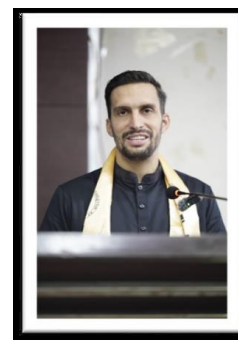


# Riyad Georges Hubert Rogiest

Islamic Studies Scholar · Educator & Researcher · Ḥāfiẓ al-Qur'an

*Bridging Qur'anic scholarship, education and faith-based development.*

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## PROFILE

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Riyad Rogiest is a Belgian Islamic scholar, educator, author and researcher with more than sixteen years of experience in Islamic education, public lecturing and faith-based development. He holds a Master of Arts in World Religions from KU Leuven (graduated with distinction) and is a Ḥāfiẓ al-Qur'an.

His scholarly work bridges classical Qur'anic scholarship with the realities of contemporary society, focusing on Qur'anic worldview, tafsir methodology, Islamic education and Muslim identity in Western contexts. Alongside his academic and teaching work he is the founder of Gardens of the Sincere, a humanitarian organisation active in more than 45 countries, and of SINCERE Ethical Finance.

He lectures internationally and welcomes invitations for guest lectures, visiting scholarship and academic collaboration.

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## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

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**Master of Arts (MA), World Religions** — KU Leuven, Belgium 2021  
Graduated with distinction.

**Certificate in Islamic Studies** — Islamic Education Center (CIO), Brussels 2014  
In cooperation with Erasmus University College Brussels and the Executive of the Muslims of Belgium. Modules: Aqeedah, Fiqh, Qur'anic Studies, Hadith, Tajweed and Sirah.

**Ḥāfiẓ al-Qur'an (complete memorisation of the Qur'an)** — Al-Markaz Attarbawi Mosque, Ghent  
Completed under the supervision of Shaykh Mustafa. [add ijazah / completion year]

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## ACADEMIC & TEACHING POSITIONS

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**Islamic Religion Teacher** — Belgian education system 2009 – present  
More than sixteen years of classroom experience. Islamic studies education, curriculum development, character education, youth mentorship, interfaith dialogue and community engagement.

**Islamic Expert** — Network of Islamic Experts, Flanders, Belgium approx. 6 years  
Delivered lectures on Islam and contemporary society for schools, colleges and public institutions; supported teachers and school administrations; participated in interfaith and intercultural initiatives, including the Interlevensbeschouwelijke Dialoog (ILD).

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## PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

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### Books

- ***Qur'anic Worldview: A Guide for Life in a Broken World.*** [publisher], [year]. Available in multiple language editions.

A thematic exploration of the Qur'an addressing more than sixty contemporary topics — including identity, individualism, materialism, spirituality, family and parenting, social justice, environmental responsibility, Islamic economics and community development — presenting the Qur'an as a complete worldview for modern challenges.

- **Tafsir Collection: From Surah Al-Fatihah to Surah Ad-Duha.** [publisher], [year]. Editions in English, Dutch, French and Turkish.

A structured commentary covering context of revelation, linguistic analysis, classical tafsir, theological reflection and contemporary application, drawing on Ibn Kathir, Al-Qurtubi, Ibn Ashur, Ar-Razi, Al-Alusi and At-Tabari.

#### Research

- **The Impact of Secularisation within the Muslim Community in Belgium.** [working paper / research in progress].

Examines religious identity formation, generational change in religious practice, faith transmission within families, educational influences on Muslim youth and strategies for strengthening Islamic identity in Western Europe.

**Research interests:** Qur'anic worldview studies; tafsir methodology; Islamic education and pedagogy; Muslim identity in Western societies; secularisation and religion; Islamic economics, ethical finance and waqf; humanitarian leadership.

## INTERNATIONAL LECTURES & CONFERENCES

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Has delivered lectures, seminars and conference sessions across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Selected engagements:

- **Indonesia — University of Mataram, Lombok.** Lectures on volunteerism and humanitarian service, leadership and social responsibility, youth development, and education and community empowerment. [year]
- **Bangladesh — Dhaka.** University engagements and educational seminars on Islamic education, Qur'anic worldview and humanitarian development. [institution, year]
- **Pakistan — Islamabad.** Conferences on Islamic economics, sustainable waqf models and social responsibility in Islam. [institution, year]
- **Morocco — Agadir / Ait Melloul.** Lectures on civic engagement, Islamic ethics, education and humanitarian leadership. [year]
- **Côte d'Ivoire — Abidjan.** Academic and community lectures on education and development, Qur'anic ethics and youth empowerment. [year]
- **Chad.** National conferences for imams, community leaders and educators on parenting according to the Qur'an, tarbiyah, community leadership and social reform. [year]
- **Belgium.** Regular speaker at schools, universities, mosques, community organisations and interfaith platforms.

**Lecture topics:** Qur'anic worldview; Islamic education; parenting and tarbiyah; Islamic economics; youth identity; spiritual development; community leadership.

## LEADERSHIP & HUMANITARIAN WORK

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**Founder & Chairman** — Gardens of the Sincere, Belgium

*2020 – present*

Strategic leadership of international humanitarian operations across more than 45 countries; development of sustainable waqf-based projects; educational project design and implementation; international partnerships and stakeholder engagement. Programme areas: water wells, schools, orphan care, food security, sustainable agriculture, livestock development and emergency relief (including Gaza and Yemen).

**Founder** — SINCERE Ethical Finance

*2026 – present*

An ethical financial-technology initiative offering Sharia-compliant payment services, financial literacy, zakat and sadaqah integration, and waqf-inspired sustainability models that link commercial activity to humanitarian and educational development.

**Imam & Community Chaplain** — Freelance, Belgium

*many years*

Friday sermons (khutbah), religious counselling, funeral services (janazah), pastoral and family support, community mediation, and educational lectures and seminars.

## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

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**Islamic studies:** Qur'anic worldview, tafsir, Islamic ethics, Islamic spirituality.

**Education:** Islamic pedagogy, youth development, character formation, teacher training.

**Islamic economics:** Ethical finance, waqf development, sustainable charity models, social entrepreneurship.

**Community development:** Leadership training, humanitarian strategy, international development.

## LANGUAGES

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Dutch (native) · English (fluent) · French (fluent) · Arabic (reading and speaking)

## REFERENCES

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Available on request.