

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

H.R.H. PRINCE GHAZI BIN MUHAMMAD BIN TALAL

CURRICULUM VITAE:

Part I: Formal Information.

(October 15th, 2006)

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)
(Recipient of an *Overseas Research Student Award* in 1990, 1991.)
- 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.

Professional Experience:

- Personal Envoy of H.M. King Abdullah II and Special Advisor to H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan.
Appointed by Royal Decree with Ministerial Rank.
(October 6th 2003 to present.)
- Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Cultural Secretary to H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan.
(From February 7th 1999, after the death of H.M. the late King Hussein bin Talal, continued in the same capacities with H.M. King Abdullah II, until October 6th 2003.)
- Advisor to His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan for Tribal Affairs.
Appointed by Royal Decree with Ministerial Rank;
(July 2nd 1998 to October 6th 2003)
(in addition to the post of *Cultural Secretary*).
- Cultural Secretary to His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan.
Appointed by Royal Decree with Secretary-General Rank;
(October 4th 1994 to October 6th 2003.)
- Aide in the Royal Hashemite Court:
(April 1993 to October 1994.)
- Officer in the Royal Jordanian Desert Police Force:
Resigned with 'honourable discharge' (December 1992).
Promoted to *First Lieutenant* (November 14, 1992).
Commissioned as a *Second Lieutenant* (November 1989).
(Awarded Marksmanship Prize in Officer Training, 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 (in 2004).

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).

Other Official Activities:

In Religious Affairs:

- The Royal Steering Committee for the 'Amman Message' Islamic Initiative:
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 Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought:
Founder and Director of The Great Tafsir Project (see: www.altafsir.com) (November 2000 to present).
Chairman of Board of Trustees of Institute (August 2000 to present).
Director of Institute (July-August 2000).
Senior Fellow (July 2000 to present).
Head of Royal Committee to Reform the Aal al-Bayt Institute (June-July 2000).
- The National Park of the Site of the Baptism of Christ:
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).

In Education and Cultural Affairs:

- Belqa Applied University:
Founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees (1998 to present).
Founding Chairman of the Royal Committee (1996-1998).
Founding Chairman of the Prince Ghazi Charitable Student Fund (2006 to present).
Founding Chairman of the Board of the College of Traditional Islamic Arts (1998 to present).
- 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).

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).

In Sports:

- National Jordanian Boxing Federation:
President (April-July 1998).
- National Jordanian Basketball Federation:
Honorary President (1991-1993).
President (1988-1991).

In Foreign Relations:

- Russia – Islamic World Strategic Vision Group
Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2006 to present)
- The Royal Commission to Investigate the Conditions and Treatment of Foreign Students in Jordan:
Chairman (September 2004 – January 2005).
- Royal Escort of Honour:
Has served as *Royal Escort of Honour*¹ (from 1994 on) to a number of world leaders including: H.E. President Chirac of France (1996); H.R.H. Crown Prince AbdAllah bin AbdalAziz of Saudi Arabia (1999); H.M. King Muhammad VI of Morocco (2002); H.M. Sultan Qaboos bin Sa'id of Oman (2003); H.R.H. Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales (2004); H.M. King Hamad of Bahrain (2005), and H.H. the Dalai Lama (2005).

¹ This is an honour usually reserved for foreign monarchs visiting Jordan.

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Part II: Personal Information.

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Personal Activities (N.G.O.s):

- The School of Life, Jordan:
Patron (2005 to present).
- The Tasneem Private Charitable Fund:
Founder and Director (August 27th 2001 to present).
- Fons Vitae Publishing House:
Member of Editorial Advisory Board, Louisville, KY (1998 to present).
- Riyad Al-Mufleh Charitable Institute:
Chairman of Board of Trustees (1996-2000).
- Alumni Schools Committee of Princeton:
Chairman of Committee for Jordan (1995-1996).
- El-Hassan Bin Talal Awards for Academic Excellence:
Member of the Board of Trustees (1995-1998).
- Turab (The Society for the Preservation of Jordanian Heritage):
Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees (1994-2000).
- The Islamic Texts Society:
Member of the Board of Trustees of the Publishing House, Cambridge, U.K. (1992-2000).

