

The Abbasid Dynasty The Golden Age Of Islamic Civilization

THIS IS LIKEWISE ONE OF THE FACTORS BY OBTAINING THE SOFT DOCUMENTS OF THIS **THE ABBASID DYNASTY THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION** BY ONLINE. YOU MIGHT NOT REQUIRE MORE TIME TO SPEND TO GO TO THE EBOOK INAUGURATION AS COMPETENTLY AS SEARCH FOR THEM. IN SOME CASES, YOU LIKEWISE PULL OFF NOT DISCOVER THE MESSAGE **THE ABBASID DYNASTY THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION** THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. IT WILL ENORMOUSLY SQUANDER THE TIME.

HOWEVER BELOW, WITH YOU VISIT THIS WEB PAGE, IT WILL BE FITTINGLY ENORMOUSLY EASY TO ACQUIRE AS SKILLFULLY AS DOWNLOAD GUIDE **THE ABBASID DYNASTY THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION**

IT WILL NOT TOLERATE MANY GET OLDER AS WE RUN BY BEFORE. YOU CAN ATTAIN IT EVEN THOUGH PRODUCE AN EFFECT SOMETHING ELSE AT HOUSE AND EVEN IN YOUR WORKPLACE. SUITABLY EASY! SO, ARE YOU QUESTION? JUST EXERCISE JUST WHAT WE HAVE THE FUNDS FOR BELOW AS CAPABLY AS EVALUATION **THE ABBASID DYNASTY THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION** WHAT YOU IN THE MANNER OF TO READ!

THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM - MAURICE LOMBARD 2004

MAURICE LOMBARD PORTRAYS THE ISLAMIC WORLD AS THE CENTRE OF CIVILIZATION AT A TIME WHEN THE WEST WAS PRIMITIVE AND BACKWARD.

THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE -

DELVE INTO THE REALM OF QURANIC EXEGESIS FROM THE YEAR 750 UNTIL ABOUT 1258. BY CONSIDERING THE

LIFE OF AL-TABARI, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMENTATORS IN ISLAMIC HISTORY, YOU WILL UNCOVER THE METHOD AND IMPLICATIONS OF TAFSIR, OR EXEGESIS. YOUR STUDY WILL TAKE YOU INTO CONTROVERSIAL TERRITORY WITH A LOOK AT THE INFAMOUS SATANIC VERSES.

ARAB FOLK TALES - HELEN THOMSON
1989-01-01

HOW DID SI DJEHA TRICK THE THREE MEN

WHO WERE AFTER HIS BLOOD? HOW WAS SHARIFA HELPED BY THE RED FISH AND HOW DID THE ANIMALS ESCAPE FROM A HUNGRY LION? THESE EIGHT STORIES ARE TALES OF CUNNING, COURAGE AND GOOD FORTUNE.

THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE - EAMONN GEARON 2016-12-29

THE CANON OF MEDICINE - AVICENNA 1999

VOL. 2: PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ENGLISH ALPHABETICAL ORDER, VOL. 2 (OF THE 5 ORIGINAL VOLUMES) OF "CANON OF MEDICINE" (LAW OF NATURAL HEALING), IS AN ESSENTIAL ADDITION TO THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AS IT HOLDS A TREASURE OF INFORMATION ON NATURAL PHARMACEUTICALS USED FOR OVER 1000 YEARS TO HEAL VARIOUS DISEASES AND DISORDERS. FULLY COLOR ILLUSTRATED WITH A 150 PAGE, 7000 WORD INDEX OF THE HEALING PROPERTIES OF EACH OF THE ENTRIES, THE TEXT ITSELF IS AN ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF THE NATURAL PHARMACEUTICALS OF THE SIMPLE COMPOUNDS. BY SIMPLE COMPOUNDS, AVICENNA INCLUDES THE INDIVIDUAL PLANTS, HERBS, ANIMALS AND MINERALS THAT HAVE HEALING PROPERTIES. AVICENNA LISTS 800 TESTED NATURAL PHARMACEUTICALS INCLUDING PLANT, ANIMAL AND MINERAL SUBSTANCES. THE COMPILER HAS INCLUDED THE LATIN, PERSIAN AND ARABIC NAMES OF THE DRUGS ALONG WITH ARTISTIC RENDERINGS OF THE

DRUGS AS ILLUSTRATIONS AS WELL AS AVICENNA'S TABLES OR GRID FOR EACH ENTRY THAT DESCRIBES THE INDIVIDUAL, SPECIFIC QUALITIES OF SIMPLE DRUGS.

CLASSICAL ARAB ISLAM - TARIF KHALIDI 1985

THIS BOOK, A MILESTONE OF ISLAMIC SCHOLARSHIP, CALLS ATTENTION TO THOSE ASPECTS OF ARAB ISLAMIC CULTURE THAT EXCITE MODERN CONTROVERSY. PROFESSOR KHALIDI EXAMINES THE CLASSICAL PERIOD, WHEN THE BASIC CULTURAL PATTERNS OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION WERE ESTABLISHED, THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF RELIGIOUS AND NONRELIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP DEFINED, AND THE RELIGIOUS LIFE-STYLES HAD BECOME EMBEDDED IN THE SUBCONSCIOUS OF AN ANCIENT SOCIETY. THE TOPICS COVERED ARE: THE FOUNDATIONS GOD AND HIS COMMUNITY ISLAMIC PAIDEIA ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE PAST THE MYSTIC QUEST THE PLACE OF REASON THE WORLD OF NATURE THE GOVERNANCE OF THE UMMA IBN KHALDUN--THE GREAT SYNTHESIST PAST AND PRESENT IN CONTEMPORARY ARABIC THOUGHT.

THE ABBASID CALIPHATE - TAYEB EL-HIBRI 2021-04-22

A HISTORY OF THE ABBASID CALIPHATE FROM ITS FOUNDATION IN 750 AND GOLDEN AGE UNDER HARUN AL-RASHID TO THE CONQUEST OF BAGHDAD BY THE MONGOLS IN 1258, THIS STUDY EXAMINES THE CALIPHATE AS AN EMPIRE AND AN INSTITUTION, AND ITS IMPRINT ON THE SOCIETY AND CULTURE OF CLASSICAL ISLAMIC

CIVILIZATION.

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CONSORTS OF THE CALIPHS IS A SEVENTH/THIRTEENTH-CENTURY COMPILATION OF ANECDOTES ABOUT THIRTY-EIGHT WOMEN WHO WERE, AS THE TITLE SUGGESTS, CONSORTS TO THOSE IN POWER, MOST OF THEM CONCUBINES OF THE EARLY ABBASID CALIPHS AND WIVES OF LATTER-DAY CALIPHS AND SULTANS. THIS SLIM BUT ILLUMINATING VOLUME IS ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVING TEXTS BY IBN AL-SA'ADI (D. 674 H/1276 AD). IBN AL-SA'ADI WAS A PROLIFIC BAGHDADI SCHOLAR WHO CHRONICLED THE ACADEMIC AND POLITICAL ELITES OF HIS CITY, AND WHOSE CAREER STRADDLED THE FINAL YEARS OF THE ABBASID DYNASTY AND THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE CATAclySMIC MONGOL INVASION OF 656 H/1258 AD.

REINTERPRETING ISLAMIC HISTORIOGRAPHY - TAYEB EL-HIBRI 1999-11-25

THE HISTORY OF THE EARLY 'ABBASID CALIPHATE HAS LONG BEEN STUDIED AS A FACTUAL OR INTERPRETIVE SYNTHESIS OF VARIOUS ACCOUNTS PRESERVED IN THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC CHRONICLES. TAYEB EL-HIBRI'S BOOK BREAKS WITH THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH, APPLYING A LITERARY-CRITICAL READING TO EXAMINE THE LIVES OF THE CALIPHS. BY FOCUSING ON THE REIGNS OF HARUN AL-RASHID AND HIS SUCCESSORS, THE STUDY DEMONSTRATES HOW THE

VARIOUS HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS WERE

NOT IN FACT INTENDED AS FAITHFUL PORTRAITS OF THE PART, BUT AS ALL-SIDED DEVICES USED TO SHED LIGHT ON CONTROVERSIAL RELIGIOUS,

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES OF THE PERIOD. THE ANALYSIS ALSO REVEALS HOW THE EXERCISE OF DECODING ISLAMIC HISTORIGRAPHY, THROUGH AN INVESTIGATION OF THE NARRATIVE STRATEGIES AND THEMATIC MOTIFS USED IN THE CHRONICLES, CAN UNCOVER NEW LAYERS OF MEANING AND EVEN IDENTIFY THE EARLY NARRATORS. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT BOOK WHICH REPRESENTS A LANDMARK IN THE FIELD OF EARLY ISLAMIC HISTORIOGRAPHY.

THE HOUSE OF WISDOM - JIM AL-KHALILI 2011-03-31

A MYTH-SHATTERING VIEW OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD'S MYRIAD SCIENTIFIC INNOVATIONS AND THE ROLE THEY PLAYED IN SPARKING THE EUROPEAN RENAISSANCE. MANY OF THE INNOVATIONS THAT WE THINK OF AS HALLMARKS OF WESTERN SCIENCE HAD THEIR ROOTS IN THE ARAB WORLD OF THE MIDDLE AGES, A PERIOD WHEN MUCH OF WESTERN CHRISTENDOM LAY IN INTELLECTUAL DARKNESS. JIM AL-KHALILI, A LEADING BRITISH-IRAQI PHYSICIST, RESURRECTS THIS LOST CHAPTER OF HISTORY, AND GIVEN CURRENT EAST-WEST TENSIONS, HIS BOOK COULD NOT BE TIMELIER. WITH TRANSPORTING DETAIL, AL-KHALILI PLACES READERS IN THE HOUSHOUSES OF THE ARABIC ENLIGHTENMENT, SHOWS HOW THEY LED TO EUROPE'S CULTURAL AWAKENING, AND POSES THE QUESTION:

WHY DID THE ISLAMIC WORLD ENTER ITS OWN DARK AGE AFTER SUCH A DAZZLING FLOWERING?

ISLAMIC RADICALISM AND MULTICULTURAL POLITICS - TAHIR ABBAS 2011-03

THE EXPRESSION OF AN ISLAMIC POLITICAL RADICALISM IN BRITAIN HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN RECENT DECADES. *ISLAMIC RADICALISM AND MULTICULTURAL POLITICS* EXPLORES THE NATURE OF THIS PHENOMENON BY ANALYSING THE ORIGINS OF ISLAM AND ITS HISTORICAL CONTACT WITH WESTERN EUROPE AND BRITAIN, AND THE EMERGENCE OF ISLAMIC POLITICAL RADICALISM IN THE MUSLIM WORLD AND IN THE WEST. TAHIR ABBAS DRAWS ON HISTORICAL ANALYSIS AND CONTEMPORARY CASE STUDIES TO EXPLORE THE POST-WAR IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION OF MUSLIM GROUPS, THE COMPLEX RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN A SECULAR LIBERAL BRITAIN AND A DIVERSE BUT MULTIFACETED ISLAM, AND THE EXTENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES THAT AFFECT MUSLIMS AS INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS AND IN LOCAL AREA COMMUNITIES. HE SHOWS HOW VIOLENT EXTREMISM AMONG BRITISH MUSLIMS IS IN REALITY INFLUENCED BY A RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING THE FACTORS OF GLOBALISATION AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS, MEDIA AND CULTURE. ANALYSING AND DISSECTING PUBLIC POLICY, ABBAS OFFERS SUGGESTIONS FOR TACKLING THE MAJOR SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

FACING BRITISH MUSLIMS IN THE POST-7/7 ERA. AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION, 'RACE' AND ETHNICITY IN MODERN BRITAIN, THIS ACCESSIBLE WORK WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ANYONE WORKING IN THE FIELD OF ISLAMIC STUDIES, SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL RADICALISM. COVER DESIGN BY MAHTAB HUSSAIN, WWW.MAHTABHUSSAIN.COM
ISLAMIC SCIENCE AND THE MAKING OF THE EUROPEAN RENAISSANCE - GEORGE SALIBA 2011-01-21

