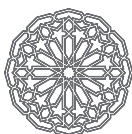




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A Thinking Person's Guides



By the grace of God, this is the sixth book in the *A Thinking Person's Guides* and *A Tentative Guides* Series. This series aims to provide brief, clear philosophical primers about a number of important topics that concern every human being.

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Like all the other books in the series, this book is written from an Islamic philosophical point of view. However, it is written with much more succinct arguments than the other books in the series, as it is meant to be more instructive than discursive. Nevertheless, this book follows directly on from the preceding book in the series—*A Thinking Person's Guide to Our Times*—and is, as it were, its subjective complement, and so also its antidote. For if *A Thinking Person's*

Guide to Our Times aims to paint a portrait of the changing objective worldly reality we find ourselves in today, *A Thinking Person's Guide to Our Reality* aims to draw a map of the unchanging subjective personal reality we find ourselves in today, and always. The first book looks outwardly at the world; this book looks inwardly at ourselves. The first book is important because we have to know the world in order to deal with it. This book is important because we have to know ourselves in order to deal with our 'selves'. The two books thus form a pair, even if their styles are different in accordance with their subjects. I hope they will be read that way, God willing.



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Foreword



This book is a concise guide and companion on the path of the hereafter. It delves into the human psyche, deciphers reality, cautions against worldly deceptions and distractions, and provides a knowledge-understanding-action plan to be God-conscientious and reach eternal felicity, *in sha' Allah*.

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