

# Beyond Trappist: Uncovering the Extraordinary Life of Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri



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The life of Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri, a pioneering figure in interfaith dialogue and Islamic mysticism, is a tale of extraordinary depth and complexity. Born in Iran in 1937, Haeri embarked on a spiritual journey that led him from the Trappist monastery of Our Lady of the Atlas in Morocco to the heart of the Islamic tradition.

Haeri's early life was marked by a deep sense of spirituality. He studied Islamic philosophy and mysticism in Qom, Iran, before traveling to the United States to pursue a doctorate in comparative religion at Harvard University. It was during his time in the United States that Haeri first encountered the Trappist monastic tradition.

Intrigued by the Trappists' emphasis on contemplation and simplicity, Haeri decided to spend a year living in the monastery of Our Lady of the Atlas. This experience had a profound impact on him, and he later wrote about it in his book, "The Trappist Silence." In this book, Haeri explores the parallels between the Christian and Islamic monastic traditions, and argues that both traditions offer a path to spiritual transformation.

After leaving the monastery, Haeri returned to Iran and became a leading figure in the Islamic revival movement. He founded the Islamic Cultural Center in Tehran, and gave lectures on Islamic spirituality and philosophy throughout the country. Haeri also played a key role in the Iranian Revolution, and was appointed Minister of Education in the new Islamic government.

Haeri's commitment to interfaith dialogue continued throughout his life. He was a founding member of the World Council of Religions, and participated in numerous interfaith conferences and dialogues. Haeri believed that dialogue was essential for building bridges between different cultures and religions.

In his later years, Haeri lived in London, where he continued to write and teach about Islamic spirituality. He died in London in 2004, at the age of 67.

## **Haeri's Legacy**

Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri left behind a rich legacy of scholarship and activism. His work on interfaith dialogue has helped to build bridges between different cultures and religions. His writings on Islamic spirituality have inspired countless people around the world.

Haeri's life is a reminder that spirituality can be found in many different places, and that dialogue is essential for building a more just and peaceful world.

## Further Reading

- Beyond Trappist: Uncovering the Extraordinary Life of Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri by William C. Chittick
- The Trappist Silence by Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri
- Books by Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri



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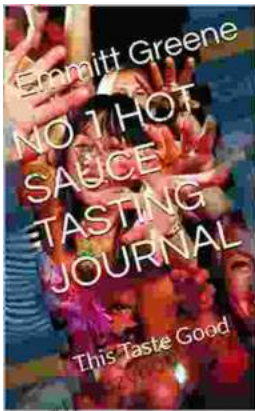
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