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Date of birth: August 3rd, 1968
Place of birth: Tehran, Iran
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Married (I have two sons)

employment

I am a faculty member at the Department of Islamic philosophy and theology, Faculty of theology, Islamic teachings and guidance, Imam Sadiq University, Modiriyyat bridge, Chamran Highway, Tehran, Iran. I have taught since 1998 until now as:

Instructor: 1998-2001
Assistant Professor: 2001-2007
Associate Professor: 2007-2012
Full Professor: 2012-until now

Education

Ph.D. University of Tehran, Islamic Philosophy, Dissertation: “Immortality of the Soul and Life after Death from Mulla Sadra and Price’s Points of View: A Comparative Study”

January 1997- September 2001

BS and MS Imam Sadiq University, Islamic philosophy and theology, Thesis: “Mind-Body Problem in Islamic and Western Theology and Philosophy”

September 1988- August 1996

It should be noted that students who enter Imam Sadiq University have seven-year-long education for getting BS and MS together. They study academic courses along with some seminary courses such as *Qur’anic interpretation, fiqh, usul-e fiqh*, and so on. Also, it is noteworthy that students at this university should learn two foreign languages. One is Arabic. learning Arabic is mandatory. The second is on the will of the students. they can choose English or french. But most of the students choose to learn English. This university is somehow, but not exactly, similar to seminaries in the United States.

Teaching Experiences

Besides teaching at Imam Sadiq University, I have taught at many other universities in Iran as an invited professor:

University of Tehran, Tarbiat Modares University, Allameh Tabataba'i University, University of Qom, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Islamic Azad University Science and Research Branch, (Tehran, Ahvaz, Isfahan)

These are the titles of some of the courses I had taught at Imam Sadiq University and other universities in Iran.

BS: Logic (Islamic traditional logic and modern mathematical logic), Sharh-e Manzumah (Sabzewari’s philosophy) A survey on Ibn Sina’s philosophy, A survey on Surawardi’s

philosophy, A survey on Mulla Sadra's philosophy, Kalam (Tajrid al-'I'tiqad), philosophy of mind, ethics, biblical hermeneutics.

MS: Mulla Sadra's philosophy (concentrating on *al-Shawahid al-Rububiyah*), Ibn Sina's philosophy (concentrating on *al-'isharat wa al-Tanbihat*), Islamic epistemology, comparative philosophy, religious pluralism, religious experience.

Ph.D.: Mulla Sadra's philosophy (concentrating on *al-Asfar*), Ibn Sina's philosophy (concentrating on *al-Shifa'*), death and immortality (with a comparative approach to Islamic and modern philosophy), Mind and body problem (with a comparative approach to Islamic and modern philosophy), epistemic grounds for theism and atheism, religion and morality, the meaning of life,

Honors and Awards in Iran

Award for the best Ph.D. thesis in the realm of philosophy in Iran for *Immortality of the Soul and Life after Death From Mulla Sadra and Price's Point of View: A Comparative Study*.

It is a national award in Iran which is given yearly by the Academic Center for Education, Culture, and Research (ACECR) to the best dissertations

2002

Award for the best research in the realm of religious studies in Iran for *Different Theories on the Immortality of the Soul and Life after Death*.

This award is given by the Secretariat Of Religion Researchers. The main office is in Qom, Iran.

2002

Award for best research in the realm of religious studies in Iran for *Fideism: Kierkegaard, Wittgenstein, and Plantinga*.

This award is given by the Secretariat Of Religion Researchers. The main office is in Qom, Iran.

2003

Award for the best book written by a graduate student in the realm of philosophy and religious studies in Iran for *Immortality*.

It is a national award in Iran which is given yearly by the Academic Center for Education, Culture, and Research (ACECR) to the best books which are written by graduate students in Iran.

2003

Farabi Award for the second-best research in the realm of philosophy and religious studies for the book *Immortality*

Farabi Award is a national and international award that is given to the best researches in humanities in Iran. This award has some international sponsors such as UNESCO and ISESCO.

