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A. A. DŪRĪ, AN OUTSTANDING CONTEMPORARY ARAB SCHOLAR

Professor Dr. Abd al-Aziz al-Dūrī is one of the most distinguished Arab scholars in the field of Islamic history. This year he completes thirty years of his academic career after obtaining his Ph. D. from the University of London, in 1942.

Professor Dūrī was born in Baghdad in 1917. After completing his secondary education in his native town, he went on a scholarship to England for higher studies. Having obtained his B. A. (honours) in history from the University of London, he stayed on at the same University for his Doctorate degree which he was awarded in 1942. At the School of Oriental and African studies he wrote his thesis on the *Economic History of Mesopotamia in the 4th century A. H. — 10th century A. D.* (This was published in an Arabic version, Baghdad, 1948).

When he returned home, he worked as a lecturer in Islamic history at Baghdad teacher's school (later to become a college of the Univ. of Baghdad).

Between 1949 and 1958 Prof. Dūrī was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science; he did a great deal into its establishment and development.

In the Academic year 1955—56 Prof. Dūrī was a visiting Professor at London School of Oriental and African studies, and he held the same position at the American University of Beirut in 1959—60. He became Rector of the University of Baghdad from 1963 to 1968. During this period he was instrumental in developing the various Faculties of the University and adding new ones. Moreover, he contributed greatly to the establishment of two *filia* Iraqi Universities at Basra and Mosul.

Although during those years most of Prof. Dūrī's time and energy was devoted to administrative affairs, nevertheless he never put aside his keen interest in research.

Prof. Dūrī was awarded an honorary Ph. D. from Martin Luther's University at Halle. He was elected member of the Iraqi Academy of Sciences 1963 and is one of its active members. He is also a corresponding member of the Cairo Arab Academy.

At the moment Professor Dūrī is visiting professor at the University of Jordan. He has contributed a great deal to the work of the Dept. of History and Archaeology — especially in the establishment of postgraduate studies. Professor Dūrī has many pupils and friends in the various Universities with which he has been connected.

Professor Dūrī is now working on a major study of the Economic and Social History of Iraq and *al-Shām* (Syria), from the beginning of the caliphate to the 7th century A. H. / 13th century A. D.

Bibliographical notes on the work of Professor Dūrī may be found in various Orientalist periodicals and guides, for example Sauvaget's *Introduction to the History of the Muslim East* as recast by C. Cahen, California, Berkley & Los Angeles, 1965; *Revue des Etudes Islamiques*; *Mu'jamm al-Muallifin al-Iraqiyyin* (Dictionary of Iraqi authors), and Edmond-René Labande et Bernadette, *Repertoire des Medievistes*, (Pub. du C. E. S. C. M. — 1971).

The following is a provisional Bibliography of Professor Dūrī's published works, in the hope that he will enjoy a long life of good health, and that his scholarly production will go on for many years to come.

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- ٢ — دراسات في العصور العباسية المتأخرة — بغداد ١٩٤٥
- ٣ — تاريخ العراق الاقتصادي في القرن الرابع الهجري — بغداد ١٩٤٨
- ٤ — النظم الاسلامية ج ١ — بغداد ١٩٥٠
- ٥ — بحث في نشأة علم التاريخ عند العرب — المطبعة الكاثوليكية بيروت ١٩٦٠

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- ٢ — نشوء الاصناف والحرف في الاسلام — مجلة كلية الآداب ج ٢ (٣٧) ص، بغداد — حزيران ١٩٥٩
- ٣ — ما سام به المؤرخون العرب في تاريخ الدولة العباسية (في كتاب ما سام به المؤلفون العرب في التاريخ في المائة سنة الاخيرة — الجامعة الاميركية — بيروت ١٩٦٠
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- ٥ — دراسة في سيرة النبي ومؤلفها ابن اسحق . بحث قدم الى دورة مجمع اللغة العربية المنعقدة في بغداد، ١٩٦٥ (٢٨) ص
- ٦ — الجغرافيون العرب وروسيا — مجلة المجمع العلمي العراقي مجلد (١٢) ١٩٦٦ (٣٤) ص
- ٧ — ضوء جديد على الدعوة العباسية، مجلة كلية الآداب والعلوم بغداد، ص ٦٤ — ٨٢ ١٩٦٤
- ٨ — نظرة الى التاريخ — مجلة كلية الآداب، الجامعة الاردنية العدد الثاني، المجلد الاول ١٩٦٩
- ٦ — نشأة الاقطاع في المجتمعات الاسلامية — مجلة المجمع العلمي العراقي، المجلد العشرون ١٩٧٠ (٣٢) ص

Al-Zuhri: *A Study in the Origins of Muslim Historiography*, BSOAS 19, 1957, p. 1—12.

The Iraq School of History in the 9th cent. (in: *Historians of the Middle East*, ed. B. Lewis and P. M. Holt — London 1962 pp. 46—53).

The Origins of Iqtā', Islam al-Abhath (A. U. B.) June 1969, pp. 3—22.

Encyclopedia of Islam, 2nd edit. articles:

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BULLETIN CRITIQUE

Amin-Madani, Lutz, *Persische Grammatik*, Heidelberg 1972. Lulius Gross Verlag. S. 517.

In den letzten Jahren erschienen mehrere gute Grammatiken und Handbücher der persischen Sprache. Nennen wir wenigstens: Boyle J. A., *Grammar of Modern Persian*, Wiesbaden 1966; Lambton A. K. S., *Persian Grammar*, Cambridge 1961; Lazard G., *Grammaire du Persan Contemporain*, Paris 1957; Alavi B. und Lorenz M., *Lehrbuch der persischen Sprache*, Leipzig 1967; Sobhani, F., *Persisches Lehr- und Lesebuch für die Umgangssprache*, Berlin 1962; Shaki Mansour, *Moderní perská frazeologie a konverzace. A Modern Persian Phrase-Book*, Praha 1963, etc.

Eine jede genannter Grammatiken und Handbücher hilft den Studenten die Anfänge der modernen persischen Sprache zu beherrschen. Diejenigen aber welche eine gründlichere Kenntniss von der literarischen persischen Sprache (*ketābi*) zu erreichen möchten, sollen die *Persische Grammatik* von Amin-Madani und Lutz in die Hand nehmen.

Alle Aspekte des heutigen *ketābi*-Persisch (Lautung, Schreibweise, die Wortarten, ihre Formen und ihr Gebrauch, der Satz, seine Formen und Konstituenten, die stylistische Leistung des Verbs in seinen Formen und Aussageweisen) sind ausführlich und klar dargestellt. Die sorgfältige Umschrift in lateinische Buchstaben erleichtert wohl die richtige Aussprache des heutigen Persisch zu erlernen.

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Vernon Daykin, *Technical Arabic. A language reader incorporating technical and scientific terms*. Lund Humphries London. First edition 1972, pp. 131.

This well conceived book is principally directed to the European students going to an Arab country to take part in some technical project. It contains fifty five passages in English and Arabic languages showing a specific, technical vocabulary, unknown to the normal student studying the Arab philology.