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Akeem Olayinka KAZEEM is a lecturer and interdisciplinary researcher specialising in moral psychology, moral philosophy, and epistemological integration. His academic journey is defined by a deep exploration of human nature, ethics, and the integration of traditional, indigenous, and contemporary philosophical frameworks.

Academic Background & Certifications

- **Ph.D. in Islamic Thought / Philosophy (In View)** | International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
  – *Research Focus:* Analysing the narrative structure of the Quranic story in Surah Yusuf to understand human moral dispositions through an integrated psychological approach.
- **M.A. in Islamic Thought / Philosophy** | International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
  – *Research Focus:* Examined Ibn Taymiyyah's moral philosophy to discourse his moral epistemology and what informs human moral dispositions.
- **Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in Integration of Knowledge** | Georgia (Eastern Europe)
  – *Research Focus:* Developed methodology and framework approaches to multidisciplinary approaches to knowledge.
- **M.A. in Philosophy** | University of Lagos (UNILAG)
  – *Research Focus:* Explored African socio-political philosophy, specifically focusing on African ontology and how it can be explored to create indigenous political structures for Africa rather than relying on Western models.
- **B.A. in Philosophy** | University of Lagos (UNILAG)
  – *Research Focus:* Investigated the complexities of human nature through Karl Marx's theory of alienation.
- **Professional Certification in Islamic Psychology** | Indonesia

Awards & Scholarships

- **Full Doctoral Scholarship** | International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), USA
  Awarded highly competitive funding for his ongoing Ph.D. studies at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).
- **Best Student Award (Master's Degree)** | International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
  Recognized for his outstanding academic excellence and research contributions during postgraduate

studies.

- **Full Master's Scholarship** | International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), USA
  Awarded competitive funding for his M.A. studies at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

Publications & Research Outputs

- **International Peer-Reviewed Papers:** Authored and co-authored research papers published in reputable international journals, contributing to global discourse on ethics, moral philosophy, and integrative knowledge frameworks.

Research & Professional Experience

- **Facilitator** | International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) West Africa *(Current)*
  Actively leading and facilitating academic discourse, writing, and framework development programs within the West African region.
- **Graduate Research Assistant** | International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
  Gained extensive, hands-on exposure to practical epistemological integration, contributing to writing and developing conceptual frameworks.
- **Conference Presenter** | International Graduate Research Conference, Turkey
  Contributed to global academic discourse by presenting his research and collaborating with international scholars.

Teaching & Research Interests

His current research and teaching portfolio spans across the humanities and social sciences, with a strong emphasis on cross-disciplinary dialogue:

- **Foundational Philosophy:** Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Sciences, Social Epistemology, Critical Thinking, and Creative Thinking.
- **Psychological & Narrative Studies:** Moral Psychology, Philosophical Psychology, Islamic Psychology, Narrative Psychology, and Quranic Narrative Ethics.
- **Contemporary & Global Discourses:** Epistemological Integration, Civilizational Studies, Contemporary Ethical Issues, and Gender Discourse.