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QUR'ĀN, SĪRA & ḤADĪTH

The Holy Qur'ān: Translations of Selected Verses

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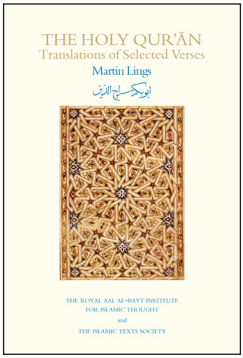

The renowned scholar and Sufi master, the late Dr Martin Lings (Shaykh Abū Bakr Sirāj ad-Dīn) was working on a full translation of the Qur'ān when he passed away. The publishers extracted from previously unpublished writings, and from all his other publications, both books and articles, his translations of verses from the Qur'ān. These are here presented as *The Holy Qur'ān: Translations of Selected Verses* accompanied by the original Arabic text on facing pages. Occasionally, Dr Lings translated a particular verse in more than one way; all the different versions have been retained. On the one hand, this is a reflection of the fact that there can never be a definitive translation of the sacred text; and, on the other hand, this brings out the multiple meanings that may exist in one verse. In addition, there is an appendix of Dr Lings' translation of the Ninety-nine Beautiful Names of God with the original Arabic.

'*This translation conveys something of the beauty of the language of the Sacred Text as no other English translation has been able to do. It is a major addition to the corpus of Qur'ānic translations.*' S. H. Nasr

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Selections from the Comprehensive Exposition of the Interpretation of the Verses of the Qur'ān

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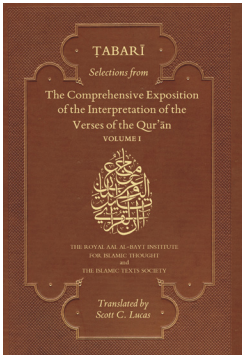

Ṭabarī's *Comprehensive Exposition of the Interpretation of the Verses of the Qur'ān* is one of the great monuments of classical Arabic and Islamic scholarship which, over a millennium, has been a fundamental reference work for scholars engaged in the tradition of Qur'ānic exegesis. This two-volume translation focuses on thirty selected verses and *Sūra*s, or Chapters, associated with special merits and blessings and also includes Ṭabarī's own introduction to the *Comprehensive Exposition*.

Volume I contains: Ṭabarī's introduction; The Opening; the Throne Verse and the final three verses from The Cow (2:255 & 284–286); The Family of ʿImrān (3:7 & 18); Repentance (9:38–40 & 128–129); the story of Moses and al-Khaḍir from The Cave (18:60–82); the Verse of Light from The Light (24:35–42); Prostration; Yā' Sīn.

Volume II contains: The Companies (39:53–55); The Smoke; The Beneficent; The Inevitable Occasion; Iron; The Gathering (59:18–24); Sovereignty; The Resurrection; The Most High; The Sun; The Night; The Earthquake; The Chargers; Rivalry; The Disbelievers; Aid; Sincerity; Daybreak; People.

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The Great Exegesis
Al-Tafsīr al-Kabīr

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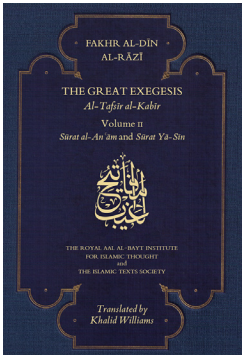

Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī's commentary on the Qur'ān, known as *The Great Exegesis* or *Keys to the Unseen*, is one of the great classics of Arabic and Islamic scholarship and has remained until today an indispensable reference work. *The Great Exegesis* is a compendium not only of Qur'ānic sciences and meanings, but also Arabic linguistics, comparative jurisprudence, Aristotelian and Islamic philosophy, dialectic theology and the spirituality of Sufism. The work has been translated in two volumes: Volume I includes the commentary on the first Chapter of the Qur'ān, *Sūrat al-Fātiḥa*; Volume II includes the commentaries on the sixth Chapter of the Qur'ān, *Sūrat al-Anʿām*, and the thirty-sixth Chapter, *Sūrat Yā-Sīn*. These scholarly yet accessible translations give readers a thorough understanding of these much-recited Chapters; they also open up for readers a window into the thought and practice of one of Islam's greatest theologians.

Sohaib Saeed is director of the Centre for Advanced Study of the Quran and its Interpretation (CASQI).

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A Commentary on the Holy Qur'ān

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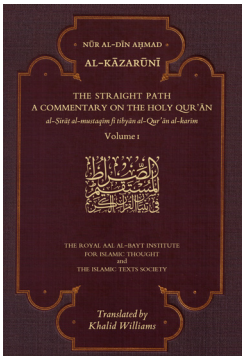

Al-Ṣirāṭ al-mustaqīm fī tibyān al-Qur'ān al-karīm (The Straight Path: A Commentary on the Holy Qur'ān) is also known by the title of *Tafsīr al-akhawayn* (Exegesis of the Two Brothers) perhaps because it was considered a kind of 'brother volume' to the *Tafsīr al-Jalālayn* by Jalāl al-Dīn al-Maḥallī and Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī. The two works are somewhat similar inasmuch as they are both short complete commentaries on the Qur'ān.

In his introduction, Kāzarūnī lays out his approach to *tafsīr* and explains the difference between exegesis (*tafsīr*) and interpretation (*ta'wil*). Throughout the work, he displays a conscious effort to rely upon sound narrations of *hadīth*. Kāzarūnī was a staunch adherent to the Ashʿari school of theology and was also devoted to the great exegete Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī.

Kāzarūnī was a proponent of Sufism, yet his *tafsīr* is not a 'Sufi exegesis'. As he explains, his occasional references to Sufism are among the 'other auxiliary matters which serve to uncover some deeply buried secrets'. The same can be said of his occasional forays into language, theology, jurisprudence, history and other concerns, never with the intention of being exhaustive, but always aiming to provide, as he promises at the outset, 'a refreshing draught to quench the thirst of those who seek exegesis that is brief, especially those who wish to recite the Qur'ān while pondering its meanings'.

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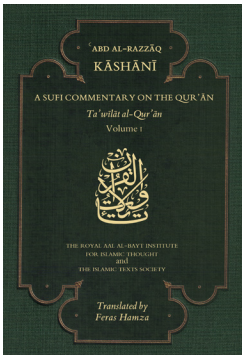

A Sufi Commentary on the Qur'ān (Ta'wīlāt al-Qur'ān) by ʿAbd al-Razzāq al-Kāshānī (d. 1329–35) is a masterpiece of Sufi exegesis, long attributed to the renowned mystic Muḥyī al-Dīn Ibn ʿArabī (d. 1240). This seminal work, translated into English for the first time, offers a complete commentary on the Qur'ān, covering every chapter though not every verse. A leading figure in the school of Ibn ʿArabī, Kāshānī is recognised for his significant contribution to systematising its mystical teachings. Central to his commentary is the concept of gnosis, or direct experiential knowledge of God, attained through spiritual exertion, adherence to the Sacred Law and illumination of the heart. Volume I covers the Qur'ān from the first chapter, *al-Fātiḥa* (The Opening), to the eighteenth chapter, *al-Kahf* (The Cave). Volume II continues from the nineteenth chapter, *Maryam* (Mary), to the final chapter of the Qur'ān, *al-Nās* (Mankind). Together, the two volumes offer readers a profound insight into the spiritual and mystical dimensions of the Qur'ān.

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Muhammad: His Life Based on the Earliest Sources

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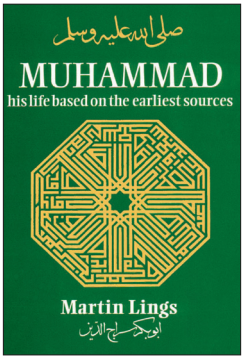

Acclaimed worldwide as the definitive biography of the Prophet in the English language, Martin Lings' life of the Prophet Muḥammad is unlike any other. Based on Arabic sources of the eighth and ninth centuries, of which some important passages are translated here for the first time, it owes the freshness and directness of its approach to the words of men and women who heard Muḥammad speak and witnessed the events of his life. Martin Lings has an unusual gift for narrative. He has adopted a style which is at once extremely readable and reflects both the simplicity and grandeur of the story. The result is a book which will be read with equal enjoyment by those already familiar with Muḥammad's life and those coming to it for the first time.

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The Life of the Prophet Muhammad

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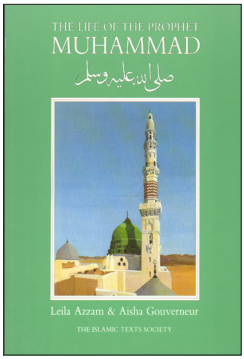

This children's book on the life of the Prophet Muḥammad is taken from traditional Muslim biographical literature, including *ḥadīth*. Passages from the Qur'ān are used throughout to reinforce the stories. The material is authentic and the style lively and attractive. Although the book has been written for children of 8 to 15 years of age, it can be usefully read by anyone as an introduction because of its completeness and clarity. There are 32 colour illustrations although there has been no attempt to portray either the Prophet or his Companions. The illustrations are representative of traditional Islamic life as lived in many Arab countries and portray scenes that have occurred in those countries for over a thousand years.

'*At long last a definitive children's version of the life of the Messenger of Allah has appeared in English*.' Arab News

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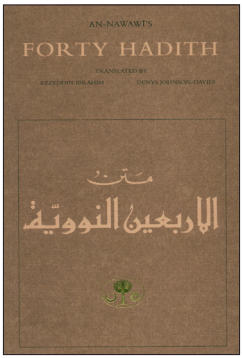

This collection of forty *ḥadīth* by one of the most famous compilers of *ḥadīth* is generally regarded as the most popular anthology and the best introduction to the study of the Prophet's sayings which, together with the Qur'ān, contain the essential teachings of Islam. The Arabic original has been printed alongside the English translation for the benefit of those with a knowledge of Arabic. The translation, by two scholars working in close collaboration, combines accuracy with readability.

Ezzeddin Ibrahim was a professor of Arabic literature and authored a number of books and translations. He was Cultural Adviser to the President of the United Arab Emirates and served as the Vice-Chancellor of the UAE University.

Denys Johnson-Davies is one of the leading Arabic–English translators of our time. He has translated religious literature, novels and children's books.

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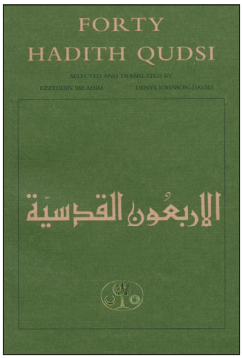

The *ḥadīth qudsī* are the sayings of the Prophet divinely communicated to him. The present collection has been compiled from all the available books of *ḥadīth*. The forty chosen here are all well authenticated and present many of the doctrinal, devotional and ethical elements of Islam. A scholarly introduction deals fully with the subject and shows the way in which the *ḥadīth qudsī* differs from the Qur'ān and from the Prophetic *ḥadīth*. *Forty Hadith Qudsi* is regarded as a companion volume to *An-Nawawī's Forty Hadith* and has been printed in similar format with the original Arabic text given alongside the English translation.

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Ḥadīth Literature: Its Origin, Development and Special Features

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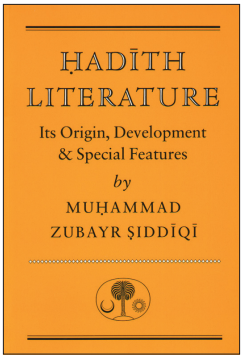

The *ḥadīth*, the sayings attributed to the Prophet Muḥammad, form a sacred literature which for Muslims ranks second in importance only to the Qur'ān itself. As a source of law, ethics and doctrine, the vast corpus of *ḥadīth* continues to exercise decisive influence. Islamic scholarship has hence devoted immense efforts to gathering and classifying the *ḥadīth*, and ensuring their authenticity.

This book is a pioneering introduction in English which presents all the aspects of the subject. It explains the origin of the literature, the evolution of the *isnād* system, the troubled relationship between scholars and the state, the problem of falsification, and the gradual development of a systematic approach to the material. This edition is a fully revised and updated version of the original, which was first published in 1961 to considerable scholarly acclaim.

Muḥammad Zubayr Ṣiddīqī was Professor of Islamic Culture in the University of Calcutta.

