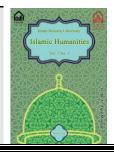


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# The esoteric structure, the infrastructure of the insituional structure of the organizaion

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#### ABSTRACT

Imam Khamenei (May Allah protect him) in his statement on the second step of the revoluion, in which he says: "The Islamic Revoluion has not and will not stagnate ater the establishment of the system, and it does not see any contradicion or incompaibility between the revoluionary ferment and the poliical and social order, but it defends the theory of the revoluionary system forever." (Statement of the Second Step of the Revoluion). The revoluionary system needs a revoluionary structure and organizaion that can carry out the assigned missions in line with the idea of the revoluionary system. A successful example of this organizaion is the IRGCY. The researcher's lived experience, along with the statements of Imam Khamenei (May Allah protect him) about the spiritual structure of the IRGC, moivated the study of the revoluionary structure of the IRGC, which at the same ime is compaible with the social order. By studying the infrastructure of language in linguisics and Chomsky's theory of essenialism, and the expression of the spiritual structure of the IRGC by Imam Khamenei (May Allah protect him), the late Ayatollah Shahabadi's theory of naturalism, the idea of the esoteric structure of the IRGC and its relaionship with the insituional structure in the naturalisic insituional organizaion was formed to answer this quesion and came to its conclusion. This theory is based on the Islamic worldview. Its philosophical paradigm is interpreivism. Based on the hermeneuic method that examines the organizaion as a text, the dimensions of the subject are explained by the back-and-forth movement from the part to the whole and the whole to the part. The paradigms studied in management science are the paradigm of the organizaion as a machine to describe the bureaucraic structure, and the paradigms of the organizaion as a living enity and culture to describe the dynamism in the insituional structure while its stability. The components of the IRGC's esoteric structure include spirituality, revoluionary discipline, and a strong organize.

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#### 1. Introducion

Imam Khamenei (May Allah protect him) in his statement on the second step of the revoluion (Y·)A) says: "The Islamic Revoluion, as a living and determined phenomenon, is always flexible and ready to correct its mistakes, but it is not revisable and passive. He shows positive sensitivity to criticisms and considers them a blessing from God and a warning to inactive professionals, but he does not distance himself from his values, which are intertwined with people's religious faith under any pretext. The Islamic Revolution has not and will not stagnate ater the establishment of the system, and it does not

see any contradicion or incompaibility between the revoluionary ferment and the poliical and social order, but it defends the theory of the revoluionary system forever."

The issue that arises here is how in insituional organizaions such as the Islamic Revoluionary Guard Corps (IRGC), between flexibility and stability, between revoluionary fervor and internal order, there has been coordinaion and cohesion of the organizaion, and it has been able to maintain its survival and achieve its various missions to the extent that its performance is saisfied. The answer to this quesion is determined by examining the internal structure of the IRGC.

Regarding the formaion of the idea of the esoteric structure of the organizaion, at the beginning of the study of linguisic theories about the structure of the language and the world language proposed by Noam Chomsky, the possibility of proposing the esoteric structure in the organizaion came to mind. Then, Ayatollah Shahabadi's theory of naturalism strengthened this theory. Finally, in reviewing the statements of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khamenei (May Allah protect him) and Raising the issue of the spiritual structure of the IRGC regarding the structure of the IRGC, it was concluded that the internal structure of the IRGC should be discussed against the organizaional structure and the apparent structure of the organizaion in relaion to the insituional structure of the IRGC. In the project of explaining the role of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Imam Khamenei (May Allah protect him) in the evoluion of the IRGC's human resources (Eskandari, Mousavi, ۲۰۲٤), in the organizational structure secion, by reviewing the IRGC's empirical records and the statements of the Commander-in-Chief Imam Khamenei (May Allah protect him) and the lived experience of the researcher of the IRGC's spiritual structure, it was divided into three parts: internal structure, organizaional structure, and external structure. And the esoteric structure has also been divided into three parts: spirituality, revoluionary discipline, and strong organizing.

## Hypotheses:

The main hypotheses whose tesing has resulted in this theory (including tesing hypotheses and scienific evidence)

## **Main Hypothesis:**

In addition to the external structure and organizational structure of the IRGC, which are flexible and changeable, there is an internal structure in the IRGC that has stability and is the infrastructure of the IRGC's insituional structure.

#### **Text**

The emergence of organizaions and their increasing expansion is one of the prominent features of human civilizaion, various spaial and temporal factors, special characterisics and needs of different socieies create, expand and increase the number of different types of social organizaions every day. Organizaions, like other social phenomena, are also changing and evolving, and it is certain that today's organizaion is not the same as yesterday's organizaion. But all organizaions have one thing in common, and that is that they are all formed and established to achieve specific goals.

Organization is a social phenomenon that is consciously coordinated and has relaively specific limits and works to achieve a goal or

objectives based on a series of permanent foundations. - Organizations

operate based on a series of permanent principles. In other words, every organizaion operates according to a specific law or criteria that have been approved by the competent authoriies. It observes principles in carrying out the aciviies of the organizaion and values are also considered and emphasized by the members of the organizaion. All of this form the foundaions of the organizaion. (Robbins, ۲۰۰1).

