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In this volume, which covers the caliphates of Sulayman, 'Umar II, and Yazid II, al-Tabari provides vivid and detailed accounts of the events spanning the period from 97-105/715-724. We listen to the stirring speeches of Qutaybah b. Muslim, in which he urges his followers to renounce their allegiance to Sulayman; are present at the disastrous third and final attempt to take Constantinople; watch from behind the scenes as Raja'b. Haywah skillfully engineers the accession of 'Umar II; and follow the remarkable career of Yazid b. al-Muhallab, first as governor and conqueror, then as prisoner, and finally as rebel. Throughout this volume we observe the struggle of the Umayyad regime to maintain control over a rapidly expanding but increasingly dissatisfied subject population. Governors are appointed and dismissed with dizzying rapidity, administrative boundaries are drawn and redrawn, Arab tribesmen express dissatisfaction with the diminishing rewards of military conquest, non-Arab converts chafe at the differential treatment they receive, and religious opponents revolt in the name of "the Book and the Sunnah." Important in their own right, the events of this period provide an essential key to a proper understanding of the 'Abbasid revolution that lay just over the horizon. A discounted price is available when purchasing the entire 39-volume History of al-Tabari set. Contact SUNY Press for more information.

Christian-Muslim Relations, a Bibliographical History 4 (CMR 4) is a history of all the known works on Christian-Muslim relations in the period 1200-1350. It comprises introductory essays and detailed entries containing descriptions, assessments and comprehensive bibliographical details of individual works.

The publication of this book honours Professor Carole Hillenbrand's outstanding achievements in and service to Islamic and Middle Eastern Scholarship. It gathers original research from a range of leading international scholars from the UK, Europe and the USA whose chapters throw new light on a set of topics in medieval Islamic history, Islamic doctrine and practice, and the interaction between Islam and the modern world. Seeking to present fresh evidence and engaging ways of looking at old and new material, the authors contribute to a richer understanding of the interaction between historical events, social trends, religious practices and lived experiences in medieval Turkey and Central Asia, Iran and the Arabic-speaking lands. The book also discusses how some of the most abiding themes in the Arab-Islamic tradition continue to resonate in the modern world. The book features contributions from: Julia Bray, Edmund Bosworth, Farhad Daftary, Gerhard Endress, Gary Leiser, Remke Kruk, Charles Melville, A. H. Morton, Ian Netton, Andrew Newman, A. Kevin Reinhart and Yasir Suleiman.

Browne's famous work, a byword in Persian Studies for many years, continues to be the essential reference. Out of print for some time, it is reissued here as a library edition.

This is the standard edition of the chronicle of Bar Hebraeus in Syriac and English translation. It gives the political history of the world from the creation to the year AD 1286.

In diesem Artikel präsentiert die Autorin einige Parallelismen und Unterschiede zwischen zwei großen Werken der Weltliteratur: die Göttliche Komödie des Florentiner Dichters Dante Alighieri einerseits und den Brief der Vergebung des abbasidischen Dichters Abi 'Ala al-Ma'arri andererseits. In diesem Zusammenhang erläutert sie auch deren philosophische Grundlagen. Das Thema dieser Parallelismen gilt für Dr. Rampoldi vordergründig als eschatologisch bzw. soteriologisch und betrifft die Anschauung des Paradieses. Sie ist nämlich der Überzeugung, dass Arbeiten wie diese an der Schnittstelle zwischen Literatur und Philosophie dazu beitragen können, den Dialog zwischen zwei großen Weltreligionen, der des Christentums und der des Islam zu erneuern und voranzubringen. Wenn wir auf das literarische Erbe der Tradition der beiden Religionen zurückgreifen und uns mit den Gemeinsamkeiten und auch den Unterschieden auseinandersetzen, sind wir dann auch in der Lage, in der aktuellen, historischen Situation und in der politischen Arbeit heute pseudotolerante Haltungen einerseits und auch extreme Dialektik andererseits zu vermeiden. Die Autorin schreibt hierzu: „Meines Erachtens beschäftigen sich Literatur und Philosophie immer mit universellen Themen, die man in vielen Kulturen und Religionen wiederfinden kann. Dieses Unterfangen möchte ich mit dem folgenden Artikel unterstützen, in dem ich u.a. auf die Biografie der beiden Dichter, ihre religionspsychologischen Standpunkte, ihre subjektive Haltung zum Transzendenten und zur Tradition ihrer Religion, ihren Fatalismus und ihre skeptische Haltung eingehen werde.“

Description: The present work is outcome of a search for fresh contemporary evidence about the life and conditions in the Sultanate of Delhi during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Besides the contemporary Perso-Arabic works, the literary works produced under the patronage of the Sultans of Delhi and nobles also contain information about important institutions and scientific inventions and instruments that found their way into India along with the immigrants from Central Asia and the Middle East. In view of the paucity of source-material on the life and culture in the known political histories of the period, fresh historical information contained in the contemporary Perso-Arabic sources, hitherto unknown or neglected has been represented in this work in the translation with comments. The work will not only enlarge the understanding of the scholars, interested in the history and culture of India but also open new vistas for further research.

