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Life is a gift that we must be grateful for because it's a part of worship. A way to achieve happiness and improve life quality is through communication between humans and transcendental communication with God Almighty. Communication is our physical and spiritual daily need. Communication is an observance. Prof. Bachtiar is an expert in communication. He was born in Banda Aceh 21 December 1949. He studied publicity in Padjajaran University, then continued to Holland and Germany. In 1980, he earned his Magister Artium (M.A), and in 1983 he gained Doktor der Philosophie (Dr.phil) degree. In 1988 he married R. Indrijati Inawangsih, SE and has two children, Noval Herzuno Bachtiar and Datin Tarina Alysa. Some of her published works (mostly books) are *Geschichte und Gegenwart der Kommunikationssysteme in Indonesien*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Mainz, Bern, New York, 1984, *Retorika*, UT, Jakarta, 1989, *Pro PR*. Kharisma Aksara, Jakarta, 1997, *The Ballad of Aceh*, Insolusi, Jakarta, 2001, and *More Than Quarter of Centuries of Knitting Opinions*, Kharisma Aksara, Jakarta, 2004.

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