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE ISLAMIC SCIENTIFIC TRADITION, AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF ISLAMIC SCIENCE TO EUROPEAN SCIENCE DURING THE RENAISSANCE. THE ISLAMIC SCIENTIFIC TRADITION HAS BEEN DESCRIBED MANY TIMES IN ACCOUNTS OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION AND GENERAL HISTORIES OF SCIENCE, WITH MOST AUTHORS TRACING ITS BEGINNINGS TO THE APPROPRIATION OF IDEAS FROM OTHER ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS—THE GREEKS IN PARTICULAR. IN THIS THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND ORIGINAL BOOK, GEORGE SALIBA ARGUES THAT, CONTRARY TO THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED VIEW, THE FOUNDATIONS OF ISLAMIC SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT WERE LAID WELL BEFORE GREEK SOURCES WERE FORMALLY TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC IN THE NINTH CENTURY. DRAWING ON AN ACCOUNT BY THE TENTH-CENTURY INTELLECTUAL HISTORIAN IBN AL-NAIDM THAT IS IGNORED BY MOST MODERN SCHOLARS, SALIBA SUGGESTS THAT EARLY TRANSLATIONS FROM MAINLY PERSIAN

AND GREEK SOURCES OUTLINING ELEMENTARY SCIENTIFIC IDEAS FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE THE IMPETUS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAMIC SCIENTIFIC TRADITION. HE ARGUES FURTHER THAT THERE WAS AN ORGANIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ISLAMIC SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT THAT DEVELOPED IN THE LATER CENTURIES AND THE SCIENCE THAT CAME INTO BEING IN EUROPE DURING THE RENAISSANCE. SALIBA OUTLINES THE CONVENTIONAL ACCOUNTS OF ISLAMIC SCIENCE, THEN DISCUSSES THEIR SHORTCOMINGS AND PROPOSES AN ALTERNATE NARRATIVE. USING ASTRONOMY AS A TEMPLATE FOR TRACING THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE IN ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION, SALIBA DEMONSTRATES THE ORIGINALITY OF ISLAMIC SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT. HE DETAILS THE INNOVATIONS (INCLUDING NEW MATHEMATICAL TOOLS) MADE BY THE ISLAMIC ASTRONOMERS FROM THE THIRTEENTH TO SIXTEENTH CENTURIES, AND OFFERS EVIDENCE THAT COPERNICUS COULD HAVE KNOWN OF AND DRAWN ON THEIR WORK. RATHER THAN VIEWING THE RISE AND FALL OF ISLAMIC SCIENCE FROM THE OFTEN-NARRATED PERSPECTIVES OF POLITICS AND RELIGION, SALIBA FOCUSES ON THE SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION ITSELF AND THE COMPLEX SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND INTELLECTUAL CONDITIONS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE.

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 IBN AL-NAFIS 1968
 THE THEOLOGUS AUTODIDACTUS OF

IBN AL-NAFIS. EDITED WITH AN INTRODUCTION, TRANSLATION AND NOTES BY... MAX MEYERHOF AND JOSEPH SCHACHT.
PATHFINDERS - JIM AL-KHALILI
 2010-09-30
 FOR OVER 700 YEARS THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE WAS ARABIC. IN **PATHFINDERS**, JIM AL-KHALILI CELEBRATES THE FORGOTTEN PIONEERS WHO HELPED SHAPE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD. ALL SCIENTISTS HAVE STOOD ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS. BUT MOST HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS TODAY SUGGEST THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS WERE NOT MATCHED UNTIL THE EUROPEAN RENAISSANCE IN THE 16TH CENTURY, A 1,000-YEAR PERIOD DISMISSED AS THE DARK AGES. IN THE NINTH-CENTURY, HOWEVER, THE ABBASID CALIPH OF BAGHDAD, ABU JA'FAR ABDULLAH AL-MA'MUN, CREATED THE GREATEST CENTRE OF LEARNING THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN, KNOWN AS BAYT AL-HIKMA, THE HOUSE OF WISDOM. THE SCIENTISTS AND PHILOSOPHERS HE BROUGHT TOGETHER SPARKED A PERIOD OF EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY, IN EVERY FIELD IMAGINABLE, LAUNCHING A GOLDEN AGE OF ARABIC SCIENCE. FEW OF THESE SCIENTISTS, HOWEVER, ARE NOW KNOWN IN THE WESTERN WORLD. ABU RAYHAN AL-BIRUNI, A POLYMATH WHO OUTSHINES EVERYONE IN HISTORY EXCEPT LEONARDO DA VINCI? THE SYRIAN ASTRONOMER IBN AL-SHATIR, WHOSE MANUSCRIPTS WOULD INSPIRE COPERNICUS'S HELIOCENTRIC MODEL OF

THE SOLAR SYSTEM? OR THE 13TH-CENTURY ANDALUCIAN PHYSICIAN IBN AL-NAFEES, WHO CORRECTLY DESCRIBED BLOOD CIRCULATION 400 YEARS BEFORE WILLIAM HARVEY? IRAQI IBN AL-HAYTHAM WHO PRACTISED THE MODERN SCIENTIFIC METHOD 700 YEARS BEFORE BACON AND DESCARTES, AND FOUNDED THE FIELD OF MODERN OPTICS BEFORE NEWTON? OR EVEN NINTH-CENTURY ZOOLOGIST AL-JAHITH, WHO DEVELOPED A THEORY OF NATURAL SELECTION A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE DARWIN? THE WEST NEEDS TO SEE THE ISLAMIC WORLD THROUGH NEW EYES AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD, IN TURN, TO TAKE PRIDE IN ITS EXTRAORDINARILY RICH HERITAGE. ANYONE WHO READS THIS BOOK WILL UNDERSTAND WHY. *MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC MEDICINE* - PETER E. PORMANN 2007

AN UP-TO-DATE SURVEY OF MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC MEDICINE OFFERING NEW INSIGHTS TO THE ROLE OF MEDICINE AND PHYSICIANS IN MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC CULTURE.

THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE AND THE CALIPHATES - JASON PORTERFIELD 2016-07-15

THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE AROSE SPECTACULARLY IN THE 7TH CENTURY AND EXERCISED INFLUENCE OVER A LARGE GEOGRAPHIC AREA UNTIL ITS FALL TO MONGOL INVADERS IN THE 13TH CENTURY. THE RULERS, CALLED CALIPHS, USHERED IN A NEW ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION WITH CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES BOTH DISTINCT FROM AND PARTIALLY INFLUENCED BY THOSE OF THE AREAS IT CONQUERED. THE REIGNS

OF THESE CALIPHATES, INCLUDING THE ABBASID CALIPHATE, WHICH PRESIDED AT THE TIME OF THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE, ARE SURVEYED IN THIS CAPTIVATING VOLUME. READERS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF ISLAMIC INFLUENCE AND THE FLOURISHING OF SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE, MATH, AND MORE DURING THIS TIME.

DAILY LIFE IN THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE - DON NARDO 2015

WHAT WAS LIFE REALLY LIKE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE IN THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE? IN THIS DETAILED EXPLORATION OF DAILY LIFE IN ONE OF HISTORY'S GREATEST CIVILIZATIONS, READERS WILL USE PRIMARY SOURCES AND INFORMATION FROM ARCHEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES TO DISCOVER FASCINATING INSIGHTS AND DEBUNK POPULAR MYTHS. IMMERSIVE TIMELINES, MAPS AND REFERENCES TO IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND EVENTS WILL BRING CHILDREN ON A TIME-TRAVELING JOURNEY THROUGH THE ANCIENT ISLAMIC WORLD.

THE GREAT CALIPHS - AMIRA K. BENNISON 2014-05-14

THIS ENDLESSLY INFORMATIVE HISTORY BRINGS THE CLASSICAL ISLAMIC WORLD TO LIFE IN THIS ACCESSIBLY WRITTEN HISTORY, AMIRA K. BENNISON CONTRADICTS THE COMMON ASSUMPTION THAT ISLAM SOMEHOW INTERRUPTED THE SMOOTH FLOW OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM ITS GRAECO-ROMAN ORIGINS TO ITS MORE RECENT EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN MANIFESTATIONS. INSTEAD, SHE PLACES

ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION IN THE LONGER TRAJECTORY OF MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS AND SEES THE 'ABBASID EMPIRE (750-1258 CE) AS THE INHERITOR AND INTERPRETER OF GRAECO-ROMAN TRADITIONS. AT ITS ZENITH THE 'ABBASID CALIPHATE STRETCHED OVER THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST AND PART OF NORTH AFRICA, AND INFLUENCED ISLAMIC REGIMES AS FAR WEST AS SPAIN. BENNISON'S EXAMINATION OF THE POLITICS, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE OF THE 'ABBASID PERIOD PRESENTS A PICTURE OF A SOCIETY THAT NURTURED MANY OF THE "CIVILIZED" VALUES THAT WESTERN CIVILIZATION CLAIMS TO REPRESENT, ALBEIT IN DIFFERENT PREMODERN FORMS: FROM URBAN PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE NETWORKS TO RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH. BENNISON'S ARGUMENT COUNTERS THE COMMON WESTERN VIEW OF MUSLIM CULTURE AS ALIEN AND OFFERS A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WESTERN AND ISLAMIC CULTURES.

THE FLYING MAN: ARISTOTLE, AND THE PHILOSOPHERS OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM: THEIR RELEVANCE TODAY -
AKBAR AHMED 2021-06-15

IN THIS INSPIRING BOOK PROFESSOR AKBAR AHMED CONTINUES HIS PERSONAL QUEST OF BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE ORIENT AND THE WEST, AS HE DID IN HIS EARLIER BOOKS AND PROJECTS.

TRANSLATION IN THE ARAB WORLD -
ADNAN K. ABDULLA 2020-12-30

THE TRANSLATION MOVEMENT OF THE ABBASID PERIOD, WHICH LASTED FOR ALMOST THREE HUNDRED YEARS, WAS A UNIQUE EVENT IN WORLD HISTORY. DURING THIS PERIOD, MUCH OF THE INTELLECTUAL TRADITION OF THE GREEKS, PERSIANS, AND INDIANS WAS TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC—A LANGUAGE WITH NO PRIOR HISTORY OF TRANSLATION OR OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, OR PHILOSOPHY. THIS BOOK INVESTIGATES THE CULTURAL AND POLITICAL CONFLICTS THAT TRANSLATION BROUGHT INTO THE NEW ABBASID STATE FROM A SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE, TREATING TRANSLATION AS A PROCESS AND A PRODUCT. THE OPENING CHAPTERS OUTLINE THE FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE INITIATION AND CESSATION OF TRANSLATIONAL ACTIVITY IN THE ABBASID PERIOD BEFORE DEALING IN INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE TRANSLATION MOVEMENT, SUCH AS THE TRANSLATION OF ARISTOTLE'S POETICS INTO ARABIC, ABDULLAH IBN AL-MUQAFFA'S SEMINAL TRANSLATION OF THE INDIAN/PERSIAN KALILAH WA DIMNA INTO ARABIC AND THE TRANSLATION OF SCIENTIFIC TEXTS. OTHER CHAPTERS ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ABBASIDS HAD A THEORY OF TRANSLATION AND WHY, DESPITE THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF TRANSLATION, NOT A SINGLE POEM WAS TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC. THE FINAL CHAPTER DEALS WITH THE INFLUENCE OF TRANSLATION DURING THIS PERIOD ON THE ARABIC LANGUAGE. OFFERING NEW READINGS OF MANY

ISSUES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT PERIOD, INFORMED BY MODERN THEORIES OF TRANSLATION, THIS IS KEY READING FOR SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS IN TRANSLATION STUDIES, ORIENTAL AND ARAB STUDIES, BOOK HISTORY AND CULTURAL HISTORY.

1001 INVENTIONS - SALIM T. S. AL-HASSANI 2012

MODERN SOCIETY OWES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO THE MUSLIM WORLD FOR THE MANY GROUNDBREAKING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES THAT WERE PIONEERED DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF MUSLIM CIVILIZATION BETWEEN THE 7TH AND 17TH CENTURIES. EVERY TIME YOU DRINK COFFEE, EAT A THREE-COURSE MEAL, GET A WHIFF OF YOUR FAVORITE PERFUME, TAKE SHELTER IN AN EARTHQUAKE-RESISTANT STRUCTURE, GET A BROKEN BONE SET OR SOLVE AN ALGEBRA PROBLEM, IT IS IN PART DUE TO THE DISCOVERIES OF MUSLIM CIVILIZATION.

