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Nationality: Iranian

Birth Date: 1955

Field of study: Philosophy of Religion, Religion Studies, Philosophy, Islamic studies, Islamic Philosophy, Islamic Studies

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The Holder of a New Theory on the Method of Understanding Religion (Ibtina Theory) in the field of Philosophy of Religion

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Current Position:

-Full Professor & Islamic Scholar, the president and Founder of Islamic Research Institute for Culture & Thought (IICT-www.en.iict.ac.ir),

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-The permanent member of Iranian National Supreme Council of Culture & Sciences

I. Educational Background:

Degree	Major	Graduated in	Graduated at
Ph.D	Islamic Studies Philosophy & Islamic Jurisprudence	Islamic Seminary of Qom	1985
Ijtihad	Full Authority of Independent Reasoning In Islamic Views	Teaching High level Islamic Studies on Philosophy Mysticism, & Philosophy of Religion	1976 – present

Scientific Degree: Full Professor & president of Islamic Research Institute for Culture & Thought (IICT), Iran, Tehran & Qom

II. Published Works:

a. Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, and Religion Studies:

1. Traditions Prevailing the History as viewed by the Holy Quran (1986, first edition)
2. Theological Philosophy (Theology in its Particular Sense in Sabzewari's Manzumah)
3. The Law of Reason (Memorandum of 'Allamah Muhammad Taghi Ja'fari), 1997
4. Imam Ali Encyclopedia (Scientific Editor and Editor in Chief), 2001 (first edition containing 13 Volumes)

5. Science of the Soul, Mullah Sadra's "al-Hikmat al-Muta'aliyah", vol. 8 (edition, annotation, and introduction), 2003
6. Contemporary Study of Religion (An Appraisal of Religious Solidified, Modern, and Renewed Discourses), first edition, 2003
7. Philosophy of Religion, first edition, 2004
8. Logic of Discovery of Religious Propositions and Teachings
9. Neo-Sadrian Philosophy, 2005
10. A Critique on religious Pluralism, As a Theory
11. Encyclopedia of Holy Quran (Scientific Editor and Editor in Chief)
12. Encyclopedia of Fatimi Culture, (Scientific Editor and Editor in Chief)

b. Jurisprudence and Legal Theory

1. Expositions of lessons in Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence (Topic of Words) of Grand Ayatollah Wahid Khorasani
2. Expositions of the main part of lessons in "Jurisprudence of Islamic State", Grand Ayatollah Husayn-'Ali Montazeri
3. Expositions of a part of lessons in Islamic Jurisprudence (Jihad), Grand Ayatollah Seyyed 'Ali Khamenei
4. Expositions of all lessons in Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence of Grand Ayatollah Mojtaba Tehrani
5. Expositions of lessons in Jurisprudence (Prayer, Guardianship of Jurisprudent, Prohibited Professions) Grand Ayatollah Mojtaba Tehrani
6. Political Jurisprudence
7. Literal Principles , Rules and Methods for Understanding Scriptures in Islamic Jurisprudence - Topic of Words)
8. Family Jurisprudence and its Principles, in three volumes (Scientific editor in chief)

c. Political Thought

1. Sacred Democracy (Political Thought and Philosophy), 2000 (first edition), IICT Publications.
2. Violence and Tolerance, 2000, (first edition), IICT Publications.
3. Domain of Metaphor (Collection of Intellectual and Social Articles), Amir Kabir Publications, 2007
4. Interviews and Discussions (Collection of Dialogues and Round Tables)

d. Mysticism, Literature, and Poetry

1. Tavern of Love (an interpretation of Imam Khumayni's Mystical Poems "Sick Eye Collection"), 1989 (first edition), IICT Publications.
2. Spectacle of Beauty, 1993 (first edition), IICT Publications
3. Imam Khomeini's Collection of Poems (First Part- editor in chief), 1993, (first edition); and the Second Part with introduction, edition, appendices), 1998 (first edition)
4. A Selection of Sonnets by Hakim Fayyadh Lahiji (Selection, edition, and introduction), 1993, (first edition)
5. Green Stalks of Personal Prayer (A poem of prayer and worship), 1995, (first edition)
6. Intuition and Mania (Reflections on Art), 1996
7. Enthusiasm of Illumination (A Collection of Articles in Poetry and Literature), 1997
8. A Selection of Poems (Selections of Contemporary Iranian Literature Series, Neyestan), 2000

III. On-going Researches:

- a. *The holder of the Theory of IBTINA (a new approach to the logic of Understanding of the religion) on Philosophy of Religion, Ratified by the*

National Secretary of Chairs & Forums for Theorization, Critique, Innovation and Debate(2009)

b. Designing and Arranging a Comprehensive Method for Understanding Religion

Started in 1999, this research is aimed to criticize traditional methodology in study of religion, hermeneutical ideas in the field of understanding religion, and design and provide a “comprehensive logic to understand religion”. This project includes:

1. Principles of logic in understanding Religion
2. Methodology of inferring religious ideas
3. Methodology of inferring statements (Restudy and rearrangement of legal theory)
4. Methodology of inferring religious training and morality
5. Methodology of inferring religious science

c. Compilation of Philosophy of Religious Knowledge

d. Research in Principles of, and Obstacles to, new understanding of religion and religious theorization

e. Editor in Chief of the Encyclopedia of Holy Quran - in 35 volumes

f. Editor in Chief of the Encyclopedia of Fatima Culture - in 6 volumes

IV. Scientific Theorization Chairs:

1. Principles of Logics in Exploring Religious Doctrines and Propositions
2. Criticism on John Hicks Pluralism
3. Research in Tradition (Definition, Categorization, Methodology)
4. The Function of Ration in Establishment of Religion