In the definiion, we have that the organizaion is consciously coordinated. One of the main pillars of coordinaion in the organizaion is the division of labor and the design of the organizaion's structure. The organizaional chart that we come across at first glance, actually shows the division of labor in its appearance. A deeper layer is the organizaional structure, which reflects the level of complexity, formality, and centralizaion in the organizaion. In the historical course of structure, mechanical structure and organic structure were proposed by Burns and Stalker (1971). Mintzberg (19A.) then proposes a simple, parial, adhocracy, and mechanical and professional bureaucracy. Later, he adds an ideological and poliical structure to these structures. The insituionalizaion of organizaions was proposed by Selznick (190V). The theory of esoteric structure develops the theory of insituional organizaion in the form of a naturalisic insituional organizaion and the discussion of esoteric structure, which is considered an innovaion in theory and theorizing. The idea of esoteric structure was iniially formed in the mind of the researcher from the knowledge of linguisics, which has solid philosophical foundaions.

Language is a set of convenional signs that are used along a dimension (ime) to convey a message. The extension of one dimension means that each sign takes turns ater the other. The set of signs forms a concept in the human mind over ime. Another definiion defines language as a formal apparatus of symbols governed by grammaical rules of composiion to convey

meaning. This definition emphasizes that human languages can be described as closed structural systems that include rules that link certain signs to specific meanings. This structuralist view of language was first introduced by Ferdinand de Saussure, and his structuralism remains the foundaion for many language approaches. One definiion sees language as essenially a mental talent (mental faculty) that allows humans to "behave linguisically": that is, learning languages and producing and understanding uterances in a language. This definiion emphasizes the universality of language for all human beings. Linguisics in its modern sense began with the publicaion of Ferdinand de Saussure's The Course in General Linguisics. De Saussure disinguished between "simultaneous" "temporal" linguisic studies and emphasized the study of the "language system".

In the 190.s, Noam Chomsky's theories revoluionized the field and gave rise to generaive grammar. He strongly criicized behaviorist psychology, which considers language learning as a form of behavioral imitaion, and presented evidence to show the ineiciencies of such a view. He believes that the principles and characterisics of language are innate in human beings and that the child does not learn language, but acquire it. In other words, the way of learning language is inherited and geneically programmed in the brain, and the environment around the child only plays a simulaing role for learning the mother tongue. The child takes a limited set of informaion from his linguisic environment and is able to make new combinaions himself. Previously, theorists believed that the mother tongue enters the child's mind only through hearing the speech of those around them and in an acquired way. The essence of Saussure's argument is based on the concept of signs. De Saussure studied language as a system and "simultaneous separated linguisics" "historical linguisics". According to Saussure, "sign" is a word,

and in a sense, Saussure's linguisics is a foundaional word. He speaks of the signifier and the signified, which are the two major parts of the sign. Saussure considers language to be a system of signs.

Chomsky's revoluion is noteworthy in that he made linguisics "syntacic" and "sentence" the unit of study for linguisics, so linguisics went through a developmental process. This is one of the prominent paradigms in linguisics today. Firstly, this approach remains at the level of the sentence and does not go to the level of the metasentence, and secondly, it believes in the Cartesian raionalist thinking, which means that a part of our linguisic knowledge comes with us to the world at birth. Therefore, he believes that some of the characterisics of language are intrinsic. Chomsky's essenialist and introverted view of language is compaible with the philosophical school of "raionalism" contradicts the ani-essenialist and externalisic view of language in accordance with the philosophical school of empiricism, which claims that all knowledge, including language, comes from external simuli. The basis of Chomsky's linguisic theory lies in biolinguisics, the linguisic school that believes that the principles underlying the structure of language are biologically set in the human mind and are therefore geneically inherited. He argues that all human beings, regardless of socio-cultural differences, have an underlying linguisic structure They are the same. In taking this position, Chomsky rejects B.F. Skinner's extreme behaviorist psychology, which saw behavior (including speaking and thinking) as a fully learned product of the interacions between organisms and their environments. Accordingly, Chomsky argues that language is a unique evoluionary evoluion of humankind and is disinct from the modes of communicaion used by any animal species.

The next approach is the funcionalist and roleoriented approach, which believes that the unit of study of language should be "discourse", therefore, this approach is philosophically empirical and believes that what is placed above is context. This approach considers linguisics to be intertwined with sociology.

However, Chomsky's approach considers linguisics to be familiar with psychology and ulimately biology. (Persian Encyclopedia Wikipedia)

In the theory of the internal structure of the IRGC, in addition to paying atenion to the intrinsic feature of the internal structure, its relaionship with the insituional structure has been discussed, which expresses the contextual approach and the relaionship of the organization with the beliefs and values of the society as the context of the organization. In this theory, the organization is seen as a living being and culture that interacts with its environment. It is influenced by the environment and affects it.

## The Naturalisic Perspecive

Fitrat is one of the topics that has been and is of interest to heavenly religions, thinkers and epistemologists throughout history. Scholars in the field of monotheism and scholars in the field of anthropology have spent their lives criticizing this precious commodity and have devoted their efforts to diving into the sea of knowledge of nature in order to catch pearl of love from the shell of Fitrat.

From one point of view, the subject of Fitrat is a philosophical discussion, because it is related to three important topics of philosophy (God, the world, and man), and from another perspecive, the discussion of Fitrat and love is considered as one of the mysical issues and issues (because the most important mysical issue is monotheism and monotheist) and mysics have discussed and negoiated in detail with their penetraing perspecive and finally tasted it. From the third perspecive, it is also related to the topics of psychology and related sciences, as it is related to topics epistemology, theology, anthropology, theology, resurrecion, educaion,

and similar topics, and on top of all of them, in religious

sources and teachings (Qur'an and Sunnah), the issue of Fitrat has been relied upon a lot. and in the end, each thinker with his own approach, verses and hadiths In this regard, the mysical delicacies of the mysical mysics have a special sweetness that they interpreted the topics about Fitrat in a natural way, with their special view of the origin of Fitrat and love and romanic steps to the desinaion of the beloved, among the mysics who have discussed in this field, we can menion the perfect mysic Mirza Mohammad Ali Shahabadi and his righteous successor Imam Khomeini (may Allah have mercy on him) by using the teachings and findings of the ancients, valuable delicacies have also been added to it.

