

# The Intention for Seeking Knowledge

This noble intention was penned by the illustrious scholar of Tarim, Hadramawt, Imam AbdAllah bin Alawi al-Haddad, may Allah enshroud him in his mercy. He was blind from a very young age but grew in knowledge and stature to become the foremost educator in the Islamic sciences and spirituality of his time. His books are published until this day and he continues to be a source of benefit for many around the world. May Allah benefit us by him, ameen.

**Note:** Imam al-Dhahabi (Allah have mercy on him) points out to the signs of having a sincere intention or otherwise, He mentions that the one who seeks knowledge for the sake of Allah Most High, then that knowledge creates in him humility, humbleness and the fear of Allah. And the one who seeks knowledge for worldly gains, he becomes proud with his knowledge, thus argues and quarrels with other Muslims. (See: al-Muqizah, p. 65. Thanks to Dar al-Iftaa Leicester for this note)

In the Name of God, Most Merciful, Compassionate

*Bismillahi rahmanir rahim*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All praise to Allah, Lord of the Worlds. And salutations and greetings upon our master Muhammad and upon his family and companions.

*Al-hamdu-Ililahi rabbi-'âlamîn wa salAllahu'ala saydinâ  
Muhamamdin wa 'alâ âlihi wa sahbîhi wa sallam.*

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ  
وَسَلَّمَ

I intend to study and teach

*Nawaytu al-ta'alluma wa talîma*

نَوَيْتُ التَّعْلَمَ وَالتَّعْلِيمَ

to take and give a reminder

*Wat-tadhakkara wa-tadhkîr*

وَالْتَذَكُّرَ وَالتَّذْكَيرَ

take and give benefit

*Wa- na'fa' wal-'intifâ'*

وَالنَّفْعَ وَالتَّنْفِيعَ

take and give advantage

*wal-ifâdah wa'l-istifâdah*

وَالْإِفَادَةَ وَالتَّاسِيفَادَةَ

to encourage the holding fast to the book of Allah and the way of his messenger, upon him be peace

*Wa-l-hath 'ala-tamassuki bi kitâbillahi wa sunnati-rusûlihi,  
salAllahu alayhi wa salam*

وَالْحَثَّ عَلَى التَّمَسُّكِ بِكِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِهِ  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

and calling to guidance and directing towards good

*Wa-du'â il-al-hudâ wa-dalâlata 'alal-khayri*

وَالدُّعَا إِلَى الْهُدَى، وَالدَّلَالََةَ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ

hoping for the countenance of Allah and His pleasure, proximity and reward,

*ibtighâha waj-hillâhi wa mardâtihi wa qurbîhi wa thawâbihi*

إِبْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ اللَّهِ، وَمَرْضَاتِهِ، وَقُرْبِهِ، وَتَوَابِهِ

transcendent is He.

*subhânahu wa ta'âla*

سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى