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*God, Life, and  
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Islam and the  
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e study of  
early Islamic  
history,  
Wilferd  
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examines the  
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death for the

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He pursues  
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through the  
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caliphs to its

climax in the first inter-Muslim war. The outcome of the war, which marked the demise of the reign of the Early Companions, resulted in the lasting schism between Sunnite and Shi'ite Islam. Contrary to recent scholarly trends, the author brings out Ali's early claim to legitimate succession, which gained support from the Shi'a, and offers a convincing reinterpretation of early Islamic

history. This book will make a major contribution to the debate over succession. Wilferd Madelung's book *The Succession to Muhammad* has been awarded the Best Book of the Year prize by the Islamic Republic of Iran for the year 1997. The Succession to Muhammad Study of Political Islam Table of Contents Preface by Titus Burckhardt Foreword by Huston Smith Introduc

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(hadith) from the Prophet Muhammad, peace to him, narrated by his wife 'Aisha, may God be pleased with her.

**Islam and the Destiny of Man** Kube Publishing Ltd The Qur'anic sura (chapter) of Joseph deals almost entirely with the story of this noble Prophet, his brothers, and their father Prophet Jacob. Since the revelation of the Qur'an fourteen centuries ago, there have been

numerous attempts to interpret this sura. The present study is a genuinely new look at the sura - including careful examination of the historical background of its story and detailed comparison with the corresponding Biblical narrative. While referring to interpretations from classical exegetical works, this book offers new insights into the meanings and magnificence

of this Qur'anic text. The author is not only concerned with analysing the individual verses; he is equally focused on showing how various verses are interrelated, explicitly and subtly, to form a unique textual unit. He shows particular interest in unveiling subtle references and meanings that are often overlooked or missed by exegetes. Through this comprehensive study, the

author elucidates why the Qur'an has always been firmly believed to be a unique book that could have only been inspired by Allah. Thorough and scholarly but easy to read, this book is intended for both the general reader and the specialist. Whether you are a scholar of Qur'anic exegesis (tafsir), have general interest in Qur'anic studies and the Qur'anic story of

Prophet Joseph, or interested in comparative religion, you will find this in-depth and detailed study of the sura of Joseph informative, enlightening, and thought-provoking. No knowledge of Arabic or the Qur'an is required for reading the book. *A Bad Beginning* Fundamental Rights and Liberty Freedom of Expression in Islam is informative not only on the subject of the

possibilities of freedom of expression within Islam, but also on the cultural tradition of Islam and its guidelines on social behaviour. Distinguished by its clarity and readability, this book is not only essential reading for anyone interested in Islamic law, in Muslim society or in issues of comparative jurisprudence, but is also an important contribution to the current debate concerning

the definition and limits of the principle of free speech. Suitable for undergraduate and post-graduate courses in Islamic Studies, Comparative Jurisprudence and Political Theory. Hadith Archetype Books The Qur'anic Hadith and Sunnah is an in-depth look at the position of the reported sayings and practices of the Last Messenger of Allah, Muhammad,

from the perspective of the Qur'an. We will look at what the Qur'an says about what is and what is not allowed to be followed in terms of religious obligations, beliefs and practices. Detailed, in context verses will be quoted extensively to show overwhelmingl y that looking to the writings of the hadith authors and Imam school of thoughts, shirk sectarianism in normal parlance, for guidance is

rejected by Allah and His Best Hadith, the Qur'an. It was a sunnah of the Messenger to follow the Qur'an alone and any and all speech, hadith, was based upon revealing the Qur'anic verses to his contemporaries who only used this to improve their lives beyond measure. The following sums this up in 4 verses:5:44 ...And whoever fails to judge or rule by what God has revealed, such

are wrongdoers ('Zalimoon'). 5:47 ...And whoever fails to judge or rule by what God has revealed, are drifters from the right path ('Faasiqoon').5:48 (O Messenger) We have sent to you this Divine Writ, setting forth the truth. It confirms the remaining truth in the earlier Scriptures since it is a Watcher over them. So, judge between them by what God has revealed, and do not follow

their desires diverging from the truth that has come to you. For each community among you We have appointed certain evolving trends and a traced-out way. If God had willed, He could have made you all one single community. But He decided to let you test yourselves by what (potentials) He has granted you. So, outdo one another in doing good to the society. To God you will all return, and

