



*'Ilm*¹

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Question

What is the meaning of *'Ilm*?

Answer

The meaning of *'Ilm* is that one be fully equipped with the *'aqa'id*² of Islam and this knowledge must be constantly fresh in the mind at all times. One must also have the capability of solving any question on *Din* from the books without the assistance of any person.

Question

Does one acquire *'Ilm* by studying books only?

Answer

This is not sufficient. Sitting in the company of the learned and the pious also develops *'Ilm*. Their company, talks and advice have a great bearing in obtaining knowledge.

¹ *'ilm*: knowledge.

² *'aqa'id*: (plural of *'aqida*) faith, beliefs.