

Book review:
Hamid Kasiri: *Shia Islam 1-14*.
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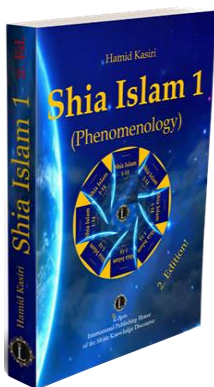


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Just as Christianity is divided into Catholic, Orthodox or Protestant schools with different manifestations, there are two main schools of thought in Islam: Sunni and Shia Islam. It seems to be a desideratum in the teaching and research of the Islamic studies faculties of the West that almost exclusively Sunni orientations are treated as representatives of Islam. It would be just as problematic to present Protestantism or Orthodoxy as representative of Christianity as a whole. Such an awareness of thought would be empirically misleading and normatively problematic. Regarding the Shia Islam, however, there is such a gap that needs to be filled.

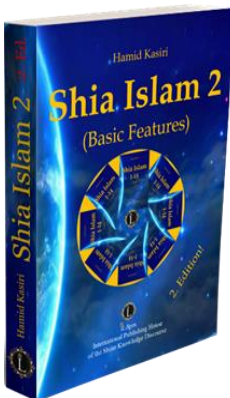
The pioneering work of Prof. Kasiri describes an attempt to close this gap methodically and systematically. Kasiri shows that Shia Islam, as well as its philosophy and jurisprudence, are consistently rooted in reason and justice. His publication series ›Shia Islam‹ offers a methodological overview of this denomination of Islam. It presents the thought, the exegesis of the Quran as well as the history and conveys profiled insights into the beliefs and practices of the Shiites from the point of view of the Imamite world community.

Phenomenology. ILogos, Vienna & Qum, ²2023/4, 257 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-56-9, (29,90 €).



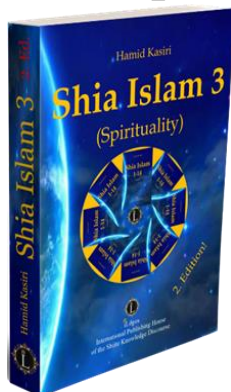
Volume 1: The content of this volume focuses on Shia Islam as a religious phenomenon and is seen as a contribution to the discourse on its thinking and belief in general and its position in Europe in particular. A fundamental motivation is to raise awareness of the practice of tolerance in the sense of mutual sympathy and recognition. Of special interest is the teaching of the Shiite worldview in universities and colleges.

Basic Features. ILogos, Vienna & Qum, ²2023/4, 248 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-59-0, (28,50 €).



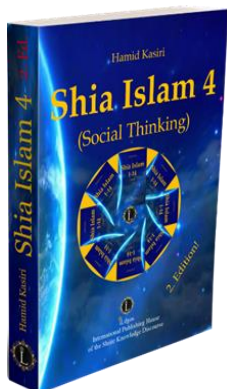
Volume 2: Provides impulses for broadening horizons in order to break down prejudices and pave the way to Shiite thought and belief. The purpose of the study is also to awaken people and remind them of their God-seeking nature by presenting the main features of Shia thought and belief. The vocation of this volume is to present the main ideas and ***main characteristics*** of Shiite thought and faith in a transparent and understandable manner for the man of our age - and especially for an academic audience.

Spirituality. Logos, Vienna & Qum, ²2023/4, 194 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-62-0, (23,50 €).



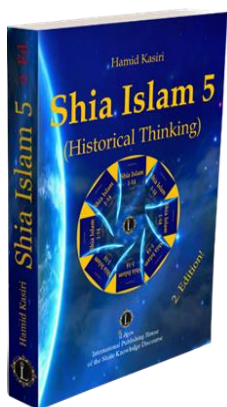
Volume 3: This volume shows a spiritual trait and is imbued by the rational spirituality. It presents the Shiite spiritual teachings in the form of core treatises - and gives them a concise expression with emphasis on ***Anthropology*** and ***Supplication***. It aimed at devout Shiites as well as those interested in learning about Shia Islam.

Social Thinking. ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 191 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-65-1, (22,50 €).