Pilgrimage:

Performed the *Hajj* in June 1990, and again in March 2000.

Publications:

Books:

- *True Islam and the Islamic Consensus on the Message of Amman / Kitab Ijma' Al-Muslimin 'ala Ihtiram Mathahib 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-Mathahib; The Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought*, Amman, Jordan, 2006.)
- *Tafsir Al-Jalalein* (its translation into English); (general editor and author of a critical introduction, 2006; *The Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought*, Amman, Jordan, *forthcoming* 2007).
- *Hannibal the Formidable* (*Hesperus Books*, London, 2002).
- *Al-Insan* (Man), (*et al.*; published, in Arabic, by the Jordanian Ministry of Education as the text-book for the 11th Grade National Curriculum for General Studies, Amman, 2001).
- *Al-Alam* (The World), (*ed. et al.*; published, in Arabic, by the Jordanian Ministry of Education as the text-book for the 12th Grade National Curriculum for General Studies, Amman, 2001).

- *Cultural Treasures of Jordan* (ed.; published by *Turab*, Amman, 2000).
- *The Tribes of Jordan at the Beginning of the Twenty-first Century* (published by *Turab*, Amman, 1999).
- *The Sacred Origin of Sports and Culture* (published by *Fons Vitae*, KY, USA, 1998). (Trans. into Turkish and published by *Insan Yayinlari*, Istanbul, 2002.)
- *Old Houses of Jordan* (ed.; published by *Turab*, Amman, 1997).
- *The Holy Sites of Jordan* (ed.; published by *Turab*, Amman, 1996; 2nd edition 1999).
- *The Crisis of the Islamic World* (published by Islamic World Report, London, 1996).

Articles:

- ‘Open Letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI’ (one of 38 signatories [and co-author]; in *Islamica*, no.18, Los Angeles CA, 2006).
- ‘The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ’ (in *Islamica*, no.16, Los Angeles CA, 2006).
- ‘Truth and Knowledge’, (in *The Book of Language*, ed. Kabir Helminski, published by *The Book Foundation* [The Education Project Series] Oxford, U.K., 2006).
- ‘The Amman *Interfaith* Message’, (*Rutab*, Amman, 2005). (Trans. into French as *Le Message Interconfessionnel d’Amman* [*Rutab*, Amman, 2006].)
- ‘Summary of 13th Aal al-Bayt Conference on: *Islamic Government and Democracy: Their Compatibility and Differences*’ (ed. and trans., published by the *Aal al-Bayt Institute Press*, Amman, 2004).
- ‘Commentary on an Epistle on *Presence and Remembrance*’, (in *Sacred Web: A Journal of Tradition and Modernity*, no. 12, B.C., Canada, December 2003). (Trans. into Dutch and published in *Nexus* 37, Holland, 2003.)
- ‘The Islamic Holy Sites of Iraq’, (in *Islamica*, no.10, London, Fall 2003).
- ‘Tribal Honour Crimes’, (in *The Journal for Middle East Studies*, Lunds University, Sweden, 2001).
- ‘The Traditional Doctrine of Symbolism’, (in *Sophia: The Journal of Traditional Studies*, Vol. 7, no. 1, Washington D.C., Summer 2001). (Reprinted in *The Underlying Religion*, ed. Dr. Martin Lings and Clinton Minnaar, World Wisdom Books, IN, USA, forthcoming 2007.) (Trans. into Arabic and published in *Maqalat fil Funun Al-Islamiyyah*, by the *Mashru’ Al-Tarajamah Al-Mushtarik*, Amman, 2003.)
- ‘Truth and Idolatry in Islam’ (trans. into Dutch and published in *Nexus* 21: *The Legacy of the Twentieth Century*, Holland, 1998).
- ‘On the Sacredness of Jerusalem to Muslims’ (in the *Royal Inter-faith Journal*, Amman, 1995).

Decorations:

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

Hobbies and Interests:

Chess; Traditional Astronomy; Shooting; Martial Arts (received World *Taekwondo* Federation Black-Belt in 1995 and *Sijal* certificate in 1997), *Chi Kung* and Scuba Diving (held P.A.D.I. Open Water Diver and Advanced Open Diver Licenses).

Marital Status:

Was 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).

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