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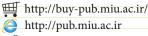
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With the advent of the splendid Islamic Revolution of Iran in the age of globalized communications, Muslim thinkers have been faced with modern questions and challenges in the realm of the humanities. This represents the fact that weighty responsibilities rest with the governments in this modern era; it is in this era that attachment and loyalty to religion and tradition in overall management and ruling of the countries seems to be extremely challenging. Therefore, it seems necessary to make up-to-date, comprehensive, coherent and applied studies and researches into different religious fields in accordance with the world acceptable standards as well as the prevalent pure, insightful, and proper ideas and thoughts. On the other hand, taking measures to prevent possible deviations in moral and educational thoughts of the researchers working in religious fields is considered to be so important that the founders of the Islamic Republic of Iran, especially Imam Khomeini, the great architect of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, and the Grand Ayatollah Khamenei, have given special attention to it.

Globalization and the widespread cultural domination of the West through applying cultural and communicational media requires that the students working and being interested in these fields get familiar with the sublime thoughts and values of Islam. This can be achieved through establishing specialized courses, producing new and rich texts, and paving the ground for the students to be trained and educated in an organized manner. The process can be defined either in dealing with the fundamental issues and compilation of texts for especial purposes or in writing and publishing scientific discussions that are not so complex and specialized.

The growth and development of educational centers is achieved by having an educational system which is coherent, regular, and dynamic. Revising educational and research texts and methods and keeping them updated can bring with them this coherence and dynamism and give scientific refreshment to the educational and research centers.

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