

PROFILE

SOHAIL YOUNUS NAKHOODA



SOHAIL YOUNUS NAKHOODA is Founder and Editor-in-Chief of *Islamica Magazine* and Design and Publishing Consultant with the Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute, Amman, Jordan. He was former Executive Director of Kalam Research & Media (KRM), Publishing Director of the Libya Institute for Advanced Studies (LIAS), and Head of Press and Media for the nonprofit NGO, Code on the Road (COR). He is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Faith Centre of the London School of Economics (LSE) and member of the Board of International Advisors of the Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS). At KRM and in association with the Sir John Templeton Foundation, he was the Co-Leader of the Islamic Analytic Theology project responsible for coordinating research with leading scholars and academic and research institutions from around the world in the fields of Theology, Science, Philosophy, Inter-faith and Sufism. Sohail has coordinated the publication of over 60 academic works under the Islamic Analytic Theology series with the John Templeton Foundation.

He founded the award-winning *Islamica Magazine* at the London School of Economics (LSE) in the early 1990s. During his undergraduate studies at the LSE he was president of the Islamic Society for four years and went on to be appointed to the editorial board of *Encounters: Journal of Intercultural Studies* and served as Assistant Editor for the *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, and the *Muslim World Book Review*. Sohail is also the Editor-in-Chief of *Kalam: Journal of Islamic Theology*.

During the 2011 Libyan revolution he worked as Secretary of the Libya Stabilization Team and also with the Support Offices of the Executive Team of the National Transitional Council (NTC) of Libya in Benghazi, and Private Secretary to the Libyan Ambassador to the UAE, Dr Aref Ali Nayed, assisting in diplomatic tasks at the Libyan Consulate in Dubai and the Libyan Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Between 2011 and 2016, he also headed all media relations for the state visits by the Libyan governments of Prime Ministers Mahmoud Jibril, Abdulrahim Al-Keib, and Ali Zeidan, as well as a number of Libyan ministers and envoys to the UAE.

He is also a former advisor to HRH Prince Ghazi Bin Muhammad of Jordan; Chief Archivist for 'A Common Word,' an inter-faith initiative led by King Abdullah II of Jordan; and a Junior Fellow of the Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute of Jordan.

He received a BSc in Government from the London School of Economics (LSE), postgraduate certificates in Catholic Theology from the St. Thomas Aquinas Pontifical University (Angelicum) in Rome (*Summa cum laude*), and an MA in Protestant Theology from the University of Nottingham, UK (*First Class*). He won the British Academy Scholarship to pursue doctoral studies in Theological, Philosophical and Aesthetic Hermeneutics at the University of Nottingham under Professor Canon Revd Dr Anthony Thiselton and Professor Hugh Goddard. After three years of doctoral studies he took an extended sabbatical.