He will then make you understand wherein you differed. [2:101, 2:148, 3:78, 21:92-93, 23:52. 'Muhaimin' = Watcher. 'Shari'ah' = Evolving trends of a community = Rites. 'Minhaaj' = A traced-out way = A set of laws. 'min-al-kitab' = From or remaining from the Scripture].5:49 So judge between them by what God has revealed. And do not follow their vain desires. Beware of

them, lest they divert you from some of what God has revealed to you. If they turn away from the truth, be assured that God has decided to chastise them for some of their crimes. A great many people drift away from the right path. And this quote as an appetizer for the main course, rejecting the hadith requirement for rule making:2:168 (Declaring things permissible or

forbidden is trying to 'rival' God.) O Mankind! Partake and enjoy the lawful, good and wholesome things of the earth, and do not follow the footsteps of the Satan. Indeed, he is an open enemy to you. [Satan, the rebellious desires, and satanic people lead people into transgressing. Mubeen = Open = Obvious = Known. ]2:169 He teaches you to create inequities in the society,

lewdness and stinginess amounting to shame, and that you should say about God what you do not know. ['Fahasha' = Lewdness = Stinginess to the point of shame = Indecent acts. The satans in the society set up rules contrary to the Divine revelation. They make their own lists of permissible and forbidden and teach people that accumulation of wealth is perfectly alright. Nay, spend on



God's servants  
 all that is  
 beyond your  
 needs. ]2:170  
 When it is said  
 to them,  
 "Follow what  
 God has  
 revealed",  
 they say,  
 "Nay! We will  
 follow the  
 ways of our  
 ancestors."  
 What! Even  
 though their  
 ancestors  
 (and the  
 ancient  
 Imams) were  
 lacking in  
 understanding  
 and were not  
 rightly  
 guided? 2:171  
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 of such blind  
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 warring tribes,  
 his young wife  
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 transformation  
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 to warrior to  
 statesman.  
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 the moment of  
 her husband's  
 greatest  
 triumph -- the  
 conquest of  
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of Mecca -- Muhammad falls ill and dies in Aisha's arms. A young widow, Aisha finds herself at the center of the new Muslim empire and becomes by turns a teacher, political leader, and warrior. Written in beautiful prose and meticulously researched, *Mother of the Believer* is the story of an extraordinary woman who was destined to help usher Islam into the world.

**The Anonymity**

**of a Commentator World** Wisdom Books Now in his 80s, Gai Eaton describes how, after a strange childhood completely isolated from other children, followed by a Cambridge education and life as an actor and later as a diplomat, circumstances led him at the age of 30 to Islam. Fascinated by the vagaries of human behavior and the strangeness of human destinies, he has observed

the human scene with a novelist's eye and traced the profound changes in attitudes and tastes which have taken place in a single lifetime. He recounts his youthful adventures with the clear-sight and understanding only possible for someone whom age has freed from the passions which once possessed him. What makes this work unique is the juxtaposition of hindsight with diary entries made

<p>at the time, which gives a quality of immediacy to a true story that includes reminiscences of the diplomatic life and an outline of the Sufi path.</p> <p><i>A Bad Beginning and the Path to Islam</i> The Other Press</p> <p>Drawn from the <i>Miskkat al Masabih</i>, this collection of the Prophet Muhammed's sayings includes both the English and Arabic text and provides an intelligent introduction to Islam. Among</p>	<p>the included topics are purification, prayer, remembering death, pilgrimage, jihad, clothing, visions, and words that soften the heart.</p> <p><u>القرآن الكريم : ترجمة معاني القرآن الكريم والتعليق عليها</u></p> <p>Routledge</p> <p>Ranging across the meaning and importance of Tradition, Art, Science, and Nature, and including comprehensive biographical essays, this volume contains some of the most important</p>	<p>writings of the last decade.</p> <p><i>Science and the Myth of Progress</i> Springer</p> <p>Nature</p> <p>This book's goal is simply to provide information from Quran, Hadith, and Scholarly explanations / Quranic interpretations about the story of Jesus and the counter arguments in the Quran about Jesus, and other Christianity fundamentals. The book will take you back in time and narrate Islamic</p>
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viewpoints on the day of the crucifixion, the story of disciples of Jesus, Mary, Jesus's disciples and more - all from an Islamic standpoint. You will come to know about the Quranic verses that are specifically addressed to Christians about some of the claims of Christianity, Jesus, and more. In this information packed book, you will learn the following:• The story of the birth of Maryam (Mary) to her

