

# Dua from Surah Ta-Ha (20) Ayah:114

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

and say, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

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# The Context of the Dua

- Some Duas are part of an Ayah. To get a better understanding of the Dua, one has to understand its context within the Ayah.
- This Ayah begins highlighting the purpose of Islam which is Allah (swt). فَتَعَالَى اللَّهُ - So high [above all] is Allah. Everything, our whole objective must be done with Him (swt) being at the centre of our attention. He is the highest, there is nothing greater than Him.
- فَتَعَالَى اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ - The Ayah mentions two of Allah (swt)'s unique attributes; of being “Al-Malik” or the King, the one with complete control or dominion, and “Al-haqq” meaning the embodiment of truth.

# The Context of the Dua

- ❑ **Next**, Allah tells Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) to not be hasty in the recitation of the Qur'an. **Whenever a new Surah or a new Ayah was revealed to him as he (sas) became overjoyed and tried to capture the Ayah quickly.**
- ❑ **So Allah is saying; 'Instead say Rabbi zidnee 'ilmaa' meaning, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge".**
- ❑ **Allah was assuring Prophet (sas), that this Ayah has been sent down with a definite purpose and will not be lost, take your time to understand and soak in what is being said.**

# Lessons we can learn from the Ayah

1. When we're struggling with something, **if we find a topic difficult to understand** we should turn to Allah (swt) and ask Him to make it easy for us and to increase us in knowledge.
  - Through His miraculous ways, **He (swt) may bestow upon you the unique ability to reason and to solve problems; He may reveal a teacher or a mentor at the right time. With Allah's help we can find a way.**
  - The pursuit and spread of knowledge is one of the most virtuous and honourable acts in Islam. **Narrated Abu Hurairah: that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:** "Whoever takes a path upon which to obtain knowledge, Allah makes the path to Paradise easy for him." **(Jami` at-Tirmidhi)**

# Lessons we can learn from the Ayah

2. By asking not be hasty in the recitation of the Qur'an, it is teaching us to be patient in learning - the idea of quality over quantity.
  - It is better for you to read and understand one good book well than it is to say you have read many books.
  - The goal is not to speed-read an easy book but to find a difficult or thought-provoking subject and struggle your way through it. By avoiding what is easy and doing what is hard you will see an increase in knowledge which will be beneficial for you.
  - This teaching, to be patient in learning and to take your time is more relevant now than ever.

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3. It was narrated from Jabir (ra) that: The Messenger of Allah (sas) said: “Ask Allah for beneficial knowledge and seek refuge with Allah from the knowledge that is of no benefit” (Sunan Ibn Majah 3843).
  - Knowledge is not all equal; there are some things you can learn that can be harmful or be of no benefit. So just as important it is to seek knowledge, we must be careful in the information we take in.
  - So we must make Dua for beneficial knowledge and be careful of getting knowledge which is of no benefit.....
  - The technology of today is competing to capture and keep your attention. They have the brightest scientists looking for ways to addict your brains to their platforms.

# Lessons we can learn from the Ayah

- ❑ **We play an active role because** we're pursuing constant pleasure for no purpose other than to be entertained. **We must be wary of the television, tablets, laptops, computers, and phones when they are not serving us.**
- ❑ Will power and patience needs to be exercised **and this new technology is a corrosion for the mind the way it is being misused.**
- ❑ **If you want to get ahead or stand out from the crowd you need to** ignore all these distractions **and to** not be lazy in the pursuit of beneficial knowledge i.e knowledge of the Quran.