

Fethullah Gulen

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Experience

Preacher **2001 - Present**

Golden Generation Worship and Retreat Center, Pennsylvania, USA

Invited Preacher **1989 - 1991**

Gave sermons in various mosques in Istanbul and Izmir on the invitation of Directorate of Religious Affairs.

Preacher **1965 - 1981**

Served as a state-licensed local and regional preacher in Kirklareli (1965), Izmir (1966), Edremit (1972), Manisa (1974), Canakkale (1980). He resigned from his duties on March 20, 1981.

Director and Arabic Instructor **1966 - 1971**

Served as the director and the Arabic instructor at the Kestanepazari Residentail Kur'an School in Izmir.

Qur'an Instructor and Imam **1959 - 1965**

Served as a state-licensed Qur'an instructor and imam in the city of Edirne.

Honorary Degrees

Honorary Doctorate, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK **July 15, 2010**

Awarded an honorary doctorate for his contribution to education, peace making and intercultural dialogue.

Honorary Doctorate, Punjab University, Pakistan **May 17, 2012**

Awarded an honorary doctorate for his contribution to intercultural dialogue, inspiring young generation for positive actions and promoting education.

Organizational Roles and Positions

Founder and Honorary President **1994 to Present**

Journalist and Writers Foundation (JWF)

As an Istanbul based non-profit organization, JWF is aims to contribute to the society by promoting peace, tolerance and dialogue to instill the culture of living together. Through its well established and credible centers, such as Abant Platform, Intercultural Dialogue Platform (IDP), Dialogue Eurasia Platform (DA Platform), Medialog Platform, and Women's Platform, JWF addresses wide range of issues from human rights to education, from terrorism to peacebuilding, from women empowerment to economic development. JWF holds General Consultative status in the Economic and Social Council

(ECOSOC) of the United Nations since 2012.

Honorary President **1999 - Present**

Rumi Forum, Washington, DC

Rumi Forum was founded in 1999 with the mission to foster intercultural dialogue, stimulate thinking and exchange of opinions on supporting and fostering democracy and peace and to provide a common platform for education and information exchange.

Honorary President **2004 - Present**

Niagra Foundation, Chicago, IL

Niagara Foundation strives to promote social cohesion by fostering civic conversations and sustained relationships between people of different cultures and faiths.

Awards

Gandhi King Ikeda Peace Award, USA **April 9, 2015**

Awarded with Gandhi King Ikeda Peace Award by Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College for his commitment to humanitarianism.

Manhae Foundation Peace Prize, South Korea **March 3, 2013**

Manhae Foundation (South Korea) Grand Prize by The Society for the Promotion and Practice of Manhae's Thoughts for his contribution to world peace.

Peacebuilding Award, USA **May 11, 2011**

The East West Institute of New York awarded Mr. Gulen with its 2011 Peace-building Award for his contribution to world peace.

Peace Award, Kyrgyzstan **November 1, 2004**

Received the Kyrgyzstan Spirituality Foundation's Peace Award

UNESCO Romania Commission Award, Romania **2005**

Received an award from the UNESCO Romania Commission for contributions to tolerance and dialogue

Outstanding Service Award, Turkey **April 27, 2001**

Received Turkish Writers Association's Outstanding Service Award

Cultural Award, Turkey **August 14, 1998**

Received the Cultural Award of Turkish Hearts for contributions to the Turkic world.

Turk 2000 Foundation Award, Turkey **March 19, 1998**

Received for his Contributions to the Turkish World by the Turk 2000 Foundation

Special Education Award, Turkey **March 19, 1998**

Awarded the Turkish Education Workers Union's Special Education Award for contributions to the field of education.