parents Imran and Hannah• Maryam's (Mary's) mother promise to God (Allah)• What Allah said about Maryam about her birth• The story of the Rabbis, and Zakkariyyah in Bait Al-Maqdis in Jerusalem• The story of the Jewish Rabbis' lottery about them competing to adopt Maryam• The Hint from God (Allah) to Maryam about Jesus (Eesa's) birth• Maryam's ordeal during and before Jesus's

(Eesa's) birth• The Quranic story about Maryam and the Angel that spoke to Maryam• The birth of Jesus (Eesa) in Bethlehem as mentioned in the Quran• Jesus speaking from the cradle in defense of Maryam (Mary)• Ibn Kathir's depiction on how certain Jewish priests hid the birth of Maryam (Mary)• Jesus's (Eesa's) teachings and how they parallel in the Quran and the Bible (Injeel)•

<p>Ibn Kathir's story on Jesus's visit to the Jewish temple the night prophets John (pbuh) and Zakariyah (pbuh) died• Islamic views on disciples of Jesus• The story of Jesus's disciples in the Quran• Islamic view on how the story of disciples in Christianity contradicts Biblical teachings and Quranic teachings• Miracles of Jesus (Eesa) as described by Allah• The story how Jesus (Eesa)</p>	<p>was asked to prove his miracles• How Angel Gabriel (Jibreel) supported Jesus (Eesa) to do miracles that many mistook as Jesus (Eesa's) miracles• How Allah explicitly mentions that Jesus (being a human being) was granted some powers (through the Angel and others)• A presentation about the strong affirmation in Quran on how Jesus (Eesa) was not crucified• The Islamic story about how Jesus (Eesa)</p>	<p>was convicted of crimes by certain Jewish priests of the time• The Islamic story about how Jesus (Eesa) spoke to five of his companions about the crucifixion• How Christian scripture too supports that Jesus was not God• Quran's explanation in Quran about the Christian claims of making Jesus (Eesa) as son of God• How Allah questions Jesus about him being worshipped by people• The story about</p>
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Jesus's (Eesa's) second coming in Islam• The hadith about Jesus breaking the cross in his second coming• Explanation on New Testament's contradictions about Jesus's (Eesa's) life• and much more.....

### Reflections

Adam Publishers  
A fresh look at Muhammad Asad's classic English translation and explanation of the Qur'an is offered in this redesigned and updated

edition of his work. A new typeset and index is complimented with a prologue by the distinguished British Muslim Gai Eaton and original artwork by internationally renowned artist and scholar Dr. Ahmed Moustafa. Asad's translation is widely considered to be the foremost in conveying the meaning and sensibility of the original Arabic text, making this edition a

must-have for English readers with a budding interest in Islamic studies and veteran scholars alike.

### **Mohammad in World Scriptures**

Sophia Perennis  
Especially since the Renaissance, some in Western Christendom have suspected that the deeper dimension of their tradition has somehow been lost, and have therefore sought to discover, or create, an 'esoteric' or

'initiatic' Christianity. In the middle of the nineteenth century two scholars, Gabriele Rossetti and Eugène Aroux, pointed to certain esoteric meanings in the work of Dante Alighieri, notably *The Divine Comedy*. Partly based on their scholarship, Guénon in 1925 published *The Esoterism of Dante*. From the theses of Rossetti and Aroux, Guénon retains only those elements that prove the existence of such hidden meanings; but he also makes clear that esoterism is not 'heresy' and that a doctrine reserved for an elite can be superimposed on the teaching given the faithful without standing in opposition to it. One of René Guénon's lifelong quests was to discover, or revive, the esoteric, initiatory dimension of the Christian tradition. In the present volume, along with its companion volume *Insights into Christian Esoterism* (which includes the separate study *Saint Bernard*), Guénon undertakes to establish that the three parts of *The Divine Comedy* represent the stages of initiatic realization, exploring the parallels between the symbolism of the *Commedia* and that of Freemasonry,