THE ABBASID CALIPHATE - TAYEB EL-HIBRI 2021-04-22

THE PERIOD OF THE ABBASID CALIPHATE (750-1258) HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE FORMATIVE PERIOD OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION WITH ITS VARIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURE. THIS HISTORY OF THE ABBASID CALIPHATE FROM ITS FOUNDATION IN 750 AND GOLDEN AGE UNDER HARUN AL-RASHID TO THE CONQUEST OF BAGHDAD BY THE MONGOLS IN 1258 EXAMINES THE CALIPHATE AS AN EMPIRE AND

INSTITUTION, AND PROBES ITS INFLUENCE OVER ISLAMIC CULTURE AND SOCIETY. RANGING WIDELY TO SURVEY THE ENTIRE FIVE-CENTURY HISTORY OF THE ABBASID DYNASTY, TAYEB EL-HIBRI EXAMINES THE RESILIENCE OF THE CALIPHATE AS AN INSTITUTION, AS A FOCAL POINT OF RELIGIOUS DEFINITIONS, AND AS A SOURCE OF LEGITIMACY TO VARIOUS CONTEMPORARY ISLAMIC MONARCHIES. THE STUDY REVISITS IDEAS OF 'GOLDEN AGE' AND 'DECLINE' WITH A NEW READING, TRIES TO SEPARATE ABBASID HISTORY FROM THE MYTHS OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS, AND SHOWS HOW THE LEGACY OF THE CALIPHS CONTINUES TO RESONATE IN THE MODERN WORLD IN DIRECT AND INDIRECT WAYS.

HARUN AL-RASHID - CHARLES RIVER EDITORS 2019-04-06

*INCLUDES PICTURES *INCLUDES MEDIEVAL ACCOUNTS *INCLUDES ONLINE RESOURCES AND A BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR FURTHER READING LIKE MANY HISTORICAL FIGURES, HARUN AL-RASHID'S BIOGRAPHY HAS BECOME PART REALITY AND PART MYTH. A REAL INDIVIDUAL AND THE FOURTH CALIPH OF THE ABBASID CALIPHATE, HARUN AL-RASHID IS BEST KNOWN TO MANY INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE IN FAMOUS LITERATURE LIKE ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS, NOT NECESSARILY BECAUSE OF HIS POLICY DECISIONS. THIS IS UNUSUAL BECAUSE HARUN AL-RASHID WAS PERHAPS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF THE ABBASID CALIPHS DUE TO HIS ROLE IN BRINGING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, DESTROYING

ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ISLAMIC FAMILIES OF THE 9TH CENTURY CE, AND ENDING THE ABBASID DYNASTY FOR GOOD. THE REPUTATION OF HARUN AL-RASHID IS A CONTROVERSIAL ONE OVER 1,000 YEARS LATER. ALTHOUGH HISTORIANS ARE OFTEN LOATHE TO ADMIT IT, THEY UNDERSTAND THAT HISTORY, LIKE OTHER SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SUBJECTS, IS SUBJECT TO THE OPINIONS AND INFLUENCES OF THE SOCIETY IN WHICH IT WAS WRITTEN, AND FOR CENTURIES, NUMEROUS CULTURES IN THE WESTERN WORLD (PRIMARILY EUROPE, AUSTRALASIA, NORTH AMERICA, AND SOMETIMES LATIN AND SOUTH AMERICA) INSISTED THAT ISLAMIC SOCIETIES COULD NOT POSSESS THE INTELLECTUAL PROGRESS AND DISCOURSE WESTERN SOCIETY ATTRIBUTED TO ITSELF. ACCORDING TO AMIRA BENNISON, "IT WAS A COMMONPLACE OF THE EUROPEAN IMPERIAL AGE THAT THE ISLAMIC WORLD WAS INTELLECTUALLY BACKWARD AND THAT MUSLIMS NOT ONLY COULD NOT HAVE PRODUCED THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION BUT ALSO REQUIRED EUROPEAN TUTELAGE." IN SHORT, EUROPEAN INTELLECTUALS BELIEVED MUSLIMS, DUE TO THEIR RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL, AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, LACKED THE CAPACITY TO BE PROGRESSIVE - AS DETERMINED BY EUROPEAN STANDARDS - AND WERE THUS INTELLECTUALLY AND CULTURALLY BACKWARDS. THIS INTERPRETATION OF ISLAMIC CULTURE AND SOCIETY TRANSCENDED INTELLECTUAL BARRIERS AND SEEPED

INTO THE HISTORY AND LITERATURE PRODUCED BY SCHOLARS OF THE WESTERN WORLD, AND IN TIME, HARUN AL-RASHID BECAME THE FIGURE THROUGH WHICH THE WESTERN WORLD APPLIED ITS IDEAS OF ARABIAN CULTURE, ISLAM, AND THE POWER OF THE CALIPHATES. THE DIFFICULTY FOR HISTORIANS AND MODERN AUDIENCES, THEN, IS TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT ABOUT HARUN AL-RASHID IS FACT AND WHAT IS FICTION, PRODUCED OVER TIME BY BIASED SOURCES OR LEGENDS. BY THE 21ST CENTURY, MUCH OF THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION ABOUT HIM HAS BEEN DISTORTED BY FOLK TALES AND THE EXAGGERATIONS OF MEDIEVAL HISTORIANS OF ALL RELIGIONS AND WALKS OF LIFE. EVEN WITH NUMEROUS POP CULTURE APPEARANCES, THE ACTUAL HISTORY OF THE ABBASID CALIPH IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE BECAUSE OF THE WEALTH OF MISINFORMATION THROUGHOUT EASTERN AND WESTERN MEDIA ALIKE. WHEN HARUN AL-RASHID DIED IN THE EARLY 9TH CENTURY, THE ABBASID CALIPHATE FELL INTO CIVIL WAR. HARUN AL-RASHID HAD CHOSEN HIS SON AL-AMIN TO BE THE NEW CALIPH, BUT HIS OTHER SON, AL-MA'MUN, HAD SIMILAR AMBITIONS. AL-MA'MUN WOULD RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF SOME OF THE NOBLE FAMILIES AND MAKE A CLAIM FOR THE THRONE, AND AFTER A TWO-YEAR SIEGE OF THE CAPITAL IN BAGHDAD, AL-AMIN PERISHED AND AL-MA'MUN TOOK THE THRONE IN 813. HE RULED FOR THE FOLLOWING 20 YEARS IN RELATIVE PEACE THOUGH HE WAS

