

Al Ghazali On Disciplining The Soul And On Breaking The Two Desires

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Marvels of the Heart - Ghazzālī 2010

Marvels of the Heart is a classic Sufi manual on the 'science of the heart.' For Sufis, the heart is more than a physical organ, it is the seat of the soul, which holds the key to the intimate

relationship that exists between the body and spirit. Each heart, according to traditional wisdom accumulated over centuries of spiritual practice, possesses four qualities: predatory, animal, demonic, and angelic. The latter

represents one's true origin and potential, and through the proper use of the intellect and by engaging in spiritual practices, one can restore equilibrium to his inner core. As the Qur'an says: By the remembrance of God do hearts find peace. Abu Hamid al-Ghazali (d. 1111) was the leading jurist, theologian, and mystic of premodern Islam, and remains its truest advocate in modern times. As a teacher of Sufi initiates he recorded these practical teachings in his four-volume compendium of spiritual knowledge, the *Thya'`ulum al-din* (The Revival of the Religious Sciences), from which the present work---Book 21---is taken. Imam al-Ghazali uses a series of traditional Sufi teachings and stories to illustrate the theme of the heart as a mirror. The light of the divine can only shine in the heart when the seeker recalls the Prophet's teaching that "everything has a polish, and the polish of hearts is the remembrance of God." Base character traits that accumulate when the true nature of the heart is

neglected are like "a smoke that clouds the heart's mirror"; rust corrodes the hearts of all but those who polish them by the remembrance of God. Hearts thus illuminated lead one to success in this life and eternal salvation in the next. Originally translated for a PhD thesis in 1938 as "The Religious Psychology of al-Ghazzali," for years this translation was only available to researchers and cognoscenti. Fons Vitae is proud to offer the complete text to the general public and specialists alike.

Al-Ghazali on Poverty and Abstinence - 1999-10-01

The Book of Poverty and Abstinence is the thirty-fourth chapter of *The Revival of the Religious Sciences*. It falls in the section dealing with the virtues. Ghazali gives definitions of what real poverty and abstinence should be and how the poor should conduct themselves. He goes on to describe poverty that has no virtue and which is based on greed and love of the world. For Ghazali, the virtues of real poverty and

abstinence are closely linked with patience, contentment, lack of worldliness, asceticism, trust and surrender to God.

The Life of Al-Ghazzālī - Duncan Black Macdonald 1899

Bombing Without Moonlight - Abdal Hakim Murad 2008

Dear Beloved Son - Ayyuhal Walad - Al-Ghazali 2015-03-14

"I seek Allahs refuge from the knowledge which is of no benefit". This disciple of Imam Ghazali (RA) kept thinking along these lines for a few days and then wrote a letter to Imam Ghazali (RA) with the view of getting an answer to his dilemma along with some other questions. Furthermore, he asked in his letter to Imam Ghazali (RA) for some advice and to teach him a supplication that he could always recite. He wrote in his letter that although Imam Ghazali (RA) has written numerous books on this issue,

this weak individual is in need of something that he could always study and always act upon its injunctions. In reply to his letter, Imam Ghazali (RA) sent him the following advices.

Purification of the Heart - Hamza Yusuf 2004
Afflictions that assail and control people--such as miserliness, envy, treachery, malice, and arrogance--are examined in a study that discusses the causes and cures of these diseases and reveals how Islamic spirituality deals with spiritual and psychological problems. Original. *Imam Al-Ghazali* - Edoardo Albert 2013-01-01
Presents the life of Imam al-Ghazali from his humble background as a fatherless young boy to become the preeminent Muslim scholar of the eleventh century and a towering figure in the history of Islamic thought.

[Al-Ghazali on Responses Proper to Listening to Music and the Experience of Ecstasy: Book XVIII of the Revival of the Religious Sciences](#) - Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali 2019-12-28
Responses Proper to Listening to Music and the

