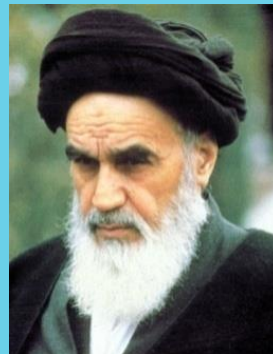


In The Name Of Allah The Compassionate The Merciful

Hajj is the center of divine sciences in which we should search for the content of Islam's politics in all dimensions of life (*Sa-hifeh Noor*, Imam Khomeini, Vol.21, p. 77)



I again emphasize on writing books, pamphlets and articles...Some books and pamphlets must be written and propounded questions must be answered clearly. Every day, we encounter questions some of which are often repeated. However, some of these questions are time-framed and related to the ongoing events. These ques-



tions and their answers must be prepared and made available in the best language, translation, and publication quality, God willing (Supreme Leader's Address to Executives of Hajj and Pilgrimage Affairs)

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The Academy of Hajj and Pilgrimage at a Glance

✓Prelude

Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca), with its widespread devotional, political, social and economic dimensions, is one of the pillars of the manifest religion of Islam. There are some mysteries and secrets beyond the sacred rites of Hajj which, if observed carefully, can solve many problems encountered by the Islamic nation, and provide the grounds for its development and transcendence. Despite the existing



religious and racial differences among Muslims, the presence of millions of Muslims from all parts of the Islamic world in the great congress of Hajj provides an opportunity which will result in the elimination of differences

and promotion of convergence of Muslim Ummah in the light of monotheism.

In the meantime, the diversity, all-comprehensiveness, dynamism, and wide range of teachings and concepts of Hajj necessitate a particular attention and serious endeavor. Therefore, it is necessary for the Muslim thinkers and researchers, who are expert in modern sciences and technical fields, to come together and contribute towards further discovering and exalting this divine gift.



To this end, the Academy of Hajj and Pilgrimage tries to reanalyze different dimensions of Hajj and pilgrimage, and exalt the culture of Hajj and pilgrimage through using the seminary and university educated scholars' views and standpoints.

The following accounts are being presented in the hope of reflecting the attempts made in the holy system of the Islamic Republic, especially those made by Supreme Leader's Representative Office in Hajj and Pilgrimage Affairs, in order to provide a scientific and expert look at this important issue through the establishment of the Academy of Hajj and Pilgrimage.

✓Background

Although "the Academy of Hajj and Pilgrimage" is a newly-established institute. It is embedded in a complex called "Research Center of Hajj" which was established in 1991 (1411 'AH') as one of the institutes subordinate to the Supreme Leader's Representative Office in Hajj and Pilgrimage Affairs. During its activity period, this center has not only provided necessary expert views, carried out research projects, and provided valuable research services, but also has been able to provide the scientific society of Iran with more than 800 works on different dimensions of Hajj and Pilgrimage. Having obtained the permit of "Council of Expanding Higher Education", the Academy of Hajj managed to promote to "the Research Center of Hajj and Pilgrimage" in March, 12, 2011 (Rabi' Al-Thani, 6, 1432 'AH') after many years of scientific endeavor. This promotion created the opportunity for increasingly providing the ground for a scientific and specialized look at two important issues of Hajj and Pilgrimage through more serious entrance into research and scientific atmosphere of the country and even more compatibility with standards and regulations approved by the Ministry of Sciences, Research, and Technology. Elaborating on the activities of the academy, this pamphlet also has a brief look at the outstanding record of the aforementioned complex.





✓ Aims

1. Development and expansion of research on a real understanding of the devotional, political, social, economic, and international dimensions of Hajj;
2. Preparing proper ground for the promotion of research activities on Hajj and Pilgrimage;
3. Research cooperation with country's educational and research institutes in order to improve the quality of research projects;
4. Strengthening the culture and intellectual abilities of religious tourism;
5. Development and expansion of studies among Islamic schools in order to achieve the unity of Islamic nation.