'*An excellent introduction to the subject, presenting it with considerable detail.*'
James Robson (The Muslim World)

'*Professor Siddiqi is to be congratulated on this richly documented and highly readable book.*' S. D. Goitein (Journal of the American Oriental Society)

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ISLAMIC LAW & JURISPRUDENCE

Al-Shāfiʿī's Risāla: Treatise on the Foundations of Islamic Jurisprudence

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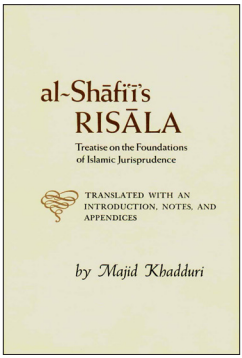

Written in the second Islamic century by al-Imām al-Shāfiʿī (d. 204/820), the founder of one of the four Sunni schools of law, this important work gives the fundamental principles of Islamic jurisprudence, and its influence continues to the present day. During the early years of the spread of Islam, the exponents of Islamic legal doctrine were faced with the problems raised by ruling and administering a diverse and rapidly growing empire. It took the genius of al-Shāfiʿī to establish the principles by which the various legal doctrines could be synthesized into a coherent system. In the *Risāla*, which laid down the basis for such a synthesis, al-Shāfiʿī established the overriding authority, next only to the Qur'ān, of the example of the Prophet Muḥammad as transmitted in the traditions.

Majid Khadduri was recognized as a leading authority on a wide variety of Islamic subjects, modern history and the politics of the Middle East. He was the author of more than 35 books in English and Arabic and hundreds of articles.

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Muslims in Non-Muslim Lands: A Legal Study with Applications

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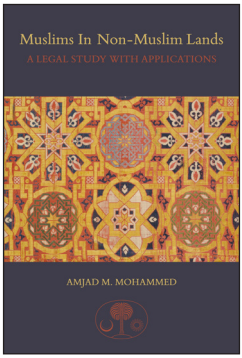

Since the Second World War, there has been a significant migration of Muslims to countries in the Western world. *Muslims in Non-Muslim Lands* traces the process by which these migrants arrived in Western Europe—in particular Britain—and explains how the community developed its faith identity through three particular stances: assimilation, isolation and integration. The findings argue that the assumption that Islam causes Muslims to isolate from the indigenous population and form a 'state within a state' is false and that Islamic Law actually gives Muslims confidence and the ability to integrate within the wider society.

Shaykh Amjad Mohammed is a scholar qualified in Islamic law, jurisprudence, *tafsīr* and *ḥadīth*. He is founder and principal of the Institute for the Revival of Traditional Islamic Sciences.

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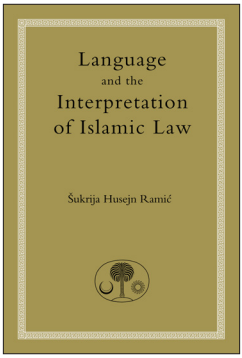
Language and the Interpretation of Islamic Law

ŠUKRIJA HUSEJN RAMIĆ



The discipline of 'principles of Islamic jurisprudence' (*uṣūl al-fiqh*) constitutes the theoretical basis of Islamic law (*Sharīʿa*) and the indisputable foundation on which it is based. One of the most important branches of *uṣūl al-fiqh* is the study of the usage of language. *Language and the Interpretation of Islamic Law* is the first work to appear in the English language dealing with this important aspect of Islamic law. Dr Šukrija Husejn Ramić gives us the background to the terminology used by the different schools of Islamic law and then discusses the different applications of language in legal reasoning and the interpretation of Islamic law.

Dr Šukrija Husejn Ramić studied Arabic and Islamic law in Saudi Arabia and at the University of Wales (Lampeter). He is Dean of the Teachers Training College in Zenica, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

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Copyright in Islamic Law

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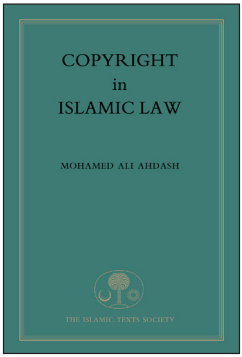

Copyright in Islamic Law is the first work in English to systematically address the ideas of intellectual property and copyright from an Islamic perspective. The author builds a framework from within Sharīʿa law to address the concepts of intellectual property and copyright. In so doing, he adopts the classical *uṣūl al-fiqh* approach by firstly defining the key terms associated with the field, namely: right (*ḥaqq*), ownership (*milkiyya*), wealth (*māl*), and utility (*manfaʿa*). Dr Ahdash then analyses how these terms are used in the Qur'ān and in the Ḥadīth before looking at how the secondary sources of *qiyās* (analogy), *maṣlaḥa* (public interest), *ʿurf* (custom) and *al-qawāʿid al-fiqhiyya* (legal maxims) can be applied to copyright. The result of this study is a framework wherein the concept of copyright is defined and understood in an Islamic manner. This then gives a consistent approach from which specific rulings can be derived. *Copyright in Islam* is a groundbreaking study not only within Shari'a law, but also by making a contribution to the on-going debates on copyright in general.

Mohamed Ali Ahdash is a lawyer and an expert in Islamic law and Islamic studies.

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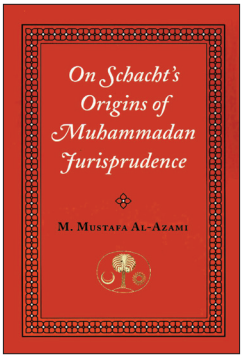

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Dr Muhammad Mustafa al-Azami was Professor of Hadith Science at King Saud University. He is the author of numerous books and articles on early *ḥadīth*.

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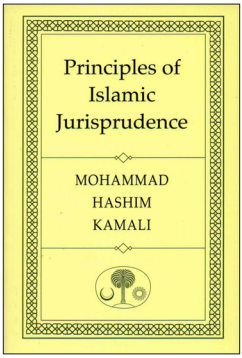

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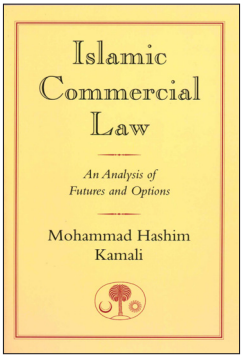

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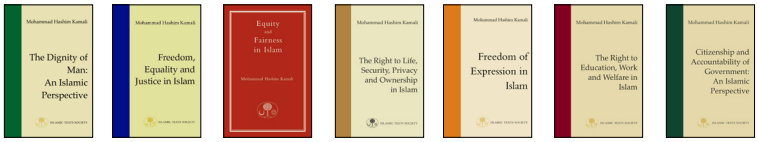
Professor Mohammad Hashim Kamali is CEO of the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies, Malaysia, and a world renowned scholar in his field of specialisation. He served as Professor of Islamic Law and Jurisprudence at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM, 1991–2006), and was Dean of the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC, 2004–2006). Currently he is Senior Fellow at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, a Senior Fellow of the Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan, and also Senior Fellow of the Royal Academy of Jordan. Professor Kamali has published 20 books and over 120 academic articles.



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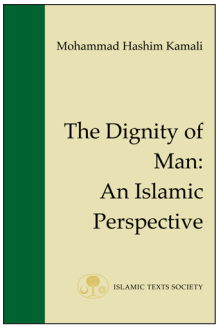

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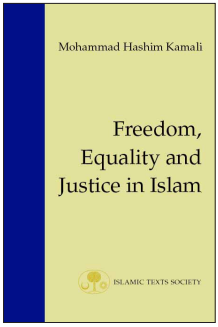

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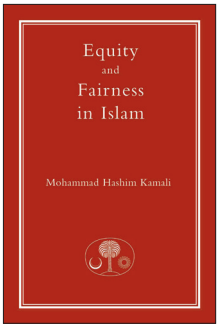

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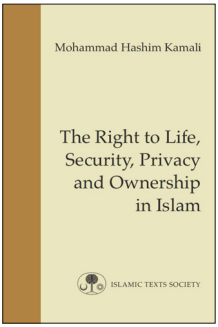

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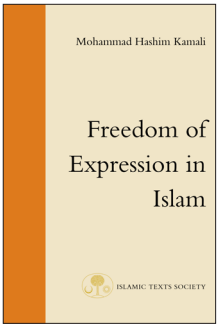

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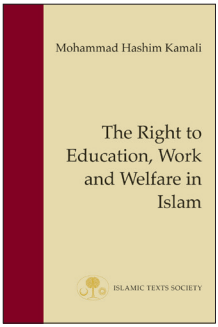

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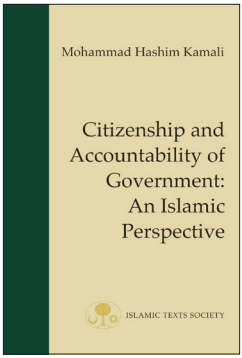

Citizenship and Accountability of Government: An Islamic Perspective is the final volume in Prof. M. H. Kamali's series on fundamental rights and liberties in Islam. It includes discussions of: the definitions of citizenship; the rights of citizens; the duties of citizens; citizenship laws; the concepts of *dār al-Islām* (adobe of Islam), *dār al-ḥarb* (adobe of war) and the *dār al-ʿahd* (adobe of treaty); the *umma* and the nation-state; government as a trust; the selection of officials; the relationship between authority and citizens; corruption and the misuse of public funds; despotism and dynastic misrule; the right of complaint; the limits of obedience; impeachment of officials and heads of state; the foundation of institutions of accountability. In addition, this volume contains a discussion of freedom of movement in Islam, which is the last of the fundamental rights discussed by Prof. M. H. Kamali.

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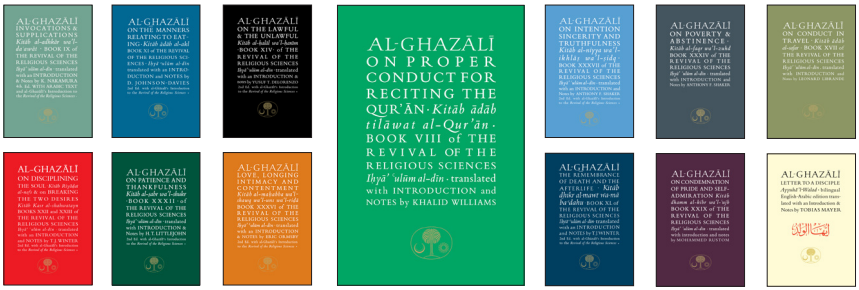
The Islamic Texts Society is working on a full translation of *The Revival of the Religious Sciences*. To date sixteen of the forty chapters have been published and have attracted wide acclaim. Each volume now includes a translation of Imām Ghazālī's own Introduction to *The Revival of the Religious Sciences*, which gives the reasons that caused him to write the work, the structure of the whole of the *Revival*, and places each of the chapters in the context of the others.

Aside from translations from *The Revival of the Religious Sciences*, the Islamic Texts Society has also translated *Al-Ghazālī on the Ninety-nine Beautiful Names of God* (al-Maqṣad al-Asnā fī Sharḥ Asmā' Allāh al-Ḥusnā), and *Al-Ghazālī's Letter to a Disciple* (Ayyuhā 'l-Walad) as an English–Arabic edition.



Al-Ghazālī on Proper Conduct for Reciting the Qur'ān
Book VIII of *The Revival of the Religious Sciences*

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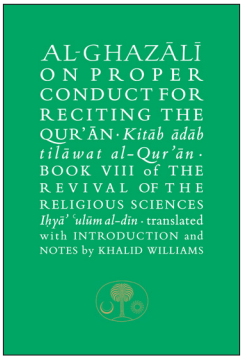

Al-Ghazālī on Proper Conduct for Reciting the Qur'ān is the eighth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. In this chapter, Ghazālī first establishes the pre-eminence of the Qur'ān and of those who are devoted to its recitation. He then discusses the proper outer conduct for recitation of the Qur'ān and follows this with the inner actions while reciting the Qur'ān. In the final section, Ghazālī deals with an issue that continues to be a source of contention today: the problem of the permissibility of interpreting the Qur'ān based on personal opinion (*tafsīr bi'l-ra'y*).

Khalid Williams specialises in translation from Arabic, with a particular focus on Islamic Studies and Sufism. He is the translator of *The Straight Path: A Commentary on the Holy Qur'ān*, Volume II of *A Sufi Commentary on the Qur'ān*; and *The Qur'ān and the Prophet in the Writings of Shaykh Aḥmad al-ʿAlawī*, all published by the Islamic Texts Society.

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Al-Ghazālī on Invocations and Supplications
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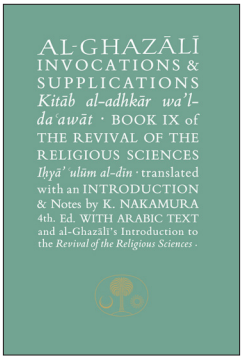

Al-Ghazālī on Invocations and Supplications is a translation of the ninth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. This chapter falls in the section dealing with the requirements of religion. The present volume is probably the most widely read compendium of invocations and supplications in the Muslim world, popular not only for its comprehensiveness and beauty, but also for the analytical approach of its author, who explores the psychological and spiritual effects of prayer and the celebration of God's name. This translation includes the invocations and supplications in Arabic for those Muslim readers who would like to use them in their prayers.