Rosicrucianism, and Christian Hermeticism, and illustrating Dante's knowledge of traditional sciences unknown to the moderns: the sciences of numbers, of cosmic cycles, and of sacred astrology. In these works Guénon also touches on the all-important question of medieval esoterism and discusses the role of sacred languages and the principle of initiation in the Christian tradition, as

well as such esoteric Christian themes and organizations as the Holy Grail, the Guardians of the Holy Land, the Sacred Heart, the Fedeli d'Amore and the 'Courts of Love', and the Secret Language of Dante. In addition to Dante, various other paths toward a possible Christian esoterism have been explored by many investigators- the legend of the Holy Grail, the Knights

Templars, the tradition of Courtly Love, Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, and Christian Hermeticism- and Guénon deals with all of these in the present volume as well as his Insights into Christian Esoterism. In the latter, one chapter in particular, 'Christianity and Initiation', will be of special interest with regard to the history of the Traditionalist School. When first published as an article, it gave rise to



some controversy because Guénon here reaffirmed his denial of the efficacy of the Christian sacraments as rites of initiation, a point of divergence between the teachings of Guénon and those of other key perennialist thinkers. Both *The Esoterism of Dante and Insights into Christian Esoterism* will be of inestimable value to all who are struggling to come to terms with the

fullness of the Christian tradition. *The Making of Islamic Science* SUNY Press This important and comprehensive work of 18th-century Islamic religious thought written in Arabic by a pre-eminent South Asian scholar provides an extensive and detailed picture of Muslim theology and interpretive strategies on the eve of the modern period. Jesus Sophia

Perennis In this comprehensive open access book, written for readers from any or no religious background, Leena El-Ali does something remarkable. Never before has anyone taken on every last claim relating to Islam and women and countered it not just with Qur'anic evidence to the contrary, but with easy-to-use tools available to all. How can a woman's testimony be worth half of a

man's? How can men divorce their wives unilaterally by uttering three words? And what's with the obsession with virgins in Paradise? Find the chapter on any of the seventeen topics in this book, and you will quickly learn a) where the myth came from and b) how to bust it. The methodology pursued is simple. First, the Qur'an is given priority over all other literary or "scriptural" sources. Second, the

meaning of its verses in the original Arabic is highlighted, in contrast to English translations and/or widespread misunderstanding or misinterpretation. *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History* Simon and Schuster From 1978 to 1996, the late Gai Eaton gave a series of talks on BBC Radio about Islam and its role in contemporary society and this account features 86 of these talks—variousl

y titled "Reflections," "Words of Faith," and "Pause for Thought." Providing a beautifully clear and accessible introduction to Islam's central tenets, principles, and practices, this book utilizes wisdom, humanity, and humor to teach those interested in a spiritual approach to life. *Jesus Prophet of Islam* Cambridge University Press 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.

### **Islamic Spirituality**

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Islam and the Destiny of Man by Charles Le Gai Eaton is a wide-ranging study of the Muslim religion from a unique point of view. The author, a former member of the British Diplomatic

Service, 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 upon Western thinkers. As a Muslim he has retained his adherence to the perennial philosophy which, he maintains, underlies the teachings of all the great religions. The aim of this book is to explore 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 the hearts and the minds of Islamic people. After considering the historic confrontation between Islam and Christendom and analysing the difference between the three monotheistic faiths (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), the author describes the two poles of Muslim belief

in terms of "Truth" and "Mercy"—the unitarian truth which is the basis of the Muslim's faith and the mercy inherent in this truth. In the second part of the book he explains the significance of the Qur'an and tells the dramatic story of Muhammad's life and of the early Caliphate. Lastly, the author considers the Muslim view of man's destiny, the social structure of Islam, the role

of art and mysticism and the inner meaning of Islamic teaching concerning the hereafter. Throughout this book the

author is concerned not with the religion of 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.