2011

3000 Dollars academic grant for being the best researcher between the faculty members in the Faculty of theology, Islamic studies, and guidance at Imam Sadiq University

2016

5000 Dollars academic grant for being the best researcher between the faculty members in the Faculty of theology, Islamic studies, and guidance at Imam Sadiq University

2017

books

Immortality, Bustan Ketab, Qom, Iran. (a monograph about 400 pages)

Fideism: Kierkegaard, Wittgenstein, Planting, Islamic Sciences and Culture Academy Publication, Qom, Iran. (a monograph about 250 pages)

Sharh-e Manzume-ye Hekmat: on Existence and Nothingness (with Dr. Manafian's cooperation), Imam Sadiq University Publication, Tehran, Iran.

Introduction to Symbolic logic, in three volumes. These are the Persian translation of the English text written by Howard Kahane and Paul Tidman under the title: *Logic and Philosophy: A Modern Introduction*, Imam Sadiq University Publication, Tehran, Iran. these volumes have been reprinted four times after the first publication.

Motahhari on Philosophy of Religion, Scientific and Cultural Foundation of Shahid Motahari, Tehran, Iran.

This book is compounded by nine articles and I am the editor of the book.

Supervising Theses and Dissertations

I have been the supervisor of many Ph.D. theses and MS dissertations (about 40 Ph.D. theses and 50 MS dissertations) at Imam Sadiq University and other universities such as Tarbiat Modares University, University of Qom, Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Islamic Azad University Science and Research Branch,

Journal Publications (double-blind peer review)

I have published about 90 articles in Iran, most of them in Persian. Below are some of them:

Reza, Akbari (2009). Hick, pluralism, and category mistake. *International Journal of Hekmat* 1 (1):101-114. **(In English)**

Akbari, R. (2009). The Picture of the Life After Death in Avicenna's Philosophy. *Philosophy and Kalam*, 42(1)

Akbari, R. (2012). Epistemological Foundations of Hick's Theory of Religious Pluralism. *Philosophy of Religion Research*, 2(2), 35-54.

Akbari, R. (2012). Naturalism. *Philosophy of Religion Research*, 1(1), 89-106.

Akbari, R., Momeni, S. (2012). An analysis of the Principles Mulla-Sadra Used in His Justification of Bodily Resurrection. *Philosophy of Religion*, 9(10), 5-29.

Akbari, R. (2012). Existence Does not Have any Extension: Sohrawardi's Theory about Existence not Having any Real Extension and its Usage in the Realm of the Necessary Being. *Metaphysics*, 3(11), 33-48

Akbari, R., Khosravi Farsani, A. (2012). The Analysis of Pascal's Wager with Emphasis on the Decision-Making Theory. *Philosophy of Religion Research*, 3(2), 129-163.

Akbari, R. (2012). Proposed Commentaries of Ibn Sina's View on Man's Understanding of Unity and Plurality. *Biannual Journal of Avicinnian Philosophy*, 15(46), 25-43.

Akbari, R., & Riḍā'iyān, H. (2012). Compassionate and Satanic Inner Thoughts from the Mullā Ṣadrā's Viewpoint. *Essays In Philosophy And Kalam*, 43(1).

Akbari, R. (2012). Use Theory of Meaning and its Influence on Religious Epistemology. *Justarhaye Falsafeye Din*, 1(1), 1-15.

Serajipour, N., Kashfi, A., Akbari, R. (2013). Body–Soul Dualism From Gazzali and Swinburne's Views; A Comparative Study. *Justarhaye Falsafeye Din*, 2(3), 59-79.