✓ Duties

1. The analysis and recognition of research needs;
2. Conducting fundamental, applied, developmental, and field-based research projects;
3. Providing the necessary facilities appropriate for related research activities;
4. Holding scientific-specialized, national, and international meetings and conferences;
5. Designing and holding educational, research, higher education, and short-time courses.

✓Future perspective

For its future horizon, the Academy of Hajj and Pilgrimage tries to become an active and dynamic center in the field of research and specialized support for the activities related to Hajj and Pilgrimage. This research center deeply hopes, with Divine providence, to turn into the most important and specialized center to meet the demands of Islamic Republic System and the office of theocratic guardian's representative in the affairs of Hajj and Pilgrimage, and to use modern sciences and knowledge in order to promote the productivity of activities related to these two crucial and vital fields.



This center is also expected to act as a center of scientific and specialized encounter with Takfiri trends and sects, publish valuable works to defend the Islamic beliefs against the attacks and doubts cast by these sects, become a center for the elites and educated scholars of the field, use their expert views, and provide research services in near future. Furthermore, with regard to the permits taken from the Ministry of Sciences, Research, and Technology, it will try to make its five scientific-research departments more active through attracting professors and scholars as its faculty members, raise maximally the scientific and research standards, and train expert manpower in this field.



✓ The Structural Components of the Academy

The components of the academy include high councils, scientific departments and library.

1. Supreme Councils

The constitution of the Academy has referred to the fundamental role of two councils - the board of trustees and the research council - giving both of them considerable powers in major decision makings. The board of trustees is entrusted with the duty of working out major policies of the Academy. The research council is entrusted with the duty of reviewing and approving of the research projects and, in general, scientific surveillance of the academy's activities.

2. Academic Departments

The Academy consists of five departments of research and science approved by the Ministry of Sciences, Research, and Technology as follows:

- History and Seerah
- Ethics and Secrets of Hajj
- Theology and sciences of Hajj
- Social Studies of Hajj
- Jurisprudence and law of Hajj

In order to provide the ground for better activities, the prospect laid out for these departments has the following features:

1. Presenting valuable research on different dimensions of Hajj and Pilgrimage;
2. Becoming the reference and pole of scientific research on Hajj and Pilgrimage;
3. Active participation in scientific festivals and circles of the country;

4. Extensive interaction with scientific- research centers of the country;
5. Active interaction with research centers of the Islamic World on the issues of Hajj and Pilgrimage.
6. Explaining the dimensions and capacities of Hajj in the specialized field of Islamic sciences;
7. Training and employing expert scientific-research faculty members with great experience in the sciences of Hajj and Pilgrimage.

These departments are entrusted with the duty of research at two levels of applied and fundamental research on Hajj and Pilgrimage, and the regulations of research levels are in accordance with the standards of Ministry of Sciences, Research, and Technology. The followings are the detailed introductions to these departments:

2.1. The Department of History and Seerah

2.1.1. Aims

- The analysis of Islam's history appropriate to the needs of the clerics of Caravans and pilgrims;
- Explaining the history of Islamic schools and sects to meet the needs of clerics of Caravans and pilgrims;
- Introducing political-religious personalities of Mecca, Medina, Iraq, Syria, and Egypt;
- Research on pilgrimage sites and Islamic works;
- Producing works related to the occasions taking place during Hajj and Umrah.

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2.1.2. The most important works published by this department

1. *Getting to Know Medina*, by Sayyed Mohammad Baqir Najafi
2. *Islamic Works of Mecca and Medina*, by Rasool Ja'fariyan
3. *Farewell Hajj (Pilgrimage)*, by Hussein Watheqi



2.1.3. Important compilation and research plans underway

1. A book titled "Nuqaba of Mecca and Medina" to be authored
2. Chronology of the Seerah of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)
3. An Investigation into the tombs and graves of the companions (buried in countries such as Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Iran etc.)

2.2. The Department of Ethics and Secrets of Hajj

2.2.1. Aims

- Clarifying and strengthening personal and social moralities in line with Hajj and Pilgrimage;
- Explaining exoteric and esoteric manners of Hajj and pilgrimage travels;
- Creating and deepening a mystical and spiritual experience
- The Secrets of Hajj and pilgrimage to the holy shrines of the Imams (peace be upon them);
- Explaining the spiritual secrets, symbols, and subtleties of Hajj and pilgrimage to the holy shrines of the Imams (peace be upon them);
- Explaining educational teachings of Greater and Lesser Hajj and pilgrimage to the holy shrines of the Imams (peace be upon them);
- Explaining the issue of the year through a moral based approach and spiritual experience.

