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# Word-by-Word Study Chart of the Supplication for Gaining Knowledge

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-may Allah forgive him, his family, and all of the Muslims-

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# بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## Introduction

The following is a word by word study chart over the authentic narration narrated by Anas that the Messenger of Allah (peace & blessings be upon him) said: "O Allah! benefit me with what you have taught me, teach me what will benefit me and provide me with knowledge that will benefit me." It was related by an-Nisaa'ee and al-Haakim. I found it in *al-'Alaamah, al-Muhaddith, al-Haafith Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalaanee's (rahimahullah) Buloogh-ul-Maraam* in the Section of *Dhikr wa Dua'aa* under *Kitaab-ul-Jaami' #1356* which is the last chapter of *Buloogh*. There is another addition to this supplication as reported by at-Tirmidhee so whoever wants to reference it in *Buloogh* may do so.

I hope that every Muslim man and woman will memorize it, use it, and then teach it to others. Indeed it is a supplication that many of us are in dire need of as we embark in seeking knowledge of our religion. I ask that my Muslim brothers & sisters make *Dua'a* for me and ask Allah to forgive me, guide me, and to increase me in knowledge and sustenance.

Your brother in Islaam, the weak one,  
Aboo 'Imraan al-Mekseekee

## The Text

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O Allah! benefit me with what you have taught me, teach me what will benefit me and provide me with knowledge that will benefit me.

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Teach me	And	You taught me	With what	Benefit me	O Allah!
That will benefit me	Knowledge	Provide me	And	Will benefit me	What

# Phrase One

“O Allah” is a supplication to Allah, it consists of two words:

“Allah” the Divine Name of the Creator of the heavens and the earth which is a noun and:

The *Meem* here conveys the same meaning as *Yaa* like if you said, “*Yaa Allah!*”

**“Benefit me...”** This is a combination of two words:

“Benefit” is a verb and is considered a singular command that is said to a Male; you are requesting Allah to benefit you.

This is a possessive pronoun that always connects to the end of a verb whether the verb is past tense, present tense or a command. It means “Me”. When you add both the verb “Benefit” with the possessive pronoun “Me” you get the meaning:

**“Benefit Me”**

**“With what”** is a combination of two words, the *Baa* here is a preposition (a *Harf*) and it conveys the meaning of “with” or “in”. It is connected to the word *Maa* which conveys the meaning of a noun meaning: “That which” or “The one who”. For translation purposes I chose to use “what” instead of “that which/the one who” but one should not confuse this *Maa* as being *Maa al-Istifhaam* (The Interrogative *Maa* of Question) as this *Maa* is *Maa al-Mawsoolah*.

**“You taught”** This is a past tense verb that is said to a Male. The action here indicates that Allah taught knowledge.

We covered the meaning of this verb previously but to reiterate this is a possessive pronoun that always connects to the end of a verb regardless of the tense. It means, **“Me”** and is considered a noun.

When you add both the verb **“You taught”** with the possessive pronoun **“Me”** you get the meaning:

**“You taught me”**

Now let us combine the  
sentence:

**“O Allah, benefit me with  
that which you taught me,”**

## Phrase Two

**“And”** is a conjunction that connects this phrase and the next. It is considered a *Harf* (Particle).

**“Teach me”** this is a combination of two words:

**“Teach”** is a verb and is considered a singular command that is said to a Male; you are requesting Allah to teach you.

The measure of this type of verb is from:

It has an intensive meaning and from it we get words like: *Tafseer* (Explanation), *Tasbeeh* (to say *Subhaana Allah*), *Tahmeed* (to say *al-Hamdulillah*), *Tahleel* (to say *Laa Ilaha Illa Allah*), *Takbeer* (to say *Allahu Akbar*) etc.

Is the past tense form of this verb. We covered the meaning above.

We covered the meaning of this verb previously, if you recall it means "Me". Now when you add both words together you get:

**"Teach me"**

We covered the meaning of this noun previously.

**“Benefits me”** this is also two words combined, however the word:

“He benefits” is a present tense verb that is used for a Male, here the verb is being performed by the noun *Maa*. This is the same verb we dealt with before when we used its verbal command in the first phrase:

“Benefit”

The resemblance is the 3 root letters *Noon, Faa* and *'Ayn*. This verb is from the verb type:

We covered the meaning of this verb previously. You should remember the meaning right?

(**Note:** For an in-depth look at this pronoun please reference the Arabic Pronouns Study Chart for further details,  
*inshaAllah.*)

Let us now add the entire  
phrase together:

وَعَلِّمْنِي مَا يَنْفَعُنِي

**“And teach me that which will  
benefit me”**

## Phrase Three

**“And”** is a conjunction that connects this next phrase with the last. It is considered a *Harf* (Particle).

**“Provide for me”** is a combination of two words:

“Provide” with a *Dhammah* on the *Alif* is a verb and is considered a singular command that is said to a Male; you are requesting Allah to provide for you.

This verb is from the verb type:

We covered the meaning of this noun previously. When we combine both words we get:

**“Provide for me”**

“Knowledge” is a noun.

**“Benefits me”**

We covered the meaning of this verb/noun combination previously.

Now let us combine the last  
phrase:

**“And provide me knowledge  
that will benefit me”**

Allah willing you will now have a basic understanding of this *Dua'aa* whenever you recite it. May Allah grant *Tawfeeq* to  
that which He loves and is pleased with.

صلى الله  
عليه  
وسلم

رضي عنه

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