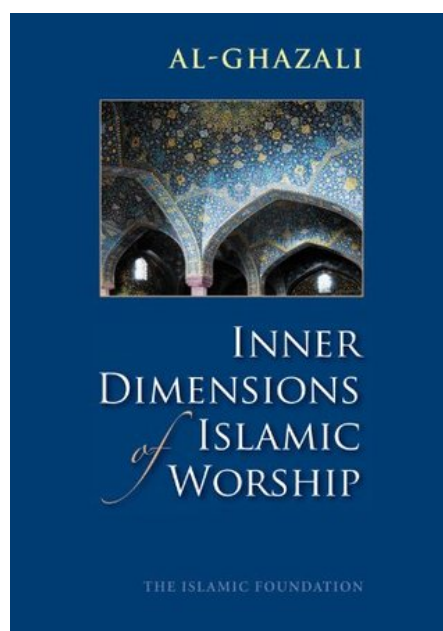




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Covers those dimensions of Islamic rituals of worship - prayer, almsgiving, fasting, Pilgrimage, etc. which are essential to the fulfilment of inner quality. Consists of selections from al-Ghazali's "Ihya," a pivotal work in the history of Islamic thought.

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### Adil Farooki says

#### Beautiful

Alhamdulillah it's great to find a book like this on kindle. There is no better character than the sunnah character of Muhammad sallallahu alayhi wa sallam.

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### Rima Rashid says

Inner Dimensions Of Islamic Worship by Al-Ghazali is slightly exciting to own by the renowned intellectual explaining the fundamentals of Islam.

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### Ayaz Khalid says

Superb book.

Unpacking the obligatory rituals Muslims are required to do to unveil deeper meanings.

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### Christa says

I really really enjoyed this book especially the chapters on ritual prayer, fasting and forgiveness. Only downside is I had to look up so many words but that may increase my vocabulary God willing. I'll definitely be looking out for the other books in the series inshallah

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### Ummu says

I was read this book in Indonesia vers. When the first time i know about sufism...after that..i love to read Al Ghazali books.

If u want to be 'salikin' u should read this and find the spiritual teacher ,who will be show u the way to know more inside ur self

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### Sarabi || Swallow Song (Blog) says

Because I was reading a translation of this novel, I feel I have to divide the review into two parts: ideas and translation.

### Ideas

Ideologically, I very much enjoyed this book. Ghazali focuses first on each action's merit (using the Qur'an and hadith as evidence) then goes into what/how our inner selves should think/feel/gain from each actions. In most instances, however, he does not say how to achieve these inner states; the how is left to the reader. Still, just being conscious of the purpose of prayer (and other acts of worship) has improved the quality of my prayers tremendously.

### Translation

The reason I gave this book four stars instead of 5 is the clunkiness of the translation. At times it felt like modern speech and at times the phrasing felt a little bit awkward or outdated. I'm not sure how much of that is the translation and how much of it is the author, but I would have liked a bit more consistency. I also felt jipped, for lack of a better word, in the end. The last two chapters were exceedingly short, and the comparison is even paler when I consider how long and thorough the preceding chapter (the one regarding Hajj) is. The book feels like it just ends. I'm aware that this book is the extremely abridged version of Ghazali's several-volume work, and I believe the brevity of the last two chapters is a result of the truncation of the larger work because the chapters don't follow the same thought process as the chapters before it. I see no reason why the rest of these chapters would have been left out, but the abrupt ending left me wanting more. If, one day, I am able to read Persian/Farsi, I will read the original text (insha'Allah).

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### samia says

ghazali goes into details about the five pillars in islam and much much more. the book is very enlightening, esp the chapter on hajj. it compares every aspect of the hajj we perform in this world to our inevitable meeting with the Lord in the next. makes you think about things differently!

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### Raja says

Highly recommend to anyone who wants to understand the inner meaning of the five pillars of Islam. A must read for every muslim, its very short but to the point and it will leave an instinct impact on you.

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### Muhammad Imran says

A Great Book! presenting the true dimensions of Islamic rituals such as worship, Prayer, Almsgiving, Fasting, Pilgrimage, etc. This is an excellent read to know about the real essence of the worship - a concept beyond the physical commitment to worship or prayer, and essential to the fulfilment of inner quality of heart.

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### Iqra says

A great work from Imam Ghazali highlighting both the esoteric and the exoteric principles of practices in Islamic worship. A must read for all students of knowledge.

## Rizal Khaefi says

Imam Ghazali, the Hujjat al-islam (Proof of Islam), explains spiritual, social, and moral benefits of Islamic five pillars, which are shahada, prayer, alms giving, fasting, and pilgrimage. Muslim reader can realize and view the five pillars not only as the mandatory and routine duty but also as tools to improve our life.

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## Razi Shaikh says

Always a pleasure to read Imam Al-Ghazali. This, along with the Beginning of Guidance, are both necessary and rewarding reads for the faithful.

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## Safa Fatima says

Published in 1983, Inner Dimensions of Islamic Worship is an English translation of selections from *Imam al-Ghazali's Ihya' 'Ulum ud Din* by Muhtar Holland, a convert.

This book is a very short but powerful and inspiring exploration of the rites of Islamic Worship — Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Pilgrimage, Night Vigil, Invoking blessing upon Allah's Messenger ??? ???? ???? ???? and the merit of seeking forgiveness.

It is supported by numerous references from the Holy Quran and Ahadith which was very nice to see. Instances from the life of Prophet Muhammad ??? ???? ???? ???? are also included to re-affirm the faith of the reader.

It was a surprisingly faith-affirming read for me, I enjoyed the foreword very much and by the end, I was quite moved.

But, what really, really bothered me was the usage of the vague word God instead of the many names of Allah which have a proper context and meaning, only the English translations of the Quran not the actual text but the transliteration (which I know is helpful but the Arabic should have been included too for complete understanding, inspiration and reward) and the Biblical names of the Prophets and the angels instead of the Quranic names at the risk of resemblance to Christianity or Judaism, inconsistencies which I attribute to the translator. This book is kind of dated so another thing to be taken into account is that it is better to invoke your blessings on the Prophets, the Companions and saints in Arabic to take the most reward regardless of language. I'm especially mentioning this so that the future reader may be aware of these discrepancies, I suggest replacing these with their better equivalents whether you're reading aloud or silently. These are the reasons I gave the book 4 stars, not 5.

Otherwise, it was a very compelling, overwhelming and a rewarding read. The references are very strong and beautiful. The book is brief but brings to light many of the things not thought about or paid attention to on a daily basis but which really should. The title Inner Dimensions is very apt as the book focuses on the inner depth of Islamic worship instead of jurisprudence. The effort should be recognized as taking the best of a 4-

volume Arabic book and bringing it to the average reader's attention and ease by translating it to English being as succinct as one can is an amazing feat. I, myself, have been able to get introduced to and read Imam al-Ghazali's *Ihya'*, which is regarded as the greatest work of Muslim spirituality, only through this translation. Read this if you want an in-depth yet concise understanding of daily Islamic Worship.

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### **Umar says**

great stuff. didn't read zakat and hajj yet though. similar to his bidaya hidaya but more attention on the spirituality...less manual, but more evaluative.

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### **Taufil Omar says**

Top choice!

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