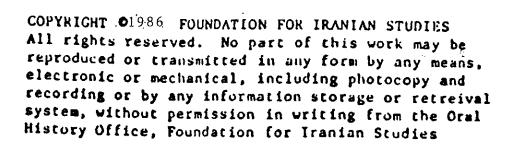
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Naser Assar was born in Tehran in 1928. His father and grandfather were both well-known members of the ulama. His father Seyyed Mohammad Kazem Assar was a towering figure in Islamic philosophy and religious sciences of this century in Iran.

Naser Assar completed his early and highschool education in Iran, attending the Painting Academy of Tehran. Upon the completion of his education in Iran, Mr. Assar moved to France, where he is still a resident.

Naser Assar is a leading contemporary Iranian artist, well-known both to Iranians and prominent in European artistic circles. His memoirs are an account of the intellectal makeup and education of a leading Iranian artist. In addition, his views shed much light on the confluence of various schools of thought, artistic tendencies, social realities and historical factors which have produced the symbols and contents of modern Persian painting styles.

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