"The prerequisites for the existence of proof are called Fitrah and the prerequisites for non-constanial existence are called nature, and for this reason it is not said that the Fitrat of water is wet, but it is said that its nature is like this. Allah. Although both are formaive, Fitrat is more conscious than nature"

Literalists have taken al-Fitr to mean creaion (al-Johari, Sahih al-Lugha). Fitr means spliing and There is also tearing, because creaion is as if it is tearing the veil of non-existence (Khomeini, 19A9: p. 197). Although the substance of fitr is menioned repeatedly in the Qur'an, this word with this formula and with this weight, i.e., fitrat on the weight of the verb, is menioned only in one verse, which is about human beings and that religion is the creaion of Allah (Motahhari, 19A7: p. 11).

"فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفاً فِطْرَتَ الله الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لاَ تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللهِ َ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ" (روم (٣٠)، ٣٠).

In Islamic sources, i.e., in the Qur'an and Sunnah, the principle of Fitrat has been relied upon....

Apparently, this word has no precedent before the Qur'an (Motahhari, 1947, p. 15). Fitr means to start, iniiate, and invent (the primiive creaion, which is also called innovaion, which is not an imitaion) and this is also the case. What is meant by the creaion of God, which God has made people to do, is the state and form to which He has placed the creatures, which is one of the requirements of their existence and one of the things on which their leaven has been fermented in the original creaion, and the divine natures, if it becomes clear ater this, are from the grace that God has assigned to it, the sons of man from among all the creatures, and so on. Beings either do not have these types of fitrats at all, or they are imperfect and have litle luck from them (Khomeini, 1949, p. 102).

#### Characterisics of Fitrat

In the introductory discussions, we have named the most important and supreme natural thing as love, through which man becomes divine and Fades in the truth, and since one of the characterisics of the natural thing is the accompanying existence and one of the forms of fermentaion in the essence of nature, the following characterisics can be considered as necessary of nature.

1. No one disagrees about its essence and the difference is only in the degrees of its intensity and weakness, which is the case due to some factors, but since the single truth is the essence of the levels, as it is in existence, the truths will not be different. Factors such as habits change, but the natural does not change (Khomeini, 1949: p. 100)

Y- Love is one of the true atributes of the extraessence, i.e., it wants to belong and the beloved. Such as the intellect, the intellect, the knowledge and the known, so the existence of actual love is definitely and necessarily the

discovery of the existence of the beloved (Shahabadi, ۲۰۰۱: p. ۱۳۰).

". Whether the world is eternal or Eternal or not, and whether or not there are infinite sequences of beings, everyone is poor, because existence is not intrinsic to them. If you look at all the infinite dynasies with intellectual encompassing, you will hear the voice of the inherent poverty and the need in their existence and perfecion for the existence that exists intrinsically and perfecions are intrinsic, and if you address the intellectually poor dynasies by pretending that who is able to meet your needs, they will all shout in unison in the language of nature that we are in need of a being who He should not be poor like us in the existence and perfecion of the universe, and this nature is not from them . The nature of monotheism is from God, and the intrinsically poor creatures do not become inherently rich, and it is not possible for such a transformaion. and no one will alleviate their poverty except the intrinsically rich And this poverty, which is intrinsically necessary for them, is permanent, whether this dynasty is eternal or not, whether it is eternal or not (Khomeini, 1999: vol. 17, pp.  $\Upsilon \cdot \Upsilon$  and  $\Upsilon \cdot \Lambda$ ).

It turns out that the rulings of fitrah are more obvious than all the axiomaic rulings, because in all the rulings of the intellect, we do not have a ruling that is as if no one has contradicted it, and it is clear that such a thing is the clearest of the essenials and the eternity of the axioms, and the things that are necessary for it must also be among the most obvious necessiies. It is necessary: But most people do not know (Khomeini, ۱۹۸۹: pp. ۱۸۰-۱۸۱).

Before presening the theory of esoteric structure and its relaionship with the naturalisic insituional structure, it is necessary to criique and examine the compeing theory that is currently pervasive. In this secion, the criique of the bureaucraic organizaion has been discussed.

Criique of the Bureaucraic Organizaion

Max Weber's ideal model, like other ideal models. has limitaions. Because ideal models are designed according to opimal condiions and maximum desirability, while these condiions are not realized in the real world. Therefore, Weber's theory of bureaucracy also has this flaw, which has led to the introducion of later theories to get rid of this flaw. In Weber's ideal definiion of bureaucracy in the organizaion, each person's job should be divided into simple, repeiive, and specific tasks, the hierarchy of authority in the organizaion is clear, and the formal rules and procedures in the organizaion It prevails, the rules are applied equally and impersonally, the selection and promoion of individuals is based on individual merit, qualificaions and performance, employees enjoy the benefits of permanent employment and a definite career path, and the personal and organizaional life of individuals is disinct from each other. In Weberian utopian bureaucracy, poliical issues and emoional conflicts are not considered, and organizaional goals are clear, and decisions are made based on objective criteria.

It was expected that with the realizaion of bureaucracy, competence in selecion and appointment, absolute lack of authority of managers, permanent tenure of employees, fair treatment of employees, clear lines of authority and responsibility in organizaions.