Following the tradition and style of the acclaimed Index Islamicus, the editors have created this new Bibliography of Art and Architecture in the Islamic World. The editors have surveyed and annotated a wide range of books and articles from collected volumes and journals published in all European languages (except Turkish) between 1906 and 2011. This comprehensive bibliography is an indispensable tool for everyone involved in the study of material culture in Muslim societies.

Dr. Musafir bin Ali al-Qahtani's work contributes to the ever growing body of scholarly literature in the field of maqasid al-Shari'ah (higher objectives of Islamic law). Understanding Maqasidal-Shari'ah calls for the development of a juridical sense that is finely tuned to the higher objectives and purposes of Islamic rulings, the aims of which are the formulation of a new methodology in understanding the revealed texts and the reform of Muslim thought and its application. The author draws attention to the

importance of understanding various levels of maqasid, including distinguishing between primary aims (al-maqasid al-asliyyah) and secondary aims (al-maqasid al-tabi'ah). Al-Qahtani asserts that a positive understanding of the objectives of the Shari'ah should produce affirming human and cultural developments in Muslim societies. The real strength of this work, however, is in the author's application of higher objectives and aims to different areas of jurisprudence, such as in deriving and issuing religious rulings (ifta'). and to important social issues and problems present in Muslim societies, such as extremism, jihad, commanding right and forbidding wrong, social change, crisis of Muslim thought, countering religious excessiveness, the need for recreation and leisure, citizenship and nation-belonging, spreading beauty and harmony in Islam, and the role of Muslim women in society. Sensuous, spiritual, and ethereal, this selection of works by the prominent Andalusian Sufi mystic and poet Abû al-Hasan al-Shushtarî (1212-1269) will delight everyone, whether or not they are devotees of Islamic literature.

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The Catalogue of the Arabic, Persian and Turkish Manuscripts in Belgium is a bi-lingual (English and Arabic) union catalogue presenting the Oriental manuscripts held by Belgian public institutions. This first volume, a handlist, contains brief descriptions of the collection of the Université de Liège.

What does it mean to be a Muslim - in this world, in this deeply transformative time? Hamid Dabashi ask this seminal question anew, in the context of what he proposes is a post-Western world where the "Islam and the West" binary is collapsing and where "the West," as a construct, no longer holds the same normative hegemony. Against the grain of more than two hundred years of colonialism and self-alienation, Islam remains not just a world religion but a worldly religion - one that has always been conscious of itself in successive imperial settings. With the rise of European and then American imperial adventures, Muslims have been on the receiving end of other worldly empires that have forced them into a self-alienating dialogue. Dabashi argues that the urgent task facing contemporary Muslims is to bring their worlds to self-consciousness beyond the self-alienating encounter with European colonial modernity and in the context of the new worldliness that Muslims (like all other people) face. This transition requires crafting a new language of critical conversation with Islam and its cosmopolitan heritage - a language that is tuned to the emerging, not the disappearing, world.

Examines the fierce controversy over the legacy of Ibn 'Arabi, the great Islamic mystic.

This volume of Princeton Readings in Religions brings together the work of more than thirty scholars of Islam and Muslim societies in South Asia to create a rich anthology of primary texts that contributes to a new appreciation of the lived religious and cultural experiences of the world's largest population of Muslims. The thirty-four selections--translated from Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Bengali, Tamil, Gujarati, Hindavi, Dakhani, and other languages--highlight a wide variety of genres, many rarely found in standard accounts of Islamic practice, from oral narratives to elite guidance manuals, from devotional songs to secular judicial decisions arbitrating Islamic law, and from political posters to a discussion among college women affiliated with an "Islamist" organization. Drawn from premodern texts, modern pamphlets, government and organizational archives, new media, and contemporary fieldwork, the selections reflect the rich diversity of Islamic belief and practice in South Asia. Each reading is introduced with a brief contextual note from its scholar-translator, and Barbara Metcalf introduces the whole volume with a substantial historical overview.

