

“Big Brother is watching you”

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“Eric Arthur Blair” (1903-1950), better known by his pen-name: “George Orwell”, could easily have been noticed as a pessimistic novelist and an anti-totalitarian critic. Most of Iranians know him for two of his extraordinary novels: “Animal Farm (1945)” and “1984 (1948)”, however he has written other Non-fictional and fictional books too. Orwell seems to have been influenced by the disappointing situation of the world in which he lived and more than that the predictable catastrophes that the trajectory-continuation of that world would make.

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“Big brother” might well have been considered as one the most awful and powerful fictional characters ever, who is a symbolic leader in the one of the three hyper-continent of George Orwell’s 1984. Some believe “Big Brother“ is to some extent a description of “Joseph Stalin” but undoubtedly not only the Soviet Union at that time, but also any democrat system in anytime is potentially able to become a totalitarian regime and ruled by a “Big Brother”-like idea. Any government can possibly be converted to a factory of “Doublethink” theory.

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“1984” has been translated to Farsi by at least a dozen of translators and as a matter of fact, the new translations will not take long to emerge. As one of the most important parts of the English contemporary literature, “1984” is still alive at any book-worm’s mind and the desire of creating new intuitional stories based upon this book will not be stopped. Despite the large number of 1984’s Persian translations, the only Farsi available electronic version is the “Hamid-reza Balooch” translation, attached to this article.

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“Orwell” wrote “1984” in 1948 and by changing the order of two numbers on the right, he named his novel: “1984”. “1984” describes a dystopian world consisting of three hyper-continent in which, at any moment two of them are at war. ”Oceania” where the events of the book occur, is being ruled by a tyranny-formed party which is led by “Big Brother”. The party is honored by a scare-rising kind of policing and the “Thought Police” as an inquisition organization does not let anyone think about whatever is defined as illegitimate.

The party’s slogans are:

War is peace

Freedom is slavery

Ignorance is strength

Read and enjoy.

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