

"There is no glory and honour for the muslims, except by retuning to learning Islaam on an individual and collective basis, acting upon "

(The Methodology of the Saved Sect pg.19)

His saying: Verily Allah will not change the condition of a people as long they do not change their own condition (surah Ar-Ra'd:11)

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As-salaamu alaykum wa rahmatullah, dear Sisters!

Glorified is Allah and praised is He. May Allah's peace and blessing be upon His Prophet Muhammad, upon his progeny, and upon his companions?

Insha' Allah, by now everyone has her book of the month, namely,

In Defense of Islam: In Light of the Events of September 11th
compiled and translated by Abul-Hasan Maalik al-Akhdar.

Al-hamdulillah! To help us have a productive meeting, I have devised a **Book Club Study Guide**. As you read, kindly focus on the following areas for exchanging ideas when we meet. Taking notes would be helpful because you can refer back to them during the meeting. However, you are not required to do so.

Book Club Study Guide

Topics for discussion:

- The meaning of Salafiyyah
- A description of the life of Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul Wahhaab
- A comparison of the genre (or daily life) of the people in pre-Islamic Saudi Arabia, the people in the life and time of Shaykh Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul Wahhaab, and the people living in the United States today
- The similarity in the conditions of the Muslims in the region of Najd in Saudi Arabia in the 17th century (1600's) and early 18th century (1700's) and the conditions of the Muslims all over the world today
- Definition of "terrorism" and the best way to address it
- Explanation of the conditions of jihaad under the banner of Islam and not under the banner of a smaller group
- Proof that Usaamah bin Ladin is not upon the Salaf
- A Description of the life of Sayyid Qutb and to what he called the Muslims

- An explanation of the Talibaaan and their manhaj

In being prepared to discuss to these topics, we can engage in a valuable dialogue.

Reading tips of the month:

- Take written notes from the book.
- Highlight information from the book.
- Jot down your own thoughts, as they occur to you, as you read.
- Get your spouse involved as your reading partner, exchanging thoughts and/or written notes.

Ayat of the Month: Surah al-‘Ankabut 29: 46

“And argue not with people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), unless it be in (a way) that is better (with good words and in good manner, inviting them to Islamic Monotheism with His Verses), except with such of them as do wrong; and say (to them): “We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed unto you; our Ilah (God) and your Ilah (God) is One (i.e. Allah), and to Him we have submitted (as Muslims).” Surah al-Ankabut 29: 46

Insha’ Allah, we will practice reading this ayat during the meeting. Feel free to get a head start and practice at home.

Al-hamdulillah! Contact me, if you have any questions or concerns about this study guide. my e-mail address: sweetnessofiman@msn.com.

May Allah, ta ‘ala, have mercy on us and guide us to learn this Deen.

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