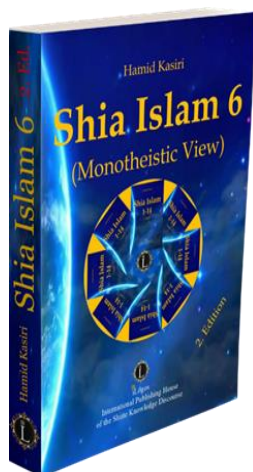
Volume 4: The preservation of the identity of the Islamic world community (*Ummah*) in today's world is of great relevance. To illustrate this fact, three themes are dealt in this volume *pastoral thinking, political thinking and economic thinking*. This study is intended as a contribution to the discourse on Shiite social thought and on the position of Shiite social teaching in Europe in the 21st century.

Historical Thinking. Logos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 238 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-68-2, (27,50 €).



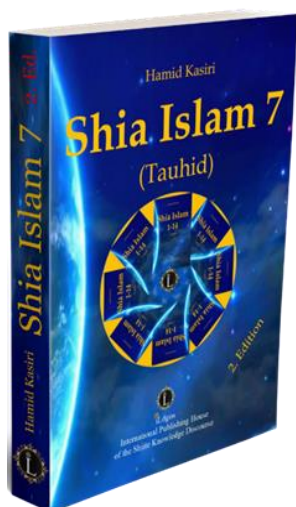
Volume 5: This volume deals with the historical dimensions and, above all, the historical thinking of Islam. In this sense, this Shiite **“theology of history”** considers the human history as a lesson and a **life lesson** to recognize and avoid mistakes of the past, as well as to draw appropriate conclusions for a dignified way of life. This study focuses on some relevant topics such as: The Mirror of “Historical Thinking”, in the Light of Revelation, Sunnah and Wilaya, memories from the future, future in the Light of the **expectation of Imam Mahdi** (a), discourse framework of the future, the Man of the Future and the **“Shiite expectation Theology”!**

Monotheistic View. ILogos, Vienna, 2023, 206 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-71-2, (24,50 €).



Volume 6: This study presents the **Shiite monotheistic view** in the form of concise essays and gives it a brief expression. The value of this study is most evident in the fact that it still makes a deep impression on every educated religious reader today and has found its admirers especially among non-Muslims. The **monotheistic view** as a way to the Shiite faith and thinking has a rational quality and is accompanied by the spiritual soul. It describes different ways of self-realization and favors, as the best kind of self-realization, the encounter with God and a monotheistic view. Invigorating for a believer is the encounter and worship out of love.

***Tauhid.* ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 228 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-74-3, (26,50 €).**



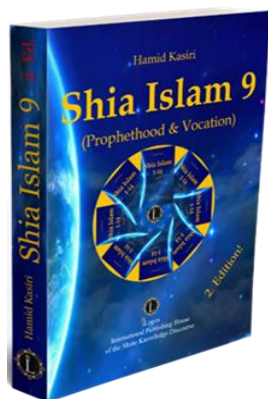
Volume 7: deals with the monotheism of the Islamic image of God, i.e. Tauhid, which has its origins in the prophetic traditions and ultimately in the Quran and brings the reader closer to the development of the Quranic image of God not from the perspective of religious studies or philosophy, but from the perspective of the Shiite theology. In the “*Post God is Dead Age*”, millions of people want to deal with this topic or are interested in it for various reasons. They should also be provided with argumentative sources. This volume is going to explain: Shiites “*Monotheism*” or “*Doctrine of God*” and what determines the Shiite’s conception of “*God*”, His attributes and essence, is He presented trinitarian as in Christianity or unitarian?

***Justice.* ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 214 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-77-4, (25,50 €).**



Volume 8: Justice as concept and principle, is world-encompassing and this study deals with the question of justice, which shows the way to a good human co-existence. The explanations motivate us to familiarize ourselves with justice as the basis for peace. The “*green garden of justice*” is “the basis of the Islamic State”, “guarantee for sustainable peace”, and enables people for “social justice”. In the “Shiite future shaping”, is it the “non-violent form of power”, that was established by “the Imam of justice” (Imam Ali) and will be implemented by “Imam Mahdi (a) in the form of “*just Peace*” or “*just defense*”!

