

## The Transcendent Theosophy and the Hikmat Imani in Mulla Sadra's Thought; Same or Different?

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### Abstract

This study examines and compares two fundamental concepts in Mulla Sadra's philosophy, namely Hikmat-e Muta'aliyah (Transcendent Theosophy) and *Hikmat-e Imani*, to address the question of whether these two approaches are identical or distinct in Sadra's thought. The significance of this inquiry lies in clarifying the position and role of these two wisdoms within Mulla Sadra's comprehensive philosophical system, particularly in explaining the integration of reason, intuition, and the Qur'an in the pursuit of truth. Through the analysis of Mulla Sadra's works, the essence, characteristics, and sources of these two wisdoms are explored. The findings reveal that while these wisdoms share the ultimate goal of attaining truth and closeness to God, they differ significantly in their methodologies and reliance on sources. Hikmat-e Muta'aliyah is based on three sources: reason, intuition, and the Qur'an, whereas *Hikmat-e Imani* relies primarily on intuition. This study concludes that the relationship between Hikmat-e Imani and Transcendent Theosophy is characterized by both differences in some aspects and similarities in others. These findings contribute to a deeper understanding of the epistemological structure of Mulla Sadra's philosophy and can pave the way for further studies on the interaction of reason, intuition, and the Qur'an.

**key words:** Mulla Sadra; Transcendent theosophy; Hikmat Imani; Sources of Knowledge.

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