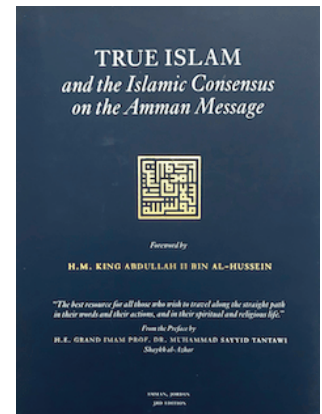
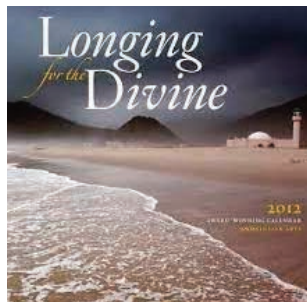
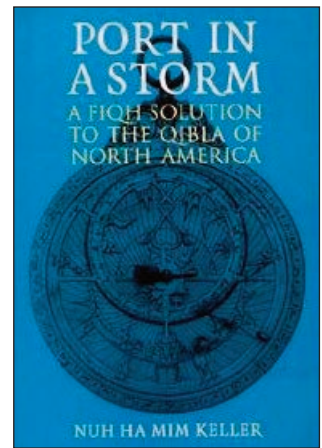
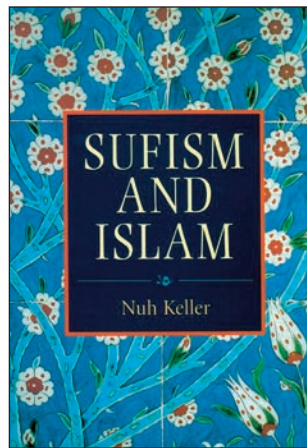
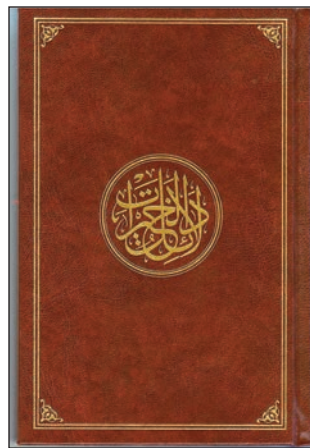
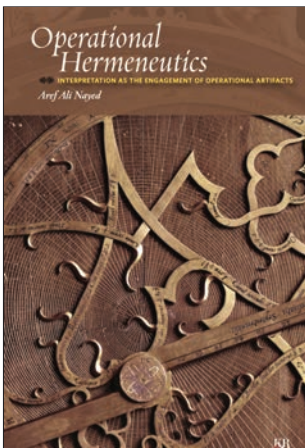
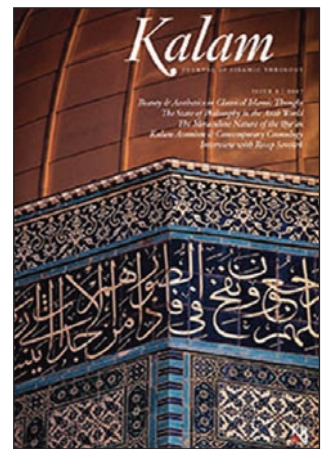
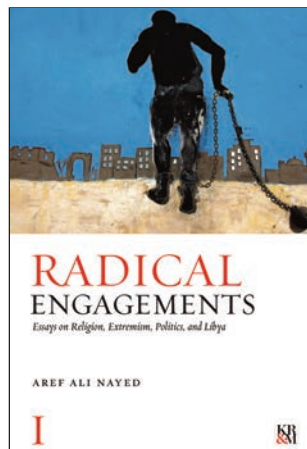
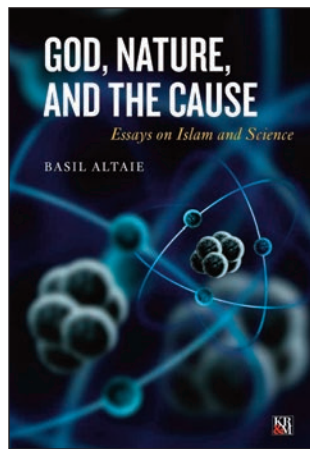
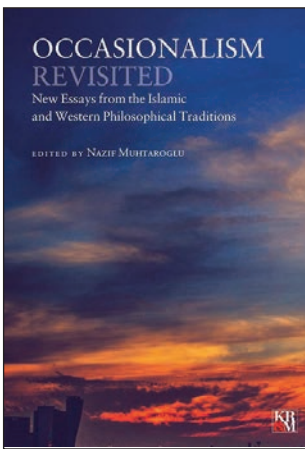
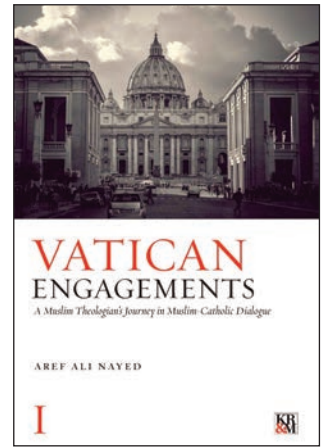
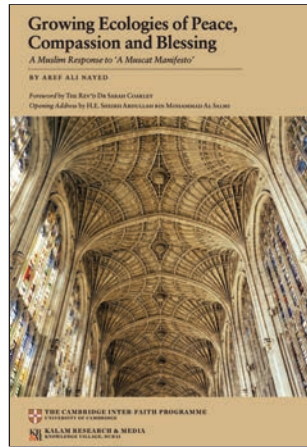
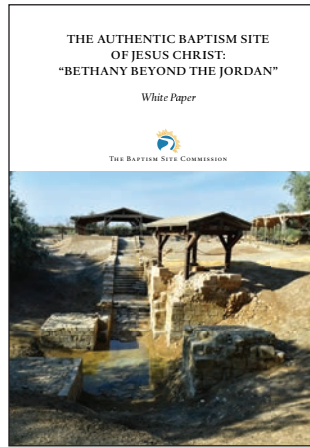
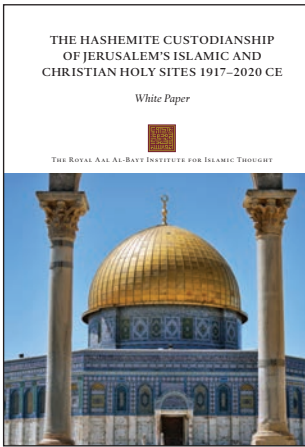
He has over 20 years of book and graphic design expertise and was a finalist in the prestigious British Book Design and Production Awards (2002) in London. He also won gold awards from the Calendar Marketing Association of North America for his design work. Over the years he has designed and typesetted books for the official English volumes of *The Amman Message* and *A Common Word* for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and other international research institutions, publishing houses and NGOs. His latest design work includes White Paper on the *Hashemite Custodianship of Jerusalem's Islamic and Christian Holy Sites (1917–2020 CE)* for the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in Amman, and a White Paper on *The Authentic Baptism Site of Jesus Christ: "Bethany Beyond the Jordan"* for the Baptism Site Commission of Jordan.

His research interests span Christian-Muslim Relations, Diplomacy, Conflict Resolution, CVE/PVE, Religion, Hermeneutics, Photography, Art and Design. His photography work has been widely praised and his collection can be found at *Smugmug* and on *Instagram*. He can be followed on *Twitter* and on *Facebook*.

Sohail was born in Mozambique on 2nd November 1970 and has lived in Hong Kong, Portugal, UK, Pakistan, Spain, Ireland, Italy, UAE, Jordan, Egypt, and Tunisia. He holds both Portuguese and Jordanian nationalities and has been inducted to a Libyan tribe in honor for his services to Libyan peace and conflict resolution. He is fluent in English, Portuguese, Gujarati, Urdu, and Italian. He is currently based in Amman, Jordan.

His photo book, *A Portrait of Libya: Benghazi, Tripoli and Bani Walid*, can be viewed online (<https://kalamresearch.com/krm-announces-the-publication-of-a-photobook-on-libya/>)

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