One of the most unusual books in classical Arabic literature, The Epistle of Forgiveness is the lengthy reply by the prolific

Syrian poet and prose writer Abu I-ʿAlaʿ al-Maʿarri (d. 449 H/1057 AD), to a letter written by an obscure grammarian, Ibn al-Qarih. With biting irony, *The Epistle of Forgiveness* mocks Ibn al-Qarih's hypocrisy and sycophancy by imagining he has died and arrived with some difficulty in Heaven, where he meets famous poets and philologists from the past. He also glimpses Hell, and converses with the Devil and various heretics. Al-Maʿarri—a maverick, a vegan, and often branded a heretic himself—seems to mock popular ideas about the Hereafter. This book, the first of two volumes, includes Ibn al-Qarih's initial letter to al-Maʿarri, as well as the first half of *The Epistle of Forgiveness*. This translation is the first complete translation in any language and retains the many digressions, difficult passages, and convoluted grammatical discussions of the original typically omitted in other translations. It is accompanied by a comprehensive introduction and detailed annotation. Replete with erudite commentary, amusing anecdotes, and sardonic wit, *The Epistle of Forgiveness* is an imaginative tour-de-force by one of the most pre-eminent figures in classical Arabic literature.

Persoalan teologi dalam Islam pada awalnya dipicu oleh persoalan-persoalan yang terjadi dalam lapangan politik. Agak aneh kiranya jika dikatakan bahwa dalam Islam, sebagai agama, persoalan yang pertama kali timbul adalah dalam bidang politik. Tapi persoalan politik ini segera meningkat menjadi persoalan teologi. Tema teologi yang pertama kali muncul adalah persoalan tentang siapa yang kafir dan siapa yang bukan kafir dalam arti siapa yang telah keluar dari Islam dan siapa yang masih dalam Islam. Terhadap persoalan di atas, Khawarij melihat bahwa mereka yang terlibat dalam tahkim itu adalah kafir dalam arti telah keluar dari Islam. Karenanya wajib dibunuh. Sementara itu, Murji'ah mengatkan bahwa orang yang berdosa besar itu tetap mukmin. Adapun dosa mereka terserah Allah untuk mengampuni atau tidak mengampuninya. Mu'tazilah sebagai aliran ketiga mengatakan bahwa orang yang berdosa besar itu bukan kafir dan bukan mukmin, melainkan mengambil posisi tengah (al manzilah bain al manzilatain). Persoalan dosa besar ini kemudian berkembang menjadi persolan mengenai hakekat iman. Apakah iman itu melibatkan amal atau sebatas pada tasdiq saja. Pada masa itu, tema seputar iman ini, menjadi kajian teologis yang menarik perhatian aliran-aliran kalam dalam Islam. Sebagai seorang pemikir muslim, Abu Hanifah juga terlibat dalam pengkajian serius dalam persoalan iman. Jadi permasalahan dalam penelitian ini adalah bagaimana konsep iman menurut imam Abu Hanifah. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui bagaimana hakikat iman menurut Abu Hanifah, bagaimana hubungan antara iman dan amal, apakah iman itu dapat bertambah dan berkurang dan apakah iman itu diciptakan ? Setelah mengetahui beberapa beberapa pemikiran Abu Hanifah tentang konsep iman di atas, buku ini berusaha untuk melihat sampai sejauh mana persamaan dan perbedaan pemikiran Abu Hanifah tentang konsep iman itu apabila dibandingkan dengan aliran-aliran kalam, baik yang muncul sebelum ataupun sesudah Abu Hanifah. Analisa perbandingan ini ternyata menunjukkan bahwa Abu Hanifah memiliki pemikiran-pemikiran kalamnya sendiri jika dibanding dengan aliran kalam sebelumnya (Khawarij

dan Murjiah). Sementara itu aliran kalam yang muncul sesudah Abu Hanifah banyak yang mengacu kepada pemikiran-pemikiran kalamnya, terutama dari kalangan Maturidi Samarkand.

In the second of a three-volume work, Seta B. Dadoyan explores the Armenian condition from the 970s to the end of the fourteenth century. This period marked the gradual loss of semi-autonomy on the traditional mainland and the rise of Armenian power of diverging patterns in southeastern Asia Minor, north Syria, Cilicia, and Egypt. Dadoyan's premise is that if Armenians and Armenia have always been located in the Middle East and the Islamic world, then their history is also a natural part of that region and its peoples. She observes that the Armenian experience has been too complicated to be defined by simplistic constructs centered on the idea of a heroic, yet victimized nation. She notes that a certain politics of historical writing, supported by a culture of authority, has focused sharply on episodes and, in particular, on the genocide. For her sources, Dadoyan has used all available and relevant (primary and secondary) Armenian sources, as well as primary Arab texts and sources. This book will stimulate re-evaluation of the period, and re-conceptualizing Armenian and Middle Eastern histories.

