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Islamic Thought in the Dialogue of Cultures

2015-08-28

islamic thought is the most beautiful result of a multicultural dialogue islamic culture became a bridge between antiquity iranian scholars syriac and arabic christians and the latin middle ages its richness of ideas its plurality of values can contribute to the requirements of modern plurality the monograph aims at a historical and bibliographical survey of the qur'anic and rational world view of early islam of the period of translations from greek into syriac and arabic and of the impact of islamic thought on the latin middle ages critical reflexions of muslim scholars stimulated new scientific ideas and make us aware of the contribution of islam to humanity

Islamic Thought

2006-01-01

for the first time muslims are faced with a worldwide positivism which is working to use knowledge the sciences and their discoveries and achievements in a manner which severs the relationship between the creator the created universe and man thereby disregarding the world of the unseen and driving a wedge between science and values lacking even the most modest store of vital islamic doctrine on the intellectual level university students and researchers in the islamic world are confronted with doctrines and philosophies which are presented to them together with a flimsy miserable defense of islam there is not a single academic institution in the islamic world in which islamic thought is taught and in which the islamic vision is given a deep rooted foundation with the same force and persuasiveness with which western ideas and the western vision are taught to students in the west in a coherent comprehensive manner accompanied by seriousness and commitment on the part of all the books argues that this approach is diametrically opposed to the islamic perspective and that we must disengage human scientific achievement from positivistic philosophical premises and reemploy these sciences within a systematic epistemological framework based on divine revelation conferring honor upon all forms of knowledge as having been bestowed upon man by their creator

In Search of the Lost Heart

2012-02-15

renowned scholar william c chittick explores the worldview of islam in a series of essays written over thirty six years

Islamic Thought

2006-11-22

islamic thought is a fresh and contemporary introduction to the philosophies and doctrines of islam abdullah saeed a distinguished muslim scholar traces the development of religious knowledge in islam from the pre modern to the modern period the book focuses on muslim thought as well as the development production and transmission of religious knowledge and the trends schools and movements that have contributed to the production of this knowledge key topics in islamic culture are explored including the development of the islamic intellectual tradition the two foundation texts the qur an and hadith legal thought theological thought mystical thought islamic art philosophical thought political thought and renewal reform and rethinking today through this rich and varied

discussion saeed presents a fascinating depiction of how islam was lived in the past and how its adherents practise it in the present islamic thought is essential reading for students beginning the study of islam but will also interest anyone seeking to learn more about one of the world s great religions

Prayer in Islamic Thought and Practice

2013-04-29

the five daily prayers salāt that constitute the second pillar of islam deeply pervade the everyday life of observant muslims until now however no general study has analyzed the rules governing salāt the historical dimensions of its practice and the rich variety of ways that it has been interpreted within the islamic tradition marion holmes katz s richly textured book offers a broad historical survey of the rules values and interpretations relating to salāt this innovative study on the subject examines the different ways in which prayer has been understood in islamic law sufi mysticism and islamic philosophy katz s book also goes beyond the spiritual realm to analyze the political dimensions of prayer including scholars concerns about the righteousness and piety of rulers the last chapter raises significant issues around gender roles including the question of women s participating in and leading public worship this book will resonate with students of islamic history and comparative religion

Islamic Thought

2010-10-12

dr imadaldin al jubouri was born on monday morning in 28 12 1953 where the flood just began in baghdad which is known as flood of 1954 therefore the author registration was march 4 1954 he brought up in baghdad where finished his education a british citizen of iraqi origin he completed his high degrees in greenwich compass college in 1990 a father of three daughters from his relative wife abir fulltime writer and translator he published many articles and studies in several arabic and english newspapers journals and magazines such as al arab international ad dustor azzaman philosophy now pro quest information and learning in london new york beirut amman and baghdad further to his entertained in some arabic satellite channels such as ann Nile alrafidain almustakillah and alhiwar in london and cairo

Commanding Right and Forbidding Wrong in Islamic Thought

2001-01-25

do we have a duty to stop others doing wrong the question is intelligible in any civilisation but only in the islamic tradition is commanding right and forbidding wrong a central moral tenet michael cook s analysis is the first to chart the history of islamic reflection on this obligation

