

## An Analysis of Intuition in the Thought of Ayatollah Hasan-zadeh Amoli

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### *Abstract*

Muslim mystics have reported some attainments gained through their spiritual journey. The central focus of these reports lies in their mystical unveilings (*kashf* and *shuhūd*), the knowledges derived from them, and the intellectual and practical path they traversed to reach their ultimate goal.

This study, employing a descriptive-analytical method, examines the works of Ayatollah Hasan Hasan-zadeh Amoli—one of the prominent contemporary Shi'i mystics—and seeks to answer the main question: *What is his analysis of intuition (shuhūd) within his intellectual framework, and according to this analysis, what are the characteristics, causes, dimensions, and criteria of divine (rahmānī) intuition, as well as the obstacles to attaining it?* The significance of this inquiry lies in the fact that presenting a correct analysis can make talented souls eager to explore the path of benefiting from intuitive knowledge, with the clear horizon that comes from this analysis, it will lead them into the practical spiritual journey.

The findings of the present research indicate that inwardness, particularity, giving knowledge, ineffability, being kind of an act of the soul, and gradualness are among the most important features of intuition, which begins with the immateriality of the soul. Moreover, two sets of cognitive and behavioral factors prepare the ground for attaining intuition, which can be viewed from various perspectives: the perspective of spiritual sleep and spiritual wakefulness, stages of wayfaring, inner perceptions, worlds, divine manifestations—essential (*dhātiyya*), attributive (*ṣifātiyya*), and

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