

## Abdelaziz BENABDALLAH

Abdelaziz BENABDALLAH was born on november 28th, 1923 in Rabat, the capital city of Morocco. His father Abdelwahad Benabdallah, who died in 1991, was a great sheikh, juriconsult, exegete of the Koran and commentator of Hadiths. During six decades, he lectured, with an open, but objective mind on the basic themes of charia in different cities of the Kingdom of Morocco. A hardened nationalist, he was imprisoned by the protectorate authorities for his patriotic choices and action. It is in this environment of both scientific and patriotic precepts. Abdelawahad BENABDALLAH brought up his son Abdelaziz. He sent him to the msid (Koranic School) where he completed the memorizing of the Koran and the didactic poems, tackling the religious basic principles and what we name “the twelve basic commitments” (of which is grammar, syntax, literary diction...). The mastery of this material allowed him, at the age of fifteen, to accede to those taught in various mosques, under the supervision of eminent sheikhs such as Sid El Madani Belhousni, si Abderrahmane Chefchaoui and the minister of Justice si Mohammed Erronda. Abdelaziz BENABDALLAH simultaneously, pursued his education on modern studies at the age of seven in the unique primary school available in the city (the school of the elite’ sons). Since then, his double culture became crystallized within the conservative forum and within the modern university of Algiers. Having obtained his bachelor’s double degree in both Law and Humanities, in 1946, he joined militancy in the patriotic journal Al Alam (in Arabic) and Istiqlal (in French). This did in no way hinder him from running a large private school where the Arabic langue had to have the priority in various disciplines. This school, like many others, used to provide training to militant officials and future intellectual elite of the country. In 1957, after the country’s independence. He became:

- Director General of the Land Conservation and the Services of the Land registry, in 1957.
- Director of Higher Education and Scientific Research, 1958-1961
- Director General of the Permanent Office of Arabisation in the Arab world, 1962
- Professor of the Islamic civilisation, art, philosophy and sciences, Faculty Mohamed V , Al Quarrayouine mosque and Dar Al Hadith El-Hassania in Rabat
- Moroccan medal of FARIS (knight, Badges of Distinction,) in 1959
- Golden Medal from the Royal Academy of Morocco,
- Golden Medal from the Arab Historians Federation
- Golden Medal from Great Merit of the Arab Sporting Federation;
- Moroccan prize of the Great Merit.
- Declared Man of the year 1997 by the International Centre of Biography of Cambridge
- Elected “Research Advisor”, in 2001, by the American Biographical Institute
- Elected in January 2003, the Secretary General of the “Unified Cultural Convention” in the United States of America. But apologized for personal conveniences.

Pr BENABDALLAH is the Author of the following books:

### Books in French:

- La Pensée Islamique et le Monde Moderne. Edition Sonir, Casablanca, 1980.
- Clartés sur l’Islam ou l’Islam dans ses Sources. Imprimerie Fédala, 1960.
- L’Art Maghrébin à travers les Ages. Edition Université Mohammed V, Rabat, 1958.
- Les Grands Courants de la Civilisation du Maghreb. Imprimerie Midi Casablanca, 1957.
- Vérité sur le Sahara. Edition Horvath, France, 1977.
- La Pensée Hassanienne. Edité par l’Association Ribat al Fath, Rabat, 1999.
- Le Soufisme Afro- Maghrébin aux XIX et XXème Siècles. Edité par Cap Tours, Rabat, 1995.
- L’Islam: Concepts et Préceptes. Edité par Cap Tours, Rabat, 1995.
- L’Islam et la Morale Universelle. Edité par Cap Tours, Rabat, 1996.
- La Paix en Palestine passe par Al Qods. Edité par Cap Tours, Rabat, 1997.
- La Tijania: Voie Spirituelle et Sociale. Edité par El Qobba ez- Zarqaâ, Marrakech, 1999.
- Le Rationnel du Sacré. Imprimerie Touimi, Rabat, 2001.
- AL GODS: 1850-2000. Dar al maarif, Rabat, 2003.