The Foundations of Islam and Islamic Thought

2017-07-15

amidst growing concerns about radical religious terrorism and general misinformation about the islamic faith this authoritative academic guide reveals the rich historical development and core theological teachings of the world s second largest religion by

covering islam s philosophical development in detail alongside biographical treatments of several key thinkers this book unveils the beliefs of an oft misunderstood religion through an in depth exploration of muslim principles this book demystifies islam and provides a greater context in which to understand the islamic faith

New Directions in Islamic Thought

2011-02-25

this is an important and prestigious volume showcasing leading progressive islamic thinkers it includes new essay by controversial public intellectual and muslim scholar tariq ramadan it offers strong appeal to policymakers and as well as students and scholars of religion and the middle east how are muslims to reconcile their beliefs with the pressures and imperatives of the modern world how should they handle the tension between their roles as private citizens and their religious affiliations and identities this groundbreaking volume shows in what ways prominent muslim intellectuals have themselves attempted to bridge the gap by recasting traditional islamic notions in the light of contemporary understandings of equality justice and pluralism the contributors to the book examine the tradition that they seek to reform in relation to the human rights ethic of the modern world the new wave of islamic thinking which they represent emerges as multi stranded rather than defined by a single trend or doctrine themes covered include a deconstruction of patriarchal interpretations of the qur an the distinctions between universal and context specific parts of islamic texts a re contextualisation of shari a law and a critique of religious jurisprudence particularly where this impacts on matters of sex and gender old texts are re interpreted through the lived situations of real people today the result is an indispensable portrayal of progressive islamic thought in the twenty first century which will be an invaluable resource for students and scholars of religion ethics and middle east studies

Tajdid, Islah and Civilisational Renewal in Islam

2018-09-15

the history of islamic thought is marked by a continuous tradition of internal revitalisation and reform embedded in the principles of islah and tajdid the ultimate purpose has been to bring existing realities and social change in line with the transcendant and universal standard of the qur an and sunnah through a process of restoration and reform the tradition of islah tajdid has thus consistently challenged the muslim status quo and prompted fresh interpretation of the qur an and sunnah understood and implemented through the methodologies of interpretation and ijti had as well as the rejection of unwarranted accretions to the original messages of islam the basic theme of the paper is that civilisational renewal is an integral part of islamic thought the paper looks into the meaning definition and origins of tajdid and islah and their relationship with ijti had and how these have been manifested in the writings and contributions of the thought leaders of islam throughout its history it also develops tajdid related formulas and guidelines that should lead the efforts of contemporary muslims in forging the objectives of inter civilisational harmony and their cooperation for the common good

Islamic Thought in the Twentieth Century

2004-07-02

this book provides in depth discussions of islamic thought across the twentieth century encompassing the breadth of self expression in muslim communities world wide it explores key themes in modern islamic thinking including the social origins and

ideological underpinnings of the late nineteenth early twentieth century islamic reformist project nationalism in the muslim world islamist attitudes towards democracy the science of islamic economics islamist notions of family and the role of women muslim perceptions and constructions of the west and aspects of muslim thinking on christians and jews publisher

Prophetic Niche in the Virtuous City

2011-06-09

analyzing the concept of hikmah in early islamic texts this book brings earliest scholarly materials to the service of modern readers and thus offers a comprehensive contextualization of this subtle and elusive notion in the collective usage of early muslim authors especially in the works of lexicographers exegetes philosophers and sufis

Light upon Light: Essays in Islamic Thought and History in Honor of Gerhard Bowering

2019-10-01

light upon light essays in islamic thought and history in honor of gerhard bowering brings together studies that explore the richness of islamic intellectual life in the pre modern period

Faith and Fidelity in Islamic Thought

2022-12-31

explores the classical background and contemporary relevance of key topics in jurisprudence and theology

Theodicy in Islamic Thought

2014-07-14

the first detailed study of islamic theodicy the book points out distinctively islamic formulations and solutions of the problem of the best of all possible worlds and shows where they coincide with western versions such as that of leibniz originally published in 1984 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