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2.2.2. The most important works published by this department

1. *The (Spiritual) Wine of Hajj*, by Ayatollah Jawadi Amoli
2. *Mystical Secrets of Hajj*, by Mohammad Taqi Fa'ali

2.2.3. Important compilation and research plans underway

1. Hajj and the People's Rights

2. Etiquettes and Manners of Associating with Others
3. Features of a Desirable Pilgrimage
4. Inquiries Concerning the Secrets of Hajj
5. Pilgrimage according to the Scholars and Mystics of the Two Sects

2.3. The Department of Theology and Sciences of Hajj

2.3.1. Aims

- Explaining the doctrinal teachings, beliefs, and foundations of Shi'ism and sciences of Holy Prophet's household (peace be upon them) appropriate to pilgrims' needs;
- Encountering doubts cast by anti-Shi'a to protect pilgrims against ideological assaults;

2.3.2. The most important works published by this department

1. Monotheism and Polytheism according to Shia and Wahhabism (Answer by Naser al-Deen Ghaffari), Ahmed Abedi
2. Shi'ism and Textual Evidence, Sayed Jasim Musawi

2.3.3. Important compilation and research plans underway

1. The Theory of Divine Rulership
2. Thousands of Questions from Wahhabism (6 volumes)
3. The Status of Islamic Government in the Islamic World
4. Monotheism, Prophecy, Imamate and Resurrection in the School of Ahlul-Bayt (a.s.)

2.4. The Department of Social Studies of Hajj

2.4.1. Aims

- Sociology of Islam's history;
- Explaining the political and social dimensions of Hajj and Pilgrimage;



- Pilgrims' familiarity with the political and social atmosphere of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Syria;
- Study of political and social trends of Wahhabism
- Political sociology of Shiite thought.

2.4.2. The most important works published by this department

1. The Political and Social Dimensions of Hajj, by Mohammad Taqi Rahbar;
2. The Time of Awakening, by Sayyed Mahdi 'Alizadeh Moosawi
3. Religious and Political Foundations of Disassociation with polytheists, by Sayyed Jawad Vara'i
4. The Way of Unity of Islamic Nation, Sayyed Sharaf al-Din Moosawi Jabal 'Ameli, tr. Ahmad Sadeqi Ardestani

2.4.3. Important compilation and research plans underway

1. Propagational capacities of Hajj
2. Sociology of pilgrimage
3. The losses and growths in the history of the early period of Islam
4. Hajj and Palestine
5. Hajj and religious experience
6. Hajj and the challenges facing the Islamic world
7. The political aspects of the Quranic verses concerning Hajj (The political aspects of Hajj in the Quranic verses)
8. Hajj and international relations; threats and opportunities
9. The culture of Hajj (factors, barriers, indexes)
10. A comparison between tourism and religious journey
11. The capacity of Hajj rituals in creating proximity with emphasis on the jurisprudential thought of Imam Khomeini (ra)
12. Cultural diplomacy and Hajj

13. Hajj and the theories of power in international relations (soft power)
14. A comparison between Hajj and other religious congregations

2.5. The Department of Jurisprudence and Law

2.5.1. Aims

- Knowing Jurisprudential and legal subjects (Jurisprudential and legal subjectology) with regard to places and issues related to Hajj and Pilgrimage;
- Recognizing and determining research topics on legal dimensions of Hajj and sacred rites of Hajj and Pilgrimage;
- Scientific monitoring of sacred rites and conducted research in the direction of jurisprudential and legal aspects of Hajj and Pilgrimage;
- Planning and policy making in jurisprudential and legal issues of Hajj and Pilgrimage.