## **Books in Arabic :**

- Souss: Porte du Sahara. Editions Kormamex, 2003
- La Philosophie et la Morale chez Ibn El Khatib. Premier prix de l'Institut Moulay El Hassan à Tétouan en 1949. Réédité à Beyrouth.
- Aspects de la Civilisation Maghrébine. 2 volumes. 2 éditions ("données" au lieu de « aspects »).
- Histoire du Maroc: étude comparée des textes arabes et étrangers- 2 volumes. Imprimerie Solami, Casablanca.
- Histoire de la Médecine au Maroc. Imprimerie Rissalah, Rabat, 1960.
- Géographie du Maroc. 2 éditions. Imprimerie Benabdallah Mustapha, 1940.
- Evolution de la Pensée et de la Langue dans le Maroc Moderne. Edité au Caire et à Beyrouth. (Série de conférences, Institut Supérieur Arabe au Caire, 1972).
- L'Avenir de la Langue Arabe. Edité au Caire, 1974. Réédité à Beyrouth.
- Vers un Rapprochement entre l'Arabe Dialectal et l'Arabe Classique dans le Monde Arabe. In revue Al-Lisan Al Arabi. Bureau d'arabisation, Rabat.
- Encyclopédie du Droit Malékite. Edition Beyrouth, 1983.
- Encyclopédie du Coran et Hadith au Maroc. Edité par l'Université Al-Imam, Ryad, 1983.
- Cinq romans historiques sous le titre: La Blonde du Rif. Librairie Sebbagh, Beyrouth. 1973.
- Encyclopédie Maghrébine. 10 volumes (les 4 premiers fascicules parus). Imprimerie Fedala, Mohammédia, 1976.
- Trente sept lexiques trilingues sur la civilisation, la technologie et la science. (Anglais, français et arabe). Voir textes Al Lissan Al Arabi, 33 volumes
- Histoire Diplomatique du Maroc. Edité par l'Institut Juridique à Rabat.
- Monographie de Salé. Edité par la bibliothèque Sbihi, Salé, 1989.
- Monographie de Rabat. Edité par l'Association Ribat- al- Fath, Rabat, 1990.
- Monographie de Ceuta et Méléilia. Edité par Cap Tours, Rabat, 1996.
- Fès, Centre d'Epanouissement d'Afrique. Edité par l'Association Fès- Saiss, imprimerie impériale, Fès, 1996.
- El Gharb et Kénitra. Edité par l'Association Mchich Alami, imprimerie de Kénitra, 1999.
- Anfa, Capitale Economique du Maroc, depuis un Millier d'Années. Edité par Dar Ennachr Al Maarif, Rabat, 1995.
- Développement des Sciences au Maroc pendant un Millier d'Années. Dar Al Maarifa, Rabat, 2000.
- Villes et Tribus du Maroc. Imprimerie Fédala, 1975.
- Sahara. Imprimerie Fédala, Mohammedia, 1976
- Wazzan, Centre Culturel et Spirituel. Dar ed-Mana, Wazzan, 1998.
- Encyclopédie du Soufisme Islamique. 3 volumes, Dar El Maarif 2001.
- Les Rihlât: Relations de voyage. Dar al Maarif, 1999.