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Al-Ghazālī on the Manners Relating to Eating
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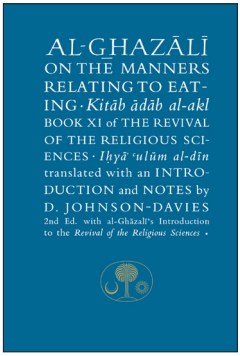

The eleventh chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences* begins the section dealing with man and society. In this volume concentrating on the manners relating to eating, Ghazālī first discusses what a person must uphold when eating by himself; then proceeds to discuss eating in company and says that to all the above should be added the necessity of courtesy, conversation and the proper presentation of food. Finally, Ghazālī expounds the virtues of hospitality and generosity and the conduct of the host as well as that of the guest. Other topics that are discussed are: abstention from food, fasting, and general health.

Denys Johnson-Davies is one of the leading Arabic–English translators of our time. He has translated religious literature, novels and children's books.

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Al-Ghazālī on the Lawful and the Unlawful
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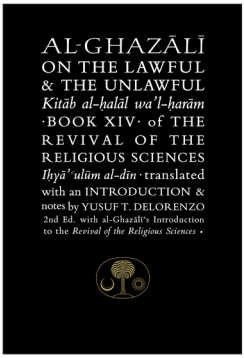

Al-Ghazālī on the Lawful and the Unlawful is the fourteenth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. *Al-Ghazālī on the Lawful and the Unlawful* is unlike other Islamic works concerned with legal issues. Here, Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī aims to teach his readers firstly the theory of what is lawful and what is unlawful and how to deal with dubious or ambiguous issues, and secondly how to apply the knowledge they have gained to their everyday lives. Thus the sincere practice of what is lawful and desisting from what is unlawful become integrated into one's spiritual life. As in his other works, Ghazālī bases himself on the Qur'ān and narrations from the Prophet Muḥammad, followed by examples from the Companions, the Successor generations and the pious Predecessors.

Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo is a scholar of Islamic Law and is closely involved in the transactional implementation of modern Islamic Finance. He is the author of a number of works on Islamic law and finance including *Compendium of Legal Opinions on the Operations of Islamic Banks*, and is a member of numerous Sharīʿa Supervisory Boards for financial institutions.

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Al-Ghazālī on Proper Conduct in Seclusion
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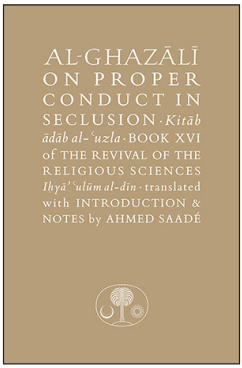

Al-Ghazālī on Proper Conduct in Seclusion is the sixteenth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. Here Ghazālī addresses the question, 'Is it better to engage in society or withdraw from it to perfect one's relation to God?' He starts with the example of the Prophet Muḥammad and his Companions, then presents the opinions of later schools of thought and finally his own. He concludes by saying that the advantages and disadvantages of seclusion vary from one person to another and that each person should examine his or her motives, intention and heart when deciding on the best course to take.

Dr Ahmed Saadé is a lecturer in behavioural economics and management at City St George's, University of London. He previously taught at University College London and has also held a number of visiting roles at other British universities. His academic work examines the dynamics of aspirations and the pursuit of well-being.

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Al-Ghazālī on Conduct in Travel
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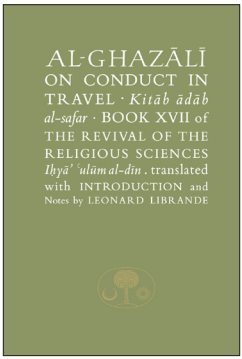

Al-Ghazālī on Conduct in Travel is a translation of the seventeenth book of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. In it Ghazālī explains the different outer and inner reasons for travel. Outer reasons include the pilgrimage, the search for knowledge, and the flight from danger; while inner reasons include the acquisition of virtue and the disciplining of the soul. Ghazālī divides travel into four classes and portrays the right inward and outward conduct for each. He then follows this with a practical chapter on the use of religious concessions while travelling and concludes with a final chapter on how the traveller is to establish the proper direction and times for prayer.

Prof. Leonard Librande holds a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from McGill University. He is a professor at Carlton University, Canada.

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Al-Ghazālī on Responses Proper to Listening to Music and the Experience of Ecstasy
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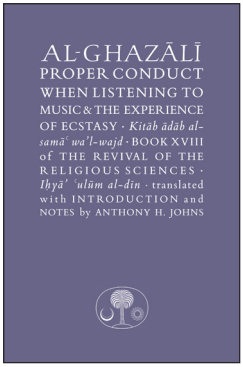

Al-Ghazālī on Proper Conduct when Listening to Music and the Experience of Ecstasy is the eighteenth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. Ghazālī's approach to the subject is that what is good or defective within human hearts is activated by listening to music. The central role of the sense of hearing makes it necessary to establish if, when and for whom listening to music is a legitimate activity. In examining the subject, Ghazālī refers back to the practice of the Prophet Muḥammad, and considers the opinions of religious scholars and Sufis.

Anthony H. Johns, Emeritus Professor at the Australian National University in Canberra, held a chair in the Faculty of Asian Studies from 1963 to 1993, and is a specialist in Sufism in the Malay world, Islamic history and institutions, and the foundation texts of Islam. In the course of his distinguished career, Prof Johns has published significantly on the Qur'ān and on Qur'ānic exegesis.

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Al-Ghazālī on Disciplining the Soul & on Breaking the Two Desires
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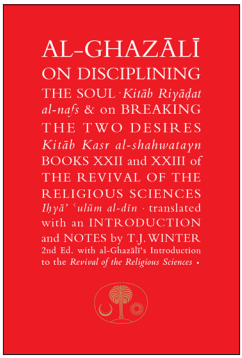

This translation of two chapters from the *Revival of the Religious Sciences* details the sophisticated spiritual techniques adopted by classical Islam. In the first part, *On Disciplining the Soul*, which cites copious anecdotes from the Islamic scriptures and biographies of the saints, Ghazālī explains how to acquire good character traits, and goes on to describe how the sickness of the heart may be cured. In the second part, *Breaking the Two Desires*, he focusses on the question of gluttony and sexual desire, concluding, in the words of the Prophet, that 'the best of all matters is the middle way.'

T. J. Winter is Shaykh Zayed Lecturer in Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge.

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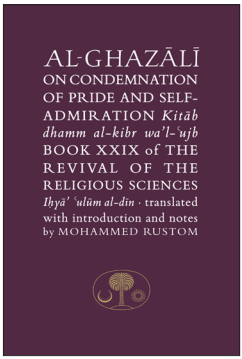

Al-Ghazālī on Condemnation of Pride and Self-Admiration is the twenty-ninth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences* (Iḥyā' ʿulūm al-dīn), written by the theologian-mystic Abū Ḥāmid Muḥammad al-Ghazālī. It explores pride and self-admiration as fundamental spiritual ailments and major impediments of the soul. Part One examines the nature, symptoms and causes of pride, drawing on the Qur'an, and presents humility as its remedy. Ghazālī illustrates true and false humility and explains how the seven causes of pride can be uprooted. Part Two focuses on self-admiration, its manifestations and its role in causing negligence, delusion and complacency. Recognising humility as a supreme virtue and pride as a major vice across religions, the chapter offers a lasting contribution to virtue ethics and spiritual life.

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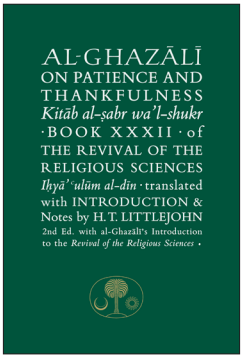
Al-Ghazālī on Patience and Thankfulness
Book XXXII of *The Revival of the Religious Sciences*

Translated by HENRY T. LITTLEJOHN



Al-Ghazālī on Patience and Thankfulness is a translation of the thirty-second chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. This chapter falls in the section dealing with the virtues or what is conducive to salvation. Ghazālī here presents definitions for patience and its different forms; the need for patience; the degrees of patience; and why patience is considered to be half of faith. The second part of this chapter deals with thankfulness and again Ghazālī gives us definitions for thankfulness, its nature and its blessings. In addition to the translation, Dr Henry Littlejohn provides an extensive introduction which illustrates the importance of the topics of patience and thankfulness in Islam throughout the centuries.

Dr Henry T. Littlejohn is a retired university lecturer and pastor.

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Al-Ghazālī on Poverty and Abstinence
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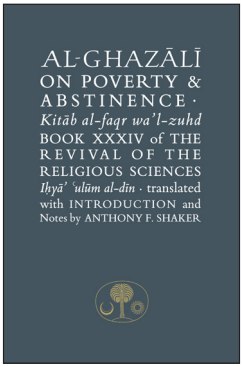

Al-Ghazālī on Poverty and Abstinence is the thirty-fourth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. It falls in the section dealing with the virtues. Ghazālī traces poverty and abstinence back to the Prophet Muḥammad, who exhorted the faithful to love the poor and described this love as a key to heaven. But behind the Prophet's love of the poor lay his legendary humility, and the life of poverty on which Ghazālī expatiates in this treatise refers to what every devoted follower of the Prophet is meant to adopt, not simply an accidental state of destitution that might befall anyone.

Anthony F. Shaker holds a PhD in Islamic Studies from McGill University and is the author, among other works, of *Thinking in the Language of Reality: Ṣadr al-Din Qunavi and the Philosophy of Reason*. He writes on the philosophical and Sufi traditions of Islam, contemporary developments around the world, and is a professional consultant and researcher.

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Al-Ghazālī on Love, Longing, Intimacy and Contentment
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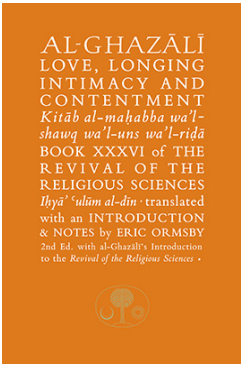

The Book of Love, Longing, Intimacy and Contentment is the thirty-sixth chapter of Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī's *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. This was the first treatise which established not merely the possibility but the necessity for the love of God. Ghazālī argues that all the virtues and spiritual stages that precede love, like repentance, patience and thankfulness, lead to love; and all the spiritual stages that follow on from love are a result of it. Out of Ghazālī's pioneering treatment would emerge not only new trends in Sufi theory and practice, but an entire body of mystical poetry including that of the great Persian poets Rūmī and Ḥāfiẓ. The translation is preceded by an extensive introduction which sets the work in its historical and spiritual context.

Prof. Eric Ormsby was Director of the Institute of Islamic Studies at McGill University. He is at present Professor at the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London.

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Al-Ghazālī on Intention, Sincerity and Truthfulness
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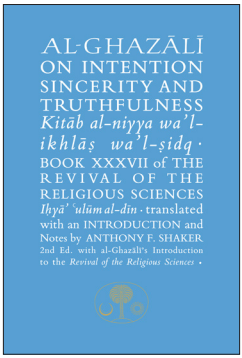

Al-Ghazālī on Intention, Sincerity and Truthfulness is the thirty-seventh chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. Here Ghazālī asks: 'How can someone ignorant of the meaning of intention verify his own intention; or how can someone ignorant of the meaning of sincerity verify his own sincerity; or how can someone sincerely claim truthfulness if he has not verified its meaning?' In the Book of *Intention, Sincerity and Truthfulness*, Ghazālī gives a response to each of these questions by expounding the reality and levels of intention, sincerity and truthfulness, those acts which affirm them and those acts which mar them.

Dr Anthony F. Shaker holds a PhD in Islamic Studies from McGill University and is the author of *Thinking in the Language of Reality: Ṣadr al-Dīn Qūnavī and the Philosophy of Reason* and translator of *Al-Ghazālī on Vigilance and Self-Examination*.

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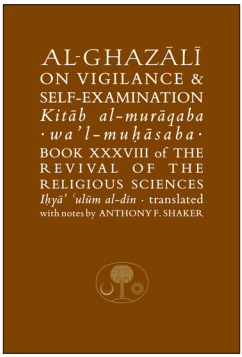

Al-Ghazālī on Vigilance and Self-Examination is the thirty-eighth chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences* and follows on from *Al-Ghazālī on Intention, Sincerity and Truthfulness*. Here Ghazālī focuses on the different stations of steadfastness in religion (*murābaṭa*), vigilance and self-examination being its cornerstones. As in all his writings, Ghazālī bases his arguments on the Qur'ān, the example of the Prophet and the sayings of numerous scholars and Sufis.

