

**A short biography of
Sheikh Mohammad Ali Taskhiri,
the Secretary General of the
World Assembly of Proximity for the Islamic Religious Sects**

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Culture House

In the Name of God

- He was born in 1323/1944 in a religious family in the Noble City of Najaf.
- His father, Hojat-al- Islam wal-Muslemin Sheikh Ali Akbar Taskhiri is from a city of the State of Mazandaran (a northern province of Iran).
- Sheikh Mohammad Ali Taskhiri is a graduate of the Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence of Najhf, in the field of Arabic Literature as well as Jurisprudence and Principles of Jurisprudence; he has also accomplished his elementary and high school studies in the holy city of Najaf.
- He was, meanwhile, engaged in studying religious disciplines under such eminent Islamic scholars as Martyr Ayatullah Mohammad Baqer Sadre, Ayatullah Sayyed Mohammad Taqi Hakim, Ayatullah Sheikh Jawad Tabrizi, Ayatullah Shaikh Kazem Tabrizi, Ayatullah Sadre Badkubi, and Ayatullah Sheikh Mojtaba Lankarani.
- At the same time, Sheikh Taskhiri taught the common courses of religious subjects as well as being busy with writing poems under the supervision of very great literary figures of Arabic Literature and Poets such as Ayatullah Sheikh Mohammad Reza Mozaffar,

Shiekh Abdolmahdi Satre and Sheikh Mohammad Amin Zaynoddin.

- Mr Taskhiri, while young, was very interested in writing and lecturing about literary essays and poems, including odes.
- Sheikh Taskhiri was so active in the Islamic movements against the Ba'athists Party of Iraq that was arrested, imprisoned and convicted to execution. But, by the grace of the Almighty, he was released (by the advice of some eminent religious personality. of the time) and traveled to Iran in 1350 (1971); he resided in Qum, where he continued to study the Islamic religious subjects taught by grand religious teachers like Ayatullah Golpayegani, Ayatullah Wahid Khorassani and Ayatullah Mirza Hashem Amoli. In the meantime, he was instructing some religious subjects in seminary schools and teaching Arabic Literature in the scientific schools and universities of Qum until the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran.
- Sheikh Taskhiri devoted himself in the Islamic cultural activities and breeding the religious affairs both in Iran and overseas since the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He has undertaken the following cultural and executive responsibility since that time:
 - 1) A member of the Assembly of Experts from the Province of Mazandaran since 1998.

- 2) An Advisor to His Eminence Ayatullah Khaene'ee, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, .
- 3) A Deputy of the International Relations of the Office of Leadership since 1990.
- 4) Senior Advisor and the Deputy of the International Affairs of the Office of the Leader in the Hajj (Pilgrimage) Processes.
- 5) Head of the Organization of Culture and Islamic Communications from 1994 (the time of its inception) to 2001.
- 6) An Advisor and Deputy to the Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance in the international affairs.
- 7) Deputy of the International Affairs of the Propagation Organization from 1981 to 1991.
- 8) Member of the Board of Trustees of The Islamic Organization Propagation.
- 9) In charge of the supervisory committee of the education programs of the foreign religious students in Iran and overseas.
- 10) Secretary General of the World Assembly of Ahlu-al-Bayte (a.s) for nine years and a member of its High Council.
- 11) A member of the High Council of the World Assembly of Proximity for the Islamic Religious Sects.

- 12) General Secretary of the World Assembly of Proximity for the Islamic Religious Sects.
- 13) A member of the Jurisprudence Committee of Ahlu-al-Bayte (a.s.), established in the Seminary Circle of Qum.
- 14) Head of the Cultural Committee of the Eighth Summit of the Organization of Islamic Conference.
- 15) Head of the Co-ordination Committee of the Common Activities of the Organization of Islamic Conference.
- 16) Honorary member of some Scientific and Academic Centers of Syria and Sudan.
- 17) A member of the Board of Trustees of The Organization of the Overseas Religious Schools.
- 18) A member of the Board of Trustees of the Committee of Defending the Children's Rights.
- 19) A member of the Supreme Committee of Cultural Affairs of Amir Kabir Publication Organization from 1981 to 1996.
- 20) A member of the Board of Trustees of the College of the Religious Principles of Allamah Morteza Askari, Tehran.
- 21) Head of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Islamic Religions.