Fundamentals of Islamic Thought

1985

fitzroy morrissey s brilliant guide to islamic thought from its foundation in the seventh century to the present day a magisterial accomplishment professor eugene rogan the best guide to islamic thinking that i ve read james barr i greatly enjoyed it peter

frankopan spectator books of the year day after day we read of the caliphate and the qur an of sunni and shi a salafis and sufis almost a quarter of the world s populate is muslim understanding the modern world requires knowing something about islam tracing fourteen centuries of islamic history from the foundation of islam in the seventh century and the life of muhammad through the growth of great islamic empires to the often fraught modern period fitzroy morrissey considers questions of interpretation and legacy of god and his relationship with his followers of the lives of muslims and how they relate to others he presents the key teachings of the qur an and hadith analyzes the great works of islamic theology philosophy and law and delves into the mystical writings of the sufis he considers the impact of foreign cultures greek and persian jewish and christian on early islam accounts for the crystallization of the sunni and shi i forms of the faith and explains the rise of intellectual trends like islamic modernism and islamism in recent times in this way morrissey presents not a monolithic creed but a nuanced faith made up of several often competing and always fascinating intellectual tendencies this concise and engaging volume will appeal to readers looking to better understand the world s second largest religion and to those interested in the intellectual history of the last millennium and a half

A Short History of Islamic Thought

2021-11-11

mohammed arkoun is one of the muslim world s foremost thinkers his efforts to liberate islamic history from dogmatic constructs have led him to a radical review of traditional history drawing on a combination of pertinent disciplines history sociology psychology and anthropology his approach subjects every system of belief and non belief every tradition of exegesis theology and jurisprudence to a critique aimed at liberating reason from the grip of dogmatic postulates by treating islam as a religion as well as a time honoured tradition of thought arkoun s work aims at overcoming the limitations of descriptive narrative and chronological modes in history by recommending that the entire development of islamic thought from quranic to present day fundamentalist discourses be subjected to a critical analysis guided by these categories the expected outcome of such a strategy is an emancipated political reason working hand in hand with a truly creative imagination for a radical re construction of mind and society in the contemporary muslim world

The Unthought in Contemporary Islamic Thought

2002

this is an era when the islamic world is making a range of attempts to redefine itself and to grapple with the challenges of modernity many schools of thought have emerged which seek to position modern islam within the context of a rapidly changing contemporary world exploring and defining the relationship between religion and knowledge ismail rafi al faruqi a distinguished 20th century arab american scholar of islam formulated ideas which have made substantial contributions to the islam and modernity discourse his review of the interaction between islam and knowledge examines the philosophy behind this relationship and the ways in which islam can relate to our understanding of science the arts architecture technology and other knowledge based fields of enquiry this book includes contributions from seyed hossein nasr john esposito charles fletcher and others and will prove an essential reference point for scholars of islam and students of philosophy and comparative religion bloomsbury publishing

Islam and Knowledge

2012

this book explores the theology and philosophy of the distinguished modern muslim scholar and theologian bediuzzaman said nursi d 1960 nursi wrote in both ottoman turkish and arabic and his life and thought reflected the transition of modern turkey from an empire to a secular republic the contributors to this volume shed new light on two major dimensions of nursi s thought theodicy and justice classical muslim theologians debated these two important issues however we must consider the modern debate of these issues in the context of the radical political and social transformations of modern turkey nursi explored these matters as they related to the development of state and society and the crisis of islam in the modern secular nation state nursi is the founder of a faith movement in contemporary turkey with millions of followers worldwide in this book distinguished scholars in islamic middle eastern and turkish studies explore nursi s thought on theodicy and justice in comparison with a number of western philosophers theologians and men of letters such as dante merton kant and moltman this book presents an invaluable resource for studies in comparative religion philosophy and islamic and middle eastern studies

Theodicy and Justice in Modern Islamic Thought

2013-06-28

the reconstruction of religious thought in islam 1930 is muhammad iqbal s major philosophic work a series of profound reflections on the perennial conflict among science religion and philosophy culminating in new visions of the unity of human knowledge of the human spirit and of god iqbal s thought contributed significantly to the establishment of pakistan to the religious and political ideals of the iranian revolution and to the survival of muslim identity in parts of the former ussr it now serves as new bridge between east and west and between islam and the other religions of the book with a new introduction by javed majeed this edition of the reconstruction opens the teachings of iqbal to the modern western reader it will be essential reading for all those interested in islamic intellectual history the renewal of islam in the modern world and political theory of islam s relationship to the west

The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam

2013-05-22

an attempt to renew islamic thought by the pakistani philosopher translated into kurdis