Notorious for the delight he took in tweaking the sexual taboos of the Victorian age-as well as the delight he took in the resulting shock of his bashful peers-British adventurer, linguist, and author CAPTAIN SIR RICHARD FRANCIS BURTON (1821-1890) is perhaps best remembered for his unexpurgated translation of the Eastern classic *The One Thousand and One Nights*, more famously known today as *The Arabian Nights*. Originating in Persian, Indian, and Arabic sources as far back as the ninth century AD, this collection of bawdy tales-which Burton was the first to bring to English readers in uncensored form-has exerted incalculable influence on modern literature. It represents one of the earliest examples of a framing story, as young Shahrazad, under threat of execution by the King, postpones her death by regaling him with these wildly entertaining stories over the course of 1,001 nights. The stories themselves feature early instances of sexual humor, satire and parody, murder mystery, horror, and even science fiction. Burton's annotated 16-volume collection, as infamous as it is important, was first published between 1885 and 1888, and remains an entertainingly naughty read.

Volume X-which concludes Burton's initial publication of the tales-includes: ["Ma'aruf the Cobbler and His Wife Fatimah" [Burton's essays on the origins of the tales and other background material [appendices and indexes [and more.

Murtada al-Zabidi was a Humanist scholar and a Muslim, whose twelfth-century writings are here examined in the context of their geographical and historical setting. The period when Zabidi was writing saw a shift in the balance of power from the Muslim empires to the Western world, reflected in the stories he told of his travels from India on to Cairo, across vast distances and coming across an extraordinary range of people. The five chapters in this work look at various aspects of Zabidi's life and times, the first one focusing on his life and career and forms a background to studies of his work. The

second looks at Zabidi's writing and publishing and the third at his notes on his friends, teachers, students and acquaintances. Chapter four assesses his two largest works; his Arabic lexicon and his commentary on Gazzali's Ihya . Finally, chapter five explores his second major literary achievement, his large commentary on Gazzali's Ihya ulum al-din . "To the generation that searches in all directions for the courageous free man, I present this role model for freedom, courage and struggle. We have to look at both the future and the past, as past is the center of gravity that keeps our balance. And we shall not head towards the unknown (the future) unless we have sufficient supplies from the known (the past). Similarly we cannot refute others' alleges except when we get enough of our resources. If till today we have taken only scratches from our rich treasures, then we have to look back at our history, bearing in mind that the remedy is not to be imported from abroad if immunity is attained by stimulating the anti-bodies of the living body.

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Ahmad ibn Hanbal (d. 241 H/855 AD), renowned for his profound knowledge of hadith—the reports of the Prophet's sayings and deeds—is a major figure in the history of Islam. Ibn Hanbal was famous for living according to his own strict interpretation of the Prophetic model and for denying himself even the most basic comforts in a city then one of the wealthiest in the world, and despite belonging to a prominent family. His piety and austerity made him a folk hero, especially after his principled resistance to the attempts of two Abbasid caliphs to force him to accept rationalist doctrine. His subsequent imprisonment and flogging became one of the most dramatic episodes of medieval Islamic history. Ibn Hanbal's resistance influenced the course of Islamic law, the rise of Sunnism, and the legislative authority of the caliphate. tells the formidable life tale of one of the most influential Muslims in history. Virtues of the Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal is a translation of the biography of Ibn Hanbal penned by the Baghdad preacher, scholar, and storyteller Ibn al-Jawzi (d. 597 H/1201 AD). Volume One presents the first half of the text, offering insights into Ibn Hanbal's childhood, education, and adult life, including his religious doctrines, his dealings with other scholars, and his personal habits. Set against the background of fierce debates over the role of reason and the basis of legitimate government, Virtues of the Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal tells the formidable life tale of one of the most influential Muslims in history.

The Muslim Brotherhood is one of the most influential Islamist organisations today. Based in Egypt, its network includes branches in many countries of the Near and Middle East. Although the organisation has been linked to political violence in the past, it now proposes a politically moderate ideology. The book provides an in-depth analysis of the Muslim Brotherhood during the years of al-Hudaybi's leadership, and how he sought to steer the organization away from the radical wing, inspired by Sayyid Qutb, into the more moderate Islamist organization it is today. It is his legacy which eventually fostered the development of non-violent political

ideas. During the years of persecution, 1954 to 1971, radical and moderate Islamist ideas emerged within the Brotherhood's midst. Inspired by Sayyid Qutb's ideas, a radical wing evolved which subsequently fed into radical Islamist networks as we know them today. Yet, it was during the same period that al-Hudaybi and his followers proposed a moderate political interpretation, which was adopted by the Brotherhood and which forms its ideological basis today.

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