

# Power of knowledge

## Outlines

### i. Introduction

#### Thesis statement

Knowledge is the most vital tool to give power to people. Any other power cannot defeat the power of knowledge. It enables man to rule over the world. It also teaches man to control all the creature on earth. It separates man from animal as well.

### ii. An overview of power of knowledge

### iii. Facts that prove the power of knowledge

(a) Knowledge distinguishes man from animal

(b) Knowledgeable men have precedence over ignorant ones

(c) Enlightened nations are economic powers

(d) Knowledge leads one to excellence

(e) It has revolutionized medical field

(f) Knowledge assists in rooting out poverty

(g) Knowledge made great inventions possible

(h) British ruled the Subcontinent

These are examples not arguments

(i) Muslims dominated the world with the power of knowledge

(j) Knowledge played a vital role in the growth and survival of mankind

(k) Knowledge has enabled the West to influence the world affairs

(l) A knowledge one makes wise decisions

(m) Knowledge took man to Mars and other heavenly bodies

(n) It led to industrial revolution

(o) It has increased the agriculture productivity

(p) Misuse of power has a number of disadvantages

IV

Conclusion

Arrangement of arguments should be more accurate

The power of knowledge gives a man awareness of fact and fiction. Knowledge is an asset which can neither be stolen nor snatched. It does not decrease while sharing with others. Knowledgeable people have power and influence. They have a number of advantages over ignorant ones. An educated person behaves like a gentleman. Knowledge is the only man and animal. It leads one to excellence. All inventions and discoveries have been possible due to knowledge. Knowledgeable nations are strong economically and militarily. It curtails poverty among the masses. It enables a man to rule over the world. It has brought about revolutions in various fields like industry, agriculture and health. However, it has some negative effects upon the misuse of power of knowledge. Wars and global warming are the significant effects of advancement in knowledge. Knowledge has much importance in the world history. The man

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on the earth had superiority over the angels due to knowledge of things. In addition to this, Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said, Seeking knowledge is ~~super~~ compulsory for every Muslim man and woman. It is clearly mentioned in the Holy book, those who know and those who do not know cannot be equal. All the philosophers had given much importance to knowledge. Hazrat Ali (R.A) said, wealth is to be protected, whereas knowledge protects man. One can estimate the importance and power of knowledge the Holy prophet said "O Allah increases my knowledge. It enables a man to control other powerful creatures on the earth. Knowledge makes nations politically, economically and militarily strong. It reduces the poverty among the masses. Revolution in industrial, agriculture and medical field made possible due to advancement in knowledge. So, knowledge is a vital tool to:

give power to people. Any other power cannot defeat the power of knowledge. Knowledge is the distinction between man and animals. John F. Kennedy said, "The greater our knowledge increases the more our ignorance unfolds."

First of all, knowledge is the only distinction between man and animals. It is the major difference between the two. Man without knowledge is like animal. It enabled people to be civilized and cultured. It also makes them superior to beasts. Man becomes superior creature of God on the basis of knowledge. Man cannot see as far as an eagle. He cannot run as fast as a tiger. His sense of smell is weaker than that of dogs. Man is unable to fight with lions with bare hands, he cannot carry heavy loads on his back as some beasts of burden do. Although he has no match in strength with ~~elephant~~ elephant,

he has managed to become the most powerful creature on the earth. It is not physical power, but power of knowledge that makes man superior to animals. Owing to his knowledge, he forces them to be his servants. It can never be done without knowledge.

Charles Darwin remarked, "As knowledge increases, wonder decreases."

Knowledgeable men have precedence over ignorant ones. They are even the bosses of semi-educated. Knowledgeable people are officers while others are labourers. They also have more respect than illiterate ones. Knowledgeable ones are rulers and masters largely, they govern the general public. Their financial condition is also better than that of unlettered ones. They have power and authority as well. The learned ones lead a comfortable life. They know the art of enjoying nature. So, in many walks of life

The literate have many advantages over illiterate ones. The Holy Quran says, "Are those equal who know and those who do not know?"