2.5.2 the most important works published by this department

1. A new way to express Islamic laws by Sayyed Mohammad Ali Faqihi
2. Jurisprudential research on passengers' prayer at four places by Dr. Mahdi Dargahi
3. Governmental ordinance (*hokm-e hokumati*) on Hajj by Dr. Mahdi Dargahi and Dr. Reza Andalibi

2.5.3. Important compilation and research plans underway

1. Research on ghusl of ihram
2. Magham Ibrahim and its status in jurisprudence
3. Jurisprudential research on the dimensions of new issues in Mina
4. Religious sunset from Sunni and Shiite point of view



3. Specialized Library

One of the most important parts of this Academy is its specialized library which was established during the activity of the Academy of Hajj, and has considerably developed so far, so that it can be referred to as the most important and most specialized library in the country which actively provides books and articles on Hajj and Pilgrimage.



The bibliographical cataloging of nearly 16000 books in this library, equipping it with modern and comprehensive software of librarianship, and putting bibliographical information at the website of www.lib.ir to be used by internet users have provided the researchers of this field with favorable conditions to use the sources and documents existing in this library.

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Furthermore, it should be noted that the process of changing the contents of books of this library into PDF format is put on the agenda and is properly pursued in order to put these contents into cyber space easily available for the audience. The newest works published on Hajj and Pilgrimage are also purchased and offered to researchers.

Important Accomplishments

In addition to conducting productive research and publishing them as specialized books and articles whose list will be provided at the part of brief introduction to productive works, other important projects are put on the agenda the most important of which are as follow:

1. Publication of Arabic and Persian Journals Titled "Miqāt" and "Culture of Pilgrimage"

The publication of "*Persian quarterly titled Miqāt*" started in autumn, 1992 (1413 'AH') and 80 issues of this periodical have been published so far. This magazine deals scientifically with issues related to Hajj and Pilgrimage and looks for its audience among clerics, managers, and executives of Hajj and Umrah.

The publication of "*Bi-Quarterly of Arabic Miaqāt*" also started in 1994 (1415 'AH') in order to produce necessary contents for Arabic-speaking audience and its published volumes will soon come up to 40. The Arabic and Persian quarterly

periodicals of "*Miqāt*" centrally cover the geography of Saudi Arabia and developments related to Hajj and Pilgrimage, and produce and present their related scientific contents.





Another publication of this academy is "*Culture of Pilgrimage*", quarterly whose first issue was published in summer, 2009 (1430 'AH') and 10 issues of it has been presented to those interested. This quarterly journal is published with the aim of covering issues related to pilgrimage and Imams' Holy Shrines. Since scientific and content promotion of these periodicals can provide the ground for the dynamics of this academy and activation of researchers to act more seriously, their strengthening and support are put on the agenda.

2. Macro-Project of Encyclopedia of Hajj and Holy Shrines

The necessity of having a specialized and scientific look at Hajj and Pilgrimage has put the compilation of main entries of this field as the Encyclopedia of Hajj and Holy Shrines on the agenda. The executive process of this macro-project started in 2008 (1429 'AH') and compilation of its entries was pursued after the compilation of its manuals of style and articles of association. So far, the content and technical affairs of three volumes have been finalized and their publication is being pursued. There are 2400 entries which will be published in 15 volumes. Eighty four individuals are working to compile this encyclopedia.

3. Holding Specialized Meetings and Conferences

One of the duties of this Academy is holding and organizing specialized meetings and conferences related to Hajj and Pilgrimage which have been pursued since the beginning of activities of the Academy of Hajj. Some of these conferences are as follows:

3.1. The Conference of Hajj and Globalization

This conference was held in February, 2011 (Rabi' Al-Awwal, 1432) attended by seminary thinkers and educated scholars. Since facilities and means of mass communication have changed the world into a village, the congress of Hajj, with centrality of Ka'ba, can play an influential role in globalization. The presence of Muslim representatives of more than 57 countries in Hajj ceremony provides the ground for convergence and globalization of Islamic values and teachings. Therefore, this center held the Conference of Hajj and Globalization with the supervision of Supreme Leader's representative in the affairs of Hajj and Pilgrimage. The articles submitted to this conference along with imitated authorities' guidelines and recommendations provided the experts with some grounds for even more dealing with this important issue. Totally, this conference can be evaluated as successful in attaining its pre-determined aims.



