The Importance of Knowledge & the Status of the People of Knowledge

Allah, the Most High, says:

...Say: Are those who **know** equal to those who do not know? It is only men of understanding who will remember (take heed). [Az-Zumar 39:9]

Allah, the Most High, says:

It is only those who have **knowledge** among His slaves that fear Allah. Verily Allah is All-Mighty, Oft-Forgiving. [Faatir 35:28]

Allah, the Most High, says:

Allah bears witness that none has the right to be worshipped but He, and the angels, and those having **knowledge** (also give this witness)...[Al-Imraan 3:18].

Allah, the Most High, says:

And those whom they invoke instead of Him have no power of intercession - except for those who bear witness to the Truth (i.e. believed in the Oneness of Allah, and obeyed His Orders), **knowingly**. [Az-Zukhruf 43:86].

The Prophet & said:

Seeking **knowledge** is an obligation upon every Muslim. [Ibn Maajah (Hadeeth Hasan)].

The Prophet & said:

He who dies **knowing** that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah shall enter Al-Jannah (Paradise). [Saheeh Muslim]

He & used to supplicate:

O Allah I ask of You beneficial knowledge...[Ibn Maajah]

He & also used to supplicate:

O Allah I seek refuge in You from **knowledge** which has no benefit, and from deeds which are not raised up to you and from a supplication which is not heard. [Saheeh Ibn Hibbaan]