However, the menioned things have not been realized in the real world. In organizaions, there has been a shit of personal goals and units instead of organizaional goals, the appearance of alienaion and a sense of idenity in people, the concentraion of power and lack of accountability to clients, a decrease in flexibility, and a loss of effectiveness at the expense of increasing eiciency. One of the problems is that organizaions have moved away from the philosophy of their existence as a social phenomenon. Another problem is becoming Uncontrollable and the immense accumulaion of power in them. Bureaucraic organizaions exclusively allocate the forces, resources, and faciliies of the society to

themselves and emerge as powerful and monopolisic units in the society. These giganic organizations have demonstrated their power by employing technical experise, using government laws and regulations, relying and focusing completely on their essential and vital goals, and using political levers Serving in the society becomes a servant and takes the society into their service. these organizations take advantage of the vacuum of supervision and control and go beyond the scope of their responsibilities and powers and become Service Recipients of the servants.

On the other hand, the reality is that the pervasive presence of the idea of bureaucracy in organizaions is sill observed due to its ideal goals. The tendency to order and coordinaion, goal-orientaion and authority, regularity and avoidance of ambiguity, respect for individual freedoms while acceping the law are observed in organizaions. In this situaion, bureaucracy tries to maintain its survival by proposing new forms such as professional bureaucracy based on knowledge developments.

Considering the strengths and weaknesses of the bureaucraic organizaion and paying atenion to the beliefs, values, and norms governing the IRGC in this theory, based on the researcher's lived experience, the combined approach of the naturalisic insituional organizaion for the IRGC organizaion has been proposed.

The Pillars of the Expansion of the Theory of Esoteric Structure (Eskandari, ۲۰۲0)

Foundaions of Developing		
the	Typology	Axes
Theory		
Islamic		
Worldview:		
Principle:	Divine	Worldview
Monotheism,		
Path:		
Prophethood		
and Imamate,		
Desinaion:		
Divine		

Resurrecion		
Hermeneuics	Interpreivism	Philosophy of Research
Naturalism Insituionalism	Science Paradigms: Human Relaions, Organizaional Culture	the Scienific Paradigm
The Internal, Organizaional and External Structure	Systemic	Aitude
Combining raionalism with Chomsky's essenialism and Ayatollah Shahabadi's Theory of Fitrat	A Deducive- Inducive Approach	Approch
Themaic Analysis	Conducing Qualitaive Research	Strategy
Text Research	, Document Review	Qualitaive Data Collecion Method
Lived Experience	Themaic Analysis	Data Analysis Method

The theory is based on the Islamic paradigm (worldview). We will examine it.

## A. Ontology

- 1. The system of existence created by God is Knowing, Wise, Almighty, Unique, and He is free from all defects and absolute perfecion, and the world has been created in the best and most perfect way by His wise will.
- Y. The system of existence is an integrated system and an indivisible whole, and its components are compaible with each other in interacion and

dependent on each other in such a way that no part of it can be eliminated, and the elimination of some requires the elimination of all and the preservation of others, as well as the preservation of all, and its collection consitutes a stable and purposeful system.

- <sup>r</sup>. The system of existence is based on goodness, mercy and jusice, and anything that contradicts and contradicts it will be confronted and destroyed in a lawful manner.
- £. The system of existence is purposeful and has a nature of "from Him" and "to Him", and therefore the self and each of its beings move towards worthy perfecions according to their talent from their origin based on a specific mission from the Creator of the universe and under divine laws, and all of them turn to "one side" and a center of absolute perfecion and perfecion which is the Almighty.
- °. The system of the universe and its sub-systems, parts, and structures, with the grace and will of God, go through their evoluion process based on specific laws and tradiions and transfer their talents from power to acion.

## B. Anthropology

- Nan is the creature of the Creator of the Universe, and he is a purposeful creature who is responsible for him. He is considered the noblest of creatures, the owner of dignity, and the successor of God on earth.
- Y- The nature of man, which is the adherence to the religion of monotheism, is the basic structure of his existence:
- "So, turn your face to the religion of Allah, which is the creature of Allah, He created mankind on that basis, but most of the people do not know" (Rom,  $^{r}$ .).
- The basis of man's existence is the divine nature, which is based on the goodness of existence, mercy and jusice, and according to the nature of the human being, he understands the

ugly and the beauiful, the good and the bad, and he has the talent to learn.

- <sup>£</sup>. Man has two material and spiritual dimensions, the unseen and appearance, each of which is in a two-way interacion with each other and under its own law. Every acion that is issued from Him in the material world has us in exchange for the unseen, and collecively it consitutes the characteristics of His acion, and the final response to the Truth is based on the calculation of the body and soul or the outward and inward aspects of the acion.
- °. Human beings have material and spiritual needs based on their existenial structure (nature and nature) which are categorized according to insinctual, arisic, intellectual and spiritual talents. These talents and needs are hierarchical, and each of them is saisfied under its own laws, and according to its conformity with divine values and commands, they play a role in the evoluion of human existence.
- 7. Based on his covenant with God, man realizes his divine talents with the mission of worshipping absolute perfecion in his evoluionary and lawful path. And in harmony with the system of existence, it moves towards Him like other creatures.
- Y. Man's relaionship with other human beings and socieies is based on the compaibility of the social rules governing groups and socieies with divine laws and commands, and to the extent that he has the

power to influence the environment, he tries to adapt social rules to his principles and values to the extent that he has the power to influence the environment. Also, to the extent that it has freedom of acion and free will, it acts in the framework of these social rules based on divine commands. The basis of this relaionship is always benevolence for the group and leading them towards worthy perfecions based on divine values and commands.

