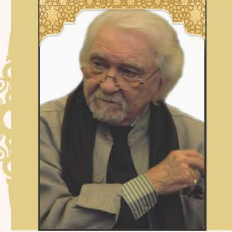




Pioneer Scholar (deceased) in the Humanities

Dr. Dariush Shayegan



Biography ▾

Dariush Shayegan was born on the January 24, 1935 in Tehran. He passed his primary and secondary education at the Saint Louis School, Tehran, and then went abroad to study. He studied medicine for a year in Geneva, Switzerland, at his father's request, but his interest in literature, art, and philosophy took him to another valley, and at the same time he began studying political science, philosophy, and linguistics at university. As a result of the cognition that Western culture, literature and art emerged, new scientific horizons opened up for him. After returning to Iran, he became interested in learning the language of Indian sacred texts and his interest in mysticism and classical Persian texts led to deep companionship and connection with the great men of wisdom and philosophy such as Allameh Tabataba'i, Allameh Rafieei Qazvini, Prof. Mahdi Elahi Qomshehi, Prof. S. Jalal-ed-Din Ashtiani, Dr. S.Hossein Nasr and Professor Henry Corbin.

Dr. Shayegan left for France in 1967 to study at the Sorbonne University, where he received his Ph.D. with writing a dissertation on "Hinduism and Islamic Mysticism." After returning to Iran, Dr. Shayegan continued his research on religions, especially Indian religions, which resulted in the publication of a two-volume book, "Religions and Philosophical Schools of India." In 1976, Shayegan published the book "Mental Idols and Eternal Memories", and in 1977, one of his most famous and prominent works was "Asia Confronts the West". Since 1980, most of the works of this philosopher have been written in French due to his stay in France, and he has been awarded several prizes abroad. Some of Shayegan's works have been translated into English, Spanish, Arabic and Turkish.

"Sous les ciels du monde, Entretiens avec Ramin Jahanbegloo", "Terre de mirages", "Mythological Insight", "Ex occidente lux", "Five Regions of Presence", "In Search of Lost Spaces", "The Magic Lantern of Time", "Cultural Schizophrenia" and the translation of "sharpness Madness" are among the scientific works of this Iranian thinker. The book " Marriage of Horizons" is also a selection of his past works, which was published by Mohammad Mansour Hashemi.

This Iranian philosopher, writer and poet passed away on the March 22, 2018 at the age of 83 in Tehran

