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**Education:**
Bachelor (B.A, Commerce) from University of Cairo in 1959.
Masters (M.A, Political Science) from University of Cairo in 1963.
PhD (International Relations) from University of Pennsylvania, USA in 1973.

**Workspace:**
The Secretary of State Planning Committee, Saudi Arabia from 1963 to till 1964.
The Secretary General of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) from 1973 to 1979.
The Chairman of Department of Political Science at King Saud University, Saudi Arabia from 1982 to 1984.
The founding member of The Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS) in 1972.
Initial Board of Directors SAAR Foundation in 1983.
The president of The Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS) from 1985 to 1987.
The Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) between 1989 and 1999.

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**Publications:**

**Books:**

1. **Title:** النظرية الإسلامية للعلاقات الدولية: اتجاهات جديدة للفكر و المنهجية الإسلامية
   **ISBN:** 9780912463094
   **Uniform Title:** The Islamic theory of international relations: new directions for Islamic methodology and thought.
   **Publication Information:** al-Riyadh: Matabi' al-Farazdaq al-Tijariah, 1993
   **Physical Description:** 323 pages; 24 cm.
   **General Note:** Translation of: The Islamic theory of international relations: new directions for Islamic methodology and thought.
   **Subject:** Islam and world politics

2. **Title:** Towards an Islamic Theory of International Relations: New Directions for Islamic Methodology and Thought
   **Publication Information:** International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), 1993
   **Physical Description:** 192 pages
   **Summaries:**
   Recent events have demonstrated that one of the most important fields of study in this century is world order. The contribution of this book to this field is that it attempts to lay the intellectual foundations for a reconsideration of what constitutes a truly Islamic world order. Perhaps the words of the late Professor Ismail al-Faruqi, in his scholarly introduction to this work, best describes the landmarks of such an order; "The world order of Islam would confer upon every person by virtue of birth and humanity, the ultimate right and honor, namely, the capacity to think and make up one's mind as to which millah one wishes to
belong and hence, by which law one desires to order one's life and that of one's dependents. "In dealing with his subject, the author has had to return to the sources of Islam, the Qur'an and the Sunnah, and develop a methodology for dealing with them in a creative and practicable manner. In doing so, he examines the methodology developed by the early generations of Muslim scholars and finds it limited by its legalistic approach. Thus, much of the value of his work lies in its discussion of methodology and in the social sciences in general, by means of methodology developed from a purely Islamic perspective. Originally submitted as a doctoral dissertation, and then revised for its publication in 1987 as "The Islamic Theory of International Relations", this edition, retitled "Towards an Islamic Theory of International Relations", has undergone serious editorial revision, and may now be seen to convey the author's pioneering ideas in a way that befits their importance.

3.

Title: Crisis in the Muslim Mind
Publication Information: International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), 1 Jan 2004
Physical Description: 184 pages
Summaries:
Across the Muslim world today, if anything is self-evident across the Muslim world today it is that the Ummah is badly in need of reform. On this point it can be stated with confidence that Muslims are agreed. Poverty and injustice characterize the face of Muslim lands from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Pollution and corruption are the order of the day in the societies where the gulf between them and the developed countries of the world has never been wider. Politics in the Muslim world are all too often the politics of deprivation, and culture the culture of despair. “Crisis in the Muslim Mind” examines the intellectual and historical roots of the malaise that has encompassed the Ummah and threatens to efface its identity. First published in Arabic in 1991, this important work (in an abridged English translation) is designed to familiarize educated and concerned Muslims with the nature of the crisis confronting them, and to suggest the steps necessary to overcome it.

4.

Title: Sex and Sex Education: What Do We Tell Our Children?
Authors: Hisham Altalib, Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman, Omar Altalib
Publication Details: IIIT, 2014
Physical Description: 50 Pages
Summaries:
What are children being taught about sex? What are they learning from peers, television, movies, magazines, computer games, pop music, popular culture? Most parents are rightly alarmed by the increasingly controversial nature of the information being fed to children and how age-appropriate it actually is. This publication makes it easy for parents to understand and broach the sensitive topic of sex education. Originally forming chapter thirteen of Parent-Child Relations: A Guide to Raising Children, it charts a way forward, helping parents to educate their children in a manner they feel appropriate and which maintains a sense of the sacred. The authors use a holistic approach to include what morality requires of humanity in this regard, and also focus on the issues of healthy relationships, responsibility, emotional wellbeing, and good physical health. The publication is intended to give parents practical advice, using clear and precise information, to address some of the most common issues parents are likely to encounter and questions they are likely to face.
5.  