A. Man considers nature and the material world as a passage to the eternal world and a pla orm for the fulfillment of his divine mission, and considers communicaion with it to be a two-way and interacive communicaion and permissible to use it in harmony with natural laws and divine commands. And in this use, he always considers the observance of the good of human society and jusice as the basis and considers himself responsible and accountable to God in this regard.

# C. Epistemology

1. Epistemology is a science that discusses the perceived, perceiver, and conformity of percepion with the perceived, the evaluaion of different types of percepions, determining the

criteria for the correctness and error of percepions, the scope and limits, the factors, the indicators of measuring the factors, and the interacion of their types with each other.

- Y. Recogniion is possible. In other words, one can idenify one's own dimensions and existenial areas, the external world, others, and Knowledge of God, and this knowledge can also be compaible with reality.
- Υ- The quality and nature of knowledge has a continuum, on the one hand, it is the knowledge of revelaion that is completely bestowed by God to the chosen and pure human beings, and on the other hand, that person acquires it with the tools and methods at his disposal, and to the extent that he succeeds in this struggle, he will be subject to the bestowal of success from God. It goes through recognition.
- £. Most of man's cogniions have a verse crystallizaion in a way. By mastering the laws of cogniion, one can analyze, find the roots, and recognize their causes and become aware of the grounds for their occurrence.
- - The higher a person is equipped with knowledge, the lower the error rate in his cogniion and the possibility of adaptaion of Percepion increases with the perceived, and with the journey to the higher worlds and finally the

world of revelaion and the atainment of the knowledge of the presence by the Almighty, the possibility of error is eliminated. This is due to the infallibility of pure knowledge of the presence or infallibility bestowed by God.

- 1- Man cannot achieve certainty (1...% knowledge in accordance with reality) by relying on sensory knowledge (empirical science), but the way to achieve certainty is only possible in connecion with intellect and revelaion.
- Y. The difference in the characterisics of the existenial structure of the human form, the quality of educaion, and the mastery of the material and spiritual Powers of human beings and the different percepion of the environment, lead to the difference in the understanding and cogniion of individuals. Therefore, to the extent of using the laws of cogniion and codified value principles and foundaions, common understanding and social knowledge are developed.

# D. Methodology

- 1. The methodology is the means and ways to achieve knowledge of the Creator of the universe and the worlds, example, Nature, divinity, the unseen, and the knowledge of man, society, and organizaion. Its product is empirical sciences, art, philosophy, mathemaics, ethics, divine rulings, and teachings, which are the basis of man's acions and enable him to perfecion and empowerment in the levels and worlds of existence.
- Y. The most famous known hybrid method is the experimental method, which has emerged from the combinaion of sensory methods and raional methods, and is used in the world of nature and experimental sciences.
- Υ. The common feature of all methods of cognition is that they are selective and abstract, and each of them considers a part of reality or truth. These methods have a higher degree of evoluion in proportion to the deliberate composition they find, and in a symbolic system and with their own language, they make possible a more complete manifestation of cognition.

£. The custom of any methodology is to ignore some variables and select and main others. Accordingly, it is not possible to be sure that what has been described is perfect. In other words, any method is correct in what it expresses and incomplete in what it does not address, and the degree of error and understanding of reality stems from this.

- °. Theories, and knowledge that are formed on the basis of methods can be based on well-known methods of inducion, analogy, or a combinaion of them, and new methods in the form of creaive leaps or on the basis of knowledge engineering (an invenive, deliberate combinaion of proposiions and concepts that have been developed separately and present a new theory in the form of a new meaningful and coherent formulaion).
- 7. The methods and theories on which they are formed are evaluated in the intertwined networks of concepts with each other, and they are governed by the criteria of coherence, comprehensiveness, and empirical expressiveness.
- V. Considering the existence of the five different methods belonging to each of the relevant worlds and the combined methods emanaing from them, the definiions, concepts, and specific language of each of the methods, and the understanding of the concepts, assumpions, theories, paradigms, and the like in each system or world require special and new standard meanings. And by moving towards the development of consciousness in each of these realms and worlds, the producion of words and concepts, awareness and cogniion gradually expands.

## Knowledge Foundaions of theory

The knowledge foundaions of theory are presented in two parts: managerial metaphors and insituion cogniion in sociological knowledge. In sociology, insituions are abstract because they are a network of values and norms, while formal organizaions are the means of realizing the aciviies and goals of a given insituion.

The metaphor of the machine expresses the type of bureaucraic structure, and the metaphor of the living being expresses a dynamic and flexible organizaion. In the theory of esoteric structure, we intend

to draw a combinaion of the merits of both types of structures in the insituional organizaion of the IRGC.

The metaphor that governs the bureaucraic organizaion is the metaphor of the organizaion as a machine. However, in order to explain the esoteric structure, the two metaphors of the living being and the organizaion as culture are appropriate. The metaphor of the machine Organizaions as management tools Just as you may build a machine to perform specific tasks such as making a hole in wood or installing a shield on a car, you can also create organizaions to fulfill Create specific goals. This type of thinking refers to the machine's metaphor for organizaion theory. The machine metaphor were invented as part of the Industrial Revoluion, was the dominant literature and art of the 19th and Yoth centuries. And it forced classical management theory to focus on structure and eiciency in its framework. The machine metaphor sparked debates about how to beter design an organizaional machine as a means of fulfilling specific tasks (usually producion). It portrayed managers as organizaional engineers whose job is to design and direct the operaions of an eicient and effecive organizaion. Even today, to some extent, all organizaions are expected to operate in some way possible. They must make eicient operaions uniform, predictable, and coninue to operate as sustainably as possible. These demands resonate in the metaphor of the computer, which the organizaion theorist Marin Kilduff idenified as the metaphor of the updated machine.