Dr Anthony F. Shaker holds a PhD in Islamic Studies from McGill University and is the author of *Thinking in the Language of Reality: Ṣadr al-Dīn Qūnavī and the Philosophy of Reason* and translator of *Al-Ghazālī on Poverty and Abstinence* and *Al-Ghazālī on Intention, Sincerity and Truthfulness*.

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Al-Ghazālī on the Remembrance of Death and the Afterlife
Book XL of *The Revival of the Religious Sciences*

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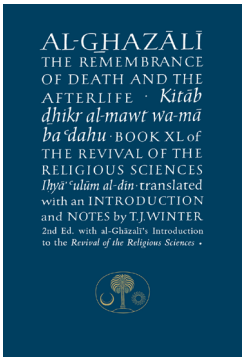

Al-Ghazālī on Death is the last chapter of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*. After expounding his Sufi philosophy of death and showing the importance of the contemplation of human mortality to the mystical way of self-purification, Ghazālī takes his readers through the stages of the future life: the vision of the Angels of the Grave, the Resurrection, the Intercession of the Prophet, and finally, the torments of Hell, the delights of Paradise and—for the elect— the beatific vision of God's Countenance.

T. J. Winter is Shaykh Zayed Lecturer in Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge.

'*This book is an excellent translation of a very important work … This translation, and the series as a whole, are significant contributions to our understanding of this key figure in Islamic intellectual thought*.' Oliver Leaman (BRISMES Bulletin)

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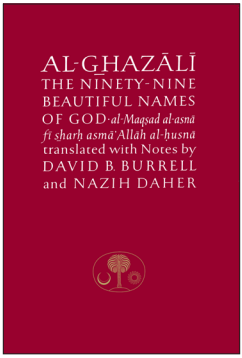
Al-Ghazālī on the Ninety-nine Beautiful Names of God
Al-Maqṣad al-Asnā fī Sharḥ Asmā' Allāh al-Ḥusnā

Translated by D. BURRELL & N. DAHER



In this work, Ghazālī takes up the Prophet's teaching that 'Ninety-nine Beautiful Names' are truly predicated of God. He explores the meaning and resonance of each of these divine names, and reveals the functions they perform both in the cosmos and in the soul of the spiritual adept. Although some of the book is rigorously analytical, the author never fails to attract the reader with his profound mystical and ethical insights.

David Burrell is Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame, USA; Nazih Daher is Professorial Lecturer at George Washington University.

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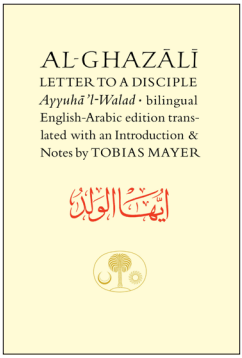
Al-Ghazālī Letter to a Disciple
Ayyuhā'l-walad

Translated by TOBIAS MAYER



An old disciple of Ghazālī had studied the Islamic sciences, including the many works of his master, for most of his life. Faced with the proximity of death, he turns again to his master this time asking for a summary of all his teachings. *Letter to a Disciple* is Ghazālī's response. The emphasis in this short treatise is on religious and spiritual action and on putting into practice the knowledge that one has acquired. *Letter to a Disciple* can be considered as the last testament of he who is regarded as *Ḥujjat al-Islām*, the 'Proof of Islam.' This new translation is presented here as a bilingual, English–Arabic, edition.

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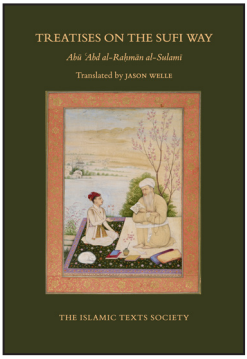
TRANSLATIONS FROM THE ISLAMIC HERITAGE

Treatises on the Sufi Way

ABŪ ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-SULAMĪ

Translated by JASON WELLE



Treatises on the Sufi Way is a translation of five of Sulamī's treatises that portray the breadth of classical Sufi wisdom and the extent of Sulamī's own contribution in preserving and teaching this wisdom: *The Ways of Companionship and Good Fellowship*; *Proper Comportment in the Presence of Sufi Masters and Maintaining Reverence for Them*; *Treatise on the Essence of Poverty and its Ways*; *Explanation of the States of the Sufis*; *Treatise on Shame*.

Taken together the treatises present an introduction to Sufism including the relationship between the aspirant and the spiritual master, good fellowship between companions on the Sufi path, the centrality of spiritual poverty before God, the proper sense of shame and remorse for sin that mark true piety, and the different ecstatic states that Sufis undergo. The five treatises combine theoretical and mystical elements of Sulamī's teaching with his concrete and practical advice for Sufi aspirants.

Dr Jason Welle is Assistant Professor of Comparative Theology at Boston College. His research focuses on Islamic mysticism, on the Franciscan tradition, and on Muslim–Christian relations, particularly in the Middle Ages.

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A Collection of Sufi Rules of Conduct

ABŪ ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-SULAMĪ

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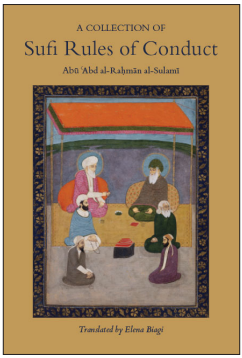

Written by one of the foremost early masters of Sufism, *A Collection of Sufi Rules of Conduct* (*Jawāmiʿ Ādāb al-Ṣūfiyya*) is considered as the first work devoted to the description of the way of life and the customs of the Sufis. It represents an early attempt to illustrate the conformity of Sufi beliefs and manners with the Qur'ān and the example of the Prophet (*Sunna*). *A Collection of Sufi Rules of Conduct* is therefore not only a pioneering work of ethics and mysticism, it is also a summary of the views of Sufis up till the eleventh century, and was a major influence on the development of Sufism from the eleventh century onwards. The translation by Dr Elena Biagi includes an introduction that places the author in his historical, literary and religious context, and a general glossary of Sufi technical terms.

Elena Biagi is professor of Arabic at the University of Milan, Italy.

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The Pure Intention: On Knowledge of the Unique Name

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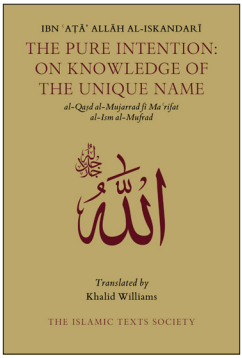

In *The Pure Intention: On Knowledge of the Unique Name* (al-Qaṣd al-Mujarrad fī Maʿrifat al-Ism al-Mufrad), Ibn ʿAṭāʾ Allāh al-Iskandarī presents us with a supreme essay on the doctrine of Divine Oneness, or *tawḥīd*, and the Unique Name *Allāh*, which is the Name of the Divine Essence.

The treatise itself is divided into two parts. In Part One, Ibn ʿAṭāʾ Allāh discusses the Name *Allāh* from three perspectives: that of language, that of wisdom and that of gnosis; here, he also explains the differences between the Divine Names, Qualities and the Name *Allāh*. With Part Two, the author turns to the role of invocation, both in general and of the Name *Allāh* specifically. Ibn ʿAṭāʾ Allāh gives detailed arguments for how emulating the Qualities of God as expressed in His Names and invoking His Supreme Name with awareness of its meaning can cleanse the heart and fill it with *tawḥīd* until it becomes a worthy abode for God. As the sacred tradition says: 'Neither My Throne nor My Footstool can contain Me, but the heart of My servant can.'

Ibn ʿAṭāʾ Allāh al-Iskandarī (d. 709/1309) was a renowned Sufi master in the Shādhilī order and one of the great authorities on Sufism in the thirteenth century.

Khalid Williams specialises in translation from Arabic, with a particular focus on Islamic Studies and Sufism.

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The Key to Salvation: A Sufi Manual of Invocation

IBN ʿAṬĀ' ALLĀH AL-ISKANDARĪ

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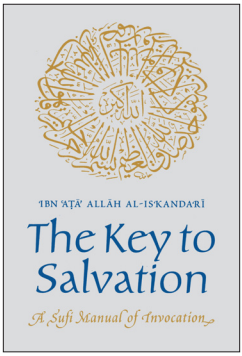

This is the first English translation of *Miftāḥ al-falāḥ*, a thirteenth-century Sufi text, written by Ibn ʿAṭā' Allāh, one of the great masters of the Shādhilī Sufi order. It is considered to be one of his most important works because it sets out the principles of actual Sufi mystical practices, shedding light on the sacred invocations, and associated practices, such as the spiritual retreat. Written in a clear, lucid style, it offers a glimpse into the Sufi world of the seventh Islamic century and allows us to see almost at first hand how the novice was guided by the Sufi Shaykh and, above all, the purpose and preparation involved in engaging in the invocation, *dhikhru 'Llāh*. Ibn ʿAṭā' Allāh sets out to define it, to explain its nature and power, to show its results and to prove that it is part of the Prophet's Sunna, or practice. The author goes to great lengths to point out many Qur'ānic verses where *dhikru 'Llah* is mentioned and cites many noted authorities.

Mary Ann Koury-Danner was Area Specialist for Middle Eastern Studies at Indiana University Library. She has already won two awards for this translation.

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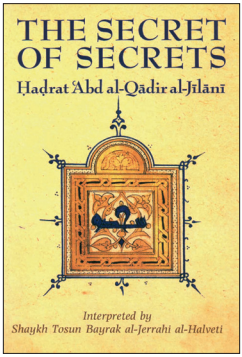
The Secret of Secrets

ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AL-JĪLĀNĪ

Interpreted by TOSUN BAYRAK



An interpretative translation by Shaykh Tosun Bayrak of *Sirr al-Asrār* by Ḥaḍrat ʿAbd al-Qāḍir al-Jīlanī (1077–1166 AD), considered by many to be one of the greatest saints of Islam and the eponymous founder of the Qādiriyya order. This book, appearing in English for the first time, contains the very essence of Sufism, giving a Sufi explanation of how the outward practices of Islam—prayer, fasting, almsgiving and pilgrimage—contain a wealth of inner dimension which must be discovered and enjoyed if external actions are to be performed in a manner pleasing to God. When this is achieved the soul finds true peace and the spiritual life becomes complete.

Shakyh Tosun Bayrak is the leader of the Jerrahi-Halveti Sufi order in the USA.

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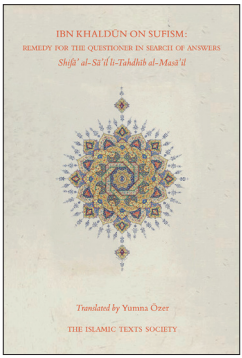
Ibn Khaldūn on Sufism: Remedy for the Questioner in Search of Answers

Translated by YUMNA ÖZER



Can the seeker after Truth wholly depend on the guidance found in books on Sufism or are the oral teachings of a spiritual master necessary? This was a heated debate in fourteenth-century Andalusia that extended beyond the confines of Sufi circles. Ibn Khaldūn ventured into this debate with a treatise that is as relevant today as it was then. *Ibn Khaldūn on Sufism: Remedy for the Questioner in Search of Answers* is the first ever translation into English of *Shifā' al-Sā'il li-Tahdhīb al-Masā'il*.

Though Ibn Khaldūn is renowned for the *Muqaddima* and the *ʿIbar*, little is known about his religious and spiritual life. In her introduction, Dr Yumna Özer seeks to restore Ibn Khaldūn and his work to the context from which his theories arose. She also draws a vivid painting of Sufism in the fourteenth century and rethinks Ibn Khaldūn's relationship with Sufism. The translation itself addresses the dichotomies or synergies between religious law and the Sufi path, the roles played by jurists, and that played by Sufis, and the particular position of the Sufi shaykh or spiritual master.

Ibn Khaldūn (d. 808/1406) is renowned for the *Muqaddima* and the *'Ibar*, which are considered milestones in the fields of medieval sociology and the philosophy of history.

Dr Yumna Özer gained a PhD in Islamic Studies from Indiana University and is an independent scholar specialising in Sufism.

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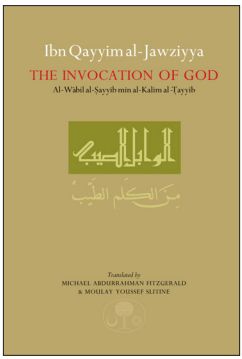
Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya on the Invocation of God
Al-Wābil al-Ṣayyib

Translated by M. ABDURRAHMAN FITZGERALD & YOUSSEF SLITINE



Written in the fourteenth century by the renowned theologian Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, this treatise movingly details the many blessings of the remembrance of God. Through discussions of the ego, the nature of the body, the ephemerality of the world, the degrees of prayer, fasting, charity, and the purification of the heart, this beautifully written work is a genuine contribution to Muslim spirituality. What makes *Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya on the Invocation of God* of great interest is that it illustrates the spiritual life of Ibn Qayyim and of his teacher, the Ḥanbalite reformer Ibn Taymiyya (1263–1328 AD).

