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## PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Tehran, in 1934, Daryush Shayegan learned to speak a number of languages, including Turkish, Russian and French at an early age and left Iran for England when he was 15. He completed his advanced studies in political science, philosophy and Indian culture and religions in Switzerland and France and returned to Iran in 1960.

While teaching Sanskrit in Tehran university, he met and befriended a number of well-known Islamic scholars and philosophers including Allameh Tabataba'i, Ayatollah Qomsh'e'i and Henri Corbin. After receiving his Ph.D. from Sorbonne university in 1968, he continued teaching in Tehran university but soon began to direct the newly-established Center of the Study of Cultures in Tehran.

Shayegan, who is among the better known Iranian scholars and philosophers in the west, has authored a number of books and articles on eastern philosophy, culture and religion. His insights into the impact of western values on Iranian culture and his views on the nature of Iran's intellectual and ideological trends shed some light on a number of interrelated characteristics of pre-revolutionary social and cultural developments in Iran.

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