

PHIL G 4740.001

Islamic Philosophy: the notion of a cosmic order.

The seminar will be devoted to the notion of a cosmic order. Al Farabi's concept of the "perfect State" as the earthly reflection of the cosmic order will be examined. The relationship between self-realization and cosmology will be also studied in the works of Avicenna (*Mi'raj* nama) Al Ghazali (Niche of Lights), Suhrawardî (*philosophy of Illumination*), Ibn Bajjah (*Rule of the Solitary*), or Ibn Tufayl (*Hayy ibn Yaqzan*) for the classical period of Islamic philosophy. Finally we will read the work, in the twentieth century, of Indian poet and philosopher Muhammad Iqbal as a philosophy of self realization in an emergent cosmology.

Syllabus.

1. Introduction
2. Avicenna's philosophy of the human soul in *Mi'raj Nama*
- 3- Cosmic and political order in Al Farabi's *Perfect State*
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- 5- The metaphysics of Light in Ghazali's *Niche of lights*
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- 7- Suhrawardi's Metaphysics of Light.
- 8- Midterm exam for undergraduates
- 9- Ibn Bajjah's *Rule of the Solitary*
- 10- Ibn Tufayl's *Hayy ibn Yaqzan*
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- 12- Iqbal's concept of an emerging cosmology.
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- 14- Final in class exam for undergraduates.

Bibliography: - All texts except Ghazali's are in course package to be purchased at Village Copier

- Al Ghazali, *The Niche of Lights*, Brigham Young University Press, 1998.