## **Hand-written books:**

- Encyclopédie de Rabat
- Citoyenneté de la Juiverie Marocaine
- Marrakech, Capitale d'Andalousie et du Maroc
- La Poésie et les Poètes au Maroc depuis les Iddrisides
- Tanger et Assilah
- Tétouan, Capitale du Nord du Maroc
- Entre le Rif et Jbala
- Chefchaouen, Citadelle Montagneuse
- Chaouia, dans ses Relations avec Casablanca.
- Entre Mazagan et Azemmour
- Entre Safi et Essaouira
- La Cartographie dans ses Dimensions Islamo- Maghrébines et Antiques
- Les Assises de la Documentation, El Fahrassa et le Kounnach
- Le Trône Marocain dans ses Evolutions Millénaires
- Entre Larache et Al-Qçar El Kébir

- Les Mosquées et les Zaouias: Lieux de Culte et centres d'Epanouissement Culturel
- La Hisba et la Jurisprudence du Souk
- Entre Tadla et Abi Jaad
- L'Evolution Millénaire de l'Economie Marocaine
- Dictionnaire Analogique d'Association d'Idées.
- Promotion de la Femme et Protection de l'Enfant (en Arabe avec une annexe en Français)
- Le Millénaire de la Marine Marocaine

#### **Conventions and Meetings Pr BENABDALLAH attended :**

- Islamo-Christian Conference of Cordoba, 1975-1977, 1st & 2nd session
- Islamo-Christian Conference of Tunis (1976)
- Symposium of Florence (1974)
- Islamo-judo-Christian Meeting to the abbey of Sénanque in France, nine scientist of which the North African presented communications
- Conference on the superior teaching (Baghdad - 1978)
- Islamic Convention ( Nouakchott -1977 )
- Convention of the Mesjid ( Jeddah – 1976 )
- Islamic Meeting ( Alger – 1974 )
- Islamic convention
- Islamic Convention ( Dakar – 1976 )
- Convention of sociologists ( held in Hamburg in 1960, under auspices of the U.N.E.S.C.O.)
- Islamo-Christian Meeting in Fez ( 1979 )
- Convention of word banks in Canada, New-York and Moscow, 1979 )
- Convention on the life of the Prophet ( Qatar – 1979 )
- Convention of the Arab Universities Union ( Riad – 1979 )
- World Convention of religions in Bangkok, under the aegis of the U.N.E.S.C.O., on human rights ( 1979 )
- Member of the Moroccan delegation to the O.N.U.( 1960 ) and to the U.N.E.S.C.O.(1972)
- Four conventions of ministers of the education in the Arabian world ( 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978 )
- Convention of the science arabization, organized by the Arabian students ( Manchester, 1977 ).

#### **Arab and western universities where Pr BENABDALLAH gave conferences on Islam:**

- Science Academy of Moscow ( 1972 ) on the future of the language of the Koran
- University of Halley (East Germany) on the future of the Arabian language High Studies Arab Institute ( Cairo, 1975& 1979 )
- University of the Karachi and Islamic Institutes of Pakistan ( Lahore, 1970 )
- Faculty of the Charia ( Amman, 1978 )
- Faculty of the sharia ( Tunis, 1978 )
- Islamic Institute ( Beirut, 1975 )
- Faculty of Education ( Tripoli, 1977 )
- University of Kuwait ( 1975 )
- Royal Diwan ( Abou Dhabi, 1976 )
- Faculty of Letters ( Khartoum, 1978 )
- I.F.A.N. Institute ( Dakar, 1977 ) ( Conference on the Islamic thought and the present problems )
- Quaraouyène University of Fez, symposium on imam Malik ( 1980 )

**Pr BENABDALLAH is member of the following encyclopaedias and magazines:**

- Arabian Encyclopaedia ( Cairo )
- Big Arabian Encyclopaedia ( Lebanon )
- Leading Committee of the Big Arabian Encyclopaedia ( Damascus )
- Director and editor-in-chief of the magazine « Al Qods » French ( 33 volumes )
- Director and editor-in-chief of the magazine « Al Lissan Al Arabi » ( published since 1962 ) by the Office of arabization Coordination
- Member editor in a big number of magazines and periodic in the Arab World and some in Europe, America and China ( of which a magazine of the U.N.E.S.C.O.)