Abdurrahman Fitzgerald has studied classical Islamic texts for over 40 years, and published translations of the works of Ibn Ajiba.

Youssef Slitine is an independent scholar of Islam who resides in Marrakesch, Morocco.

'*This book is a spiritual book, and it goes a long way towards making a hard, cruel and oblivious heart become lenient, compassionate, kind and merciful…*' Muslim World Book Review

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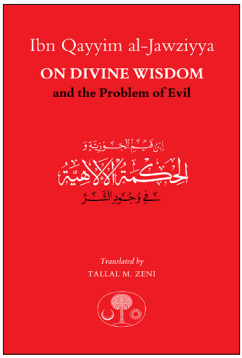
Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya on Divine Wisdom and the Problem of Evil

Translated by TALLAL M. ZENI



Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya on Divine Wisdom and the Problem of Evil is a translation of selections from two of Ibn al-Qayyim's books, *Key to the Blissful Abode* (Miftāḥ dār al-saʿāda) and *Remedy for Those who Question on Matters Concerning Divine Decree, Predestination, Wisdom and Causality* (Shifā' al-ʿalīl fī masā'il al-qaḍā' wa'l-qadar wa'l-ḥikma wa'l-taʿlīl). As with all his other writings, Ibn al-Qayyim's foremost goal is to establish the wisdom of God, the primacy of the Qur'ān and Sunna, and the congruity between reason and revelation. In the present selections, he focuses on the application of the wisdom of God to the existence of evil.

Ibn al-Qayyim first discusses twenty-six wise purposes behind God creating humanity and settling them on Earth. He then explores how the presence of evil allows the manifestation of many of God's Beautiful Names, glorious attributes and compassionate actions; while, for humanity, the existence of evil provides the righteous with opportunities to strive against it.

This discussion is followed by thirty wise purposes and secrets in God allowing people to sin. Prominent among them are that God loves repentance and loves to manifest His Attributes of forgiveness and mercy. Here, Ibn al-Qayyim also debates at length whether the punishment of Hellfire will be eternal or whether it will come to an end.

Tallal M. Zeni is a medical doctor who has studied traditional Islamic culture.

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Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya on Knowledge

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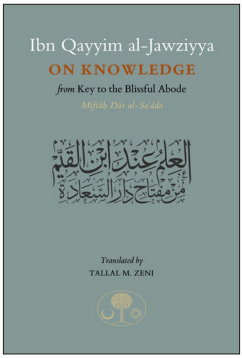

The renowned theologian and jurist Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya wrote numerous titles, many of which are still popular today. Amongst these is *Key to the Blissful Abode* (Miftāḥ dār al-saʿāda). The present work is an abridgement of the first volume of *Key to the Blissful Abode*. In it, Ibn Qayyim focuses on the importance of knowledge and willpower, as means through which a person may attain Paradise. Willpower is the door and knowledge—in particular knowledge which pertains to God and His Attributes, the Qur'ān and the example of the Prophet—is the key. Ibn Qayyim discusses the virtues and benefits of knowledge over wealth and worldly matters; the path to knowledge; the importance of pursuing knowledge and applying it in order to achieve guidance from God and protect oneself from doubts; the superiority of the scholar over the worshipper; and the necessity of using knowledge and willpower as the bases for all actions if one is to achieve spiritual bliss. Ibn Qayyim then concludes by discussing the importance of contemplation and reflection in order to attain further knowledge and guidance.

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Medicine of the Prophet

IBN QAYYIM AL-JAWZIYYA

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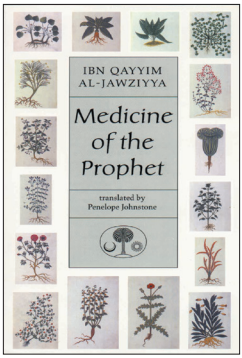

Written in the fourteenth century by the renowned theologian Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, this book is a mine of information on the customs and sayings of the Prophet, as well as on herbal and medical practices current at the time of the author. In bringing together these two aspects, Ibn Qayyim has produced a concise summary of how the Prophet's guidance and teaching can be followed, as well as how health, sickness and cures were viewed by Muslims in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. *Medicine of the Prophet* will appeal not only to those interested in alternative systems of health and medicine, but also to people wishing to acquaint themselves with, or increase their knowledge of, *ḥadīth* and the religion and culture of Islam.

Penelope Johnstone holds a doctorate in history of Arabic medicine and herbals and taught Arabic at the University of Oxford.

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Epistle on Worship: *Risālat al-ʿUbūdiyya*

IBN TAYMIYYA

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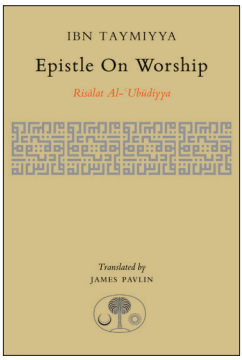

Ibn Taymiyya remains one of the most controversial Islamic thinkers today because of his supposed influence on many fundamentalist movements. The common understanding of his ideas have been filtered through the bits and pieces of his statements that have been misappropriated by alleged supporters and avowed critics alike. However, most people still have limited access to his beliefs and opinions as expressed in his own writings. This book, *Epistle on Worship*: Risālat al-ʿUbūdiyya, aims to begin filling this gap by presenting an annotated translation of one of his most important epistles on the theology behind the concept of worship. The introduction gives the reader an overview of his biography and situates Ibn Taymiyya in the broader world of Islamic intellectual history by explaining his methodological arguments and theological opinions. The annotated translation captures the immediacy of his ideas as they impacted his world as well as the relevancy they have for our times.

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The Goodly Word: *Al-Kalim al-Ṭayyib*

IBN TAYMIYYA

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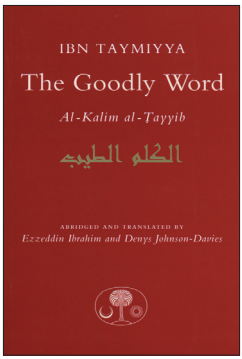

Written by the renowned jurist of the fourteenth century, Taqī al-Dīn Aḥmad Ibn Taymiyya, *The Goodly Word* is one of the most referred to works on prayer and the merits of prayer. Exclusively based on what the Prophet Muḥammad himself said and did, this work includes prayers for every moment of the Muslim's life. *The Goodly Word* is here presented in a bilingual edition so that the exact prayers of the Prophet can be read in the original Arabic. The translation is by two distinguished scholars who have also translated *An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith* and *Forty Hadith Qudsi*, both published by the Islamic Texts Society.

Ezzeddin Ibrahim was a professor of Arabic literature and authored a number of books and translations. He was Cultural Adviser to the President of the United Arab Emirates and served as the Vice-Chancellor of the UAE University.

Denys Johnson-Davies is one of the leading Arabic–English translators of our time. He has translated religious literature, novels and children's books.

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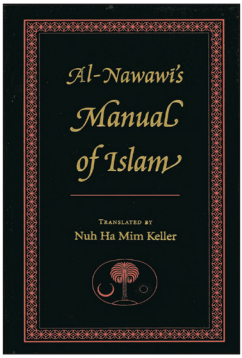
Al-Nawawī's Manual of Islam

Translated by NUH HA MIM KELLER



Imām Nawawī's classic manual of Islam, *al-Maqāṣid*, was first composed as a *fiqh matn*, or synopsis of the practical requirements of Islam—faith, purification, the prayer, charity, fasting, and pilgrimage—for students to memorise. The handbook's clear and concise style will help anyone seeking to learn the essentials of Islamic practice and spirituality from a reliable, traditional source. Although best known for his work on *ḥadīth*, Yaḥyā ibn Sharaf al-Nawawī (d. 676/1277) was also the Imām of the later Shāfiʿī school of jurisprudence, and widely acknowledged as the intellectual heir of Imām Shāfiʿī. He was a great scholar and jurist who dedicated his life to the pursuit of Islamic learning.

Shaykh Nuh Ha Mim Keller is a specialist in Islamic law having studied with many eminent teachers in Syria and Jordan, where he currently resides.

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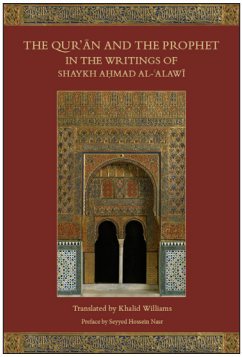
The Qur'ān and the Prophet in the Writings of Shaykh Aḥmad al-ʿAlawī

Translated by KHALID WILLIAMS



The Qur'ān and the Prophet in the Writings of Shaykh Aḥmad al-ʿAlawī presents for the first time in English all the collected works of the Shaykh on the two guiding principles of Islam. The Shaykh al-ʿAlawī had embarked on a full commentary on the Qur'ān but only completed an introduction explaining his approach to Qur'ānic exegesis and commentaries on three chapters. All these pieces are included here with an additional appendix of answers to questions that the Shaykh's disciples had put to him on the Qur'ān. The Qur'ānic commentaries are followed by a treatise on the meaning of the invocation of blessings on the Prophet. This extremely profound treatise delves into the spiritual nature of the Prophet explaining how he represents both the summit of spiritual attainment and the example for all those seeking enlightenment. Also included in the appendix are answers that the Shaykh gave his disciples on sayings of the Prophet.

Khalid Williams specialises in translation from Arabic, with a particular focus on Islamic Studies and Sufism.

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Sufi Poems: A Mediaeval Anthology

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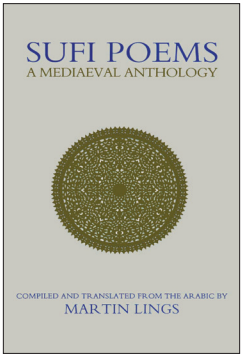

Sufi Poems is a selection of poems from the golden period of Sufism especially chosen and translated from the Arabic by the distinguished scholar Dr Martin Lings. Dr Lings is the author of numerous best-selling works on Sufism and is a published poet in his own right. Including poems here translated for the first time, *Sufi Poems* brings together selections from the giants of Sufism; for example, Rābiʿa, Ḥallāj, Ibn al- Fāriḍ and Ibn ʿArabī. *Sufi Poems* is published as a bilingual Arabic–English edition, which will be of interest to all those wishing to read the original Arabic and will also be helpful for university students of Arabic.

'*Extremely well-chosen and exquisitely translated, this masterly rendition resonates with spiritual qualities of the original Arabic verses*.' S. H. Nasr

'*…a daunting standard for future translators…a work of slow and careful crafting of stanzas over a period of thirty years, these masterly translations have a moving force for hearts on the Path*.' Muzaffar Iqbal (Islamic Studies)

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Arabic–English parallel text

The Fragrant Scent

ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-ʿAYDARŪS

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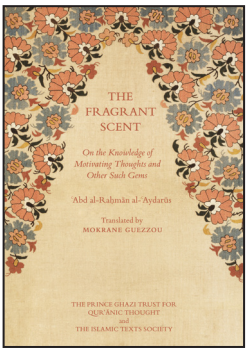

The Fragrant Scent is the first English translation of the work of the great eighteenth-century scholar Sayyid ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-ʿAydarūs. The book is a meditation on the fleeting thoughts that pass through the mind of the spiritual wayfarer, and the author's aim is to provide guidance for those on the spiritual path.

The author describes his treatise as a commentary on Suhrawardī's famous Sufi work, *ʿAwārif al-maʿārif*, and he draws on a rich selection of authoritative sources to answer key questions about the wayfarer's experiences, including the Qur'ān, the Ḥadīth, Ghazālī, Jilānī and Abū Madyān. This concise, yet wide-ranging treatise covers topics such as the different types of passing thoughts and their causes, knowledge of the soul and finding the perfect spiritual guide, as well as the necessity of retreat and practising one's knowledge. Shaykh al-ʿAydarūs was a follower of the Bā ʿAlawī *ṭarīqa*, a famous Sufi order from Hadhramaut in southern Yemen known for its piety and careful observance of the Sharīʿa. *The Fragrant Scent* reflects the Bā ʿAlawī order's emphasis on maintaining a balance between the inner and outer worlds, making the work an accessible entry point to understanding the profound spiritual insights and everyday practice of Bā ʿAlawī Sufism.

