

# Value Of Fiqh And Faqih



The word 'fiqh', when used in Arabic in the form of 'faqiha yafqahu', that is, in the fourth category, means 'to know, to understand.' When it is used in the fifth category, it means 'to know, to understand Islam.' A scholar in 'ilm al-fiqh [1] is called faqih. 'Ilm al-fiqh deals with the actions which people should do and those which they should not do.

It is fard [2] for every Muslim to learn the 'ibadat [3] section of fiqh briefly. After 'ilm at-tafsir [4] , 'ilm al-hadith [5] and 'ilm al-kalam [6] , the most honourable ilm is 'ilm al-fiqh [7] . The following six hadiths [8] will be enough to indicate the honour of fiqh and the faqih 'rahmatullahi ta'ala alaihim ajma'in':

'If Allahu ta'ala wants to do a favour for a servant of His, He makes a faqih of him.'

'If a person becomes a faqih, Allahu ta'ala sends what he wishes and his sustenance from unexpected sources.'

'The person about whom Allahu ta'ala says 'most superior' is a faqih in the religion.'

'Against Satan, a faqih is stronger than one thousand 'abids (those who worship much).'

'Everything has a pillar to base itself upon. The basic pillar of the religion is the knowledge of fiqh.'

'The best and most valuable 'ibadat is to learn and teach fiqh.'

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## GLOSSARY

[1] **'ilm:** knowledge, science;

[2] **fard:** an act or thing that is commanded by Allahu ta'ala in the Qur'an al-karim. Fard (or fard) means (any behaviour or thought or belief which is) obligatory. Islam's open commandments are called fard (pl. faraid).

[3] **ibada:** worship, rite; act for which thawab (rewards), blessings will be given in in the Hereafter (the next world); Islamic rite(s): thawab..

[4] **tafsir:** (book, science, of) interpretation of the Qur'an al karim.

[5] **ilm al-hadith:** science of hadiths

[6] **kalam:** (science of , the knowledge of) iman (belief). in Islam.

[7] **fiqh:** knowledge dealing with what Muslims should do and should not do; actions, a'mal, 'ibadat.

[8] **hadith (sharif):** i) a saying of the Prophet ('alaihi 's-salam).; al-Hadith ash-sharif: all the hadiths as a whole; ii) 'ilm al-hadith; iii) Books of the hadith ash-sharif. iv) Al-hadith al-qudsi, as-sahih, al-hasan: kinds of hadiths (for which, see Endless Bliss, II).