it in Quran. If mankind uses his thinking power in solving problems he will be successful in both worlds. Investigation on the Quran miracles and narratives about education and gaining is out of limit of this research. So we only study some Quran miracles and narratives.

### ***The importance of subject***

As we know science is a broad subject. In Persian language it covers knowledge on subjects, phenomena and relations, and in English science is rooted in Latin word, scire in the meaning of possession and in Arabic it means learning, teaching and knowing. In this regard, Quran insists on gaining knowledge and science and it introduces the illiterate people as blinds that never find the way of happiness. Miracle eleven of verse Mojadele emphasizes on the importance of knowledge and superiority of the scholars to common people.

Allah will exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge. And Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do (Mojadelah:11).

So, the beginning of knowledge and science was concurrent with creation of man and the man has tried to gain knowledge. The prophet (peace be upon him)said: gain knowledge from cradle to grave. The human being should gain knowledge in all steps of his life.

### ***The position of knowledge in Islam***

Islam emphasizes on learning knowledge and teaching and considers thinking necessary for mankind and encourages the people to learning and gaining knowledge for meeting needs. Islam believes that the mankind conducts should be based on knowledge. Islam has tried to discover scientific facts and prohibits self conceit and unknown imitation and believes that knowledge is a light that leads mankind toward humanity. According to narratives, knowledge has steps and the highest step is its effect on human education. So, the effect of knowledge should be beyond language level and appears in the mind. Imam Ali believes the lowest step of knowledge should be in language level and its highest level should be in mind and body of human.

Gaining knowledge has significant effect in life and influences social, economical and cultural aspects. In this case human could solve his problems easily. So, knowledge leads to social progress and liberty and it is an unlimited sea and it plays strategic role in the society. In Imam Ali opinion, gaining knowledge is as valuable as protection of

life and knowledge is endless wealth that the person becomes closer to the creator. He continues the person who is ignorant how he could identify others.

### **Utilization of knowledge in Islam**

Quran emphasizes on utilization of knowledge. The likeness of those who were entrusted with the (obligation of the) Taurat (Torah) (i.e. to obey its commandments and to practice its legal laws), but who subsequently failed in those (obligations), is as the likeness of a donkey who carries huge burdens of books (but understands nothing from them). How bad is the example (or the likeness) of people who deny the *Ayat* (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah. And Allah guides not the people who are *Zalimun* (polytheists, wrong-doers, disbelievers, etc.). (Al-Jumah:5)

According to this miracle it is concluded that utilization of knowledge in social life is necessary. Concerning to this subject matter Imam Sadeq believes that the knowledge is not gained by more learning but it is light that the God offers it in the heart of the servant that he wants him and if you want to gain knowledge you have to seek the roots of obedience and when you employ gained knowledge the God offer his light in your heart ( Shaid Sani:149).

One of the other recommendations of God in Quran is that we should not judge about events when we do not have knowledge about them.

And follow not (O man i.e., say not, or do not or witness not, etc.) that of which you have no knowledge (e.g. one's saying: "I have seen," while in fact he has not seen, or "I have heard," while he has not heard). Verily! The hearing, and the sight, and the heart, of each of those you will be questioned (by Allah). (Al-Isra: 36)

So it is concluded that knowledge is gained by intelligence and senses and practically of knowledge is an inner perception and it is carried out by mental analysis of sensual and mind receptors.

### **Continuation of gaining knowledge in Islam**

After the step of application the continuation of gaining knowledge is important. Imam Sajad believes that if the people knew there is benefit in gaining knowledge undoubtedly the gained knowledge even if they killed others or going inside the seas(The principles of Kafi,v.1:35).

It seems that the concept of this narrative is about human innate value and it reminds us seeking and gaining and identification of right of education and knowledge. Imam Alisaid: Knowledge and science is heritage of the prophets but the wealth is heritage of the pharos. There is no reduction in knowledge but wealth is reduced by offering others. Property requires protection but knowledge protects its owner. Wealth accompanies the person until death while, knowledge remains after the death of the person.

By study this narrative it seems necessary to learn and gain knowledge and Islam considers avoiding knowledge dangerous and believes that it leads to irrevocable damages in short time.

When Quran invites the people to travel to the world and find the origin of creation indicates the necessity of helping to substantiation of the scientific achievements. Quran never suggests the Muslims to leave the scientific findings and let others to discover the world and never insists on dependency of the Muslims on others knowledge and only read Quran miracles so the main goal of mankind is to gain knowledge and discovery of the world and employment of the Quran teachings that lead to ideology and recognition of the world and phenomena.

### **Equality of men and women in education in Islam**

Islam never distinguishes between men and women in education and it is believed that education is necessary in investigation of the social needs and continuity of life. Islam considers the men and women equal in education and the miracles of the Quran begin with citing the believers not men and nobody is not privileged. Tabarsi in his book on narratives refers to a narrative by Imam Reza about the role of the religious scholar and in his opinion the scholar is whom that people are benefited by his good deeds and release them from the enemies and count the blessing of God for them. He refers that in the resurrection day the scholars will be called and they will be asked about the knowledge and wisdom that they taught the people and their thoughts will aid them and the pious man will be asked about his worship. From Quran miracles it is inferred that knowledge with action and belief without knowledge is fruitless and knowledge and belief influence each other. Also the Quran miracles depict that faith is a context for gaining knowledge and epistemology. From the perspectives of the prophets the reason for rationality and wisdom of mankind is gaining and learning knowledge. Imam Musa Kazem said: the value of knowledge relies on the learning and learning is done by rationality and human being pay attention on the necessity of learning. Imam Hussein emphasized on importance of the learning and one day he invited his children and nephews and nieces and said them: now you are children and I hope that you will be the great person in the future so learn and gain knowledge and if you cannot memorize the subjects write them and study your notes until one day they will aid you (Baharolanvar,v.1:110).

By glance on the Islamic rules it is clarified that Islam has invited the people to recognize the social rights like education and has emphasized on the endlessness of this quest. Avicenna wrote I learned many sciences but finally, I found that I am ignorant. It should be remembered that the cultural and religious progress of any society relies on education and science and the scientists are like lights that show the way in darkness. Imam Ali said: the person who is ignorant claims having knowledge and he is happy when he is said he is knowledgeable. The prophet (peace be upon him) said preserve knowledge and he was asked about it and he replied by writing (Monieh marid,91, narrative 53).

By survey on the narratives of the prophet we find that knowledge plays an import role in life of human beings; since it protects and rescues them. Islam invites people to learning and teaching and warns on ignorance. It should be pointed that there are many sciences in the world and some people are eager to learn them but limited life never lets them to learn all of them. Imam Ali said: the human life is so short that to learn everything so learn the knowledge that is important and beneficial ( Iben Haid, Nahjolbalaghe, v.20:262).

Quran invites the people to discover the secret of existence and creation by learning and gaining knowledge and emphasizes on the people who are ignorant in identification of their rights. Quran refers to perception of the knowledge and divine power as the goal of creation and in some miracles points to the knowledge that God teaches the people. The prophet (peace be upon him) insisted on elimination of ignorance and invited the people to gaining knowledge and learning. So, it can be claimed that Islam has put emphasis on education and the main commission of the holy prophet was teaching and wisdom. Quran founds the base of the Muslims and other religions followers' life on the knowledge and science.

Indeed Allah conferred a great favor on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger (Muhammad) from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Qur'an), and purifying them (from sins by their following him), and instructing them (in) the Book (the Qur'an) and *Al-Hikmah* [the wisdom and the *Sunnah* of the Prophet (i.e. his legal ways, statements, acts of worship, etc.)], while before that they had been in manifest error. (Al-Imran:164).

