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- Former Member Council of Islamic Ideology, Government of Pakistan
- Presently: Visiting Faculty at SZABIST UNIVERSITY where I take special semesters for PH.D scholars and students of MSS social sciences.
- Engaged in Scholar's Training Program at Ismailia Tariqah and Religious Education Board (ITREB) Here, I teach Western Philosophy, Muslim Philosophy, Methods of Exegesis of Quran and Ilm al-Hadith.
- I have been working as Chief Examiner of Islamiyat at Aga Khan Examination Board since last ten years till date.
- I serve as Visiting Faculty at CBEC (SIUT), where I used to teach New Methods of Interpretation of Religious texts in modern times.

Family Background

I belong to a Noble Shia Family of Lucknow (known as Khandan Ijtihad), India. My great-great grandfather, Syed Dildar Ali Ghufuran Maab is famous as "First Mujtahid" of sub-continent. His two sons, Syed Muhammad Sultan al-Ulama, and Syed Husain were classmates of Saheb Jawaher

al-Kalam Fi Sharh Sharay al-Islam. They both were appointed as Chief Justices, one after another, in state of Awadh, India. My great grandfather, Syed Ahmed, was a well-known Shia 'Alim of sub-continent, called Allamah Hindi Mujtahed.

Among other famous religious scholars from my family, the one outstanding 'Alim was Syed al-Ulama Allamah Syed Ali Naqi al-Naqavi, a student of Grand Ayatollah Mirza Husain al-Naini. Allamah Ali Naqi and Grand Ayatollah Khoie were classmates and contemporaries. He was paternal Uncle of my Father.

Education

After studying in local religious seminaries and getting highest qualification available in Pakistan, I went to Iraq for receiving Education/ Training of Ijtihad under late Grand Ayatollah Abu al-Qasim Al-Khoie. I feel myself privileged for attending his Daroos on Ilm al-Asool and Ilm al-Rijal.

During my religious studies, here in Pakistan, I did my Masters in Islamic Studies from University of Karachi in 1990. I was awarded PhD in Biblical Studies by Chapel Hill University, North Carolina, US, in 2003. The topic of my dissertation was "The "Q" Gospel and Gospel of James". The "Q" Gospel is considered as "Source Text" for all first three gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

Research and Publications

My research works and publications are more than 36 till date, pertaining to Quran, Tafseer, Hadith, Principles of Jurisprudence, Fiqh (Islamic Law), and some translations into Urdu from Arabic, Persian and English languages. Some important works are under progress. Here are the names of some most important books written by me.

- (1) The Life and Time of Imam Jafer Sadiq (AS) (Published)
- (2) The History of Ilm a-Hadith in School of Ahlal Bayt (AS). It is a detailed survey of development of Shia Ilm al-Hadith and Ilm al-Rijal (Published)
- (3) Translation and Commentary on Usul al-Kafi. It deals with Urdu translation of each Hadith along with Arabic text, discussion on Rijal and Isnad, cross-referencing, description of difficult words and phrases and commentary on Hadith. First volume has been published (Kitab al-'Aql wa al-Jahl and Kitab Fadl al-Ilm) and second volume (Kitab al-Tawheed) is in the press.
- (4) Terrorism, its causes, effects and solution (Published)
- (5) Fehm-e-Islam kay Jadid Khutut (New Method for Understanding Islam). In this book, I have introduced modern methods for understanding religious texts (Published)
- (6) Translation of Zulfiqar Hirji's book "Diversity and Pluralism in Islam" into Urdu (in Press)

(7) Differences in Interpretations of Quran and their Reasons (Asbaba-e-Ikhtelaf-e-Mufassarin). In this important book, I have discussed the methods and principals of interpretation, which the interpreters of Quran adopted through the centuries. This book covers mostly five recognized schools of thought: J'afari, Hanafi, Maleki, Shafa'I, and Hanbali. (in Press)

(8) Ilm-e- Kalam-e-Jadid: In this book, I have discussed the Basic Shi'I beliefs in the light of modern philosophy, political philosophy and sociology. (waiting)

(9) An Introduction to Shari'ah and its Development in all five Schools of thought. (under development)

(10) As Member of Council of Islamic Ideology, I wrote long discourses on different issues keeping in view the opinions of all five recognized schools of thought. These discourses are in press under title "Fiqhi Maqalat".

(11) Another important book, Alfaz-o-Ma'ani, is under publication. This book deals with hermeneutics and linguistics; and how these sciences may be used for interpretation of a single text, in general and the Religious Texts, in particular.

(12) Life and Time of Imam Muhammad Taqi (A.S) (Published)

(13) Imam Husain (A.S), his life and teachings (it is translation of a Persian book "Husain Keats?" by Fadl Allah Kumpani (Published)

(14) Hadith Ghadeer: its Isnad and sources (both Shia and Sunni) (Published)

Teaching and Research Supervision

I have a long teaching experience in local, as well as, International Institutions like Institute of Islamic Culture and research Karachi (1979-82), Zehra Publications International (Pakistan, London, South Africa 1982-2014), Ahl al-Bayt Islamic Center of Triangle Area, North Carolina, USA, University of Karachi, Center of Biomedical Ethics and Culture, Aga Khan University etc.

During my stay at USA, I was frequent to Divinity College, Harvard University, where I used to teach courses on Islamic Law, Cannon Law, and Judaic Law.

For four years, I was member National Curriculum Board, which developed curriculums of different subjects for Grades 3-12. I have six curriculums on my credit including Islamiyat, Arabic Advance, and Ethics for Non-Muslims.

I rendered my services to Sind Text Book Board for compilation and research of relevant contents for the textbooks of Arabic and Ethics (grades 6-8) up to the academic standards, set by Ministry of Education, Government of Sind. Some of these textbooks are available in the market and some of them are still awaited.

I frequently deliver lectures at renowned academic institutions and present papers at national and international conferences/seminars that take place under auspices of different Universities, as well as under National and International Institutions.

Different TV channels also invite me in their academic telecasts from time to time.

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