

Preface

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE

Since I began teaching western philosophy, some years ago, I have maintained the belief that this subject should be taught in western languages, particularly to philosophy students in our universities. Unfortunately, a text which would include the main works of European philosophers and be understandable to the students does not exist in this country.

Time passed, and only recently a university professor of Western Philosophy from Tehran University has suggested me to compile into one textbook, selected readings on high interest topics from different well-known authors.

I agreed and consulted with the Philosophy Committee of Curriculum Planning for Universities. Upon approval, it was decided that the book should include selections from the works of the great European philosophers like Aristotle, Aquinas, Leibniz, Kant, Hegel, and Heidegger.

Since the English language is the most generally used western language in Iranian universities, the selections were adopted from English translations of the original works.

I hope, God willing, that the teachers of the subject will accept it, and the students will benefit from it.

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