**Title:** Books-in-Brief: The Qur’anic Worldview: A Springboard for Cultural Reform  
**Author:** Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman  
**Publication Information:** International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), 1 Jan 2013 - Islam - 28 pages  
**Summaries:**  
This is a carefully reasoned, positive, and largely reflective work. Looking back at the various stages of Islamic historical development, Abu Sulayman puts forward a thesis that focuses on the recovery of what is termed the Qur’anic worldview. By this is meant an ethical, monotheistic, and purposeful perspective on the world and those within it. Our faith will only be complete when we have become utterly sincere in our love for God, a love expressed in a pure, passionate love for goodness and truth in this world. It was the strict internalization of this perspective and close adherence to the principles of the Qur’an which Abu Sulayman contends, played a key factor in galvanizing the devout and intensely God-conscious followers of fledgling Islam to achieve the successes that they once did, the profound historical and global impact of which is still the subject of much study and admiration today. The rebirth of Islamic identity through this Qur’anic worldview is the key requirement of our times and a prerequisite for any future healthy and viable development of Muslim societies.

6.  

**Title:** Islamization: Reforming Contemporary Knowledge  
**Author:** Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman  
**Publication Information:** IIIT, 1994  
**Physical Description:** 49 pages  
**Summaries:**  
This book is an attempt to recapture the original vitality, which was ever concomitant with the high moral code of Islam – in order to address the amazingly complex, intertwined and fluxional aspects of modern life. Emphasized throughout the book is the need for reform and redefinition in areas like ijma’, ifta’ and qiyas. This is also extended to such concepts as reason, knowledge, and education in relation to divine revelation. Fashionable and borrowed concepts like democracy and sovereignty are examined in the context of a considered Islamization of one discipline- that of a political science.

7.  

**Title:** Parent-Child Relations: A Guide to Raising Children  
**Authors:** Hisham Al talib, Abdul hamid Abu sulayman, Omar Al talib  
**Publication Information:** International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), 12 May 2013  
**Physical Description:** 498 pages  
**Summaries:**  
This easy-to-read, comprehensive guide contains what you need to know on how to parent with confidence. Packed with advice and powerful tips, using the latest research on child development and parenting techniques, it offers a mine of information on how to let children flourish, take the frustration out of parenting and develop happy family relations. Authors provide guidance on developing character, knowledge, values, and skills, as well as a faith-based outlook in children, benefitting parents with kids of all ages. The many strategies and techniques offered include: teaching children how to problem-solve, make decisions, and develop self-esteem. Raising God conscious, moral, successful children, with a sense of civic responsibility in today’s world is not easy. It is also not impossible. Effective parenting is the key.
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10.

Title: The Islamic Theory of International Relations: Its Relevance, Past and Present
Authors: ‘Abdul-Ḥamīd ’Aḥmad Ābū-Sulaymān
11.

**Title:** Marital Discord: Recapturing the Full Islamic Spirit of Human Dignity  
**Author:** ʻAbdul Ḥamīd Abū Sulaymān  
**Publication Information:** IIIT, 2003  
**Physical Description:** 26 pages  
**Summaries:**  
The Quran speaks of living with each other on a footing of love, kindness, mercy and mutual consultation between husband and wife. It also addresses those times when the atmosphere is strained. This paper examines the issue of marital discord with a deep sensitivity to the perspective of women. Criticizing an approach to the Quran that is misogynistic rather than emancipatory the paper moves the debate forward by introducing an alternative interpretation of the Quranic text dealing with the issue of marital discord. The explanation is fresh, firmly on the side of women’s human rights and recaptures the full Islamic spirit of human dignity.

12.

**Title:** Islamization of Knowledge: General Principles and Work Plan  
**Author:** ʻAbdul Ḥamīd Abū Sulaymān  
**Publication Information:** International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1989  
**Physical Description:** 126 pages  

13.

**Title:** Revitalizing Higher Education in the Muslim World: A Case Study of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)  
**Author:** Abdul Hamid A. Abu Sulayman  
**Publication Information:** International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), 2007  
**ISBN:** 1-56564-430-1  
**Summaries:**  
Reform and revitalization in higher education are essential elements for the Ummah’s awakening and for the realization of its civilizational aspirations and the success of its global mission. This paper calls for reforming our approach to education particularly through the Islamization of Knowledge so that both divine and human sources are integrated into a powerful whole with Revealed knowledge providing a comprehensive, spiritual and moral guidance in the sphere of human action, universal laws, and scientific and technological knowledge as tools for that action. The International Islamic University in Malaysia (founded in 1984) is used as a case study to illustrate the success and viability of putting the concepts of the Islamization of Knowledge into a university educational plan.

Articles:

1.

**Title:** The theory of the economics of Islam (ii)  
**Detail of Journal:** IIUM Journal of Economics and Management, 1998, vol. 6, issue 2, 87-113
Keywords: Islamic; Economics
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2.

Title: Reconstructing Thought and Society in accordance with Islamic Values and Principles is the Key to the Regeneration of the Muslim Ummah

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Other articles:

1. Chastising women: A Means to Solve Marital Problems
2. Islamization of Knowledge with Special Reference to Political Science
3. The English Language as an Elective Subject
4. Qur'an Guiding Light: Selections from the Holy Qur'an
5. Dissertations and Theses on Islam and Muslims
7. The Doctrine of Crucifixion between Islam and Christianity: A dialogue and comparative study
   Man between Two Laws: A Qur'anic perspective in understanding self and understanding the other