- 22) Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran in several political-cultural-social-economic conferences held overseas.
- 23) A member of "The Assembly of the Islamic Jurisprudence", Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this assembly (from its time of inception in 1983 to now) and the only official representative of the Twelver-Shi'ite Religion in that Assembly.
- 24) Professor of Comparative Jurisprudence in the University of Imam Sadeq (a.s.)
- 25) Professor of the Islamic Economics in the University of Imam Sadeq (a.s.)
- 26) Supervision over the contents of the Arabic Journals of "Al- Towhid", " Al- Thaqaalayn" and " Al- Taqrib" that are, at the time being, published quarterly. -
- 27) A member of the "Jurisprudence Committee" of the Islamic World Development Bank.
- 28) A member of the Board of Trustees of ECO's Cultural Organization
- 29) A member of the Expert Committee of OIC for the Challenges of 21st Century
- 30) A member of the Arabic Language Society, Damascus

- 31) A member of religious assembly of accounting board of financial association of Bahrain.
- 32) A member of Islamic thought association (Al - al - Bayte) Jordan.
- 33) Vice president of worldunion of Islamic experts.

A Brief List of some of Sheikh Taskhiri's Cultural Activities

- 1) Mr. Taskhiri has authored approximately 50 books in the fields of Exegesis, Islamic Economics, Islamic Jurisprudence, as well as Historical and Philosophical works, some of which have been translated in English, Urdu and other foreign languages.
- 2) He has written about 350 articles under various topics, many of which have been rendered into different languages and published in many periodicals.
- 3) He teaches in several academic circles such as universities and religious seminary schools.
- 4) He has accomplished more than 650 radio and tv programs in Persian and Arabic.
- 5) Over 200 newspapers, magazines and periodicals

have published his articles, essays, or interviews and wrote about him all over the world.

- 6) He has written more than 30 odes in Arabic, during all of these years, in spite of his heavy executive responsibilities; these poems have been gathered and published in a book titled "Papers and Depths" .
- 7) He has either sponsored or participated in more than 200 international conferences or seminars, as a representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 8) He has translated 8 books from Persian into Arabic.
- 9) He has accomplished 13 books of his teachers' lectures in the fields of "the Islamic Jurisprudence" and "Principles of Jurisprudence".
- 10) He has supervised as an advisory professor in more than 20 academic essays.
- 11) He has participated in the establishment of many international cultural-social organizations.
- 12) Holding of Quran Seminars in Ramadan accompanied by Quran exhibition.

A List of the Works of Ayatullah Sheikh Mohammad Ali Taskhiri:

1. In the Companion of some Islamic Conferences of the Ministers of the Islamic Countries
2. Enlightening in the Course of the Islamic unity
3. Unity
4. A Glance at the Life Activities of the Imams of the Ahlu-al-Bayte (a.s).
5. Some Intimate Writings on Leaves
6. Convergence between Christianity and Islam
7. The System of Servitude in Islam
8. Economics
9. Fasting and the Relevant Common Traditions
10. About the Last Savior (His Excellency the Hojjat-al- Hassan-al- Askari)
11. Islamic Government
12. On the Satanic Verses
13. About the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran (The Structures of the Islamic System)
14. Islamic Uprising

15. In the Companion of People and Some Memories
16. The Islamic Thought Conferences in Algiers
17. The Rules of the Principles of Jurisprudence according to the Ja'afari's School of Shi'is
18. Rules of Jurisprudence (1)
19. Rules of Jurisprudence (2)
20. General Phenomena in Islam
21. On Shi'ah and Religious Authority
22. Together with the Meetings of the Assembly of Islamic Jurisprudence -in the city of Jaddah (S. Arabia) -part 1
23. Together with the Meetings of the Assembly of Islamic Jurisprudence -in the city of Jaddah (S. Arabia) -part 2
24. Together with the Meetings of the Assembly of Islamic Jurisprudence -in the city of Jaddah (S. Arabia) -part 3
25. The International Conference of Population and Development
26. An Exegesis of the Magnificent Qur'an (1)
27. The Islamic Penal System

28. The Islamic View on the Imposed Peace
29. Hajj (Pilgrimage), the Aims and Functions
30. The Spring and the Fish (A Story for Children)
31. Zaqat (The Islamic System of Taxation)
32. Islam, the Religion of True Dignity
33. Friday Congressional Prayers and the Relevant Common Traditions
34. Muslims! March towards Unity
35. Towards God, the Almighty
36. The Superstition of the Eternity of Matter
37. Palestine's Melody of Resistance
38. The Messenger from among the Common People
39. Man and the Divine Decree
40. The Transcending Objective of Human Life
41. The Causes of the Inclination to Materialism (A Translation from Persian)
42. Towards a Better Life
43. Lectures on the Principles of Religion
44. Life History of the Holy Prophet (of Islam)

45. The Issues of Imamate (the Islamic Leadership) and Welayet (Authority) in the Glorious Qur 'an
46. Social Evolution of Human Being
47. About "Globalization "
48. Self-Recovery
49. On Idealism and Realism
50. God and Nature
51. Islamic Unity based on Scientific authority of Ahl-al-Bayte (a.s.)
52. Lectures on Quran Science
53. Islamic Mirorities
54. Unity and proximity of Islamic religious
55. Opinion of dialogue with others
56. Common traditiona in three volumes