3.2. The Conference of Hajj and Economy

One of the important dimensions of Hajj is its economic interests and capacities for men, which have been emphasized in the Glorious Quran. However, there have not been enough scientific





activity and research on this field. The conference of Hajj and economy was the first meeting on economic dimensions of Hajj which was held in July, 12, 2012 (Sha'ban, 22, 1433 'AH'). 75 articles were submitted to the secretariat of the conference among which 32 excellent articles were selected. The publication of these articles in the book entitled "*collection of articles of conference of Hajj and economy*" has provided the researchers with a scientific reference and source to conduct more research.



3.3. Holding Specialized Meetings

In addition to these conferences, specialized meetings are held in the Academy of Hajj and Pilgrimage in the form of consultations. In these consultation meetings, the seminary and university professors and educated scholars discuss those issues which are less attended. Since participants in these meetings are usually experts in the meeting's subject, valuable issues are discussed.

20 Such issues as Hajj and public diplomacy, futurology of Hajj, and Hajj and cultural capacities, etc. have been discussed in these meetings.



4. Other Ongoing Activities

4.1. Generating E-Databank

Regarding the necessity of the academy's more active presence in the new fields of information-giving, the generation of e-databank with such facilities and capacities as library, system of FAQ, gallery of



pictures and film is being pursued.

4.2. Changing the Academy's Products into Computer Software

The research and scientific works produced in this academy are changed into software and published as ten CDs and DVDs with the cooperation of computer research center of Islamic sciences (Noor) and Supreme Leader's Be'tha (Hajj Mission). The most important software include "*the School of Hajj*", "*Rules and Sacred Rites of Hajj*", "*Travel accounts and memories of Hajj*", "*Imams' Holy Shrines*", and "*Pilgrim*", . . .



4.3. Bibliography of Related Research Works

All books and publications related to Hajj and Pilgrimage are collected and indexed as the project of "*Bibliography of Hajj and Pilgrimage*". Those interested can refer to it and become familiar with references of descriptive bibliography of works on this field. The project "*the Index of works*" deals with those works published in Supreme Leader's Representative Office in Hajj and Pilgrimage Affairs since the establishment of the Academy of Hajj.

4.4. Supporting Related Theses and Dissertations

Since the students of higher levels of seminaries and universities are the most appropriate individuals to deal with those uninvestigated issues of Hajj and Pilgrimage, this academy has dedicated part of its capacity and facility to guide, support, and sponsor those theses and dissertations which are being done in different levels of seminaries and universities. So far, more than 250 theses and dissertations on these issues have been recognized and are being evaluated. There are programs to support the theses and dissertations being done on issues related to Hajj and Pilgrimage at higher levels of seminaries and universities.

