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The Mystery of Numbers: Revealed Through Their Digital Root - Talal Ghannam 2012-07-04

What is it that brings all these different things together? The subatomic particles and the Vedic square. The hydrogen atom and the golden section. Fibonacci numbers, consciousness, and alchemy. Nikola Tesla, music, and the ether. Electromagnetism, gravity, and the fourth dimension. The procession of the equinox, the Mayan dooms day, the Hindu Brahma cycle, and Atlantis. It is Numbers, or more precisely; their Digital Root. In this book the author examines the amazing world of numbers, particularly those which have intrigued and fascinated ancient and modern mathematicians alike. However, he does it from a very novel point of view; by implementing the digital root operation, in which the individual digits of any of these numbers are summed up until a single digit is left over. The author will show that when applying this simple operation to magical numbers, and to many other groups of numbers, an amazing world of hidden interconnections; repetition cycles; numerical symmetries; and geometrical patterns emerge. Especially when the geometrical (the circle) and the numerical aspects of the digital root world are combined together. It is in this circular/numerical world where numbers, individually and collectively, exist in their most basic, yet perfect and symmetrical states, and where the basic nine numbers are differentiated into three groups of amazing properties, which will be shown to

underlie the essence of the whole universe; from the atom and its forces to the solar system and its geometry. This book will take us on a numerical and spiritual journey: starting from prime and figurate numbers; to Fibonacci sequence and the golden section; to alchemy and the Mayan calendar; to the atoms and its forces, along with the ether and the fourth dimension. In addition, the author will show how these new revelations of the digital root world are corroborating the numerological and mystical qualities that have been attributed to numbers by philosophers and mystics throughout the ages. This book will paint a so holistic and meaningful image of the world that will forever change our perception, not only towards numbers, but towards the whole universe as well.

Legacy of the Luoshu - Frank Swetz 2008-06-16

A symbol of the Divine, a good luck charm, a cosmogram of the world order, a template for fengshui-through the ages, the luoshu, or magic square of order three, has fascinated people of many different cultures. In this riveting account of cultural detective work, renowned mathematics educator, Frank J. Swetz relates how he uncovered the previously h

The Mystery of Numbers - Annemarie Schimmel 1994-04-07

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scholar of Islamic culture, Annemarie Schimmel draws on her vast knowledge to paint a rich, cross-cultural portrait of the many meanings of numbers. Engaging and accessible, her account uncovers the roots of a phenomenon we all feel every Friday the thirteenth.

Sharī'at and Ambiguity in South Asian Islam
- Katherine Pratt Ewing 1988

The Tao of Wu - The RZA 2009-10-15

From the founder of the Wu-Tang Clan—celebrating their 25th anniversary this year—an inspirational book for the hip hop fan. The RZA, founder of the Wu-Tang Clan, imparts the lessons he's learned on his journey from the Staten Island projects to international superstardom. A devout student of knowledge in every form in which he's found it, he distills here the wisdom he's acquired into seven "pillars," each based on a formative event in his life—from the moment he first heard the call of hip-hop to the death of his cousin and Clan-mate, Russell Jones, aka ODB. Delivered in RZA's unmistakable style, at once surprising, profound, and provocative, *The Tao of Wu* is a spiritual memoir the world has never seen before, and will never see again. A nonfiction Siddhartha for the hip-hop generation from the author of *The Wu-Tang Manual*, it will enlighten, entertain, and inspire.

Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America [Five Volumes] - Eugene V. Gallagher 2006

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Magic and Divination in Early Islam - Emilie Savage-Smith 2021-01-20

Magic and divination in early Islam encompassed a wide range of practices, including belief in jinn, warding off the evil eye,

the production of amulets and other magical equipment, conjuring, wonder-working, dream interpretation, predicting the weather, casting lots, astrology, and physiognomy. The ten studies here are concerned with the pre-Islamic antecedents of such practices, and with the theory of magic in healing, the nature and use of amulets and their decipherment, the arts of astrometeorology and geomancy, the refutation of astrology, and the role of the astrologer in society. Some of the studies are highly illustrated, some long out of print, some revised or composed for this volume, and one translated into English for the first time. These fundamental investigations, together with the introductory bibliographic essay, are intended as a guide to the concepts, terminology, and basic scholarly literature of an important, but often overlooked, aspect of classical Islamic culture. [Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America: African diaspora traditions and other American innovations](#) - Eugene V. Gallagher 2006

Annotation. Most new or alternative religious are gravely misunderstood by members of the religious mainstream. Labeled cults or sects, groups and their members are often ridiculed or otherwise disregarded as weird and potentially dangerous by the populace at large. Despite their efforts at educating the general public, the various anti- and counter-cult activists have in fact promoted much more mis-understanding than accurate understanding of the religious lives of some of their fellow citizens.