FORCED TO PUT DOWN LOCAL REBELLIONS SPURRED BY THE BYZANTINES. AL-MA'MUN, TO REPAY HIS ALLIES, WOULD CREATE AN AUTONOMOUS KHORASAN REGION IN NORTHEAST PERSIA FILLED WITH PERSIAN NOBLE FAMILIES. WHILE SCHOLARS CAN STILL DEBATE HIS LEGACY, NONE CAN ARGUE THAT WHILE HARUN AL-RASHID DID NOT POLITICALLY ADVANCE THE ABBASID CALIPHATE AND MAY ACTUALLY BE BLAMED FOR ITS EVENTUAL DESTRUCTION, HIS EMPHASIS ON ARTS AND CULTURE BROUGHT THE CALIPHATE INTO THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE AND CREATED THE ROMANTICIZED IMAGE OF THE ARAB RULER IN FOLK TALES THROUGHOUT EASTERN AND WESTERN CULTURES.

TREASURY OF MUSLIM LITERATURE -
FREDA SHAMMA 2012

MUSKET, MAP AND MONEY: - JIMMY
TENG 2014-01-31

WAVES OF MILITARY TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES HAVE SWEEPED THROUGH THE EURASIAN LAND MASS SINCE THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION. MILITARY TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES DECISIVELY SHAPED GEOPOLITICS AND THE FORTUNES OF STATES, EMPIRES AND CIVILIZATIONS. IN HIS BOOK JIMMY TENG CLAIMS THAT TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF THESE MILITARY TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES IS IN FACT TO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES BEHIND THE FOLLOWING MAJOR HISTORICAL PUZZLES OR IMPORTANT FACTS: THE LEADING POSITION OF THE NEAR EAST

DURING THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION; THE SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENTS OF GREECE, INDIA AND CHINA DURING THE AXIAL ERA; THE CLASSICAL GOLDEN AGE OF INDIA UNDER THE GUPTA EMPIRE; THE ABBASID GOLDEN AGE OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD AND THE SUNG PUZZLE OF CHINA DURING THE MEDIEVAL ERA; AND THE RISE OF THE WEST DURING THE EARLY MODERN AND MODERN ERA.

REINTERPRETING ISLAMIC
HISTORIOGRAPHY - TAYEB EL-HIBRI
2007-01-25

THE REIGNS OF THE CALIPH HARUN AL-RASHID AND HIS SUCCESSOR AL-MA'MUN HAVE LONG BEEN VIEWED AS THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC CALIPHATE. YET HOW DID CHRONICLERS REPRESENT THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD? TAYEB EL-HIBRI'S BOOK APPLIES A NEW LITERARY-CRITICAL READING TO THE SOURCES TO DEMONSTRATE HOW MEDIEVAL NARRATORS DEVISED VARIOUS ELUSIVE WAYS OF SHEDDING LIGHT ON CONTROVERSIAL RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES, WHILE OSTENSIBLY PRESENTING A HISTORY LOYAL TO THE 'ABBASID DYNASTY. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT BOOK THAT REPRESENTS A LANDMARK IN THE FIELD OF EARLY ISLAMIC HISTORIOGRAPHY.

*RELIGION, LEARNING AND SCIENCE IN THE
'ABBASID PERIOD* - M. J. L. YOUNG
2006-11-02

THE FIVE CENTURIES OF THE 'ABBASID PERIOD (EIGHTH TO THIRTEENTH CENTURIES AD) WERE THE GOLDEN AGE OF ARABIC LITERATURE. THEY SAW THE APPEARANCE NOT ONLY OF POETRY AND

BELLES-LETTRES (WHICH ARE COVERED IN A PREVIOUS VOLUME), BUT ALSO OF AN EXTENSIVE BODY OF WRITINGS CONCERNED WITH SUBJECTS RANGING FROM THEOLOGY AND LAW TO HISTORY AND THE NATURAL SCIENCES. THIS VOLUME OF THE CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF ARABIC LITERATURE SURVEYS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE WRITINGS, INCLUDING THE LITERATURE OF SUNNISM AND SHI'ISM, ARABIC PHILOSOPHY, SUFISM, ISLAMIC LAW, GRAMMAR, LEXICOGRAPHY, ADMINISTRATION, HISTORIOGRAPHY, MATHEMATICS, ASTRONOMY, ASTROLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, ALCHEMY AND MEDICINE. IT CONTAINS SEPARATE CHAPTERS ON SIX OF THE GREATEST SCHOLARS OF THE MIDDLE AGES, AS WELL AS ON THE ARABIC LITERATURE OF THE CHRISTIANS AND JEWS WHO LIVED UNDER THE RULE OF THE 'ABBASID CALIPHATE, AND INCLUDES A STUDY OF ONE OF THE GREAT CULTURAL MOVEMENTS OF THE PERIOD, THE TRANSLATIONS FROM GREEK INTO ARABIC.

