

## IN MEMORIAM

FAZLUR RAHMAN

FAZLUR RAHMAN died on the 26th of July, at the age of sixty-eight. He was a University of Chicago professor and an expert on the Qur'an, and was world-renowned for his modern interpretation of Islamic law. He was the Harold K. Swift Distinguished Service Professor in the school's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

Professor Rahman, a native of Pakistan, received his doctorate from Oxford University in England. He gained international fame with his book *Avicenna's Psychology*, in which he pointed to the influence that the eleventh-century Arab thinker had had on the scholastic theologian St. Thomas Aquinas and on other Western thinkers.

Professor Rahman was director of the Central Institute of Islamic Research in Pakistan from 1962 to 1968. In that position he was involved in the formulation of the concepts of an Islamic state, Islamic society, and the modernization of Islamic law so that it was relevant to contemporary Pakistan.

He was the author of *Islam, The Philosophy of Mulla Sadra; Islam and Modernity: Transformation of an Intellectual Tradition*; and *Health and Medicine in the Islamic Tradition*.

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RICHARD BAYLY WINDER

11 September 1928 – 6 August 1988

ON AUGUST 6, 1988, Richard Bayly Winder passed away in Princeton, New Jersey, after a long and courageous bout with cancer. His death deprives us of a distinguished colleague, devoted promoter of the field, and a genuine friend. Nearly three hundred people gathered on August 11 at the Trinity Church in Princeton to mourn Bayly's passing. The moving ceremony made us realize the extent of our loss and the enormity of our grief.

Bayly Winder was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, the only child of Richard Bayly and Julia (Parnell) Winder. He attended St. Alban's School, graduating as the valedictorian of his class. Bayly entered Haverford College in 1939, but college life was soon interrupted by the war. He joined the American Field Service in a noncombatant role. Bayly's first introduction to the Middle East came during these years, when he was stationed in Beirut as an ambulance driver with the Speers Mobile Clinics.

For his war service, Bayly was awarded theater ribbons and the Purple Heart.

While in the Middle East, Bayly taught English at the American University of Beirut and, at the same time, began studying Arabic with the poet Yusuf al-Khal. Bayly graduated from Haverford in 1946 and entered Princeton University to pursue graduate studies under the direction of the noted Middle East historian Philip K. Hitti. Bayly received his M.A. from Princeton in 1947 and a Ph.D. in 1950. His dissertation on Saudi Arabia was later published as *Saudi Arabia in the Nineteenth Century*. Reprinted several times, this book is viewed by many as a classic text on the formation of the Saudi state. In 1947 Bayly married Hitti's daughter Viola. Their son and only child, Bayly Philip, was born in 1951.

Bayly's formal academic life began with his appointment as an instructor in the Department of Oriental Studies at Princeton. He spent the next sixteen years at Princeton teaching Arabic, conducting research, and undertaking a variety of administrative positions including the assistant dean of the college. In 1966 he was appointed professor of history at New York University with a mandate to establish a department of Near Eastern languages and literatures, and a center for Near Eastern studies. From this day on, Bayly's life was intimately involved with NYU. He successfully accomplished all tasks entrusted to him and served as the first chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures and as the first director of the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies. At the time of his death, Bayly was once again serving as the Center's director. His other administrative duties at NYU were also extensive. For several years, he served as the dean of the college, then as the dean of the faculty of arts and science. His deanships at NYU coincided with the student demonstrations against the Vietnam War and the University's financial crisis of the early 1970s. In both cases, Bayly is remembered for his leadership and fairness, and for his contributions to a successful resolution of the issues.

Outside the university, his professional activities were no less memorable. Bayly was the director or the trustee of many organizations dealing with the Middle East and served a term as the president of the Middle East Studies Association, the organization he helped found. He was also consultant to numerous business and government groups including the departments of State and Health, Education, and Welfare.

Bayly is professionally best known for his book on Saudi Arabia and for his text book, *An Introduction to Modern Arabic*, which was written jointly with Farhat Ziadeh. He also translated several major works from Arabic: Constantine Zurayk's *The Meaning of Disaster* (1956), and Tawfiq al-Hakim's *Bird of the East* (1966) and *The Return of Consciousness* (1985). Among Bayly's important edited works is a volume in honor of Hitti entitled *The World of Islam* (with J. Kritzeck). Bayly also published

many articles in professional journals, edited volumes, and encyclopedias. His long articles on Mecca and Medina in the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of Islam* are noteworthy contributions.

On 27 February 1988, Bayly was honored with a festschrift, *A Way Prepared: Essays on Islamic Culture in Honor of Richard Bayly Winder*, written by his former students and edited by his colleagues F. Kazemi and R. D. McChesney. The volume was presented to Bayly in a joyous ceremony at New York University attended by over 150 friends, former and current students, and colleagues. The university also announced the establishment of a graduate fellowship named in his honor, The R. B. Winder Graduate Fellowship in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies. (Contributions to the fellowship may be sent to "NYU-Winder Fellowship Fund," The Kevorkian Center, New York University, New York, NY 10003.)

Richard Bayly Winder was a truly remarkable person. Those of us who were fortunate to know Bayly well, found in him an erudite scholar, a great teacher, an outstanding administrator, a warm and compassionate friend, and a wise counsel. Bayly will be immensely missed by his legion of friends and colleagues.

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