In contrast to the metaphor of the machine in this theory, the metaphor of living beings and culture is suitable for explaining insituional organizaion. Organizaion as a living being: From a biological

point of view, the organizaion is viewed as a living being. Human beings play the most fundamental role in organizaions and they are the ones who contribute to the organizaion They give a humane guidance. The analogy of the organizaion to a living enity made concepts such as organizaional compaibility and adaptability, organizaional health and improvement, and organizaional life periods common in the management and organizaion literature and considered human needs in the organizaion. In this view, organizaion design is considered as a human issue and is a local organizaion in which the individual considers his needs to be saisfied. The scholars of the school of human relaions can be considered as one of the founders of the organizaion's view as a living being. Systems theory in management and coningency theory of organizaion and management are rooted in biological perspecives. Because in these theories, the organizaion, like a living being, is in a relaionship with its environment and its survival depends on compaibility with the environment. Just as man, as a living and wise being, becomes accustomed to the environment throughout his life and changes himself according to its condiions, In coningency theory, the organizaion establishes a relaionship with the environment and adapts itself to the exising situaions and thus its success in achieving its goals is ensured (Al-Wani, 15.7).

In organizaion as Culture, the organizaion is considered as a cultural phenomenon and the properies and characterisics of culture are sought in it. If we assume culture as a model of values, beliefs, customs, tradiions, knowledge, language, worldview, percepions, aitudes, and the way people live in any society, then the organizaion will also be a subculture or a part of culture. Every organizaion has a special culture that although it originates from the culture of the society, the characterisics of the organizaion have also influenced it and created a special culture. The culture of each organizaion, it is a miniature of the culture of the society, but it is not exactly the culture of the society. Within the organizaion,

just like in a society, certain norms of behavior prevail. There are special values and standards, and certain beliefs and percepions about things are going on. Organizaional culture has

been described in different ways but almost the same concept. In one of the definitions, organizaional culture is considered to be the general patern of beliefs, common and collecive percepions, values, and behaviors in which most of the members of the organizaion share and share. The culture of the organizaion can be seen in the behavior, language, thoughts, and goals of the members of the organizaion, and its crystallizaion can be felt in the methods, laws, and procedures of the organizaion. In another definiion, organizaional culture is expressed as a series of common concepts, common beliefs, symbols, and customs that have been formed over ime and cause group cohesion and solidarity in organizaion. Although a paricular organizaional culture is dominant in any organizaion, there may be other subcultures in that culture, so that certain groups and classes in the organizaion may have disinct cultures from each other. For example, the working class has a culture that is disinct from the class of engineers, or informal groups show a different culture from the oicial groups. As menioned in the definiion of organizaional culture, the culture of any organizaion can be observed in the performance of its employees and the group and collecive life of the organizaion. The culture of the organizaion is crystallized in its structure, laws, policies, goals, job descripions, and the way it performs its missions, but it is human beings who give it life and actually create it.

Organizaional culture is a tool that facilitates our approach to organizaional issues and shapes the way we interpret and interpret the events around us, culture becomes so entangled with our spirit and thought that every behavior, speech, and thought takes color and direction from it. In short, everything we do, or think, and say has a inge of culture in it. Thus, in order to understand the organizaion and the behaviors and performance of employees, knowing culture is a fundamental

and fundamental step. In order to take any acion in the organizaion, it is necessary to pay atenion to the culture, because by leveraging the culture, it is easy to facilitate changes and stabilize new directions in the organization, even in some definiions to express the planned changes, the change in the culture and organizaional behavior has been menioned. In addition to the role of culture in creaing change, in order to overcome the worries, anxieies, and occupaional and professional pressures in the organizaion, the factor of culture can also be resorted to and by recognizing and surrounding it, this loss can be alleviated. In order to know the culture and understand it, one must live in the organizaion and feel the organizaional culture. But one should not be so immersed in organizaional culture that we are unable to properly understand it. In other words, in perceiving organizaional culture, we must be so close to the organizaion that we can understand the cultural nuances correctly and be so far away from it that we can feel and perceive all aspects of it as an external observer. Organizaions can be recognized through their cultures and their internal characterisics and characterisics can be clearly understood.

The metaphor of the organizaion, like culture, idenifies the cultural and value roots of organizaional behaviors and shows the concepts and ideas shared in organizaional sets. This metaphor gives us the possibility of interpretaion, deep analysis of organizaional funcions and draws the relaionship between the organizaion and society in terms of culture and values in a clear and clear way. Therefore, this metaphor, like other metaphors, expresses a level of different levels of the organizaion and has an effective role in the complete descripion and definition of the organizaion. (Al-Wani, \\(\frac{1}{2}\cdot\)\(\frac{1}{2}\cdot\)

Primary Insituions Laying the Groundwork for the Formaion of Organizaions

- Social insituions are primary insituions that cover the basic needs of human beings. - The primary social insituions are the insituion of the

family, government, religion, the market, and educaion.

