

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
H.R.H. PRINCE GHAZI BIN MUHAMMAD BIN TALAL



CURRICULUM VITAE (Abridged Version):

(15th October 2008)

Date of Birth:

15th October 1966.

Education:

- Cambridge University (Trinity College): (1988-1989; 1990-1993)
Ph.D. (Cantab.) in Modern and Medieval Languages and Literatures (July 1993)
- Princeton University: (1984-1988)
B.A., Comparative Literature (June 1988).
(Graduated with Highest Honours, *Summa cum laude.*)
- Harrow School: (1979-1984)
'O' and 'A' Levels.

Official Work:

- Personal Envoy of H.M. King Abdullah II and Special Advisor to H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan.
(October 6th 2003 to present.)
- Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Cultural Secretary to H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan.
(From February 7th 1999, until October 6th 2003.)
- Advisor to His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan for Tribal Affairs.
(July 2nd 1998 to October 6th 2003)
(in addition to the post of *Cultural Secretary*).

- Cultural Secretary to His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan.
(October 4th 1994 to October 6th 2003.)

- Officer in the Royal Jordanian Desert Police Force (June 1989- December 1992):
Promoted to First Lieutenant (November 14, 1992).
Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant (November 1989).

Regent of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan:

- Has served Jordan as Regent in the absence of the H.M. King Abdullah II from the country.

Other Official Activities:

(1) In Religious Affairs:

- The Hashemite Fund for the Building and Maintenance of the Blessed Aqsa Mosque and the Noble Dome of the Rock:

Chairman of the Board of Trustees (June 16th 2007 to present),

- The Royal Steering Committee for the ‘Amman Message’ Islamic Initiative (see: www.ammannmessage.com):

Chairman of the Committee (May 2005 to present)

- The Royal Steering Committee for the ‘Amman Message’ Interfaith Initiative:

Chairman of the Committee (May 2005 to present).

- The Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought (see: www.aalalbayt.org):

Chairman of Board of Trustess (August 2000 to present).

Founder and Chairman of the Board *Ex Officio* of the *World Islamic Sciences and Education University* (W.I.S.E.) , Amman, Jordan, (March 2008).

Founder and Director of *The Great Tafsir Project* (see: www.altafsir.com) (November 2000 to present).

- The National Park of the Site of the Baptism of Christ (see: www.baptismsite.com):

Founder and Chairman of the Board for the National Park (August 2001 to present).

Founder and Chairman of the Royal Committee (1999-2001).

Founder and Deputy Chairman of the Royal Committee (1997-1999).

- National Committee for Religious Endowments (Awqaf):

Member of Committee (1996 to present).

- Royal Committee for the Building and Restoration of the Tombs of the Prophets and the Companions:

Member of the Committee (1994 to present).

(2) In Education and Cultural Affairs:

- Belqa Applied University:

Founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees (1996 to present).

- The Royal Commission to Investigate the Conditions and Treatment of Foreign Students in Jordan:

Chairman (September 2004 – January 2005).

- National Examination Council:

Member of Council (1997-2000).

- National Committee for Higher Education:
Chairman of Finance Sub-Committee (1999-2003).
Member of Committee (1994-2003).

- National Committee for Lower Education:
Member of Committee (1994-2003).

(3) In Tribal Affairs and Social Development:

- Royal Committee for the Preservation and Development of Camel Livestock:
Founding Chairman of the Committee (2000-2003).

- Committee for Tribal Lands and Claims:
Head of Ministerial Committee (1998-2003).

- Royal Institute for Development and Charitable Works:
Founder and Executive Director and Member of Board of Trustees (1997-2000).

- Royal Committee for the Endowment of Underprivileged Schools and Tribal Areas:
Founding Chairman of Committee (1995-2003).

(4) In Sports:

- National Jordanian Boxing Federation:
President (April-July 1998).

- National Jordanian Basketball Federation:
Honorary President (1991-1993).
President (1988-1991).

Part-time Work (in Academia):

- Professor of Islamic Philosophy at Jordan University (Faculty of Graduate Studies) (Amman, Jordan).
Appointed as Full Professor (12th December 2005, to present).
- Associate Professor of Islamic Philosophy at Aal al-Bayt University (Mafraq, Jordan).
Appointed as Associate Professor (with two years' seniority) (May 13th 2002).
- Assistant Research Professor at Jordan University (Amman, Jordan).
Appointed as Research Professor (with one year's seniority) (29th May 2000).