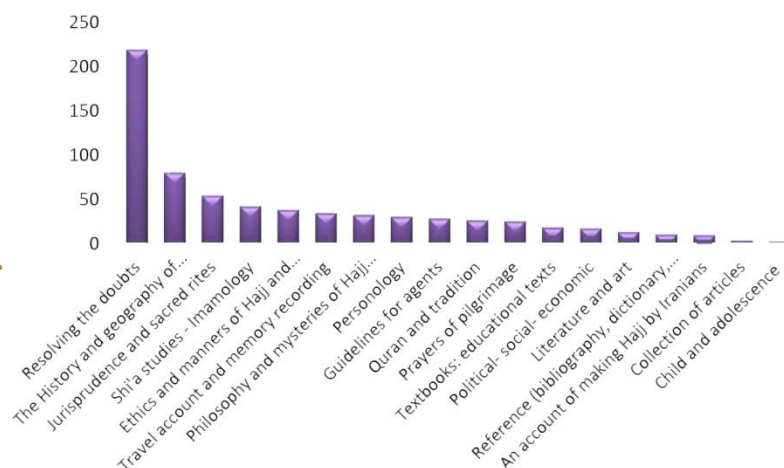


✓The Products of the Academy

A Brief Introduction

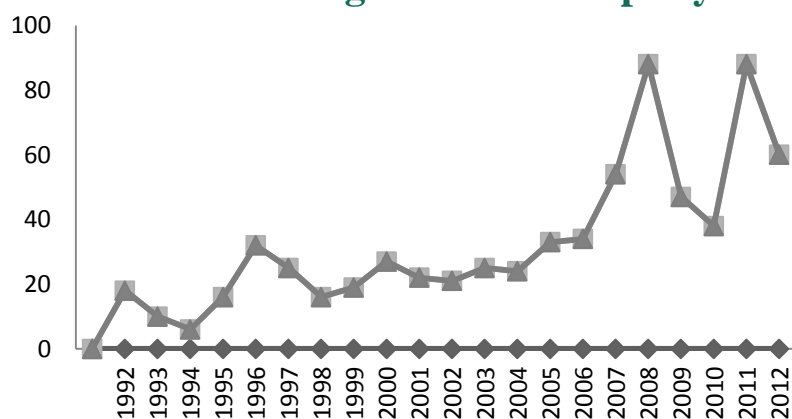
We should review the activities done in the Academy of Hajj along with measures of this academy since its establishment in order to enumerate the research services, strategies, and approaches offered by the office of theocratic guardian's representative in the affairs of Hajj and Pilgrimage. However, we only refer to nearly 120 books and tens of articles published during the short activity period of this center as the honors of its researchers and managers in order to provide a brief account of and deal exclusively with its measures since the formal beginning of its activity (Spring of 2011- 1432- 'A.H.').

Thematic Diagram of Works



Subject	No	subject	No
Resolving the doubts	220	Prayers of pilgrimage	27
The History and geography of pilgrimage places	81	Textbooks: educational texts	19
Jurisprudence and sacred rites	55	Political- social- economic	18
Shi'a studies and Imamology	43	Literature and art	14
Ethics and manners of Hajj and Pilgrimage	39	Reference (bibliography, dictionary, ...)	11
Travel account and memory recording	35	An account of making Hajj by Iranians	10
Philosophy and Secrets of Hajj and Pilgrimage	33	Collection of articles	4
Personology	32	Child and adolescence	3
Guidelines for agents	29	Translations (into English, Turkish, Urdu)	27
Quran and tradition	27	Periodicals (the Appointed place and time of Hajj, Miqat Al-Hajj, Pilgrimage)	128 issues
The total number of books only	727	The total number of books and periodicals	855

The Linear diagram of works per year





The diagram of works per year of publication

year		No	year		No
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1992	1413 ('AH')	18	2003	1424 ('AH')	25
1993	1414 ('AH')	10	2004	1425 ('AH')	24
1994	1415 ('AH')	6	2005	1426 ('AH')	33
1995	1416 ('AH')	16	2006	1427 ('AH')	34
1996	1417 ('AH')	32	2007	1428 ('AH')	54
1997	1418 ('AH')	25	2008	1429 ('AH')	88
1998	1419 ('AH')	16	2009	1430 ('AH')	47
1999	1420 ('AH')	19	2010	1431 ('AH')	38
2000	1421 ('AH')	27	2011	1432 ('AH')	88
2001	1422 ('AH')	22	2012	1433 ('AH')	60

Books Translated into English

1. Translation of a research works about Mushaf (Sacred book) of Fatima(S.A), by Mahdi Rād
2. *The Tradition of Ghadir, the Eternal Manifest of Wilayah*, Muhammad Taqi Rahbar
3. *Understanding Shia History, Principles and Views*, Ali Fakhla'i
4. *A Flower without Thorn*, by Adnan Darakhshan
5. *Khums*, Subhani
6. *The Destruction and Reconstruction of Baqi' Cemetery according to Documents and Evidence*, Qazi Askar
7. *Pilgrimage according to Shari'ah*, Zare'i
8. *Ghadir in the Light of the Quran and Tradition*, Sciences Department
9. *Temporary Marriage in the Mirror of Quran and Tradition*
10. *A Research in Khums and Answers to Spurious Arguments*, Rajabi
11. A series of books on holy sites – Masjid al-Nabi
12. A series of books on holy sites – Mecca and Medina
13. *The Religious and Political Foundations of Disavowal from Polytheists*, by Sayed Jawad Vara'i