Furthermore, knowledgeable nations are strong economically and militarily. There are many ways to prove it. One can take the example of America and China. Both the countries focused and promoted education. They imparted education to their citizens. Now, China is the second largest economy of the world. On the other hand, America is a superpower. Both the countries are very strong in certain fields of life. It was only knowledge that enabled them to be strong and powerful. Nowadays, they are main players of geo-politics and geo-economics of the world. Peter, Pruder said, "~~Knowledge is power~~ knowledge has power, it controls access to opportunity and advancement."

Similarly, knowledge leads to excellence. It enables people to give sound judgements. It enhances their level of understanding. It also adds to their patience and tolerance. Knowledge provides man with capacity to manage affairs of life in a proper way. It is knowledge which guides people to distinguish between right and wrong. Knowledge helps people in doing away with less important things. Resultantly, they use their brain more which leads to scientific inventions. Knowledge gives man a direction and working in that direction brings mental excellence. Lao Tzu says, "Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it."

Likewise, medical knowledge has served humanity a lot. It has brought a revolution in the medical field. It is a blessing of knowledge that a number of deadly diseases are curable nowadays. Knowledge and practice



of surgery have save many precious lives. Thomas Adams said, "Practice is the soul of knowledge."

Now even cancer can be operated successfully. Antibiotics are also here to lessen the pain of many deaths during childbirth have been controlled to a large extent.

The world has nearly been immunized against poliovirus. Open heart surgery is possible with the help of medical science. It is knowledge which helps people in getting rid of their pains. In this way, it becomes a universal truth that knowledge is power.

In addition to this, knowledge helps man extirpate poverty. It has the power to push people towards economic prosperity. Knowledgeable ones are well aware of techniques of earning money. They can easily meet their both ends. They also know the fruits of hard work. They do not adopt foul means for earning money as well they can choose

best profession for themselves, it can be testified with the fact that most of the ~~are~~ poor are illiterate. Knowledge works as a tool of earning. It has the power to uplift its possessor financially. So, knowledge is a key to economic prosperity. Hazrat Ali (R.A) said, "Acquire knowledge, for indeed if you are wealthy it will adorn you and if you are poor it will provide you."

In the same fashion, knowledge paved the way for inventions. It made inventions possible. Knowledge turned ordinary people into famous scientists. It was the knowledge that encouraged them to ~~move~~ move forward. Their knowledge enabled them to become scientific inventors. They used their knowledge in a positive manner which resulted in success. Inventions like telephone, computer, the internet, laser, radio etc. could not have been possible if the element of knowledge was

lacking. It acted as gateway to inventions. Now, power of knowledge has enabled us to travel across the globe within a few hours. We can talk to our near and dear ones abroad.

Only knowledge made it possible. Paulo Freire says, knowledge emerges only through inventions and reinventions.

The British had ruled the subcontinent on the basis of knowledge. They had ruled the subcontinent nearly a century. They had it and utilized it well. Knowledge added to their shrewdness and they conquered the area they had made inventions and were advanced technologically. It helped them a lot in prolonging their rule. The English had won war of Independence because local people were far behind them in knowledge and learning. They could have won liberty at that time if they had knowledge. Lack of knowledge made them slaves. So, knowledge has

the power to rule the world. James Madison remarked, "knowledge will forever be ignorance; and a people who mean <sup>to govern</sup> to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." Same was the case with the muslim. They ruled the world when they were the torch-bearers of knowledge. They got name and fame in a number of fields of science and literature. Muslims invented many things when they were in touch with the education and knowledge. They stood in the row of masters of the world at that time. William opines, "The true method of knowledge is experiment." The situation changed when ~~the~~ muslims changed their priorities. Indifference towards education and knowledge led to their downfall. They were in power until they were ~~loved~~ loved in knowledge.