**Member of the following international associations and academies :**

- Counsellor of the General Director of the Islamic Conference Organization ( Jeddah )
- Member resident of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco (Rabat )
- Member of the four Arab Academies: Cairo, Amman, Damascus, Baghdad, and of the Arabian academy of India
- Founding Member of the « Islam-West » Association (Geneva)
- Correspondent member of the Human Rights International Organization ( Washington )
- Ministerial Committee of the International Federation of Translators ( Warsaw )

**Pr BENABDALLAH received the following awards:**

- On 21 avril 2005, His Majesty King Mohammed VI honored Pr BENABDALLAH by "Grand Prix de Mérite"
- Presidential Seal of Honor 2001 and 2003- ABI
- 21st Century Award for achievement - IBC
- Researcher of the year 2001, with a "certificate of Proclamation"- ABI
- American Medal of Honor- 2001
- Ambassador of Grand Eminence- ABI 2002
- 500 leaders of influence- ABI 2001 and 2002
- International Peace Prize- 2002 and 2004- United Cultural Convention
- International Educator of the year 2004- IBC
- Top 100 educators of the year 2005- IBC
- Platinum record for exceptional Performance- ABI 1998
- Gold Star Award- IBC 1998
- Man of the year 2001 and 2003- ABI
- International Man of the year 2001- IBC
- Certificate of appreciation as a researcher advisor of the year 1998

ABI: American Biographical Institute

IBC: Institute of Biographical Center de Cambridge

Professor Abdelaziz Benabdellah's biography is outstanding, his accomplishments are respected and worthy of international recognition. He was offered in 1998 to become an American Biographical institute (ABI) fellow, and in 1999 he was invited to become a distinguished member of the world institute of achievement (WIA), established by the American Biographical Institute.

Professor Abdelaziz Benabdellah was nominated for the United Cultural convention's international peace prize. It is worth mentioning that the UCC was founded by the prestigious American Biographical institute. And that Professor Benabdellah was asked to become a secretary –general of the United Cultural convention , which deals with the UNESCO, United Nations information centre ,world affairs council, institute for African affairs , and other regional and international organizations

In this respect professor Benabdellah was nominated and given several prizes and awards, to become the only and unique distinguished Moroccan scholar to have gained such huge international recognition by the international Biographical centre of Cambridge in ENGLAND, which is a world leader in biographical publishing, founded over forty years ago (see [www.internationalbiographicalcentre.com](http://www.internationalbiographicalcentre.com)), as well as the American Biographical institute which is one of the world's leading biographical reference publishers and authorities , on global contemporary achievement (see://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\_biographical\_institute) .

The American Biographical institute and the International biographical centre hold an annual convention each year, known as the international congress on science, culture, and arts. The congress provides a forum for the artists, scientists, professionals, and educators to show their works.

**A LIST OF THE MAIN AWARDS OFFERED BY**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL CENTRE**  
**TO PROFESSOR BENABDELLAH**

- 1- The twentieth century award for achievement  
August 1998
- 2- Gold star award  
September 1998
- 3- 1000 creative and successful personalities  
of the world  
January 1999
- 4- 21st century award for achievement  
August 2001
- 5-2000 outstanding scholars of the 21st century  
January 2002
- 6- International educator of the year  
May 2003
- 7- Order of international fellowship  
April 2004
- 8- Top 100 educators 2005  
October 2004

9- The Plato award  
January 2006

10- Leading educators of the world 2006  
June 2006

11- Top 100 educators 2007  
September 2007

12- IBC foremost educators of the world 2008  
April 2008

13- The international Plato award for educational  
Achievement  
November 2008

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**THE AMERICAN BIOGRAPHICAL INSTITUTE**  
**TO PROFESSOR BENABDELLAH**

1- 1998 Platinum record for exceptional performance  
july1998

2-2000 Millennium Medal of Honor  
June 1999

3-1000 world leaders of influence  
August 1999

4- 500 leaders of influence  
January 2001

5- Man of the year 2001  
June 2001

6- Ambassadors of grand eminence  
April 2002

7- Great minds of the 21st century  
April 2003