- The insituion of the family is the central insituion and the core of society that other insituions interact with it and interact with each other to maintain and promote. Family in its broad sense also includes the family of faith. The believers are brothers, so make peace between your brothers, and fear Allah, so that you may have mercy (Hujrat, 1.).
- The difference between Islamic culture and Western culture is that Western culture, based on extreme individualism, seeks to weaken and destroy the insituion of the family, while the Islamic viewpoint, based on Quranic teachings, seeks to strengthen the insituion of the family.
- Primary insituions have different funcions. For example, the insituion of government has the funcion of security in various dimensions of border security, economic, social and cultural security, and the funcion of health in physical and mental dimensions.
- In addition to meeting the basic needs of human beings, social insituions determine their behavior based on organized and relaively stable social paterns and regulate the activities of individuals in society. Insituions through Creaing a relaively stable structure for human interaction reduces uncertainty in their lives.
- Insituional organizaions and society have mutual influence.
- The concept of conformity of the insituional organization with the society, acceptance of the prevailing values and norms, and adjustment of the mission, goals, and strategies of the organization in such a way that they are in harmony with the values and beliefs of the society in order to provide the reasons for the support and legitimacy of the organization.
- Insituions that work in the field of preserving popular values have more legimacy

and are expected to have more social resources in the environment.

- Common values and norms are the basis for a sustainable social order at the level of society and organization. Therefore, institutionalization is related to moral commitment and beliefs rather than external simuli and means.
- In order to become an insituional organizaion, organizaions are influenced by environmental factors such as laws, social and cultural expectaions, which impose a variety of insituional pressures on the organizaion such as (compulsory, normaive, and imitaive).
- Insituions are abstract because they are a network of values and norms, while formal organizaions are the means of realizing the aciviies and goals of a given insituion.

The process of forming the theory of esoteric structure Paying atenion to the philosophical theories of linguisics and the structure of language, then paying atenion to the theory of naturalism as philosophical foundaions, and then paying atenion to the subject of insituionalism in the social sciences and the metaphors of the organizaion in the literature of management science, paved the way for the design of the esoteric structure of the IRGC's insituional organizaion, which according to the textual research in the statements of Imam Khamenei Regarding the spiritual structure of the IRGC, its examples were extracted and categorized.

## 2. Methodology

The content analysis of the statements of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Imam Khamenei (God protect him), is the basis for extracing the concepts of the esoteric structure. The analyses and synthesis of concepts have been done based on the researcher's lived experience. In themaic analysis, the basic themes are extracted first. In the next step, the basic themes with semanic commonality are aggregated in the form of organizing themes. In the final stage, by

puing together the organizing themes, the overarching themes are extracted.

Evaluaion (audit) and proof of theory (Verificaion)

Glaser and Strauss (1995) have provided guidelines for evaluaing a "theory" that can be summarized as follows:

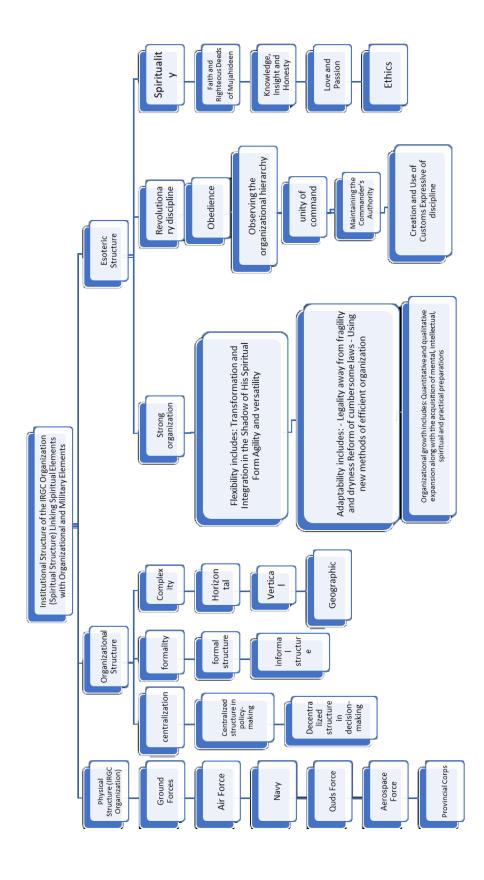
- A) Adaptaion: Does the theory correspond to the real arena in which it will be used?
- B) Comprehensibility: Will non-professionals understand the theory?
- C) Generalizability: Is the theory applicable to a wide range of situaions in the real world?
- D) Control: Does the theory allow the user to have some control over "the structure and process of everyday situaions, as they change over ime"?

The audit of the theory has been done by the focus group in the IRGC Research Deputy and the Chair of Theorizing and has been approved.

# **Explanaion of the Theory**

The researcher must remove the superficial and Appearance disincions between organizaions in order to achieve that single and constant element of peer organizaions. Insituional organizaions such as the IRGC, Jihad, Basij, and the like, have the same internal structure which if adhered to, they are called insituional organizaions. This is the common element of their esoteric structure.

The internal structure of the IRGC is the infrastructure of the insituional structure of the IRGC organizaion, which has the characterisics of stability and immutability, while the organizaional structure is the semi-hidden level of the structure, and the organizaional chart is its external level. The elements of the esoteric structure that are the essence of the IRGC's insituional structure, without which the IRGC can no longer be called the IRGC, are its spirituality, revoluionary discipline, and solid organizaion.



The Basic Proposition of the Institutional Organization of the IRGC

- Bureaucraic organizaions bring socially approved laws and regulaions into the organizaion and turn them into accepted norms.

Insituional organizaions bring social norms into the organizaion and turn them into accepted rules.