Knowledge has played a pivotal role in the growth

and survival of mankind. At the dawn of civilization, man was at the mercy of nature. He was compelled to live like nomad. Knowledge made his survival easy and possible. He invented fire and wheel. Then human being started living together. Nowadays survival is possible even in the coldest and hottest regions of the world because man has made equipment to fight the natural calamities. It is the miracle of knowledge. Same is the case with the growth in different fields of life. Suzy Kassem is of the view "The man armed with knowledge has a better ~~at~~ chances of survival than the man who is simply the fittest."

Currently, the west is dominating the world in various fields of life. It is producing one of the finest scientists, economists and political thinkers. Most of the Noble prize winners

are from western countries. Students from all over the world want to study in western institutes like Oxford, Harvard and MIT. Almost every entrepreneur wishes to work in Silicon Valley as it is the center of innovation. West is leading the tech world as well. It has reached the pinnacle of glory. These all are the fruits of active pursuit of knowledge. Mark Twain says, "The secret of making progress is to get started." Eminent figures from the West like Bill Gates read hundreds of books every year. They know the worth and use of knowledge. They generate new ideas and start working to materialize them. A knowledgeable one makes wise decisions in life. He is a critical thinker. He believes in the philosophy of look before you leap and think before you ~~step~~ speak. He focuses on pros and cons of a phenomenon. A learned fellow does not make

make hasty decisions in life. God said "Think hundred times before you take a decision but once that decision is taken, stand by it as one man." A sagacious person is shrewd enough to comprehend a situation and then decide. Power of knowledge contributes to his wisdom and he does not go astray in life.

Charles Spurgeon, "Wisdom is the right use of knowledge."

Indeed, knowledge has enabled man to conquer the universe. Man has reached the moon. Knowledge has taken him to the Red planet. He is trying to find traces of life and water on the Mars. It is the outcome of man's curiosity to know about the world of space. Even commercial flights to space have started in the 21st century. It is not less than a miracle. It is the wonder of knowledge that people want to shift to space to experience certain novel phenomena. Without knowledge

This could not have been possible. Knowledge has the power to open the gate to a new world. Neil Armstrong said, "How we use the knowledge we gain determines our progress on earth, in space or on the moon. Your library is storehouse for mind and spirit. Use it well!"

Knowledge has helped a man a lot in industrial revolution. Advancement of knowledge in western countries led to industrial revolution. It could not be possible without knowledge. The Global South had not the same knowledge at that time. So the Global South remained unrevolutionized in industry. It has served the people a lot. Industrial revolution met the needs of people all over the world. It created jobs to the people all over the world. This could not be possible without the power of advanced knowledge.

Similarly, advancement of knowledge led the agriculture



to ~~set~~ revolution. Advancement of knowledge has increased the productivity. It has ~~not~~ met the requirement of food across the border. Without advancement of knowledge, it could not be possible to meet the food's need of the world. A number of crops are produced in a year. It also produces fruits and vegetables. So, the power of knowledge increased the productivity of agriculture sector.

On the other hand, misuse of knowledge has many disadvantages. America's bombardment on Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused a great loss. World War I and World War II caused a mass destruction due to use of advanced weapons. Artificial intelligence has made further lethal weapons. Advancement of knowledge can cause an irreparable damage if the world goes to third world war.

Further, industrial revolution has resulted in green house.

gas emission which is a great threat to ozone layer. Ozone layer has much importance in our lives. It protects us from harmful ultra violet rays come from sun. The greenhouse emissions are affecting the global temperature. Agriculture sector has also contributed to the global warming. The global temperature has exceeded 1.5 degree pre-industrial level. It has changed the weather patterns like extreme heatwaves, floods, droughts and wildfires. It has become a major threat to every life.

In conclusion, power of knowledge gives <sup>man</sup> awareness about fact and fiction. It has brought happiness in human life. It <sup>has</sup> enabled a man to fight with problem. It helps reduce the poverty. Knowledge has played a part in key sectors like health, industry and agriculture. It has made life very easy. But

it has a dark side if it is not used properly. It ~~has~~ has made wars more lethal and fatal. Further, it has triggered the global warming which has become a threat to every form of life on the earth planet. So, the power of knowledge has many advantages, and it has disadvantages if it is not used properly.

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