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Campus Halaqah Reading & Facilitation Guide

A 10-Week Study Circle Using 'Roots of Reason'

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How to Start Your Campus Halaqah

"When a group assembles for the remembrance of Allah, the angels surround them, mercy covers them, and tranquility descends upon them." — Sahih Muslim

→ **Find Your Core Group (3-5 people):** You don't need a crowd. Find 3-5 students who are curious about ideas, open to dialogue, and committed to weekly attendance.

→ **Choose Format:** In-Person (study room/cafe, 60-90 min) | Hybrid (in-person + Zoom) | Online (Google Meet/Discord)

→ **Set Ground Rules:**
• No interrupting — use raised hand system
• Disagree with ideas, not people
• Read assigned pages BEFORE each session
• Start with Bismillah, end on time
• Non-Muslim guests welcome — intellectual exploration, not pressure

10-Week Reading Schedule

Each session covers ~20-25 pages. Adjust based on group pace.

Wk	Topic	Pages	Discussion Question
1	The Translation Movement	pp. 1-25	*Why did Muslims translate Greek philosophy?*
2	Al-Kindi: Birth of Islamic Philosophy	pp. 26-50	*Can philosophy and faith coexist?*
3	Al-Farabi: The Virtuous City	pp. 51-75	*What would an ideal Islamic society look like today?*
4	Ibn Sina: Consciousness & Existence	pp. 76-100	*Try the Flying Man experiment. What does it reveal?*
5	Al-Ghazali vs. The Philosophers	pp. 101-130	*Was Ghazali right to challenge philosophy?*
6	Ibn Rushd: Defense of Reason	pp. 131-155	*Who wins the Ghazali-Rushd debate? Take sides.*
7	Ibn Khaldun: Science of Civilization	pp. 156-175	*Apply Asabiyyah to a community you know.*
8	Ibn Taymiyyah: Return to Sources	pp. 176-195	*Is there a 'third way' between philosophy and textualism?*
9	Colonial Disruption & Recovery	pp. 196-215	*How did colonialism affect Muslim intellectual life?*
10	Philosophy in the Age of AI	pp. 216-236	*What would Ibn Sina think about AI?*

Facilitation Tips

1. Open with a hook, not a lecture: 'Al-Ghazali quit the most prestigious job to find truth. Would you?'

2. Use Think-Pair-Share: 2 min individual thinking, 3 min paired discussion, then group sharing.

3. Don't be the expert — be the guide. Ask better questions instead of providing answers.

4. Embrace silence. Count to 10 after asking before prompting. Best insights need a moment.

5. Always connect to today: 'Ibn Khaldun's Asabiyyah — see this in your community?'

6. Handle disagreements with adab: 'We're all seeking truth together.'

7. End every session with du'a for knowledge.

Including Non-Muslim Students

• Frame as 'History of Ideas' rather than 'Islamic Studies' — less intimidating

• Provide context for Arabic terms — don't assume everyone knows 'hadith' or 'tawhid'

• Welcome questions about Islam naturally — curiosity is not hostility

• Draw parallels: 'Al-Farabi's Virtuous City is Plato's Republic through an Islamic lens'

Sample Invitation Post

FREE: Weekly Philosophy Reading Circle

Ever wondered what Muslim philosophers argued about 1,000 years ago — and why it still matters?

Join our 10-week reading circle exploring 'Roots of Reason: Muslim Philosophy from the Translation Movement to the Age of AI.'

Every [DAY] at [TIME] | [LOCATION / Zoom]
No prior philosophy knowledge needed | All backgrounds welcome

We cover Al-Kindi, Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Khaldun, and more — and ask how their ideas apply to our world today.

DM to join. First 10 members get a free copy of the digital book.

Closing Du'a for Knowledge Gatherings:

SubhanakaAllahumma wa bihamdika, ashhadu an la ilaha illa anta, astaghfiruka wa atubu ilayk.
"Glory is to You O Allah and praise. I bear witness there is no god but You. I seek Your forgiveness and repent to You."

The Prophet said: whoever says this at the end of a gathering, whatever was said will be forgiven.