V. Teaching Experiences:

No.	Course	Duration
1	Logic & Arabic Literature	30 Years
2	Principles & Jurisprudence	25 Years
3	Mysticism	19 Years
4	Philosophy of Religion	15 Years
5	Philosophy of Religious Understanding	2 Years
6	Quranic Sciences	10 Years
7	Philosophy	25 Years
8	Advanced Principles & Jurisprudence	15 Years
9	Philosophy of Principles & Jurisprudence	10Years

Essays and Articles:

No.	Title	Publisher	Year
1	Man's Expectations from Religion	Theology Specialized Center	2002
2	Interpreter: Character & Qualifications	Imam Khomeini Research Institute	2002
3	Understanding Quran: Rules & Methods	Tehran Azad University	2003
4	Understanding Religion in Quran	Tehran Azad University	2002

5	Rational Approach toward Understanding Quran	Tehran Azad University	2002
6	Guardianship Oath in Quran & Tradition	Tehran Azad University	2003
7	Epistemology in Imam Ali's Words	Tehran Azad University	
8	Religion, Nature & the World of Pre-existence	Tehran Azad University	2004
9	Religious & Scientific Understanding	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	2005
10	Ration in Quran & Tradition	Tehran Azad University	2005
11	Two Sides of Quran	Tehran Azad University	2005
12	Revelation of Quran Words & Teachings	Tehran Azad University	2006
13	Principles of Political Thought in Quran	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	2006
14	Jurisprudence & Theology	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	2006
15	The Nature of Modern Theology	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	
16	Quran & Ration	Tehran Azad University	
17	Guiding Nature of Quran	Tehran Azad University	2006

18	Revelation & Tradition	Tehran Azad University	2006
19	Theological Basis of Understanding Religion	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	2008
20	Mullah Sadra Methodology in Deducing Rational Knowledge from Quran & Tradition	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	
21	Theological Basis of Quran Authenticity	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	
22	Function of Ration in Deducing Propositions of Beliefs	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	
23	Translation of " <i>Philosophy of Religion</i> "	Al Mustafa Int. University	2007
24	Principles of Understanding Quran	Tehran Azad University	2007
25	Obstacles in Understanding Quran	Tehran Azad University	2008
26	An Evaluation of Opinions of Muslim Critics on Islamic Epistemology	Qom Islamic Seminary Journal	
27	Principles of Using Ration in Understanding the Beliefs	Hadith University	2009
28	Logical & Rational Topics in Principles of Jurisprudence	Mashad Islamic Seminary Journal	
29	Political Mysticism	Mind Journal	
30	Rational Methodology in Understanding Religion	Motahary Seminary School	

VI. Presenting Papers & Lectures at International Conferences:

No.	Title of Conference	Title of Essay/Speech	Place/Year
1	Peace & Justice	Justice, Peace & International Relations in Islam/Lecture	Switzerland/1995
2	Islamic Revolution, Culture & Development	Reasons & Origin of Secularism/ Lecture	Pakistan/1996
3	Poetry Int. Festival	Lecture	Spain/1996
4	Family: Principles & Problems	Pathology of Feminism/ Article	Greece/1998
5	—	Various lectures	U.K./1998
6	Islam & Catholicism	Lecture	Austria/1998
7	Religion, Government & Society	Religion, Government & Society in Contemporary Iran/ Article	Italy/1998
8	Inter-Religious Dialogue	Justice & Peace/ Lecture	Sri Lanka/1998
9	Meeting of Iranian & Austrian Elites	Islam Effect on Life/ Article	Austria/1999
10	Secularism	Epistemological Foundations of Materialism/Article	The U.S./1999

11	Religions Dialogue	Future of Religions/Article	Switzerland/1999
12	Religion & Politics	Principles of Politics in Islam /Lecture	U.K./2002
13	—	Various lectures	Bosnia/2004
14	Religion	Secret of Islam Eternality/ Lecture	Germany/2003
15	Basis of Peace: Truth, Justice, Love & Freedom	Freedom/Article	Vatican/2003
16	Islam & Russian Orthodox	Divine End of Days/Article	Russia/2004
17	—	The Messenger of Kindness & Spirituality/ Lecture	Austria/2004
18	Role of Religion in Society	Justice & Peace in Islam/ Lecture	Lebanon/2004
19	Understanding Religion	Logic of Understanding Religion/Article	Lebanon/2004
20	Modern Attitudes toward Religion	Jurisprudence & its Challenges/Article	Tunisia/2005
21	Muslim Students Solidarity	Muslims Solidarity: Advantages & Risks/ Lecture	Sudan/2006
22	History of Unanimous Thinking	Divine End of Days/Article	Switzerland/2006

23	Leaders of Religions	Global Security & Religions' Interactions/ Article	Kazakhstan/2006
24	Rumi	Rumi a Supporter of Pluralism in Religion?/ Article	Greece/2006
25	Islam & Russian Orthodox	Range of Ration Function in Understanding Religion/ Article	Russia/2008

26 World Philosophy Day Philosophical Basis of Co-existence of Cultures Russia/2009

Home Seminars and Conferences:

Participation & Presenting paper in more than 110 National & International conferences in Iran as the Key Figure since 1985.