Explanaion of the theory Propositions of the Theory of the Internal Structure of the IRGC as the Infrastructure of the Insituional Structure of the IRGC

- Structure is the fixed relaions between the consituent parts of the organizaion.
- The insituional structure of the IRGC organizaion (spiritual structure) is the connecion of spiritual elements with organizaional and military elements.
- The structure is divided into the external structure (Organizaional Chart), the organizaional structure, and the esoteric structure.
- An insituional organizaion has a fixed structure that is its esoteric structure.
- The esoteric structure forms the hard core of the insituional organizaion, which is protected by the protecive belt of the organizaional structure and the apparent structure.
- In addition to its logical basis, religious faith is compaible with human nature. The IRGC can be considered as a naturalisic insituional organization.
- Religious faith has many good effects in terms of producing happiness and expansion, reducing and removing the internal problems of human beings, and improving social relaions. The IRGC, as an ideological organizaion, must be acive and dynamic in maintaining and strengthening the religious faith of its members.
- Insituional organizations reduce uncertainty by creaing a relatively stable structure for human interaction.

- The Islamic Revoluionary Guard Corps (IRGC) uses all three regulatory, normaive, and cogniive approaches to regulate behavior inside and outside the organizaion, with the priority of the cogniive, normaive approach. These three approaches, while complemening each other, can be used with different significance according to the condiions and characterisics of different individuals and units.
- The internal structure of the IRGC consists of spirituality in addition to revolutionary discipline and strong and solid organization.
- Spirituality in the IRGC includes faith and righteous deeds, knowledge, insight and honesty, love and enthusiasm.
- Revoluionary discipline consists of obedience, observance of organizaional hierarchy, unity of command, preservaion of the authority of the commander, and the creaion and use of customs and tradiions that express discipline.
- Strong organization is flexibility, adaptability, and organizational growth.
- Organizational flexibility means changing and integraing day by day in the shadow of its spiritual structure.
- Flexibility requires agility and mulipurpose.
- Agility means that while being extensive, it is not capive to the common administraive commitments and leaves aside administraive tasks.
- Muli-purpose means having a broad, versaile and prominent apparatus to be present in various poliical, military and other arenas in order to preserve the revoluion, the country and the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Adaptability includes: legality away from fragility and dryness, modification of cumbersome laws, and the use of new methods of eicient organization.

- Organizaional Progress includes: quanitaive and qualitaive expansion along with the acquisiion of mental, intellectual, spiritual and pracical preparaions.
- Qualitaive expansion of the IRGC means the creaion of an organized, powerful organizaion with the necessary strength and ability to carry out its mission.
- Quanitaive expansion of the Corps means the growth of one to three Corps in the necessary ime, the transformation of a company into a batalion, a batalion into a brigade, brigade by division and division by corp, which indicates the authority of organization.

The requirement for organizaional progeress is to have mental, intellectual, and spiritual preparaions and pracical sacrifices.

- The internal structure of the IRGC forms the infrastructure of the insituional structure of the IRGC.

#### 3. Conclusion

The IRGC is a Naturalisic Insituional Organizaion has an esoteric structure, an organizaional structure, and an external structure.

- The IRGC is a popular and insituional organizaion that has been boiled out of society and is composed of the faithful and revoluionary children of Islamic republic of Iran. Social support for the IRGC depends on adherence to Islamic values. Subjective values must be objectified in the behaviors of individuals, groups, and organizaions. In this case, it becomes a state of coninuity and stability. On the other hand, the IRGC needs to maintain its social image in order to increase its social acceptance.
- Insituional organizaions do not disappear by achieving the iniial set goals, but in line with the values of the organizaion's people, they choose other goals and coninue to survive over ime.

These organizations have value and do not pursue predetermined formal goals.

- The IRGC is also a value-based insituion that in order to achieve its goals with coninuous growth and dynamism, it sets new goals at any ime in accordance with the environmental change and strives to realize the values of the Islamic Revoluion.
- The IRGC, because it originated from the Muslim and God-seeking naion of Iran and was formed with the mission of safeguarding the achievements of the Islamic Revoluion, is intertwined with the religious beliefs and moral values of the society. Its members are in full harmony with the values and beliefs of the society and they have. Therefore, the IRGC achieves this goal by using its cogniive and normaive aspects rather than having an oicial organizaional aspect to control and direct the behaviors of the members inside the organizaion and the audiences outside the organizaion through its legal aspect.
- Considering that the Islamic Revoluionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as an insituional organization tends to communicate effectively with its environment, it is necessary to pay special attenion to two basic issues: First, it should attract members who believe and value based on Islamic beliefs and values into the organization. Second, in the next stage, the members of the organization should be sensitive to social realities and in coninuous interaction with each other, interpret and interpret social realities and react appropriately to them.
- Insituions change according to the changing needs of human beings, but they are not considered as modelless, transient, and variable relaionships (the esoteric structure of the insituion is stable and its organizaional structure is flexible and dynamic).
- Because of their permanence and stability throughout history, insituions link the past of socieies to the present and the future.
- In order to strengthen its insituional aspect and permanence, it is necessary for the

IRGC to maintain its religious and revoluionary content for

To realize its ideals and mission, it should have a dynamic and flexible structure and a solid infrastructure to respond to its environmental needs in accordance with environmental changes. This ensures the stability and permanence of the organizaion and provides the possibility of transming revoluionary values from one generaion to the next.

One of the main characterisics of any insituion is having established objective and subjective paterns of behavior, promoting values and ideals that most members of society accept and observe (whether they paricipate in their creation or not). It is also necessary for the IRGC to be sensitive to its evaluation in terms of having insituional characteristics and to continuously evaluate the characteristics of: flexibility, indissolubility, obligation and compulsion, meeting social needs, crystallization of values, having a stable structure, interdependence of insituions, having social approval.

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