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CURRICULUM VITAE

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IN 160 years of British rule in Malta very few English scholars took Malta and its language as a subject of their scholarly enquiries. Professor Arberry's books (*A Maltese Anthology*, O.U.P., 1960 and *Dun Karm: The Poet of Malta*, C.U.P., 1961) have helped to bring to the notice of the world of scholars and readers abroad, wherever the English language is spoken, not only the language that we speak but also the history and cultural background and associations of Malta as a Christian country with an ancient civilisation of her own. Such an honour to Malta from such a distinguished scholar deserved to be publicly acknowledged by the University of Malta bearing in mind that Professor Arberry received the cooperation of the two most ancient universities in the U.K. in the publication of his two books – a singular honour for him and Malta.

On the 17th May, 1962, Senate agreed to recommend that the degree of D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) be conferred on Professor A.J. Arberry Litt.D., F.B.A. On the 30th of May, the Council resolved with acclamation that the unanimous recommendation of the Senate be approved. The degree was conferred *in absentia* on the 12th November, 1963.

The following curriculum vitae from *Who's Who* (1961) shows the prolific literary and scholarly activities of Prof. A.J. Arberry:

ARBERRY Arthur John, M.A., Litt.D., F.B.A., Sir Thomas Adams's Professor of Arabic, University of Cambridge since 1947; born 12th May, 1905; Portsmouth Grammar School; Pembroke College, Cambridge (Senior Scholar), 1st Class, Classical Trip Pt. I, 1925, 1st Class, Classical Trip., Pt. II (with distinction in Literature), 1927, 1st Class, Oriental Languages Tripos, Pts. I and II, 1929; Sir William Browne Medallist, E.G. Browne Scholar, 1927; Wright student, 1929; Senior Goldsmiths' Student, 1930; Fellow of Pembroke College, 1931.

Head of Department of Classics, Cairo University, 1932; Assistant Librarian, India Office, 1934; seconded to: War Office (Postal Censorship), 1939; Ministry of Information 1940; Professor: of Persian, University of London, 1944; of Arabic, University of London, and Head of Near and Middle East Department, School of Oriental and African Studies, 1946; Corr. Mem. of the Egyptian and Persian Academy, Arab Academy of Damascus; Vice-President, Unesco Translations Cttee.

Publications: *Majnum Layla*, 1933; ed. *al-Kalabadi, Kitab al-Ta'arruf*,

1934; Niffari, Mawaqif and Mukhatabat, 1935; The Doctrine of the Sufis, 1935; Catalogue of Arabic MSS, in the India Office Library, Vol. II Pt. 2, 1936; Poems of a Persian Sufi, 1937; ed. al-Muhasibi, Kitab al-Tawahhum, 1937; Kharraz, the Book of Truthfulness, 1937; Catalogue of Persian Books in the India Office Library, 1937; The Library of the India Office, 1938; 'Iraqi, The Book of Lovers, 1939; Specimens of Arabic and Persian Palaeography, 1939; The Muslim Attitude to the War, 1940; British Contributions to Persian Studies, 1942; British Orientalists, 1943; co-editor, Islam Today, 1943; Introduction to the History of Sufism, 1943; Modern Persian Reader, 1944; Kings and Beggars, 1945; Asiatic Jones, 1946; Fifty poems of Hafiz, 1947; The Tulip of Sinai, 1947; Pages from the Kitab al-Luma', 1947; The Cambridge School of Arabic, 1948; Immortal Rose, 1948; Ruba'iyat of Omar Khayyam, 1949; Ruba'iyat of Jalal al-Din Rumi, 1949; Persian Psalms, 1949; Spiritual Physick of Rhazes, 1950; Modern Arabic Poetry, 1950; Sufism, 1951; Avicenna on Theology, 1951; Omar Khayyam, a New Version, 1952; Second Suppl. Handlist of Muhammadan MSS in Cambridge, 1952; Ring of the Dove, 1953; Holy Koran 1953; Moorish Poetry, 1953; Mysteries of Selflessness, 1953; (ed.) Legacy of Persia, 1953; Scheherezade, 1953; Persian Poems, 1954; Handlist of Arabic MSS. Chester Beatty Library, 1955-; The Koran Interpreted, 1955; Salaman and Absal, 1956; Reason and Revelation in Islam, 1957; The Seven Odes, 1957; Classical Persian Literature, 1958; Romance of Rubaiyat, 1959; Maltese Anthology, 1960; articles in learned journals and encyclopaedias.