Experience of Ecstasy is the eighteen chapter of the Revival of the Religious Sciences (Ihya' 'ulum al-din), a monumental work of classical Islam written by the renowned theologian-mystic Abu Hamid al-Ghazali (d. 1111). This chapter of the Revival deals with the controversial topic of music. In the Islamic legal tradition, there is disagreement as to whether or not performing and listening to music is lawful, even more, whether music might be used as a path to ecstasy. Basing himself on the Qur'an, hadith, the first generations of Muslims and the mystical tradition, Ghazali presents the arguments both for and against listening to music. Ghazali's own position is that music in itself is permissible, though under certain circumstances it can be unlawful or undesirable. Ghazali emphasises awareness of the omnipresence of God in creation and the importance of using the mind, hearing and sight to bring one closer to God. In Responses Proper to Listening to Music and the Experience of Ecstasy he gives lyrical expression

to his love of poetry and music, and their legitimate place not only in human celebrations, but in divine worship and as aids on the path to gnosis and ecstasy. All such responses he sees exemplified in the life of the Prophet with his family. This volume also includes a translation of Imam Ghazali's own Introduction to the Revival of the Religious Sciences, which gives the reasons that caused him to write the work, the structure of the whole of the Revival and which places each of the chapters in the context of the others.

Kitāb Al-'ilm - Ghazzālī 1970

The Book of Wisdom - Ahmad ibn Muhammad Ibn Ata' Allah 1978

Al-ghazali on Disciplining the Soul and on Breaking the Two Desires - Abu Hamid Muhammad al-Ghazali 2016-09

The spiritual life in Islam begins with riyadat al-nafs, the inner warfare against the ego.

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ethics. The work will prove of special interest to those interested in Sufi mysticism, comparative ethics, and the question of sexuality in Islam.

A Thematic Commentary on the Qur'an -
Muhammad Ghazali 2000

In a multi-faith world, Islam is widely regarded as dogmatic and exclusivist. Yet in the Qur'an we have a great and worthy example of how to live in diversity, of powerful scriptural tenets that lend themselves precisely to engagement with those of other faiths. As such Islam has much to add to the debate on Religious Pluralism. For Muslims the issue is a delicate one. Aside from being tolerant and respectful of other faiths, advocating freedom of faith, and peaceful coexistence for all humanity, Muslims have to intellectually engage on matters of religious truth whilst defending the validity of their own Islamic tenets. This study is focused on the Qur'anic text. It explores the Qur'anic conception of normative religious pluralism with a view to providing answers to questions such as

whether the Qur'an itself regards normative religious pluralism as a value system or simply a method through which the Qur'anic world view can be actualized. In doing so the author corrects some highly controversial misquoted, mistranslated, and/or quoted out of context verses of the Qur'an, including the so-called verse of the sword and the perception of not taking non-Muslims as friends. In reality, the Qur'an calls for freedom of faith and peaceful coexistence, but condemns oppression, religious persecution, and those who initiate hostilities. In this way it not only invokes human dignity, but restores it when it is violated.

Deliverance from Error - Ghazzālī 1999

One of the most remarkable documents to have come down from classical Islamic civilization, this autobiography of the most influential thinker of medieval Islam (1058-1111) describes his education and his intellectual crisis, which left him so paralyzed by doubt that he was forced to resign the most distinguished

academic appointment. His faith returned after years of wandering and seeking, during which he achieved direct knowledge of God in the form of the illuminative experience of the Sufis. Among his most outstanding contributions to Muslim intellectual life were masterly defenses of Islamic orthodoxy, mysticism, and law, against the attacks of those who advocated purely legalistic, or entirely esoteric, readings of the religion. He hence articulated the Islam of the middle way, in balance between the extremes of the letter and the spirit. As such, his works have become a manifesto for modern Muslims struggling against extremist and hence heterodox readings of the faith.

The Foundations of the Articles of Faith - Ghazzālī 1963

The Prophetic Ethics and the Courtesies of Living - 2019-08

In book twenty of the forty books which compose the Revival of the Religious Sciences (Ihya' 'ulum

al-din), Abu hamid al-Ghazali gives a full account of the customs and character of the Messenger of God, Muhammad. It is not a biography of Muhammad (peace and blessing of God be upon him) but a roadmap for those who want to strengthen their faith, increase their knowledge, and deepen their understanding of the second part of the testimony of faith, namely the first pillar of Islam. The author details the Messenger's noble nature and his miracles, while removing doubts regarding his message. He deals with the issue of the imitation of Muhammad (peace and blessing of God be upon him) noting that the ultimate source of knowledge is revelation from God which comes to us through the Messenger. This volume lays clear that the aim of the imam in this Series is to call for a return to the Sunna and the imitation of the Messenger in all aspects of life.