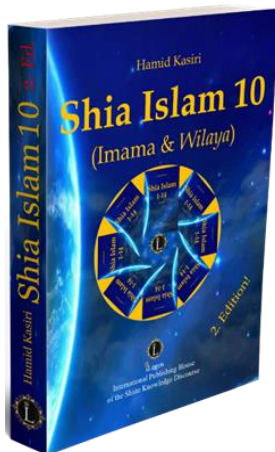
***Prophethood and Vocation.* ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 224 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-80-4, (26,50 €).**



Volume 9: This volume contains an account of the prophethood by which God chooses individuals and the calling by which He sends them with His message to the nations to guide them. “*Prophethood and Vocation*” as a principle of faith is so important that, not only the ordinary believers, but above all the Prophet

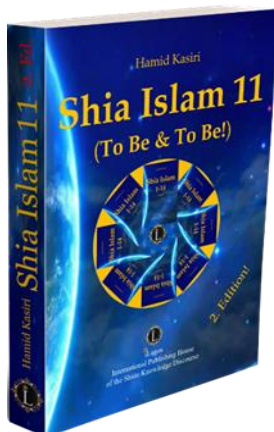
Muhammad (s) himself should believe in it. The main concern of this foundation is the **guidance** of people. Its topics are: First “*Perfect Man*”, the *Father of the Faithful people*, “*The second Adam*”, “*A Mercy for the Worlds*”, “*The Completion of the Vocation*” and “*Prophethood and the End-Time Proclamation*”!

Imama & Wilaya. ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 240 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-83-5, (27,50 €).

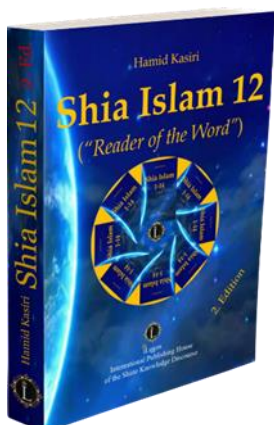


Volume 10: Shia Islam is the way of *Imama & Wilaya* - and this study presents fruits of these wonderful concepts. This path brings the believers to an important point in the realization that they appropriate the place of *Wilaya* and become *friends of God*. Imama is the *completion of the Divine calling*. Just like the prophets, their successors are also supposed to be chosen by God! This study provides many informations about “*Imama and Wilayah*”. In addition to the presentation of the Shiite faith with regard to the succession of the Prophet, it is about the divine will to completion of the vocation of the prophets via Imama. This religious principle is supported by rational proofs, quotations from the Quran and sayings of the Sunnah.

To Be & To Be! ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 257 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-86-6, (29,90 €).



Volume 11: This volume deals with the relationship between this world and the hereafter. Islam's ideas about life after death and the position of human beings are further contents. It shows solutions that Islam offers to prepare for life in the afterlife and deals with opportunities for Muslims in their relationship with themselves to provide themselves for an everlasting life. Islam doesn't believe in “to be and not to be!”, rather it believes in “*To Be and To Be!*”

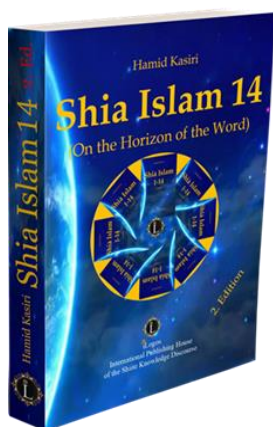


“Reader of the Word”. ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 209 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-89-7, (24,50 €).

Volume 12: This book presents the new dimension of being human, which has opened up by the fact that the human being of Islam is referred to as a “*reader of the*”

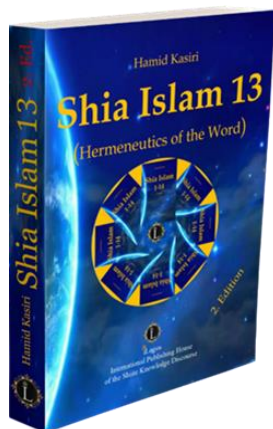
word” and not as a “*hearer of the word*” as in *Judaism and Christianity*! This doctrine of understanding, or this anthropological hermeneutic, which also includes a practice of life, aims to promote Koranic research and thus interreligious dialogue in order to make people “*readers of the word*”!

Hermeneutics of the Word. ILogos & Qum, Vienna, 2023/4, 227 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-92-7, (26,90 €).



Volume 13: is devoted to the contemplation of the hermeneutics of the Word, the comprehension of the Quran, the reflection on individual verses and the action according to this Holy Scripture. A “*methodology of reading*” is proposed, which is important for the dialogue with the word of God to comprehend its sense and to practice its teachings in life.

On the Horizon of the Word. ILogos, Vienna & Qum, 2023/4, 233 p., ISBN 978-3-903384-95-8, (27,50 €).



