# **Navigation Guide Concept: Lumen**

## **Overview**

**Name:** Lumen (Latin for "light")  
**Purpose:** A navigation guide for a philosophy gamification app, designed to guide user engagement, spark interest, and point users along their philosophical journey.  
**Inspiration:** Ghost (*Destiny*), Cortana (*Halo*), Navi (*Zelda*), ancient and contemporary philosophy.  
**Aesthetic Alignment:** Cosmic and celestial with earthy textures and a vintage, Renaissance-era feel, matching the app’s UI and explore map.

## **Visual Design**

* **Form:** Small, glowing orb with a soft golden light and subtle starry particles.
* **Texture:** Faint woodgrain surface (inspired by UI planets) with a parchment-like overlay (from the explore map).
* **Color Palette:** Deep navy blue, golden yellow, muted beige-brown tones.
* **Animation:** Gentle floating with a pulsing glow; appears with a sparkling effect.
* **Symbolism:** Represents the user’s inner light of curiosity and wisdom, evolving as they explore.

## **Functionality**

### **Core Roles**

1. **Navigation:** Highlights paths on the explore map (e.g., "Epistemology" to "Metaphysics").
2. **Engagement:** Offers philosophical insights (e.g., “What is truth? Let’s explore.”).
3. **Social Connection:** Suggests sharing discoveries (e.g., “Post your thoughts on Ethics!”).

### **Interaction**

* **Summoning:** Appears via help icon, "ASK" input, or when the user lingers.
* **Tone:** Wise, mentor-like, encouraging reflection.
* **Behavior:** Fades when not needed, non-intrusive.

### **Gamification**

* **Evolution:** Gains glow or starry patterns as users progress.
* **Rewards:** Awards titles (e.g., “Seeker of Wisdom”) or badges.

### **Sound (Optional)**

* Soft chimes or a gentle hum to enhance the atmosphere.

## **Integration**

* **UI Cohesion:** Matches the dark, starry background and golden accents; floats near interactive elements.
* **Explore Map:** Guides along constellation lines or hemispheric pathways, suggesting philosophical realms.
* **Social Tie-In:** Encourages community engagement with prompts.

## **Accessibility**

* Screen reader compatible (e.g., “Glowing orb Lumen offers guidance”).
* Text-based options for accessibility.

## **Philosophical Inspiration**

* **Ancient:** Socratic questioning, Stoic interconnected cosmos.
* **Contemporary:** Self-discovery, existential exploration.

*Lumen is a simple, elegant companion that lights the way through your app’s universe of thought.*