THE NEW GOLDEN AGE - RAVI BATRA
2014-12-02

IN THE NEW GOLDEN AGE, BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND ECONOMIST RAVI BATRA IDENTIFIES THE ROADBLOCKS TO ECONOMIC PROSPERITY--AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO OVERCOME THEM. BRINGING THE SAME INSIGHT AND EXPERTISE THAT MADE BOOKS LIKE THE DOWNFALL OF CAPITALISM AND COMMUNISM INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLERS, BATRA TAKES ON FALLING MINIMUM WAGES, CORPORATE

SCANDALS, ROCKETING OIL PRICES, AND MANY OF THE OTHER CRISES FACING THE WORLD ECONOMY. HE ALSO OFFERS AN EXPANSIVE, OPTIMISTIC VISION OF HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN ADDRESS THEM AND BRING ABOUT SOMETHING HISTORICALLY UNPRECEDENTED: TRUE GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF PERSIA - RICHARD NELSON FRYE 2000

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WHEN BAGHDAD RULED THE MUSLIM WORLD - HUGH KENNEDY
2005-05-10

PRESENTS A HISTORY OF THE ABBASID DYNASTY, THE FOUNDERS OF BAGHDAD, AND DISCUSSES THE POLITICS, MILITARY CONQUESTS, COURT LIFE, PALACE BUREAUCRACY, CULTURE, AND ARTS WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE ERA.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF PERSIA - RICHARD NELSON FRYE 1975

THE CALIPH'S SPLENDOR - BENSON BOBRICK 2012-08-14

TRACES THE STORY OF THE CELEBRATED LATE-EIGHTH AND EARLY NINTH-CENTURY CALIPH FROM "THE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS" AGAINST A BACKDROP OF BAGHDAD'S COSMOPOLITAN CULTURE AND ITS COMPLEX INFLUENCE ON THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE AND FRANKISH KINGDOM OF CHARLEMAGNE.

SCIENCE UNDER ISLAM - SAYYED M. DEEN 2007

THE BOOK DESCRIBES THE RISE OF SCIENCE (AND TECHNOLOGY) IN THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE, EXAMINES THE CAUSES THAT LED TO ITS DECLINE, REVIEWS FAILED LATER ATTEMPTS FOR ITS REVIVAL AND FINALLY DISCUSSES SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS REFORMATION NEEDED FOR IT TO FLOURISH IN CONTEMPORARY MUSLIM SOCIETIES. SOCIAL REFORMATION COVERS RULE OF LAW, DEMOCRATIC INFRA-STRUCTURE AND HUMAN-RIGHTS, WHILE RELIGIOUS REFORMATION INVOLVES THE REINTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE. IT IS ARGUED THAT WITHOUT SUCH A SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS REFORMATION, MUSLIMS (A QUARTER OF THE EARTH'S POPULATION) WILL BE LESS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCIENCE-DRIVEN 21ST CENTURY WORLD. NOTE THAT MUSLIM LEADERS IN THE UK AND ELSEWHERE ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE NEED OF SUCH AN ESSENTIAL REFORMATION, WITHOUT WHICH, MUSLIMS AS A PEOPLE WILL REMAIN IN A LIMBO AND THUS CONTINUE TO BE VULNERABLE TO EXTREMIST IDEAS. THEREFORE THIS BOOK SHOULD BE A MUST FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN THE CREATION OF A HARMONIOUS ONE-WORLD. LOOK AT WWW.SCIENCEUNDERISLAM.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ON THE KNOWLEDGE POSSESSED BY THE ANCIENT CHINESE OF THE ARABS AND ARABIAN COLONIES, AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, MENTIONED IN CHINESE BOOKS - E. BRETSCHEIDER
1871

WOMEN, ISLAM, AND ABBASID IDENTITY
- NADIA MARIA EL CHEIKH
2015-10-06

WHEN THE ABBASIDS OVERTHREW THE UMAYYADS IN 750 CE AND USHERED IN ISLAM'S GOLDEN AGE, IDEAS ABOUT GENDER AND SEXUALITY WERE CENTRAL TO THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE CALIPHATE ACHIEVED SELF-DEFINITION AND ARTICULATED ITS SYSTEMS OF POWER AND THOUGHT. NADIA MARIA EL CHEIKH'S STUDY REVEALS THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN TO THE WRITING OF EARLY ISLAMIC HISTORY.

THE HOUSE OF WISDOM - JONATHAN LYONS
2011-02-05

FOR CENTURIES FOLLOWING THE FALL OF ROME, WESTERN EUROPE WAS A BENIGHTED BACKWATER, A WORLD OF SUBSISTENCE FARMING, MINIMAL LITERACY, AND VIOLENT CONFLICT. MEANWHILE ARAB CULTURE WAS THRIVING, DAZZLING THOSE EUROPEANS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO CATCH EVEN A GLIMPSE OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES COMING FROM BAGHDAD, ANTIOCH, OR THE CITIES OF PERSIA, CENTRAL ASIA, AND MUSLIM SPAIN. THERE, PHILOSOPHERS, MATHEMATICIANS, AND ASTRONOMERS WERE STEADILY ADVANCING THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE AND REVITALIZING THE WORKS OF PLATO AND ARISTOTLE. IN THE ROYAL LIBRARY OF BAGHDAD, KNOWN AS THE HOUSE OF WISDOM, AN ARMY OF SCHOLARS WORKED AT THE BEHEST OF THE ABBASID CALIPHS. AT A TIME WHEN THE BEST BOOK COLLECTIONS IN EUROPE HELD SEVERAL DOZEN VOLUMES, THE HOUSE OF

WISDOM BOASTED AS MANY AS FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND. EVEN WHILE THEIR COUNTRYMEN WAGED BLOODY CRUSADES AGAINST MUSLIMS, A HANDFUL OF INTREPID CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS, THIRSTY FOR KNOWLEDGE, TRAVELED TO ARAB LANDS AND RETURNED WITH PRICELESS JEWELS OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND PHILOSOPHY THAT LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THE RENAISSANCE. IN THIS BRILLIANT, EVOCATIVE BOOK, LYONS SHOWS JUST HOW MUCH "WESTERN" CULTURE OWES TO THE GLORIES OF MEDIEVAL ARAB CIVILIZATION, AND REVEALS THE UNTOLD STORY OF HOW EUROPE DRANK FROM THE WELL OF MUSLIM LEARNING.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE ABBASID CALIPHATE - A [?] MAD IBN MU [?] AMMAD IBN MISKAWAYH 2014

"THE ECLIPSE OF THE ABBASID CALIPHATE" IS ONE OF THE MOST ORIGINAL AND INTERESTING CHRONICLES TO HAVE SURVIVED FROM THE MEDIAEVAL ISLAMIC WORLD. WRITTEN BY THE NOTED PERSIAN HISTORIAN AND PHILOSOPHER, MISKAWAYH, IT IS A LIVELY, VIGOROUS AND REMARKABLY SECULAR ACCOUNT OF EVENTS DURING A TIME THAT MANY CONSIDER TO BE THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAMIC SCHOLARSHIP. MISKAWAYH'S POSITION AT COURT AND HIS ROLE AS KEEPER OF STATE PAPERS MEANT HE WAS WELL PLACED TO PROVIDE WHAT IS AN EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED ACCOUNT OF EVENTS. TRANSLATED FROM THE ARABIC BY DAVID MARGOLIOUTH, LAUDIAN PROFESSOR OF ARABIC AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY, THE WORK IS LONG OUT

OF PRINT AND NOW VERY RARE. THIS EDITION IS INTRODUCED BY HUGH KENNEDY, A LEADING INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY ON THE PERIOD."-- BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING.