Volume 14: To broaden the horizon of the readers about the Islamic understanding of revelation and to create appropriate access to it, this study offers a life practice to motivate people for non-violent, hermeneutical action and to make them aware of their own identity as “*readers of the word*”. This study encompasses topics such as: “The Joy of *reading* the Quran”, “analysis of the revelation phenomenon”, “possibility and scope of revelation”, “revelation through the word”, “the prophetic revelation”, “experience of light”, “revelation through Prophet Muhammad (s)”, “the fulfillment of the word”, “the characteristics of the Quranic revelation”, “authenticity of the word”, “God: The Revealer”, “the Quran: The Revelation”, “Muhammad: The Prophet”, “authentic transmission by the Prophet”, “authentic Transmission by the Infallible Imams”, “the Authority of the Infallible Imams”, “addressee and medium of revelation”.

Kasiri’s multifaceted studies provide a sound basis for Quranic research on the one hand and research on Shia Islam, which has remained largely unknown in the Western world. His studies, which have been carried out

entirely from the perspective of Shia Islam, are able to contribute to the establishment of a non-violent hermeneutics in local research teaching, which could turn an equally non-violent dialogue into culture, intercultural and trans culture!

Prof. Dr. Hamid Kasiri (Amin-ul-Islam Mazandarani) is a Muslim theologian of the Shia tradition and a renowned international scholar who, during his studies of Islamic and Christian theology and the Shia and Catholic doctrines - deals with transcultural, intercultural and interreligious dialogue and the theology of religion. Born 1964 in Mazandaran/Iran. 1970-1982 Primary and secondary school. 1982-1991 Basic study of philosophy and Islamic theology at the Islamic University in Qum. M. A. Studied clinical psychology at the University of Tehran. 1991-1997 Postgraduate studies of the highest-level jurisprudence and philosophy of jurisprudence, Quranic exegesis and Theognostik (Islamic mysticism). 1997-1999 Research Assistant for Religious Studies. 1997-2004 Doctoral program of Catholic Theology. 2008-2010 Doctoral program of Christian Philosophy. 2009-2013: "Senior Postdoc" Habilitant at the University of Vienna. Project: "*Non-Violence Hermeneutics*". In 2011 he was recognized for his academic qualities as a "scientific exceptional personality" in Austria. His was also appointed as the "*Ambassador of Peace*" (2010). His careers include several theories, book series and his monographs on Islamic sciences at universities are now considered as classics. He is the founder and owner of "**ILogos International Publications**" and "**ILogos Chair**" in Vienna/Austria.

Deutsch

Kurze Darstellung der Studienreihe: „**Shia Islam**“

„*Schia-Islam*“ ist eine mehrbändige Studie, um einen fundierten Überblick über den Schia-Islam anzubieten. Diese *enzyklopädische* Arbeit präsentiert das Denken, die Koranexegese, die Geschichte, die Glaubensanschauung und die Glaubenspraxis der Schiiten aus der Sicht der **imamitischen** (Dschafariya/Ithnaaschariya) **Weltgemeinschaft**.

Die Reihe „Shia Islam“, die die schiitische Wilaya-Lehren vorstellt, wird in deutscher Sprache verfasst, an Universitäten unterrichtet und von ILogos Verlag veröffentlicht. Diese diskursive Studienreihe entwickelt Theorien über schiitische Glaubenslehre, Denken, Geschichte und Koranauslegung und transformiert sie im Kontext des gegenwärtigen menschlichen Lebens und Welten.



Kultureller und intellektueller Austausch und Rollenspiel auf der internationalen Bühne ist eine der Berufung dieser Studienreihe, so dass sie durch die Erreichung dieses wichtigen Ziels seine Rolle im menschlichen sozialen und kulturellen Leben spielt und seine ideale Berufung erfüllt, um den Menschen im 21. Jahrhundert zu dienen, ein angemessenes Bild vom Schia-Islam zu bekommen.

„*Shia Islam*“ spielt aufgrund seiner effektiven Rolle in der intellektuellen Ernährung und der Transformation von Koran- und Wilaya-Lehren in den schriftlichen, virtuellen, visuellen und auditiven Medien der deutschen Sprache eine herausragende Rolle und ist in der Tat ein „Think Tank“ für wissenschaftliche Magisterarbeiten und Dissertationen.

Bei Präsentation der schiitischen akademischen Inhalte ist diese Forschung „leser- und publikumsorientiert“ und spielt eine wichtige Rolle bei der Ernährung und Sensibilisierung der Öffentlichkeit für den Schia-Islam.