

Curriculum Vitae of His Excellence

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H.E. Prof. Gomaa is a graduate of the Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies, Al-Azhar University in Egypt. He holds both Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Arabic language and literature. He held the various academic ranks until he became the Dean of the Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies, Al-Azhar University when he became a member of the Technical Office of Al-Azhar Grand Imam for Da'wah Affairs and Religious Information. Prof. Gomaa then became the Egyptian Minister of Endowments in Hazem Al-Beblawi's cabinet on July 16th, 2013. In appreciation of his distinguished efforts for moderation and peace, Gomaa was included in the following two cabinets of Al-Beblawi's successor Ibrahim Mihlib. He then became a member of the Islamic Research Academy, a board member of the World Association of Al-Azhar Graduates (WAAG), a Chairman of the Union of Arab Bodies Endowments and an uncontested Chairman of Tolerance and Moderation Forum. Gomaa also led Hajj Mission for three consecutive years. The Tolerance and Peace Organization in Kuwait chose Gomaa as the Ambassador of Tolerance and Peace, 2015.

Prof. Gomaa's distinguished literary and critical works, particularly in the Quranic studies, led to his appointment as a member of several academic and professional bodies including the Writers' Union of Egypt, the Arab Writers Union and the International League of Islamic Literature. He is also a member of Al-Azhar University's Academic Staff Promotions Committee for literature and literary criticism. He has participated in and chaired various academic and literary conferences and seminars in Egypt and the world, supervised numerous theses and academic journals, and participated in the development of academic programs at Al-Azhar University and at the Faculty of Education in Oman.

Gomaa's remarkable contributions in the print and audio-visual national and international media are highly appreciated. He published dozens of articles in the Egyptian and Arab newspapers in addition to more than 20 books and researches, including:

- *"Nahwa Tajdeed al-khitab al-Deeni: Maqalaat fi-al-Deen wal-Hayah* i.e. Renewing The Religious Thought: Articles on Faith and Life" (translated into thirteen languages)
- *"Fi-Fadaa al-Thaqafah* i.e. Exploring the Horizons of Culture" (translated into seven languages).
- *"Ghidha al-'Aql* i.e. Mind Feeding."
- *"Tafkeek al-Fikr al-Mutatarrifi* i.e. Deconstruction of Extremism."
- *"Al-Ta'ayush al-Silmi li al-Adyaan wa fiqh al-'Aysh al-Mushtarak: Nahwa Manhaj Jadeed* i.e. Peaceful Coexistence between Religions and Fiqh of Coexistence: Towards a Renewal Approach"
- *"Dalalat al-Seyaq wa-Athuruha fi al-Nass al-Adabi: Drasah Tatbeeqiyyah fi Daw' al-Quran* i.e. The Implication and Effect of Context in the Literary Text: An Applied Study in the Light of the Holy Quran."
- *Jadaliyyat al-Hudur wal-Ghiyab Bayn al-Qudamaa' wal-Muhdatheen: Drasah Naqdiyyah* i.e. The Dialectics of Presence and Absence between the Ancient and Modern Writers: A Critical Study.
- He also edited and introduced the Egyptian Ministry of Education's "Teacher's Guide in Values, Ethics and Citizenship.