The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam

2017-11-13

the debates on islam and modernity clearly include in their analysis notions of the state abdelillah belkeziz here charts the development of the concept of the state al dawlah in islamic discourse over the last two centuries the result is a tour de force survey of the most influential muslim thinkers of the modern era which encompasses three successive waves the modernist trends of the early and later reformers like sayyed jamal eddin al afghani the dogmatism of ideologues like hasan al bana and the rhetoric of revivalists like the ayatollah khomeini through this analysis belkeziz argues that modern islamic political thought succeeded

in producing ideologies but ultimately failed to produce a unified theory of state this work is an essential encyclopedic resource for all scholars and researchers of political islam and will become a standard work in the field

The State in Contemporary Islamic Thought

2009-08-30

jihād is often assumed to refer to armed combat and muslim martyrdom is understood to be invariably of the military kind by canvassing a more diverse range of texts qur an tafsir hadith edifying and hortatory literature this book recuperates a more nuanced and multifaceted understanding of both jihād and martyrdom through time

Islamic Thought And Its Philosophy

2006-01-01

the reconstruction of religious thought in islam is a compilation of lectures delivered by muhammad iqbal on islamic philosophy and published in 1930 these lectures were delivered by iqbal in madras hyderabad and aligarh in reconstruction iqbal called for a re examination of the intellectual foundations of islamic philosophy the book is a major work of modern islamic thought it was a major influence on iranian sociologist ali shariati and other contemporary muslim reformers including tariq ramadan

Striving in the Path of God

2013-06-27

the studies in this volume which cover an unusually wide range of topics in the arabic humanities and islamic thought explore the richness of the arabic literary tradition and islamic intellectual life from the beginnings of islam to the present

Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam

2016-12-21

this excellent book is translated from the original arabic book *alfikr al islami* by sheikh muhammad ibn muhammad ismael abduh an islamic jurist alim writer from azhar egypt the cultural invasion of the muslim lands by the west has befogged the minds of the muslims and turned them away from the islamic culture *thaqaafah al islamiyyah* the west ensured that its civilization *hadhaarah* was spread all over the muslim lands in the form of laws concepts and authority this was due to the decline in the authority of islam and the deviation of the good task from its course and because of the misleading propaganda that waged its campaign against islam and its culture as the ummah now realizes the western plan and wakes up to revive itself and free itself from the tangles of the western civilization this book comes handy in explaining many of the important issues related to islam being an ideology the author muhammad ibn muhammad ismael abduh painstakingly goes through several subjects including the subject of *maslaha* and where does it lie the method of thinking the penal code in islam political awareness in over 36 chapters in this 150 page book a must read for every one who is concerned about the muslim ummah and dawa carriers working for bringing revival in the ummah

Arabic Humanities, Islamic Thought

2017-02-20

this collection of papers presents a reformist project calling upon muslim intellectuals and scholars everywhere to comprehend the vast breadth and depth of the crisis engulfing muslim thought today and the necessity of solving this crisis to enable the ummah to experience a revival and fulfill its role among the nations of the world the reader will find a variety of articles dealing with this intellectual crises these include a chapter on ijtihad s role and history important since our intellectual problems cannot be solved without the scholars use of independent reasoning and creativity another discusses imitation taqlid calling upon muslim scholars and intellectuals to abandon imitation and to stop favoring the past over the present when trying to solve modern problems another looks at human rights

Islamic Thought

2016-11-02

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Issues in Contemporary Islamic Thought

2005-01-01

the one issue that intrigued me during my formative years was not so much the tendency to inherit one s religious beliefs but the vigour with which one tended to defend one s own turf while belittling the similarly inherited beliefs of others it seemed to me that if there was but one standard answer as to the correctness of a specific belief system all thinking minds should have gravitated towards this obvious solution the religion of islam which stands for submission to the will of god and for peace is unfortunately in the spotlight for quite some time for all the wrong reasons the volatile mix of religion which is moralistic in character and politics which is opportunistic in nature is precisely what has been afflicting islam since the times of the early umayyad and abbasid dynasties in the way that it is practised islam is by no means a monolithic faith nor is it simplistically divided into the sunni and shia belief systems as commonly perceived apart from politically inspired causes differences primarily stem from interpretation which spill over from the quranic domain to the field of prophetic traditions hadiths the centrality of

