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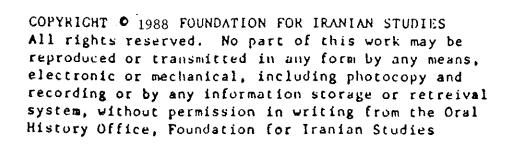
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PREFACE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ali Akbar Ja'fari was born in Kerman, Iran in 1921. While still young, Mr. Ja'fari's family migrated from Iran to the Indian subcontinent and settled in Karachi. At the age of 15, Mr. Ja'fari was introduced to the teachings of Zoroastrianism. After learning the Zoroastrian scritural languages of Pahlavi and Avesta, Mr. Ja'fari converted to Zoroastrianism.

Mr. Ja'fari eventually moved back to Iran and settled in Tehran. For the past fifty years, Mr. Ja'fari has been a prominent thinker in the Zoroastrian community, and has been a major participant in debates concerning reform and change in that religion.

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