Quran reminds us the people lived in ignorance before choosing of the holy prophet (peace be upon him) and after him the effort of some groups particularly Imam Ali led to fundamental shift in their lives and later it paved the way to establish great Islamic civilization. Undoubtedly, encouragement of the people by Quran provided the context for cultural progress and splendor of great Islamic civilization and this progress that was begun by the holy prophet could bring different sciences and eliminates ignorance and as a result the people could recognize their innate, theology and knowledge seeking.

Tabatabaei the Islamic philosopher writes about the Islamic thinking history: Quran refers to all sciences and crafts that related to human being life. It is obvious that the miracles invite the people to thinking and indeed to gaining knowledge about the earth and sky, human life and creatures and the important point in this trend is that gaining knowledge is a tool for identification of the almighty God.

### ***Effect of science in human happiness in both worlds***

It can be said that Islam is religion of knowledge and wisdom that considers the happiness of mankind by gaining knowledge and learning sciences. Most of the miracles encourage the people to learning and teaching what they learnt. Islam believes that the aim of gaining knowledge should be progress and help others.

But gaining knowledge and learning sciences should not damage and annoy others since it leads to pessimism and it is necessary that the teacher and student respect each other since this relationship causes to progress of learning and teaching process and also it influences on human soul. Concerning to the status of gaining knowledge and respect on the scholars it can be said that Quran emphasizes on respect on the teachers and scholars and even knows it superior to worship since the effect of knowledge is holistic while in worship only the worshipper is benefited and only science rescues the people from ignorance and adds on the dignity and splendor of mankind. Imam Bager said: the scholar who employs his knowledge is better than seven thousands pious men.

It should be pointed that when human being learns divine teachings and gain knowledge the secrets are uncovered for him and he recognizes scientific facts. Islam proposes learning and gaining knowledge as the way to eliminate ignorance and Islam warns on imitation without investigating the affairs. The developed countries have progressed due to using knowledge and in this regard one of the problems of the underdeveloped countries is unavailability of the sciences that has numerous side effects for the nations. The nation that cannot access to science it depends on the countries that put this nation under pressure and as a result that nation suffers from lack of intellectual and cultural progress. So, Quran and miracles advise on learning and gaining knowledge. It should be pointed that the origin of the world affairs and progress of the nations is science and one of the fundamental scales for measuring of any nation is its academic achievement and technologic progress since knowledge and science eliminates need to other countries and in this relation the members of the society should try to learn and gain knowledge to reach their ultimate goals as Iqbal wrote:

The God offered the nation supremacy that  
It wrote its destiny itself  
The nation that its peasant plants for other  
God has nothing to do with it

### CONCLUSION

It is concluded from the Quran teachings and narratives that learning and gaining knowledge is necessary for all people and Quran reminds us the happiness of the mankind relies on gaining knowledge and wisdom. Islam suggests that human perfection and meeting needs is only possible by knowledge so the almighty God puts an emphasis on this subject. The developed countries owe their progress to academic achievements and knowledge.

### REFERENCES

- 1-Holy Quran.
- 2-Quran, Verse Al –Imran, miracle 164.
- 3-Quran, verse Jomeh, miracle 5.
- 4-Quran, verse Asra, miracle 36.
- 5-Abu hamed Abdulhamid Ben Abu Hadid, Fakhreddin, Explanation of Nahjolbalaghe,v.20, 262.
- 6-Allameh Tabatabaei, Seyed Mohamamd Hussein, Tafsire Al Mizanm v.5, 293.
- 7- Allameh Majlisi, Mohammad Bager, Beharol anvar, v.1,110.
- 8- Allameh Majlisi, Mohammad Bager( 1110-1037), Beharol anvar, v.1,18.
- 9- Imam Ali, Nahjolbalaghe, wisdom 92.
- 10-Osule kafi,v.1:35.
- 11-Sheikh Zyenolabedin Ben Ali(Shahid sani)(911-966), Manieh Morid, 149.
- 12- Sheikh Zyenolabedin Ben Ali, Manieh Morid, chapter 91, narrative 53.
- 13-Tamimi, Abdulvahed, Gorral hekam and Dorrakalam, v.4, 565.