Peace and Tolerance Award, Turkey **April 18, 1996**

Received the Turkish Industry and Business Foundation' Peace and Tolerance Award

Person of the Year Award **1996**

Received the Turkish Foundation of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, Person of the Year in Empathic Acceptance award

Turkish World Service Award **May 26, 1995**

Turkish World Service Award by the Turkish Hearths for inspiring to open schools in the Central Asia

Recognitions

500 Most Influential Muslims **2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015**

2015 Jordan Royal Strategic Research Centre has listed Fethullah Gulen among the 500 Most Influential Muslims in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015

Time Magazine top 100 Intellectuals **April 18, 2013**

Named among 100 most influential people in the World by Time magazine

Foreign Policy top 100 intellectuals **August 4, 2008**

Ranked #1 in [Foreign Policy](#) & Prospect magazines' joint poll of the world's top 100 public intellectuals.

Media Appearances and Interviews

[Süddeutsche Zeitung, Germany](#) **December 12, 2014**

Gave an interview to Christiane Schlötzer

La Repubblica, Italy **March 24, 2014**

Gave an interview to Mark Ansaldo

- Asharq al-Awsat, London** March 24, 2014
Gave an interview to Arab daily newspaper
- BBC International, UK** January 27, 2014
Gave a TV interview to Time Franks and Guney Yildiz
- Wall Street Journal, US** January 20, 2014
Gave an interview to Joe Parkinson
- Rudaw Newspaper, Northern Iraq** June 17, 2013
Gave an interview to Rebwar Kerim
- Atlantic Journal, USA** August 14, 2013
Gave an interview to Jamie Tarabay
- New York Times, USA** November 11, 2010
Gave an interview to Brian Knowlton
- Oasis Magazine, Italy** December 12, 2010
Gave an interview to Michele Brignone
- Wall Street Journal, USA** June 4, 2010
Gave an interview to Joe Laurie
- Dialog Euroasia, Turkey** March 1, 2009
Answered questions from Prof. Dr. Rostislav Ribakov, Dr. Nadejda Emelyanova and Dr. Nina Nazirova
- Favorit, Ukraine** April 3, 2009
Gave an interview to this monthly journal
- Foreign Policy, USA** August 1, 2008
Gave an interview to Foreign Policy magazine
- Zaman Daily, Turkey** March 22, 2004
Gave an interview to Nuriye Akman from this daily newspaper
- Daily Nation, Kenya** July 30, 2004
Gave an interview to Hezron Mughabi

Milliyet Daily, Turkey	December 19, 2004
Gave an interview to Mehmet Gundem	
NTV, Turkey	February 27, 1998
Gave a TV interview to Cengiz Candar and Taha Akyol	
ORT TV, Russia	May 6, 1998
Gave an interview on ORT TV on Turkish-Russian relations	
Radikal Daily, Turkey	June 21, 1998
Gave an interview to Avni Ozgurel	
Kanal D, Turkey	January 1, 1997
Gave a TV interview to Tuncay Ozkan on Kanal D (Channel D)	
STV, Turkey	March 29, 1997
Gave a TV interview to Prof. Mim Kemal Oke and Dr. Osman Ozsoy from Samanyolu TV	
Kanal D, Turkey	April 16, 1997
Gave an interview to Yalcin Dogan from Kanal D (Channel D)	
Trud Daily, Bulgaria	October 15, 1996
Gave an interview	
Varna TV, Bulgaria	November 3, 1996
Gave an interview to Varna TV in Bulgaria	
Zaman Daily, Turkey	August 13, 1995
Gave an interview to Eyup Can	
Cumhuriyet Daily, Turkey	August 13, 1995
Gave an interview to Oral Calislar	
Media Opinions	
The New York Times, US	February 3, 2015
<u>Turkey's Eroding Democracy</u>	
Financial Times, UK	March 10, 2014
<u>Turkey needs a new constitution to save its democracy</u>	

Financial Times, UK

September 27, 2012

[Violence is not in the tradition of the Prophet](#)

Publications

Publications available in English (with original Turkish titles)

From Seed to Cedar: Nurturing the Spiritual Needs of Children (Çekirdekten Çınara), Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2013.