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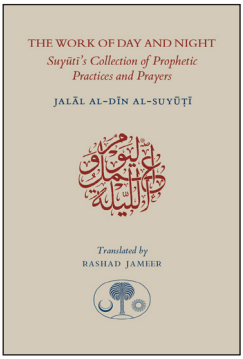
The Work of Day and Night: Suyūṭī's Collection of Prophetic Practices and Prayers

JALĀL AL-DĪN AL-SUYŪṬĪ

Translated by RASHAD JAMEER



Imam Jalāl al-Dīn Suyūṭī (d. 911/1505) was one of the most prolific writers produced by the Islamic world. He authored over 700 works in virtually every field known to Islamic science including the famous *Jalālayn* commentary of the Qur'ān (of which he was co-author). His works are still widely used, and his name is a by-word for breadth of learning, voluminous output, and a saintly life. *The Work of Day and Night* is Imam Suyūṭī's collection of the daily and nightly practices of the Prophet of Islam and includes instructions on how to follow the Prophet in everyday actions and supplications. In it the reader will find: the prayers said upon awakening, before eating and when dressing; the acts carried out at various times of the day, and between prayers; the supplications recited in times of distress as well as of intimacy; and much else. This book is invaluable for learning the *Sunna* of the Prophet and integrating it into one's life.

Rashad Jameer studied Arabic, Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Ḥanafī and Mālikī *fiqh* and *ʿaqida* in Canada, Egypt and Yemen. He is the translator of several classical texts on Ḥadīth.

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The Way of Abū Madyan

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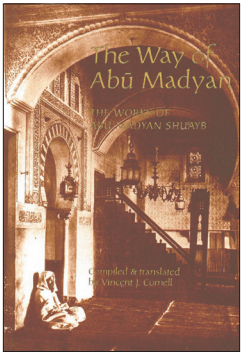

This is the first English translation of works attributed to Abū Madyan, a seminal figure of Sufism in Muslim Spain and North Africa. The Arabic text accompanying the English translation also represents the first scholarly edition of these works in the original language. The variety of Abū Madyan's *oeuvre*, which includes doctrinal treatises, aphorisms and poetical works in the ode, *qasīda*, style, provides a unique opportunity for students of Arabic and Sufism, as well as the interested layman, to experience several of the most important genres of religious writing in the Islamic Middle Period. The Arabic texts have been extensively vocalised in order to aid the student. The work as a whole is well-suited for use as a reader for advanced level classes in the Arabic language. In addition, notes have been provided in the English translation.

Vincent J. Cornell is Professor of History at Emory University, Atlanta.

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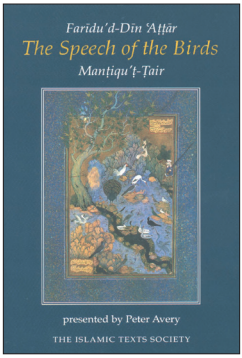
The Speech of the Birds: *Manṭiqu't-Ṭair*

FARĪDU'D-DĪN ʿAṬṬĀR

Presented and translated by PETER AVERY



Manṭiqu't-Ṭair is one of the masterpieces of Persian literature of which a complete and annotated translation into English is here presented for the first time as *The Speech of the Birds*. The text revolves around the decision of the birds of the world to seek out a king. Their debilitating doubts and fears, the knowing counsel of their leader Hoopoe, and their choice of the Sīmurgh as a king, is in reality an allegory of the spiritual path of Sufism with its demands, its hazards and its infinite rewards. In *The Speech of the Birds*, Peter Avery has not only given us a precise and moving translation, but also ample annotation providing much information to fill in what ʿAṭṭār would have expected his readers to know.

Peter Avery was Persian lecturer at Cambridge from 1958 until 1990.

'*Avery's* The Speech of the Birds *is the first complete translation in prose of Attar's* Mantiqu 't-Tair. *More important, Avery's copious notes. . . are invaluable—a real mini-encyclopaedia of mysticism in general and of Sufism in particular, which enhances the understanding and the pleasure of poetry.*' Times Higher Education Supplement

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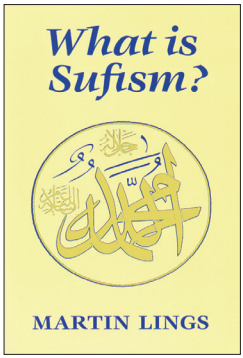
MONOGRAPHS ON SPIRITUALITY & SUFISM

What is Sufism?

MARTIN LINGS



Martin Lings provides an excellent and authoritative introduction to the mystical movement of the Sufis based on his lifelong interest in Islamic culture. His explanation derives from a profound understanding of Sufism, and extends to many aspects which are usually neglected. His illuminating answer to 'What is Sufism?' gives a taste of the very subject matter itself. What do Sufis believe? What do they aim at? What do they do? Unlike other writers on the subject, Martin Lings treats all the three questions with equal justice. He is thus able to give a wealth of answers to the main question 'What is Sufism?', each answer being from a different angle but all going to the root of the matter.

What is Sufism? has become a set book in colleges and universities on both sides of the Atlantic. It is now accepted as the authoritative statement on the subject of Sufism and it has been translated into French, German, Italian, Spanish and Tamil. It has also been published in Sarajevo in Bosnian, and is available in Braille.

'*… from the small number of books one can recommend unreservedly to people interested in Islamic civilization, Muslim perspectives on spirituality, and religion in general.*' Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies

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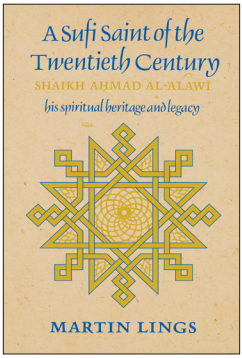
A Sufi Saint of the Twentieth Century: Shaikh Aḥmad al-ʿAlawī

MARTIN LINGS



'Almost a prerequisite for any serious study of Sufism in European languages': this was the verdict of Seyyed Hossein Nasr in his review of the first edition of the book. According to the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, it is 'one of the most thorough and intimately engaging books on Sufism to be produced by a Western scholar.' The author lets Sufis speak for themselves and, in a series of unusual and absorbing texts mainly translated from Arabic, he gives a vivid picture of life in a North African Sufi order. Against this background stands the unforgettable figure of the Algerian Shaikh who was head of the order from 1909 until his death in 1934. The last few chapters are mainly devoted to his writings, which include some penetrating aphorisms, and which end with a small anthology of his remarkable mystic poems.

'*A masterly study of a man whose sanctity recalled the golden age of medieval mystics. In this well documented book Dr Lings draws on many rare sources…and has made some important original contributions.*' A. J. Arberry

'*What Martin Lings adds by way of commentary is of the greatest significance and may serve as a key to a deeper understanding of Islam as a whole.*' Titus Burckhardt

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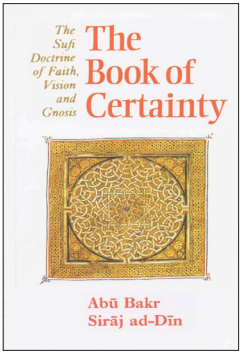
The Book of Certainty: The Sufi Doctrine of Faith, Vision & Gnosis

ABŪ BAKR SIRĀJ AD-DĪN (MARTIN LINGS)



'To express in the language of Sufism, that is, Islamic mysticism, some of the universal truths which lie at the heart of all religions'—this is the book's avowed purpose. It came into being because the author was asked by a friend to set down in writing what he considered to be the most important things that a human being can know. He was also asked to make it very easy, and despite the depth of all that it contains, it has in fact a remarkable simplicity and clarity, due no doubt to the constant use of traditional imagery which awakens and penetrates the imagination.

'*This book is an excellent introduction to Sufism, highly intelligent, balanced, lucid, well-written and in places really eloquent*.' Islamic Culture, Hyderabad

'*Abū Bakr Sirāj ad-Dīn has bestowed upon the world a great benefaction in giving it this very important Sufic treatise, for, belonging as it does to our own time, it is easier for us to assimilate than are the treatises and commentaries of Sufis of old*.' Islamic Quarterly

'*A wonderful, short and sweet discussion of symbols and the spiritual world. An important and significant window into the Sufi mode of speech*.' Journal of Islamic Studies

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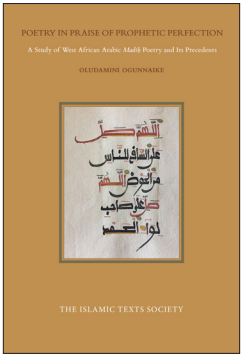
Poetry in Praise of Prophetic Perfection

OLUDAMINI OGUNNAIKE



The vibrant tradition of West African Arabic poetry is dominated by the genre of *madih*, that is, poetry in praise of the Prophet Muḥammad. This genre of poetry has been mostly ignored in Western scholarship and dismissed as mere 'pious praise' lacking any significant intellectual content. In *Poetry in Praise of Prophetic Perfection*, Dr Oludamini Ogunnaike challenges the misconceptions around West African *madih* poetry and addresses the scope and depth of this genre; he not only explores its rich lyrical nature and its foundations in the Qur'ān, Hadith, pre-Islamic and early Islamic poetry, but also its inextricable link to Sufism and Sufi doctrines of cosmology, ontology and epistemology.

Poetry in Praise of Prophetic Perfection includes translations of numerous extracts from *madih* poetry (accompanied by the original Arabic); while the Appendix presents a selection of complete poems—the most popular and influential poems of this tradition.

Oludamini Ogunnaike holds a PhD in African Studies and the Study of Religion from Harvard University and is Assistant Professor of African Religious Thought at the University of Virginia.

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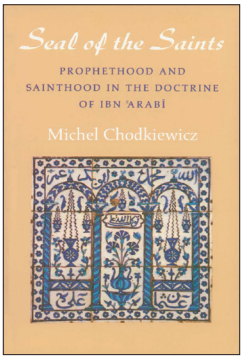
Seal of the Saints: Prophethood and Sainthood in the Doctrine of Ibn ʿArabī

MICHEL CHODKIEWICZ



Ibn ʿArabī—born in 1165 in Andalusia and died in 1240 in Damascus— was recognized in his lifetime as *al-Shaykh al-Akbar*, the supreme spiritual Master. Over a period of eight centuries he has exerted a profound influence on Islamic mysticism.

In recent years a number of important studies have helped acquaint the Western reader with Ibn ʿArabī's metaphysics and this process is now greatly enhanced by the present volume in which Michel Chodkiewicz explores for the first time, the Master's 'hagiology' or teaching on sainthood. Founded on a careful analysis of the relevant texts, Chodkiewicz's work examines this essential aspect of Ibn ʿArabī's doctrine of sainthood, defining the nature and function of sainthood, while also specifying the criteria for a typology of saints based on the notion of prophetic inheritance.

'*An extraordinarily good book about an extremely difficult thinker… Chodkiewicz not only knows the texts remarkably well, but also avoids and rejects certain errors of perspective common among other scholars*.' TLS

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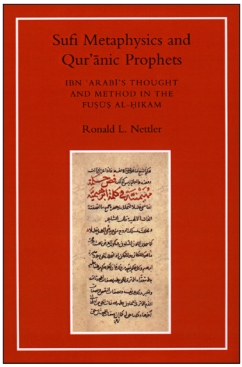
Sufi Metaphysics and Qur'ānic Prophets: Ibn ʿArabī's Thought and Method in the *Fuṣūṣ al-Ḥikam*

RONALD L. NETTLER



The *Fuṣūṣ al-Ḥikam* is acknowledged to be a summary statement of the Sufi metaphysics of the 'Greatest Master', Ibn ʿArabī (d. 1240). It is also recognised that the *Fuṣūṣ* is a work of great complexity both in its ideas and its style; and, over the centuries, numerous commentaries have been written on it. Each of the chapters of the *Fuṣūṣ* is dedicated to a Qur'ānic prophet with whom a particular 'wisdom' is associated. In *Sufi Metaphysics and Qur'ānic Prophets: Ibn ʿArabī's Thought and Method in the* Fuṣūṣ al-Ḥikam, Ronald Nettler examines ten chapters from the *Fuṣūṣ* which exemplify the ideas, method and perspective of the entire work. Concentrating on a detailed analysis of the text, the author brings out the profound connection and integration of scripture and metaphysics in the world-view of Ibn ʿArabī. *Sufi Metaphysics and Qur'ānic Prophets* serves not only as an explication of Ibn ʿArabī's ideas in the *Fuṣūṣ*, but is also a great aid in the overall understanding of Ibn ʿArabī's thought.

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Quest for the Red Sulphur: The Life of Ibn ʿArabī

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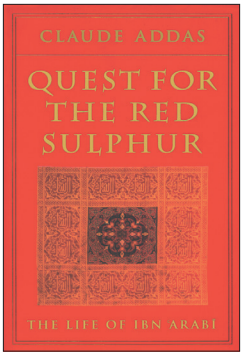

Quest for the Red Sulphur: The Life of Ibn ʿArabī is undoubtedly a landmark in Ibn ʿArabī studies. Until the publication of this book, anyone who wanted to learn about the life of Ibn ʿArabī has had little choice of material to work from. This major study by Claude Addas is based on a detailed analysis of a whole range of Ibn ʿArabī's own writings as well as a vast amount of secondary literature in both Arabic and Persian. The result is the first-ever attempt to reconstruct what proves to have been a double itinerary: on the one hand, the journey that took Ibn ʿArabī from his native Andalusia to Damascus—and on the other hand, the 'Night Journey' which carried him along the paths of asceticism and prayer to the ultimate stage of revelation of his mystic quest.

