

*Islamic Center Introduction*  
*Foundation of Islamic C. L. W*  
*Sayyid Mujtaba Musavi Lari\**

In 1359/1980, Sayyid Mujtaba Musavi Lari established an organization in Qum called Office for the Diffusion of Islamic Culture Abroad. It dispatches free copies of his translated works to interested persons throughout the world. It has also undertaken the printing of Quran for free distribution among Muslim individuals, institutions and religious schools in Africa.

*I*n an interview with sayyid Ali Asghar Lari, the son of Ayatullah Sayyid Mujtaba Musavi Lari, explaining the reason of establishing the foundation says, “*In 1342/1963, my father travelled to Germany for medical treatment, and returning to Iran after a stay of several months, he wrote a book called “The Face of Western Civilization”. In 1349/1970, a British Orientalist, F.G. Goulding, who was interested in Islamic studies while conducting a research, came up with the book “The Face of Western Civilization.” As this book pictures the west’s face from a Muslim point of view, he became interested in its translation. In English, this*

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*book called: "West Civilization from a Muslim point of view".*

This book includes a comparative discussion of Western and Islamic civilization, and in it, the author seeks to prove, by way of a comprehensive, reasoned, and exact comparison, the superiority of the comprehensive and multidimensional civilization of Islam to that of the West. Articles concerning the book appeared in several Western periodicals, and the BBC arranged an interview with the translator in which the reasons for translating the book and the reception accorded it in England were discussed. The English version of the book has up to now been printed three times in England, five times in Iran, and twice in America.

*He continued: "About three years after the publication of the English translation, Rudolf Singler, a German university professor, translated it into German, and the version he produced proved influential in Germany. At the same time that the first printing of the German translation was published, an Indian Muslim scholar by the name of Maulana Raushan Ali translated it into Urdu for distribution in India and Pakistan. This Urdu translation has now been reprinted five times."*

*"As Islam is the universal religion and for all people, Sayyid crosses the boundaries of cultures, countries and religions. He believed that the starting point should be Tawhid; as it is the common points of all religions. And a school of thought should be introduced to the world which is reached to us from the words and lives of Infallible Imams," his son added, "The first and foremost part of the works of Sayyid is in the realm of Beliefs, ethnics and West civilization."*

*About their most addressees he said: "The focus of our activities is on African countries. They usually asked for Quran. As you know, it is not allowed for the Christian-African part to publish Quran. For example, in a letter it was written that among all neighbors of us there is only one Quran and this Quran is handed among neighbors each night."*

Of the other feedbacks from his books or translated books the following parts are quoted here:

One of the leaders of the Social Democratic Party informed the translator in a letter that the book had left a profound impression upon him, causing him to change his views of Islam, and that he would recommend the book to his friends . The German translation has now been reprinted three times.

The Islamic books written by Ayatullah Sayyid Mujtaba Musavi Lari (Qum, Iran) has been translated into 25 languages like Arabic, Azeri, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chinese, English, French, German, Hawsa, Italian, Japanese, Kurdish, Malay, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Tajik, Thai and Urdu.

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