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*We are all visitors to this time,
to this place.*

We are just passing through.

*Our purpose is to observe,
to learn,
to grow,
to LOVE ...*

And then we return home.

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The three volumes of "Reading and Understanding Ideas" have been inspired by the priceless experience that I had gained in developing as well as teaching "Learning through Reading"¹ in which students were exposed to a variety of scientific and non-scientific texts. However, as it contained no exercises, the students did not have much chance of practicing vocabulary, reading comprehension, grammar and writing. Hence, I decided to develop a new textbook which included a variety of exercises.

Similar to the previous two Volumes of "Reading and Understanding Ideas: A New Perspective", in the current Volume you are also provided with three sections, namely "Short Stories", "Science and Technology", and "Personal Reflections" and two types of activities, namely "Pre-Reading Activities" and "Post-Reading Activities".

"Pre-Reading Activities" is a section which serves as a suitable warm-up by raising some general questions relevant to the topic of the reading passage as well as a summarized list of the most important words that you will encounter in the reading passage.

"Post-Reading Activities" is a section which provides you with various exercises aimed at improving your command of English vocabulary, reading comprehension, grammar, and writing.

I do sincerely hope that you can benefit from these three volumes of "Reading and Understanding Ideas" to improve your command of English in a world where lack of a good command of English and Computer would be regarded as illiteracy! I would appreciate it greatly if you could kindly share your comments and suggestions with me on all the three Volumes of "Reading and Understanding Ideas".

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¹Learning through Reading' is a textbook developed through the joint cooperation of late Mr. Jalal-Alhosseini, Dr. Khonsari, and Dr. Noroozizadeh at the English Department of K.N. Toosi University of Technology in 1383.

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