the prophet muhammad saw to the religion of islam cannot be ignored as the quran not only extols him as a perfect exemplar and as a mercy to all mankind but repeatedly exhorts the believers to obey allah and obey his prophet in the same breath the authenticity of the prophets traditions is however exclusively based as per the sunni muslim perspective on the chain of transmission rather than its subject matter considering that there were literally tens of thousands of fabricated traditions floating around by the time concerted efforts for their collection were initiated it seems surprising that many if not most islamic scholars have used hadiths to supplant rather than supplement the word of god the diversity in islamic thought over the ages is on display in this book the first seven chapters explore the origins and spread of ideologies like the khwarjis the abadis the kaysannia the murjiyya the jabbariyyah the qadariyyah the various sufi silsilas the four sunni madhabs hanafis malikis shafiis hambalis the mutazillites the maturidis the asharis the ahle quran the twelver shias and other shia denominations the mukhtariyah the alawis the zaidis the ismailis the mustalians the nizaris the tayyibis the hafizis the dawoodi bohras the radical reformist ideologies of ibn taymiyyah and ibn abd al wahhab and in our very own backyard the deobandi tablighi jamaat ahle hadith barelvi and ahmadi movements of 19th century colonial india the subsequent chapters are devoted to an analysis of the pitiful state the islamic community finds itself in prior going on to offer meaningful recommendations for coming out of this morass in general islamic reformation can only come about by seeking enlightenment from the quran while a meaningful understanding of the quranic message in turn is dependent on a recourse to the faculty of reason a theme which is seen to resonate throughout the book of divine guidance the quran s message has unfortunately become so distorted at the hands of its practitioners that it has become difficult to discern the basic principles that it espouses maintaining unity adopting the path of moderation enjoining what is just forbidding what is evil avoiding transgression oppression and profane talk enduring with fortitude displaying mercy rendering charity clinging to the truth and rejecting falsehood there can indeed be no better code of conduct the community of islam can thus only reclaim its rightful place in the comity of nations if it holds fast to the rope of allah by enjoining what is just and forbidding what is evil for as the quran puts it truth stands clear from error

New Directions in Islamic Thought

2008

what kind of duty do we have to try to stop other people doing wrong the question is intelligible in just about any culture but few of them seek to answer it in a rigorous fashion the most striking exception is found in the islamic tradition where commanding right and forbidding wrong is a central moral tenet already mentioned in the koran as an historian of islam whose research has ranged widely over space and time michael cook is well placed to interpret this complex subject his book represents the first sustained attempt to map the history of islamic reflection on this obligation it covers the origins of muslim thinking about forbidding wrong the relevant doctrinal developments over the centuries and its significance in sunni and shi ite thought today in this way the book contributes to the understanding of islamic thought its relevance to contemporary islamic politics and ideology and raises fundamental questions for the comparative study of ethics publisher description

Diversity of Islamic Thought: Coming to Terms

2018-10-22

after september 11 islam became nearly synonymous with fundamentalism in the eyes of western media and literature however widely held this view may be it is at odds with islam s rich political history renowned egyptian scholar nasr abû zayd here considers the full breadth of contemporary muslim writings to examine the diverse political religious and cultural views that inform discourse in the islamic world reformation of islamic thought explores the writings of intellectuals from egypt to iran to indonesia probing

their efforts to expand islam beyond traditional and legalistic interpretations zayd reveals that many muslim thinkers advocate culturally enlightened islam with an emphasis on individual faith he then investigates the extent of these muslim reformers success in generating an authentic renewal of islamic ideology asking if such thinkers have escaped the traditionalist trap of presenting a negative image to the west a fascinating and highly relevant study for our times reformation of islamic thought is an essential analysis of islam s present and future

Commanding Right and Forbidding Wrong in Islamic Thought

2000

bringing together essays on topics related to islamic law this book is composed of articles by prominent legal scholars and historians of islam they exemplify a critical development in the field of islamic studies the proliferation of methodological approaches that employ a broad variety of sources to analyze social and political developments

Reformation of Islamic Thought

2006

the debate over allah s attribute the nature and the inner articulation of allah is one of the focal debates in the intellectual history of islam this edited collection aims to highlight and examine some aspects of this debate in their original context based on the relevant primary literature by showing that even an apparently self evident concept such as allah which lies at the heart of every reading of islam is highly ambiguous and polysemous the chapters also emphasise the plurality that has always existed in islamic thought through highlighting the philosophical and theological reflections on the concept of allah the results of this study challenge the juristic reading of islam in which allah s function consists mainly in providing a detailed plan for the human life and also rewarding or punishing the ones who deviates from it the book also attempts to demonstrate the relevance and the actuality of the tradition and to stress its contemporaneity this volume makes a significant part of the intellectual tradition of islam accessible for students and scholars of islamic theology islamic philosophy islamic studies and the like as well as providing a secondary source for teaching on the debate in question

