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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Nasr was born in Tehran in 1933 in a family with a long record of political, educational and cultural services. Upon finishing of high-school in New Jersey, he entered MIT where he received his B.S. in Physics. Then he continued his studies in Philosophy of Science at Harvard where he received his M.A. and Ph.D. He returned to Iran in 1958 to teach at Tehran University's Faculty of letters and Humanities as Associate Professor in history, philosophy and science. He also served as Head of Library and was in charge of Ph.D. programmes for foreign students at this Faculty.

In 1968 he became the Dean of the Faculty of Letters and in 1970 the Vice-Chancellor of Tehran University. Meanwhile he was a visiting professor at Harvard University, was the first holder of the Agha Khan Chair of Islamic Studies at the American University of Beirut, and lectured extensively throughout the Islamic world. In 1972 he was appointed Chancellor of Aryamehr University. During this period he also served as a member of the High Council of Culture and Art. Dr. Nasr was the Founder and the first President of Imperial Iranian Academy of Philosophy, and he has large number of publications.

Dr. Nasr's memoirs adds greatly to our understanding of Islamic culture and civilization. His active association with the organization of numerous international conferences on various aspects of Islam throughout the Muslim world, and in the West provides us with a valuable comparative analysis of the role of Islam and the culture associated with it.

Dr. Nasr's extensive service at institutions of higher education and his analytical and critical views present a most valuable picture of the system of higher education in Iran.

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