'*I read it like a novel, a novel written in captivating style and with a seeming infinite love for its hero—a novel distinguished by its meticulous care for details and full of trustworthy information taken from manuscripts and printed sources… It is more than a translation: with the author's help some additions have been made, some points clarified*.' Annemarie Schimmel (Journal of Islamic Studies)

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Ibn ʿArabī: The Voyage of No Return

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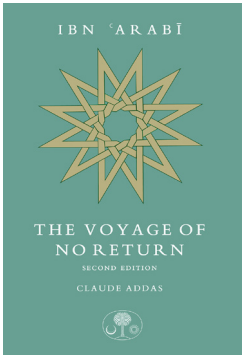

This is a concise introduction to the life and thought of Ibn ʿArabī, who is considered as the 'Greatest of Sufi Masters.' Written by the author of a best-selling biography of Ibn ʿArabī (see page 70), *Ibn ʿArabī: The Voyage of No Return* traces the major events of Ibn ʿArabī's life: his conversion to Sufism; his travels around Andalusia and the Maghreb; his meetings with the saints of his time; his journey to Mecca; his travels in Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Anatolia and Syria; his most important books. The events of Ibn ʿArabī's 'inner voyage', however, are far more spectacular than those of his outer life and are here presented directly from the many auto-biographical sections found in his writings. Claude Addas gives us a comprehensive insight into the major doctrines of Ibn ʿArabī: the doctrine of prophethood and sainthood, the inheritance from the prophets, the 'imaginal world', the 'unicity of Being', the 'Seal of the Saints', and many others. Addas also introduces the main disciples of Ibn ʿArabī and traces both his unequalled influence on the course of Sufism and the controversies that still surround him till today.

'*… there can be no question as to the comprehensive scope and scholarly reliability of this work: the author has included all the major themes of Ibn ʿArabī's writing, for the most part expressed in his own words, and has placed them carefully in the context of his major writings and both their immediate and wider historical settings*.' James Morris (Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn ʿArabi Society)

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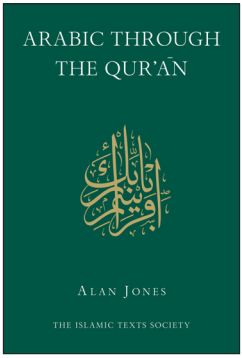
GENERAL TITLES ON ISLAM

Arabic through the Qur'ān

ALAN JONES



Arabic through the Qur'ān is the first Arabic grammar book to appear in many years. Written by Prof. Alan Jones, Emeritus Professor of Arabic at Oxford University, this work aims at teaching Arabic using only the vocabulary in the Qur'ān. In forty lessons and starting with the alphabet, *Arabic through the Qur'ān* covers the whole of Arabic grammar. Each lesson is followed by exercises and a key to the exercises is available at the end of the book. *Arabic through the Qur'ān* gives the student a thorough understanding of Arabic grammar and a substantial vocabulary from the Qur'ān including many of the often-repeated verses. *Arabic through the Qur'ān* is an indispensable aid to those wanting to learn Arabic in order to be able to read the Qur'ān and to Arabic students at university level.

Professor Alan Jones was Emeritus Professor of Arabic at the University of Oxford, where he taught Arabic for many years. He is well known both for his knowledge of the Arabic language and for his work on the Qur'ān.

'*An entertaining and valuable companion to any English speaker struggling to read and understand the Qur'an*.' Journal of Qur'anic Studies

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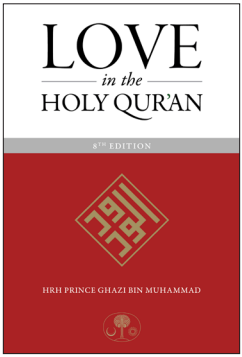
Love in the Holy Qur'an

HRH PRINCE GHAZI BIN MUHAMMAD



The author treats in a simple and accessible style, with reader-friendly and teaching-friendly features, not only of love of God and love of the neighbour, but also of family love; friendship; the stages of falling in love; sexual love; extra-marital love; beauty; taste and much more, all based entirely on the Holy Qur'an. At least one verse from every chapter—and over one fifth of the total text of the Holy Qur'an—is cited. *Love in the Holy Qur'an* is written and structured both to be read in its totality or as individual 'stand-alone' chapters to be sampled at will. This work is thus essential reading not only for Muslims and those interested in Islam and the Holy Qur'an, but for all those interested in the secrets and mysteries of love as such.

'*What the world should understand when it hears the Qur'an*.' Sheikh Ali Gomaa, former Grand Mufti of Egypt

'*Prince Ghazi has produced a definitive study of love in the Qur'an*.' Professor David F. Ford, Regius Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge

'*Love in the Holy Qur'an is bound to become a classic*.' Tamara Sonn, Kenan Professor of Humanities, College of William and Mary

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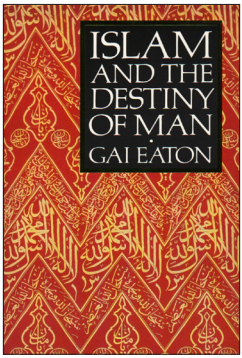
Islam and the Destiny of Man

GAI EATON



A new, revised edition of a highly successful book. *Islam and the Destiny of Man* is a wide-ranging study of the religion of Islam from a unique point of view. The author was brought up as an agnostic and embraced Islam at an early age after writing a book (commissioned by T. S. Eliot) on Eastern religions and their influence on Western thinkers. The aim of *Islam and the Destiny of Man* is to explain what it means to be a Muslim, a member of a community which embraces a quarter of the world's population and to describe the forces which have shaped their hearts and minds. Throughout the book the author is concerned not simply with Islam in isolation, but with the very nature of religious faith, its spiritual and intellectual foundations and the light it casts upon the mysteries and paradoxes of the human condition.

Charles Le Gai Eaton was born in Switzerland and educated at Charterhouse and King's College, Cambridge. He worked as a teacher and journalist in Jamaica and Egypt (where he embraced Islam in 1951) before joining the British Diplomatic Service. For many years, he was a consultant to the Islamic Cultural Centre in London.

'*Considered essential by* [*those*] *seeking to understand Islam*.' Sunday Telegraph

'*This book deserves to be read over and over again*.' Muslim Education Quarterly

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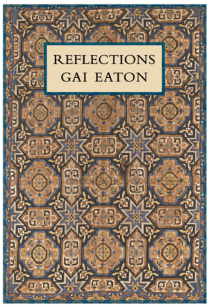
Reflections

GAI EATON



Between the years 1978 and 1996, the late Gai Eaton gave a series of talks on BBC Radio about Islam and its role in contemporary society. Eighty-six of these talks—variously titled *Reflections*, *Words of Faith* and *Pause for Thought*—are published here for the first time as *Reflections*. Together these talks provide a beautifully clear and accessible introduction to the central tenets, principles and practices at the heart of Islam and, as such, are not only a unique guide for non-Muslims, but also an inspiring reminder to Muslims of the essence of their faith.

Connecting everything that Eaton discusses in *Reflections* are the two principles of the Oneness of God (*Tawḥīd*) and the Viceregency of man (*khilāfah*). Therefore, whether discussing the five pillars of Islam or the Sufi concepts of fear (*makhāfah*), love (*maḥabbah*) and knowledge (*maʿrifah*) or the idea of a 'just war' or environmental changes, Gai Eaton reminds us that nothing is independent of the One who is Truth, Mercy and Beauty and that we, who are the Viceregents of the Truth, must—if we are to do justice to the potential within us—undertake the human struggle, the inner *jihād*, to convert our divided souls into unified, harmonious, balanced souls; souls not motivated by selfishness, self-regard and self-righteousness, but souls in a state of peace, illumined by the permanent consciousness of the Divine. While always expressing himself as a Muslim, Gai Eaton's voice, with all its wisdom, its humanity and its humour, speaks not only to Muslims but to all those interested in a spiritual approach to life.

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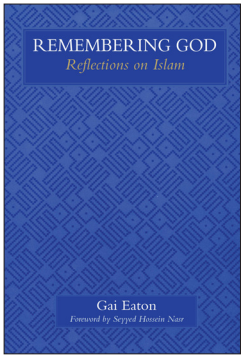
Remembering God: Reflections on Islam

GAI EATON



Written by the best-selling author of *Islam and the Destiny of Man*, *Remembering God* is a profound analysis of the most urgent concerns and questions facing us at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Contrasting modern, secular society with religion and tradition in general and with Islam in particular, Gai Eaton clarifies the essential need for spirituality, religion and values based on eternal principles. The main ideas expounded in *Remembering God* are that religion is not an isolated part of human life which can be disregarded at will and without consequences; that a total rejection of the past cannot be the basis for the future; and that a true link with Heaven modifies all the decisions and actions of society. Gai Eaton illustrates the subtle harmony of a religious perspective and its ability to transform both the individual and society.

'*This book possesses a profound message for both Westerners who are in quest of authentic knowledge of Islam…and for Muslims who are caught in the labyrinth of modern ideas and trends*.' From the Foreword by S. H. Nasr

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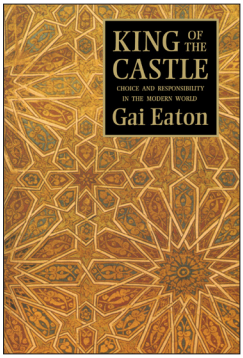
King of the Castle: Choice and Responsibility in the Modern World

GAI EATON



King of the Castle examines closely many of the unquestioned assumptions by which we live our lives, comparing them with the beliefs that have shaped and guided human life in the past. It begins with a consideration of how secular societies attempt to possess their citizens, body and soul and how, as a consequence, the necessity of redefining human responsibility becomes an ever more urgent imperative. The book continues with a presentation of the traditional view of man as 'God's Viceroy on Earth', with an eye to its practical implications in a world that has all but forgotten, under the pressure of mass social persuasion, that man must always be free to choose his own ultimate destiny. The author's thesis is a passionate yet incisive plea for the restoration of the sacred norms of religion, as against the debilitating and falsifying aims of a profane world-view based on no more than recent scientific and technological achievements.

'*This marvellous book… abounds with penetrating insights… The most remarkable quality of the book however is its courage*.' Fourth World News

'*This is a book of the utmost importance to anyone concerned… with the really basic questions of human life*.' Country Life

'*This is an urgent piece of writing, a reading of what we are and where we are*.' TLS

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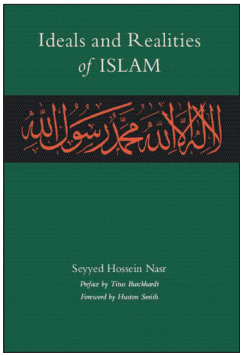
Ideals and Realities of Islam

SEYYED HOSSEIN NASR



A revised and updated edition of the best-selling introduction to Islam written by one of the foremost scholars in the field. *Ideals and Realities of Islam* seeks to answer criticism brought against Islam by presenting the point of view of Islam. In six chapters dealing with the universal and the particular aspects of Islam, the Qur'ān, the Prophet and the Prophetic tradition, the *Sharīʿa*, Sufism, and Shiʿism, Seyyed Hossein Nasr outlines the essential aspects of the Islamic beliefs, making frequent references to other religions in general and Christianity in particular. Drawing mainly on the Qur'ān and the *ḥadīth*, but also on the works of some contemporary Western scholars, the author presents the Islamic spiritual and intellectual tradition in the light of contemporary modern thought. This edition includes a new introduction by the author and an updated annotated bibliography.

Seyyed Hossein Nasr is Professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University. He is the author of numerous books including: *Islam and the Plight of Modern Man*, *A Young Muslim's Guide to the Modern World* and *Science & Civilization in Islam*.

'*Seyyed Hossein Nasr dominates his subject… he unites in his person an Islamic structure which encompassed two points of view: that of religious law and contemplation, and a supreme knowledge of modern scientific methods*.' From the Preface by Titus Burckhardt.

