

A Note on Laleh Bakhtiar's Passing

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The passing of Dr. Laleh Bakhtiar is a tremendous loss to the world, but a joyous event for her, *al hamdu li Allah*. I'm sure that, if we still have civilizations in the future, her name will inspire what I call an 'opportunity mentality' during even the direst of threats.

She was a live wire in New Mexico during the 1990s as a doctoral student at the UNM where she mentored Diana Huntress, the President of the Rio Grande Writers Association, and other new Muslims. She was a star student of Seyyed Hossein Nasr in Iran before the Khomeini era and her books and other writings, especially her translation of the Quran from the psychological perspective, are very timely as we approach the coming era of Artificial Intelligence.

Her life was grandiose, all the more so because she was so modest. We, the left behind, can see the tragedy of losing her, but, *insba'Allah*, future generations in all the world religions will benefit forever.