Law and Tradition in Classical Islamic Thought

2013-01-06

this book provides a comprehensive overview of the concept of takfir in islamic thought it discusses the concept in the doctrines of the major theological schools and in the thought of prominent medieval muslim theologians

The Attributes of God in Islamic Thought

2024

some of the foremost living scholars in islamic thought have come together to create a standard and definitive work on the subject of islamic thought noted scholars from north america europe and the middle east offer new and generative interpretations of major themes in the field they address perennial theological and philosophical questions the nature of the god head the ultimate

constitution of matter the world's origin causality divine providence and the existence of evil freedom and determinism political wisdom and the reaches of human knowledge the contributions include historical and analytical expositions of these issues in medieval islam as well as discussions of individual thinkers translations of arabic texts with commentary comparisons of greek and islamic thought and bibliographical and textual sources as a whole these essays offer a wealth of philosophical theological bibliographical philological and historical information among the outstanding contributions are an article by charles butterworth on aristotle's rhetoric and how it was understood by al farabi avicenna and averroes richard m frank's essay on the concepts of atoms and bodies one of the most complex subjects in islamic theology and an article by shams inati on ibn sina and single expressions that discusses how language relates to mental processes and the unknown michael e marmura develops a new perspective on the subject of efficient causality emphasizing the paradigmatic position of god's relationship to the world muhsin mahdi analyzes a treatise of averroes that deals with the relationship between philosophy and law

Takfir in Islamic Thought

2017

this book represents the perspective of a number of concerned and dedicated muslim scholars it is a vision which embodies the basic principles of islamic methodology coupled with an action plan to realize the reconstruction of muslim thought and the islamization of the humanities and the social sciences the international institute of islamic thought presents this book to the muslim ummah as an action plan it is meant as a guide to be adopted thereby to foster the awareness of ummah of its worth and potential of the real causes of its civilizational crisis and of the ways and means to overcome malaise

Islamic Theology and Philosophy

1984-01-01

studies in islamic civilization draws upon the works of western scholars to make the case that without the tremendous contribution of the muslim world there would have been no renaissance in europe for almost a thousand years islam was arguably one of the leading civilizations of the world spanning a geographic area greater than any other it eliminated social distinctions between classes and races made clear that people should enjoy the bounties of the earth provided they did not ignore morals and ethics and rescued knowledge that would have been lost if not forever then at least for centuries the genius of its scholars triggered the intellectual tradition of europe and for over seven hundred years its language arabic was the international language of science strange then that its legacy lies largely ignored and buried in time in the words of aldous huxley great is truth but still greater from a practical point of view is silence about truth by simply not mentioning certain subjects propagandists have influenced opinion much more effectively than they could have by the most eloquent denunciations studies in islamic civilization is a compelling attempt to redress this wrong and restore the historical truths of a golden age that ushered in the islamic renaissance and as a by product that of the west in doing so it gives a bird's eye view of the achievements of a culture that at its height was considered the model of human progress and development

Islamization of Knowledge

1995-01-01

this book explores the reasons for the creation of humanity on earth from the perspective of ancient and contemporary muslim

thinkers aiming to lay the outlines of a qur'anic theory of human existential function the author proceeds from the assumption that until now contemporary islamic scholarship has suffered from the absence of theorisation about a qur'anic conception of human existential function vicegerency lacking a unified philosophical and epistemological frame of reference challenging common perceptions among contemporary muslim reformists regarding the human existential function the author examines both classical and contemporary thought as well as conducting a thorough and comprehensive analysis of qur'anic passages that ground the theory of vicegerency within a cosmic scheme ultimately a new approach for understanding the human existential function from within the qur'anic worldview is proposed for the first time then this book offers an integral induction and categorisation of qur'anic teleological concepts combining them within a coherent framework that reveals the outlines of a vicegerency theory and a qur'anic worldview suitable for both scholars and laypersons the book serves as a landmark textbook in the fields of islamic philosophy theological anthropology and qur'anic studies

Studies in Islamic Civilization

2010-01-01

Vicegerency in Islamic Thought and Scripture

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