LOST ENLIGHTENMENT - S. FREDERICK STARR 2015-06-02

THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF CENTRAL ASIA'S ENLIGHTENMENT—ITS RISE, FALL, AND ENDURING LEGACY IN THIS SWEEPING AND RICHLY ILLUSTRATED HISTORY, S. FREDERICK STARR TELLS THE FASCINATING BUT LARGELY UNKNOWN STORY OF CENTRAL ASIA'S MEDIEVAL ENLIGHTENMENT THROUGH THE EVENTFUL LIVES AND ASTONISHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ITS GREATEST MINDS—REMARKABLE FIGURES WHO BUILT A BRIDGE TO THE MODERN WORLD. BECAUSE NEARLY ALL OF THESE FIGURES WROTE IN ARABIC, THEY WERE LONG ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN ARABS. IN FACT, THEY WERE FROM CENTRAL ASIA—DRAWN FROM THE PERSIANATE AND TURKIC PEOPLES OF A REGION THAT TODAY EXTENDS FROM KAZAKHSTAN SOUTHWARD THROUGH AFGHANISTAN, AND FROM THE EASTERNMOST PROVINCE OF IRAN THROUGH XINJIANG, CHINA. *LOST ENLIGHTENMENT* RECOUNTS HOW, BETWEEN THE YEARS 800 AND 1200, CENTRAL ASIA LED THE WORLD IN TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE SIZE AND SOPHISTICATION OF ITS CITIES, THE REFINEMENT OF ITS ARTS, AND, ABOVE ALL, IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE IN MANY FIELDS. CENTRAL ASIANS ACHIEVED SIGNAL BREAKTHROUGHS IN ASTRONOMY,

MATHEMATICS, GEOLOGY, MEDICINE, CHEMISTRY, MUSIC, SOCIAL SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, AND THEOLOGY, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS. THEY GAVE ALGEBRA ITS NAME, CALCULATED THE EARTH'S DIAMETER WITH UNPRECEDENTED PRECISION, WROTE THE BOOKS THAT LATER DEFINED EUROPEAN MEDICINE, AND PENNED SOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST POETRY. ONE SCHOLAR, WORKING IN AFGHANISTAN, EVEN PREDICTED THE EXISTENCE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA—FIVE CENTURIES BEFORE COLUMBUS. RARELY IN HISTORY HAS A MORE IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF POLYMATHS APPEARED AT ONE PLACE AND TIME. NO WONDER THAT THEIR WRITINGS INFLUENCED EUROPEAN CULTURE FROM THE TIME OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS DOWN TO THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION, AND HAD A SIMILARLY DEEP IMPACT IN INDIA AND MUCH OF ASIA. LOST ENLIGHTENMENT CHRONICLES THIS FORGOTTEN AGE OF ACHIEVEMENT, SEEKS TO EXPLAIN ITS RISE, AND EXPLORES THE COMPETING THEORIES ABOUT THE CAUSE OF ITS EVENTUAL DEMISE. INFORMED BY THE LATEST SCHOLARSHIP YET WRITTEN IN A LIVELY AND ACCESSIBLE STYLE, THIS IS A BOOK THAT WILL SURPRISE GENERAL READERS AND SPECIALISTS ALIKE.

TRANSLATION IN THE ARAB WORLD -
ADNAN K. ABDULLA 2020-12-30
THE TRANSLATION MOVEMENT OF THE
ABBASID PERIOD, WHICH LASTED FOR
ALMOST THREE HUNDRED YEARS, WAS A
UNIQUE EVENT IN WORLD HISTORY.
DURING THIS PERIOD, MUCH OF THE

INTELLECTUAL TRADITION OF THE
GREEKS, PERSIANS, AND INDIANS WAS
TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC—A
LANGUAGE WITH NO PRIOR HISTORY OF
TRANSLATION OR OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE,
OR PHILOSOPHY. THIS BOOK
INVESTIGATES THE CULTURAL AND
POLITICAL CONFLICTS THAT
TRANSLATION BROUGHT INTO THE NEW
ABBASID STATE FROM A SOCIOLOGICAL
PERSPECTIVE, TREATING TRANSLATION
AS A PROCESS AND A PRODUCT. THE
OPENING CHAPTERS OUTLINE THE
FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE INITIATION
AND CESSATION OF TRANSLATIONAL
ACTIVITY IN THE ABBASID PERIOD
BEFORE DEALING IN INDIVIDUAL
CHAPTERS WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS IN
THE TRANSLATION MOVEMENT, SUCH
AS THE TRANSLATION OF ARISTOTLE'S
POETICS INTO ARABIC, ABDULLAH IBN
AL-MUQAFFA'S SEMINAL TRANSLATION
OF THE INDIAN/PERSIAN KALILAH WA
DIMNA INTO ARABIC AND THE
TRANSLATION OF SCIENTIFIC TEXTS.
OTHER CHAPTERS ADDRESS THE
QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ABBASIDS
HAD A THEORY OF TRANSLATION AND
WHY, DESPITE THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF
TRANSLATION, NOT A SINGLE POEM
WAS TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC. THE
FINAL CHAPTER DEALS WITH THE
INFLUENCE OF TRANSLATION DURING
THIS PERIOD ON THE ARABIC LANGUAGE.
OFFERING NEW READINGS OF MANY
ISSUES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH
THAT PERIOD, INFORMED BY MODERN
THEORIES OF TRANSLATION, THIS IS KEY
READING FOR SCHOLARS AND
RESEARCHERS IN TRANSLATION

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