Non Government Organizations:

These include:

- *Islamica Magazine* (see: www.islamicamagazine.com):

Chairman of the Board of Directors,
June 2008 on.

- Coordinator of the International A Common Word Initiative (see: www.acommonword.com):
January 2008 to present.

Publications:

These include:

Books:

- *True Islam and the Islamic Consensus on the Message of Amman / Kitab Ijma' Al-Muslimin 'ala Ihtiram Mathabib al-Din* (compiler, edited and author an introduction [in Arabic and English]; *The Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought*, Amman, Jordan, 2006).

“The best resource for all those who wish to travel along the straight path in their words and in their actions, and in their spiritual and religious life.” — From the Preface by H.E. Grand

Imam Professor Dr. Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi, *Shaykh Al-Azhar*.

(Limited 1st, 2nd and rev. 2nd edition published as: *The Book of the Schools of Islamic Jurisprudence / Kitab Ihtiram Al-Mathabib*; *The Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought*, Amman, Jordan, 2006.)

- *Al-Insan* (Man), (*et al.*; published, in Arabic, by the Jordanian Ministry of Education as the textbook for the 12th Grade National Curriculum for General Studies, Amman, 2001; revised 2nd edition in 2007).

- *The Sacred Origin of Sports and Culture* (published by *Fons Vitae*, KY, USA, 1998).

(Trans. into Turkish and published by *Insan Yayinlari*, Istanbul, 2002.)

- *The Holy Sites of Jordan* (ed.; published by *Turab*, Amman, 1996; 2nd edition 1999).

- *The Tribes of Jordan at the Beginning of the Twenty-first Century* (published by *Turab*, Amman, 1999).

Articles:

- ‘A Common Word Between Us and You’ (one of 138 signatories [and sole author]); An Open Letter to World Christian Leaders from World Muslim Leaders, October 13, 2007 (see: www.acommonword.com).

- ‘Open Letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI’ (one of 38 signatories [and co-author]; in *Islamica*, no.18, Los Angeles CA, 2006; issued October 13, 2006).

- ‘The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ’ (in *Islamica*, no.16, Los Angeles CA, 2006).

2nd expanded edition, republished in newspapers in Denmark, 2008.

- ‘Truth and Knowledge’, (in *The Book of Language*, ed. Kabir Helminski, published by *The Book Foundation* [The Education Project Series] Oxford, U.K., 2006).

Decorations and Awards:

- *Eugen Biser Stiftung* (Germany): Co-recipient of Annual Award with H.E. Grand Mufti Mustafa Ceric of Bosnia and Sheikh Habib Ali Jiffri of Yemen, 2008.

- Awarded the Education Medal (of the 1st Order) by H.M. King Abdullah II on 5/10/2004.

- Awarded the *Al-Nabdab* Medal (of the 1st Order) by H.M. King Abdullah II on 9/10/2003.

- Awarded the *Muhammadi* Medal (of the 2nd Order) by H.M. King Muhammad VI of Morocco on 10/3/2000.

- Made *Grand Officier de la Légion d'Honneur* by President Chirac of France in 7/1/2000.

- Awarded the *Al-Hussein Medal for Distinguished Service* (of the 1st Order) by H.M. King Abdullah II on 24/8/1999.

- Made *Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur* by President Chirac of France on 20/11/1997.

- Made *Officier de la Légion d'Honneur* by President Chirac of France in 10/3/1997.

- Awarded the rank of Lt. Col. (hon.) in the Jordanian Arab Army by H.M. King Hussein on 2/9/1997.

- Awarded the *Al-Kawkab* Medal (of the 1st Order) by H.M. King Hussein on 13/11/1995.

Languages:

Fluent (speaking, reading and writing) Arabic, English, French.

Marital Status:

Married to H.R.H. Princess Areej Ghazi (*née* Areej Omar Zawawi, of Oman) on 4/5/1997. They have two daughters: H.R.H. Princess Tasneem bint Ghazi (b. 27/8/1999) and H.R.H. Princess Jennah bint Ghazi (b. 20/9/2003), and one son: H.R.H. Prince AbdAllah bin Ghazi (b. 6/11/2001).

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

H.R.H. Prince Gbazi is the 41st generation direct descendant, through the male line of his grandson Al-Hasan, of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.