The Alchemy of Happiness - Ghazzālī 1910

Al-Ghazālī on the Manners Relating to Eating -

Ghazzālī 2000

The eleventh chapter of The Revival of the Religious Sciences begins the section dealing with man and society. In this volume concentrating on the manners relating to eating, Ghazali first discusses what a person must uphold when eating by himself: that the food is lawful, that both the person and the surroundings should be clean, that one must be content with what is available, and how the person should conduct himself while eating and after eating. Ghazali then proceeds to discuss eating in company and says that to all the above should be added the necessity of courtesy, conversation and the proper presentation of food. Finally, Ghazali expounds the virtues of hospitality and generosity and the conduct of the host as well as that of the guest. Other topics that are discussed are: abstention from food, fasting and general health.

On Disciplining the Soul - Ghazzālī 1995

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ability to make use of Greek as well as Islamic ethics. The work will prove of special interest to those interested in Sufi mysticism, comparative ethics, and the question of sexuality in Islam. *Wonders of the Heart* - Ghazzālī 2007

The Remembrance of Death and the Afterlife - Ghazzālī 1989

This is the first English translation of the last chapter of Al-Ghazali's *Revival of the Religious Sciences* (Ihya' 'Ulum al-Din), widely regarded as the greatest work of Muslim spirituality. After expounding his Sufi philosophy of death and showing the importance of the contemplation of human mortality to the mystical way of self-purification, Ghazali takes his readers through the stages of the future life: the vision of the Angels of the Grave, the Resurrection, the Intercession of the Prophet, and finally, the torments of Hell, the delights of Paradise and—for the elect—the beatific vision of God's Countenance.

The Book of Assistance - 'Abd Allāh ibn 'Alawī
'Aṭṭās 1989

On Disciplining the Soul - Abū-Ḥāmid
Muḥammad Ibn-Muḥammad al- Ġazzālī 1995
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The Ninety-nine Beautiful Names of God - Abu
Hamid Muhammad Al-Ghazali 1992

In this work, here presented in a complete
English edition for the first time, the problem of
knowing God is confronted in an original and
stimulating way. Taking up the Prophet's
teaching that 'Ninety-nine Beautiful Names' are
truly predicated of God, Ghazali explores the
meaning and resonance of each of these divine
names, and reveals the functions they perform
both in the cosmos and in the soul of the
spiritual adept. Although some of the book is

rigorously analytical, the author never fails to attract the reader with his profound mystical and ethical insights, which, conveyed in his sincere and straightforward idiom, have made of this book one of the perennial classics of Muslim thought, popular among Muslims to this day. This volume won a British Book Design and Production Award in 1993.

Al-Ghazali on Intention, Sincerity and Truthfulness - Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali 2014-02-06

The 37th chapter of the *Revival of Religious Sciences*, this treatise focuses on the subject of intention—which is of crucial importance in Islam—posing questions such as How can someone ignorant of the meaning of intention verify his own intention? How can someone ignorant of the meaning of sincerity verify his own sincerity? and How can someone sincerely claim truthfulness if he has not verified its meaning? Renowned theologian-mystic Abu Hamid al-Ghazali addresses these questions by expounding the reality and levels of intention,

sincerity, and truthfulness and the acts which affirm or mar them. Each of al-Ghazali's responses is based on the Qur'an, the example of the Prophet, and the sayings of numerous scholars and Sufis. As relevant today as it was in the 11th century, this discourse will be of interest to anyone concerned with ethics and moral philosophy.

Al-Ghazzali on Listening to Music - Muhammad Al-Ghazzali 2003-03-21

General Description: Al-Ghazzali discusses the difficult issues involved in listening to music and attaining ecstasy through topics like what is unlawful and what is lawful, where listening to music is unlawful, the effects of music and its rules of conduct and the rules of conduct of the whirling dance.

