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**Revival Circle**

**Ghazali's Ihya' Explained**

Book One: Knowledge

Lesson One

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## This Class

Overview of all 40 Books, four lessons per Book  
Book One: Book of Knowledge  
Recommended Text:  
*Revival of the Religious Sciences: An  
Abridgement - Abu Hamid al-Ghazali (tr.  
Mokrane Guezzou)*

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## Purpose of This Course

*Revival of the Religious Sciences*  
A 'revival' of the religion  
Religion as forms—in beliefs and practice—and  
reality  
Reality of religion: (a) acting soundly, upon the  
Sunna, with excellence; (b) with inward sincerity  
and presence

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**REVIVAL CIRCLE: INTRODUCTION**

One. Knowledge and Its  
Merits

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**The Book of Knowledge**

Why begin with knowledge?

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**The Merits of Knowledge**

Qur'an  
Hadith  
Early Muslims  
Consider: means to guidance—Closeness

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**The Merits of Teaching**

Qur'an  
Hadith  
Early Muslims  
Consider: means to guidance—Closeness

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**REVIVAL CIRCLE: INTRODUCTION**

Two. Praiseworthy and  
Blameworthy Knowledge

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**Is all knowledge good?**

Types of Knowledge  
In itself obligatory  
Knowledge that are means  
Consider: ends  
Consider: your need—know  
What is it a means to?  
What are its consequences

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**Religious Knowledge: Worldly?**

Imam Ghazali's caution on in-depth knowledge  
When is *religious* knowledge blameworthy?

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