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Now, there's the degree of understanding of the Torah that most of us enjoy, and then there's the sort of true and thoroughgoing *grasping* of it that sages experience.

After all, while I might fully understand each and every word I read and know its general import, I might still-and-all not understand some of the subtler implications of what's being said the way they do; I might not be aware of the perspectives a reader would be expected to have; I might not catch many of the plays-on-words that would so color and affect the meaning; I could very easily not recognize the mystical import of what I'm reading, etc.

So while I would still be credited with having studied the text, to be sure, and I would likewise have benefited from and been nourished by its inner incandescence -- even if I only *recited* the words -- nonetheless, I would only have benefited by the transcendent force lying behind it to a relatively small degree.

But the fact remains that each one of us can in fact draw upon the Divine love and revelation that emanates from that most eminent transcendent force.

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