Al-Ghazzali on Repentance - Ghazzālī 1990

The Book of Contemplation, 39 - 2021-08-06

The Book of Contemplation is the thirty-ninth of the forty Books of *The Revival of the Religious*

Sciences (Ihya' 'ulum al-din) and the very last to appear in English translation. Abu Hamid al-Ghazali's purpose in this Book is to explain the nature and importance of contemplation, or reflection, as an act that enriches the thinking person with increased knowledge of, and wonder at, the Creator and His creation. In Part 1, he defines and introduces the subject, explaining its importance with reference to the Qur'an, Hadiths, and sayings of wise and pious Muslims. In Part 2, he expounds his own highly original views as to the nature and fruits of contemplation. Part 3 offers detailed guidance on the most appropriate and beneficial subjects for reflection, some relating to human traits and actions and others to Divine Attributes and Actions. In Part 4, he explores in detail aspects of God's creation, which, when viewed with an observant eye and considered with a worshipful heart, are full of wonders and offer an inexhaustible scope for reflection - from the artistry of the spider and bee to the

unimaginable vastness of the heavens, which themselves are dwarfed by what lies beyond them.

Al-Ghazzali on the Treatment of the Harms of the Tongue - Muhammad Al-Ghazzali 2003-03-21

General Description: Al-Ghazzali speaks out against the harms of the tongue like lying and backbiting or maliciously damaging another's reputation as destroyers of one's achieving a good disposition. He also speaks on the spiritual reward of silence and what to do when one is praised.

Patience and Thankfulness - Abu Hamid Muhammad Al-Ghazali 2011

The Book of Patience and Thankfulness is the thirty-second chapter of The Revival of the Religious Sciences which is widely regarded as the greatest work of Islamic spirituality. Written by one of the most famous theologian-mystics of all time, The Book of Patience and Thankfulness discusses two of the virtues of the religious and spiritual life that are of universal interest. --

Abstinence in Islam - Ghazzālī 1992

Ghazali's Theory of Virtue - Mohamed Ahmed Sherif 1975-01-01

A study of Ghazali's ethical thought as shown in his extensive treatment of the virtues and their relation to the ends of life and to each other.

Al-Ghazali on Vigilance and Self-Examination - Abu Hamid Muhammad Ghazali 2015-02-28

The 38th chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*, this treatise follows on from Al-Ghazali on Intention, Sincerity & Truthfulness. Here, Ghazali focuses on the different stations of steadfastness in religion (murabaha), vigilance and self-examination being its cornerstones. As in all his writings, Ghazali bases his arguments on the Qur'an, the example of the Prophet, and the sayings of numerous scholars and Sufis. As relevant today as it was in the 11th century, this discourse will be of interest to anyone concerned with ethics and moral philosophy.

Al-Ghazzali on Disciplining the Self - Muhammad Al-Ghazzali 2002-12

General Description: Al-Ghazzali places great emphasis on the virtue and spiritual reward of having a good disposition. He also discusses how to recognize the sicknesses of the spiritual heart, the signs of a good character, the raising and training of children, and the prerequisites of becoming a disciple.

Invocations & Supplications - Abū-Ḥāmid Muḥammad Ibn-Muḥammad al- Ġazzālī 1990

Love, Longing, Intimacy and Contentment - Ghazzālī 2011

"This is the first complete English translation of the Book of Love, Longing, Intimacy and Contentment, the thirty-sixth chapter of Abū Hāmid al-Ghazālī's monumental *Revival of the Religious Sciences* ... The Book of Love ... is of fundamental importance in the history of Islamic thought and in the development of Sufism."--P. [4] of cover.

Kimiya-e Saadat-The Alchemy of Happiness - Ghazzālī 2007

The Beginning of Guidance - Ghazzālī 2010

The Maturidi School - Gibril Fouad Haddad 2021-03-05

A survey of the most important Maturidi authorities and their doctrinal textbooks, with a condensed overview of the bio-bibliography of Maturidi scholarship.

Dear Beloved Son - Abu Hamid al-Ghazali 2022-03-13

Dear Beloved Son is an excellent compilation of extremely valuable pieces of advice based not only on theory but on the practical experience and insight of Imam al-Ghazali. Since he presented his disciple with these pieces of

advice at a stage in life where he had studied and excelled in all major sciences of Islam, it holds extra significance. He covers topics such as sincerity, knowledge, action, death, da'wah, hypocrisy, time, dhikr and Shari'ah, with delicacy and coherency, so that one is able to grasp clearly the multidimensional facets of a comprehensive Islam.

Al-Ghazzali on Knowing Yourself and God - Muhammad Al-Ghazzali 2003-03-21

General Description: In al-Ghazzali's view, everything begins by knowing who you are. He says that you should know that you are born with an outer form and an inner essence and it is that inner essence or the spiritual heart that you have to come to know in order to know who you are.