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Ayatollah Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi: Enemies Are Active in Cyberspace, Neglecting in Cyberspace Is Not Acceptable



Speaking on Tuesday evening 12 – October 2021 in the meeting of the Supreme Council of Cyberspace, Ayatollah Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi referred to the need to make changes in the missions of the council, saying, “Using the views of the natural members and the expertise of legal members of the council, effective steps can be taken to compensate for the backlog and the cyberspace management”.

Dr Raisi continued by emphasizing the importance of paying attention to intelligent and goal-oriented management in the field of

entertainment and leisure in the digital space.

According to the Official website of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, The President also referred to the need to make cyberspace safe and secure and said, “In a situation where the enemies are attacking the personal and private space of the people and the country, neglect in this field is not acceptable”.

We need to make cyberspace safe and secure

Raisi also called for “digitizing” the government to make communication between different ministries easier. He added that emphasizing on a “digital economy” would help create jobs and asked the different ministries to work toward it.

October 17, 2021

Dr. Firoozabadi: We Must Create an Islamic Region in Cyberspace

Abolhassan Firoozabadi, Secretary of Iran’s Supreme Council of Cyberspace emphasized the strengthening of Islamic unity and Islamic cooperation in order to establish a region without conflicts in cyberspace.



In the webinar of the 35th International Conference on Islamic Unity, he added: We cannot build an Islamic region on virtual platforms that the West has provided. In my opinion, Muslims should try to establish a conflict-free region in cyberspace, because when a conflict occurs, this Islamic region will be eliminated due to its dependence on number of users and how they interact for power.

Dr. Firoozabadi stressed that Muslim scholars and governors should do their best for establishing this region and said: This Islamic region in cyberspace should be formed on the basis of friendliness, kindness, respect for each other and not using slander, lies and hatred. Because the issue of Islamic unity and cooperation in the Muslim world is necessary.

Ayatollah Ramazani: More Attention Should Be Paid to Cyberspace

Ayatollah Ramazani said, “In addition to the traditional preaching and mourning sessions, we must also be active in cyberspace. The Minbar needs to be developed, and more attention should be paid to cyberspace,”

On October 30, 2021, Sayed Kalb Javad Naqvi, met with Ayatollah Reza Ramazani, Secretary-General of the AhlulBayt (a.s.) World Assembly. In this meeting, Hojat al-Islam Sayed Kalb Javad Naqvi, stated, “India is very vast; its cities are far apart, and communication is difficult. But today, with the Internet and cyberspace, communication has become easier.”



Ayatollah Bushehri: Muslim Scholars Do Not Want to Stop People's Activities in Cyberspace

October 21, 2021 Ayatollah Hosseini Bushehri in a meeting with Iran's Parliament Speaker said: One of the important issues is the issue of cyberspace management, which has become a serious concern. Because there are a lot of evil and disgusting contents in this space and we have not been able to gain independence in this field so far.

President of the Qom Seminary Teachers Association continued: Seminary Teachers Association, authorities and scholars do not want to stop people's

activities in cyberspace. But the type of management and form of work should be in a way that would be appropriate with the Islamic community so that cyberspace is used while avoiding its risks and harms.



October 27, 2021

Apple withdraws Bible and Quran apps in China



Apple has recently removed the Quran Majeed and the Olive Tree Bible apps from its App Store in China, Apple Censorship reported in a tweet.

According to several media, the company is following a request from the Chinese authorities, who claim the apps violate laws that prohibit the use of religious text or materials.

China has already shut down Bible apps and Christian WeChat public accounts last May, stating that they "violated China's Internet User Public Account Information

Services Management Provisions", so that must be "blocked and suspended".

The country ranks 17th on 2021 Open Doors' World Watch List, down six places from the previous reporting period.

October 19, 2021

Publication of a Journal Titled "Religion and Digital Life"

The third issue of the Turkish Journal "Tivilat" was published with the title "Religion and Digital Life".

This journal was prepared by Selcuk University and this issue includes five research articles and a review, also includes four book reviews.

Some of the articles published in the journal are as follows:

1. From the Industrial Revolution to Industry 4.0: Digitalization and the Status of Religion in the Digital World
2. Privacy and Private Life in Virtual World
3. Postmodernism, Digitalization and Hybrid Religiosity
4. Exhibition Method of Islamic Calligraphy and Islamic Calligraphy in Digital Media

October 30, 2021



A scientific meeting about “Cyberbullying”

This meeting was held by Mr. Sadiq Mahdian on Tuesday, October 19, 2021



With the efforts of the Office of Islamic Studies on Cyberspace (OISC) the fifth live webinar titled “Cyberbullying ” was held.

In the webinar, Sadiq Mahdian explained the words and terms related to the topic and said: “Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

The researcher at the Office of Islamic Studies on Cyberspace (OISC) pointed out some of the types of bullying, warning signs for bullying, tactics & examples of cyber-

bullying. Then he expressed different suggestions for preventing bullying. He said: Parents should be aware of what kids are doing online and they should follow these suggestions which are:

- Monitor a teen’s social media sites, apps, and browsing history, if you have concerns that cyberbullying may be occurring.
- Review or re-set your child’s phone location and privacy settings.

Follow or friend your teen on social media sites or have another trusted adult do so.

Stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms, and digital slang used by children and teens.

Establish rules about appropriate digital behavior, content, and apps.

Make use of Digital Monitoring Apps and Software

October 19, 2021



Artificial Intelligence Transhumanism Post-humanism and Religion Symposium

Turkey will host an international conference on artificial intelligence and religion. This symposium will be held online for three days 17. December.2021 – 19. December.2021

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The conference is organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Theology of Ataturk University and the Faculty of Islamic Sciences of Ibrahim Chechen University, and papers will be accepted in English, Arabic, Persian and Turkish.

Deadline for Registration Application and Full-Text Submission: 01.12.2021