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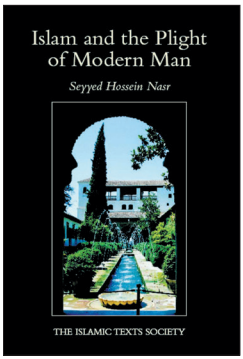
Islam and the Plight of Modern Man

SEYYED HOSSEIN NASR



This is a revised and updated edition of this seminal work on the responses of Islam to the modern world. Starting with the present-day condition of man in the modern world and the dilemma of the present-day Muslim, Seyyed Hossein Nasr discusses the interchange that has continued between Islam and the West over the centuries. The author then proceeds to examine the profound struggle in the Muslim world between the Islamic tradition and Western ideologies and culture concentrating on the present situations in the Arab world, in Iran, in India and in Pakistan. In addition to a new preface, this revised edition of *Islam and the Plight of Modern Man* includes two new chapters: 'Islam at the Dawn of the Third Christian Millennium', and 'Reflections on Islam and the West: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.'

'*This book can be recommended for its panoramic and balanced view of* dār al-islām.' Muslim World Book Review

'*This book can be mined for answers to questions such as how to build an education which is both modern and Islamic and how to revive the Islamic intellectual traditions*.' Sophia

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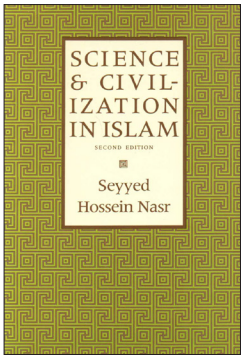
Science & Civilization in Islam

SEYYED HOSSEIN NASR



Science and Civilization in Islam has remained unsurpassed as the authoritative statement on this subject. With his characteristic breadth of learning, clarity of exposition and insight, Seyyed Hossein Nasr presents a full picture of Islamic science, not as a chapter in the history of Western science, but as an integral aspect of Islamic civilization and the Islamic intellectual tradition.

By means of an historical presentation, an analysis of its forms, including the use of passages from the writings of many Muslim scientists and philosophers, the author is able to convey not only a sense of the operative context of Islamic science but he also demonstrates its interrelatedness with the sapiential wisdom on which it is based. An introductory chapter provides the reader with a necessary orientation to the subject according to the principles of Islam, while subsequent chapters survey the whole spectrum of the individual sciences from cosmology, philosophy, theology to alchemy, physics, mathematics, astronomy, and medicine concluding with a chapter on the gnostic tradition.

For this edition, Dr Nasr has written a preface surveying the fields covered in the book since its first appearance in 1968, and has provided a supplement which brings the Bibliography up to date.

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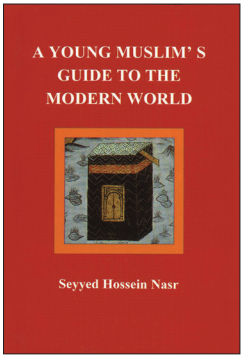
A Young Muslim's Guide to the Modern World

SEYYED HOSSEIN NASR



A Young Muslim's Guide to the Modern World, by one of Islam's greatest contemporary scholars, was written specifically for Muslims, and in particular young Muslims, urging them to become familiar with their religion and to gain an understanding of the modern world from the Islamic point of view in order to respond positively to its challenges. This guide, the first of its kind in any language, presents an exposition of the teachings of Islam as revealed in the Qur'ān, explained in the *ḥadīth* and *Sunna* of the Prophet and commented upon by Muslim scholars and thinkers, as well as outlining the Western religious and intellectual tradition.

'*Of all the books Seyyed Hossein Nasr has written, this is the most elegant and informative. It is an extremely valuable and highly commendable introduction to the message of Islam and the contemporary world.*' The Muslim News

'*Packed full of information on the modern world and the world of Islam… There is much of interest for the non-Muslim readers as well who feel intrigued, fascinated and threatened by Islam as a potent force in the modern world.*' Journal Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs

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Saladin:
The Triumph of the Sunni Revival

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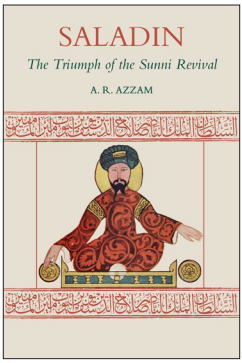

Over 800 years since his death, Saladin's fame as the Muslim liberator of Jerusalem, the great foe of Richard the Lionheart and the paragon of justice and nobility remains as powerful as it was during his lifetime. In this new edition, the author A. R. Azzam traces the historical rise of the great Kurdish general and the dramatic events that led to his famous victory at the battle of Hattin. The author also examines how Saladin became a legend in his own lifetime and how and why the legend has continued to endure so powerfully to the present age. But *Saladin: The Triumph of the Sunni Revival* is not just the study of the man but also the study of the historical age in which he lived and of the profound intellectual forces that influenced his thoughts and actions so deeply.

Dr Abdul Rahman Azzam holds a DPhil in history from Oxford University. He is an independent scholar specialising in Islamic history and thought.

'*Absorbing*.' FT Weekend

'[*Azzam's*] *book is a comprehensive survey not just of the man, but of the age in which he lived*.' Edinburgh Evening News

'*The strength of Azzam's study lies in illuminating Saladin's many connections with Sunni theologians, jurists and teachers, and their mutually reinforcing activities…*' Times Higher Education

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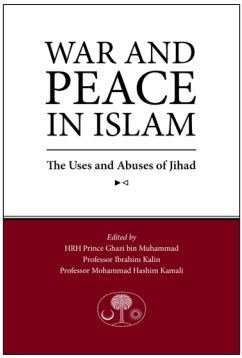
War and Peace in Islam: The Uses and Abuses of Jihad

Edited by HRH PRINCE GHAZI BIN MUHAMMAD, IBRAHIM KALIN, M H KAMALI



No word in English evokes more fear and misunderstanding than 'jihad'. To date the books that have appeared on the subject in English by Western scholars have been either openly partisan and polemical or subtly traumatised by so many acts and images of terrorism in the name of jihad and by the historical memory of nearly one thousand four hundred years of confrontation between Islam and Christianity. *War and Peace in Islam: The Uses and Abuses of Jihad* aims to change this. Written by a number of Islamic religious authorities and Muslim scholars, this work presents the views and teachings of mainstream Sunni and Shi'i Islam on the subject of jihad. Though jihad is the central concern of *War and Peace in Islam*, the essays also discuss: War and Its Practice, Peace and Its Practice, and Beyond Peace: The Practice of Forbearance, Mercy, Compassion and Love. *War and Peace in Islam: The Uses and Abuses of Jihad* aims to reveal the real meaning of jihad and to rectify many of the misunderstandings that surround both it and Islam's relation with the 'Other'.

'*A dynamic myth-busting clarification of the real position of mainstream orthodox Islam on the whole question of violence and jihad*.' T. J. Winter, University Lecturer in Islamic Studies, Cambridge University

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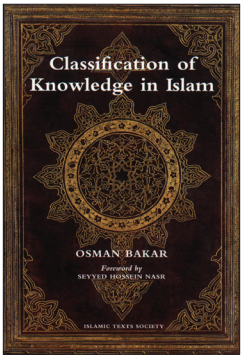
Classification of Knowledge in Islam: A Study in Islamic Philosophies of Science

OSMAN BAKAR



The classification of knowledge is a recurring theme in Islamic scholarship. Successive generations of Muslim scholars, from al-Kindi in the ninth century to ShāhWaliallāh of Delhi in the eighteenth century, have devoted considerable efforts to the exposition of this theme.

The lives and the ideas of the three thinkers discussed in *Classification of Knowledge in Islam*—al-Fārābī (870–950 AD), al-Ghazālī (1058–1111 AD) and Quṭb al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī (1236–1311 AD)—cover the pivotal period of Islamic history from the first flourishing of the philosophical sciences to the sacking of Baghdad by the Mongols. In addition, each of these three thinkers was either a founder or an eminent representative of a major intellectual school in Islam. Prof. Osman Bakar's *Classification of Knowledge in Islam* is the first work of its kind in the English language and is based on extensive scholarship and reference to the original texts.

Dr Osman Bakar is Director of the Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Centre for Islamic Studies, Univeristi Brunei Darussalam, and Emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Science, University of Malaya. He has published 18 books and over 300 articles on Islamic thought and civilization, particularly on Islamic philosophy and science. He served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Malaya (1995–2000) and was awarded a Datukship by the Malaysian King in 2000.

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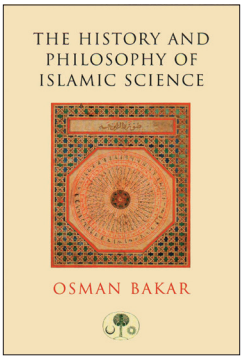
The History and Philosophy of Islamic Science

OSMAN BAKAR



The essays presented in *The History and Philosophy of Islamic Science* discuss the principles behind the different sciences cultivated in the Islamic world from the third century of the Islamic era onwards and the place of science in relation to other branches of Islamic learning. In defining what Islamic science means, Professor Osman Bakar shows how these sciences are organically related to the fundamental teachings of Islam. Covering all the natural and mathematical sciences, *The History and Philosophy of Islamic Science* illustrates what Islamic science shares wih modern science. Professor Osman Bakar also highlights where the Islamic approach to science differs from the secular, modern approach.

'[*Osman Bakar's book*] *marks a most valuable contribution both to the effort of revealing the Islamic intellectual and spiritual approach to science, and to the concomitant endeavour to highlight the deeper causes of the contemporary crisis in western science and technology… it opens up, with clarity and simplicity, the philosophy of Islamic science*.' Islamic Quarterly

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The Muslim Creed: A Contemporary Theological Study

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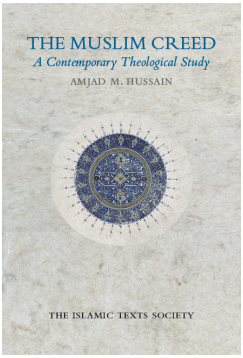

What do Muslims believe in and how have these theological beliefs been understood throughout the intellectual history of Islam? These are the questions that *The Muslim Creed: A Contemporary Theological Study* seeks to answer.

Dr Amjad Hussain introduces the reader to the range of debates and discussions that have occurred in relation to the subject of creed and theology throughout Muslim history, including the opinions of various theologians who represent the unity as well as the diversity of Muslim theology. The work is divided into three parts. Part One is an introduction to Islamic creed and a survey of the most important developments in classical theology, including discussions of the schools of the Ashʿariyya and the Māturīdiyya. Part Two provides a detailed account of the six articles of faith—God, the angels, the prophets and messengers, the sacred scriptures, the Hereafter and the divine decree—and the debates that surround them. In Part Three the author discusses the current state of Islamic theology and raises the subject of its future, making a genuine contribution to this debate.

Dr A. Hussain is a Professor in the Faculty of Theology at Marmara University, Istanbul.

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The Other in the Light of the One: The Universality of the Qur'ān and Interfaith Dialogue

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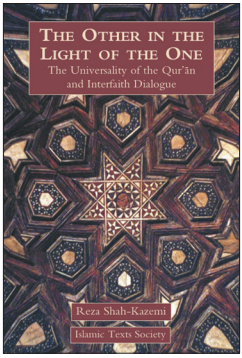

As a result of world events over the past few years, Islam has entered our consciousness in an unprecedented way. The Qur'ān, guiding text for over one billion Muslims, is being looked to for answers to questions like: does the Qur'ān promote peace and harmony or discord and conflict, does it contribute to pluralism or exclusivism, is its message spiritual or fanatical? Based on a profound study of the Sufi perspectives of the likes of Ibn ʿArabī, Rūmī and Ghazālī, *The Other in the Light of the One* is an attempt to answer the above questions and is an invitation to study the universality that is present in the Qur'ān. Its aim is to relate some of the most profound interpretations of the Qur'ān to philosophical and spiritual questions concerning interfaith dialogue. For Muslims, *The Other in the Light of the One* offers a pioneering view of *daʿwa*, in that it allows them the tangible means of putting into practice the many Qur'ānic verses that commend discoursing with others on the basis of 'the finest, most beautiful manner.'

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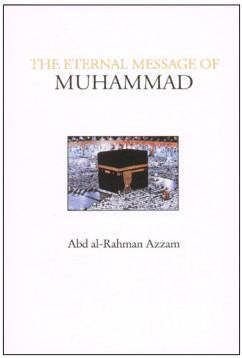

This translation into English of a great Islamic classic offers the western world a simple yet profound interpretation of Islam. Drawing upon years of unparalleled experience in diplomacy and government, Azzam examines the social and economic ramifications of the Muslim state, one based on humane ideals of law and justice expressed in the Qur'ān, and one which can provide the foundation for a just society.

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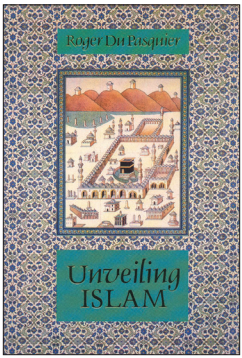

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