Reflections on the Qur'an (Kur'an'ın Altın İkliminde), Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2012.

Speech and Power of Expression: On Language, Esthetics, and Belief (Beyan). Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2010.

Toward a Global Civilization of Love and Tolerance, Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2010.

Selected Prayers of Prophet Muhammad (Dua Mecmuasi), Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2009.

Messenger of God: Muhammad, peace be upon him, a Biography (Sonsuz Nur) Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2008.

Emerald Hills of the Heart: (Kalbin Zümrüt Tepelerinde), Clifton, NJ: Light Publications, 2007.

Contemporary Questions & Answers about Islam (Asrın Getirdiği Tereddütler), two volumes, Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2006, 2008.

Pearls of Wisdom (Olcüler ve Yoldaki Isıklar), Clifton, NJ: Light Publications, 2005.

The Statue of Our Souls (Ruhumuzun Heykelini Dikerken), Clifton, NJ: Tugra Books, 2005.

The Essentials of Islamic Faith, Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books 2006.

Towards the Lost Paradise (Yitirilmiş Cennete Doğru), London: Truestar, 1996.

Books based on Transcribed and Edited Talks and Sermons

Endeavor for Renewal (Yenilenme Cehdi), Clifton, NJ: Blue Dome, 2015.

Journey to Noble Ideals (Mefkure Yolculugu), Clifton, NJ: Blue Dome, 2014.

Compiled and Edited Readers

So That Other May Live, A Fethullah Gulen reader, compiled and edited by Erkan Kurt, Blue Dome, 2013.

Publications in Turkish

Çağ Ve Nesil. (Our Age and Generations), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Buhranlar Anaforunda İnsan. (Humanity in Downward Spiral of Crises), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Yitirilmiş Cennete Doğru (Toward the Lost Paradise), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Zamanın Altın Dilimi. (The Golden Slice of Time), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Günler Baharı Soluklarken (As the Days Breathe the Spring), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Yeşeren Düşünceler (Sprouting Ideas), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Işığın Görüldüğü Ufuk (The Horizon of Light) Izmir: Nil Publications.

Örnekleri Kendinden Bir Hareket (A Movement with its Own Exemplaries), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Sükûtun Çığlıkları (Screams of Silence), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Dua Ufku (Horizon of Prayer), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Enginliğiyle Bizim Dünyamız: İktisadi Mülâhazalar (Our World in its Vastness: Economical Considerations) Izmir: Nil Publications.

Fatiha Üzerine Mülâhazalar (Considerations on the Chapter Al-Fatihah), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Günümüzde Gençliğin Problemlerine Doğru (Considerations on Problems of Contemporary Youth), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Inancin Golgesinde (In the Shadow of Faith), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Irsad Ekseni (The Path of Guidance), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Kitap ve Sunnet Perspektifinde Kader (Fate/Destiny from the Perspective of the Qur'an and the Prophetic Tradition), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Kirik Mizrap (Broken Plectrum, Poetry), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Olum Otesi Hayat (Life beyond Death), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Varlığın Metafizik Boyutu (The Metaphysical Dimension of Existence), Izmir: Nil Publications.

Books based on Transcribed and Edited Talks and Sermons

Fasıldan Fasıla (From Theme to Theme). Five Volumes. Izmir: Nil Publications.

Prizma (Prism) Eight volumes, Izmir: Nil Publications.

Kirik Testi (Broken Jug) Thirteen volumes, Izmir: Nil Publications.

Publications originally in Arabic

el-Kulûbu'd-Dâria (Imploring hearts) (Arabic book of compiled prayer/supplcations of historic Muslim figures), Clifton, NJ: Tughra Books, 2011, 2015.

Ta'limu'l-Lugati'l-Arabiyye Bitarikatin Hadisetin (Arabic Language Instruction Book set, five volumes), Izmir: Nil Publications.