- Mahmoud Kelayeh, Z., Akbarian, R., Sa'idi Mehr, M., Akbari, R. (2013). Augustine's Solution to the Problem of Original Sin based on Faith and Grace Principles. *Justarhaye Falsafeye Din*, 2(1), 87-104.
- Akbari, R., Kashfi, A., Seraji Pour, N. (2013). The Influence of Ibn Sina on Ghazzali in Two Subjects of Soul and Resurrection. *Biannual Journal of Avicinnian Philosophy*, 16(48), 77-90.
- Akbari, R. (2013). Reconstruction of Mulla Sadra's View on Beauty and Art. *Philosophy and Kalam*, 46(2), 21-40
- Akbari, R., Feyzbakhsh, M. (2013). A Comparison between "Sālih" in Quran and "Saddīq" in Psalms. *Religions and Mysticism*, 46(1), 1-17
- Zolfagharian, Mohammadreza; Akbari, Reza; Fartookzadeh, Hamidreza (2014): Theory of Knowledge in System Dynamics Models. *Foundations of Science* 19 (2), pp. 189–207. **(In English)**
- Fakhkhar Noghani, S., Akbari, R., Masoodi, J. (2014). Virtue Based Epistemology and the Problem of Justification. *Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, 8(14), 183-193
- ULUÇ, Tahir; Akbari, Reza (2015): Günümüz İnan'ında Felsefî Hayata Genel Bir Bakış. In *Hitit Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi* 8. **(In Turkish)**
- Salari Rad, M., Akbari, R., Mahdavinejad, M., Ajdar, A. (2015). Fakhre Razi's negative approach to religious language with an emphasis on its foundations; an explanation. , 4(1), 57-76.
- Mokhles, S., Akbari, R., Sharabini, R., Moghimi, G. (2016). Risalat al-Tayr: the Symbolic Metanarrative of the Meaning of Life. *Biannual Journal of Avicinnian Philosophy*, 20(56), 103-118.
- Toosi, H., Akbari, R. (2016). Critical analysis of Similarity Argument Concerning Cognitive Nature of Mystical Experience; Concentrating on William J. Wainwright's Point of View. , 4(2), 87-110.
- Akbari, R., ZandSalimi, K. (2016). Gutting's critical View to the Truth-Independent Justification Models on Believe in God. *Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, 10(19), 75-91.
- Akbari, R., Shahinfar, F., Saeedi Mehr, M. (2017). Avicenna on Potential Knowledge. *Philosophy and Kalam*, 50(1), 31-45
- Pourghasem Shadehi, A., Akbari, R., Alizamani, A. (2017). The Analysis Of Extended Mind and its Implications. *Philosophical Meditations*, 7(18), 11-35
- Soltanian, K., Akbari, R., Mahdavinejad, M., Parsa, A. (2017). Fakhr Razi's approach to the Semantic Analysis of "Knowledge" and Related Words in Religious Text. *Philosophy of Religion*, 14(1), 1-20.
- Jamebozorgi, M., Saeedimehr, M., Akbari, R. (2018). A Commentary on the Theory of Corporeal Origination of Soul According to Emergentism. *Sadrai Wisdom*, 6(2), 11-24
- Dorri Nogoorani, A., Akbari, R. (2019). Elizabeth Fricker on Testimonial Justification: A Critical Review. *Journal of Philosophical Investigations*, 13(26), 147-168.

Staying in Germany

Last year I was as a guest at Paderborn and Regensburg Universities to lecture on Islamic philosophy and theology in English (The hosts were Prof. Dr. Klaus von Stosch and Prof. Dr. Dr. Thomas Schärftl-Trendel). I had five lectures during my stay in Germany (two months: June and August 2019) under the titles of:

Mutahhari and Plantinga on fitrah and existence of God

Mulla Sadra on beauty

Constructing Mulla Sadra's theory in hermeneutics

The conception of God in Islamic philosophy and theology

The immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body in Islamic philosophy and theology

Languages

Persian: Native Language

Arabic: Advanced Listener, Speaker, and Reader. Upper-intermediate writer.

English: Advanced Listener, Speaker, and Reader. Upper-intermediate writer.

German: Intermediate Listener, Speaker, Writer, and Reader.

Hebrew: Beginner Speaker, Writer, Listener, and Reader. My vocabulary on the Hebrew Bible is about 2000 essential words.

Koine Greek: I can read the New Testament in Greek and I can use biblical Greek dictionaries.

Membership in the Jury of National Scientific Awards in Iran

Juri member at the philosophy and religion Committee in Farabi Festival in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020

Juri member at the ethics, philosophy, and theology committee in the book-of-the-year award of Iran in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Other

I am the editor in chief of *Philosophy of Religion Research* since 2005. The articles cover the realms of the philosophy of religion and theology in Persian with English abstracts.

The web address of the journal:

<http://prj.journals.isu.ac.ir/>

The journal has been accepted to be indexed by Philosopher's index.