Consequently, they have helped to create a very hostile environment for anyone whose religious practices do not fit within a so-called mainstream. This set rectifies the situation by presenting accurate, comprehensive, authoritative and accessible accounts of various new and alternative religious movements that have been and are active in American society, and it addresses ways of understanding new and alternative religions within a broader context. Determining what actually constitutes a new or alternative religion is a subject of constant debate. Questions arise as to a new faith's legitimacy, beliefs, methods of conversion, and other facets of a religious movement's viability and place in a given culture. How a religion gains recognition by the mainstream, which

often labels such new movements as cults, is fraught with difficulty, tension, and fear. Here, experts delineate the boundaries and examine the various groups, beliefs, movements, and other issues related to new faiths and alternative beliefs. Readers will come away with a fuller understanding of the religious landscape in America today. Volume 1: History and Controversies discusses the foundations of new and alternative religions in the United States and addresses the controversies that surround them. This volume helps readers better understand what makes a new or alternative belief system a religion and the issues involved. Volume 2: Jewish and Christian Traditions explores the various new religions that have grown out of these two Abrahamic faiths. Groups such as the Shakers, the People's Temple, the Branch Davidians, Jehovah's Witnesses and others are examined. Volume 3: Metaphysical, New Age, and Neopagan Movements looks at Shamanism, Spiritualism, Wicca, and Paganism, among other movements, as they have developed and grown in the U.S. These faiths have found new and devoted followers yet are often misunderstood. Volume 4: Asian Traditions focuses on those new and alternative religions that have been inspired by Asian religious traditions. From Baha'i to Soka Gakkai, from Adidam to the Vedanta Society, contributors look at a full range of groups practicing and worshipping in the U.S. today. Volume 5: African Diaspora Traditions and Other American Innovations examines the various traditions linked to the African diaspora such as Rastafarianism, Santeria, and the Nation of Islam, alongside traditions that are truly American incarnations like Scientology, UFO religions, and Heaven's Gate. Some of the new and alternative religions covered in these pages include: ; Shamanism ; Wicca ; Black Israelites ; Santeria ; Scientology ; Elan Vital ; Hare Krishna ; Soka Gakkai ; and many more

Pronology - The Dynamic Name Science -
Pandtit Alahar Vijay

Encyclopedia of Islam - Juan Eduardo Campo
2009

Explores the terms, concepts, personalities, historical events, and institutions that helped shape the history of this religion and the way it

is practiced today.

Al-Qushayri's Epistle on Sufism - 'Abd al-Karīm ibn Hawāzin Qushayrī 2007

Provides an insight into the everyday lives of Sufi devotees of the eighth-eleventh centuries and the moral and ethical dilemmas they were facing. This work invites the reader to explore the world of Islamic ascetic and mystical piety.

Metaphysical Africa - Michael Muhammad Knight 2021-11-30

The Ansaru Allah Community, also known as the Nubian Islamic Hebrews (AAC/NIH) and later the Nuwaubians, is a deeply significant and controversial African American Muslim movement. Founded in Brooklyn in the 1960s, it spread through the prolific production and dissemination of literature and lecture tapes and became famous for continuously reinventing its belief system. In this book, Michael Muhammad Knight studies the development of AAC/NIH discourse over a period of thirty years, tracing a surprising consistency behind a facade of serial reinvention. It is popularly believed that the AAC/NIH community abandoned Islam for Black Israelite religion, UFO religion, and Egyptosophy. However, Knight sees coherence in AAC/NIH media, explaining how, in reality, the community taught that the Prophet Muhammad was a Hebrew who adhered to Israelite law; Muhammad's heavenly ascension took place on a spaceship; and Abraham enlisted the help of a pharaonic regime to genetically engineer pigs as food for white people. Against narratives that treat the AAC/NIH community as a postmodernist deconstruction of religious categories, Knight demonstrates that AAC/NIH discourse is most productively framed within a broader African American metaphysical history in which boundaries between traditions remain quite permeable. Unexpected and engrossing, Metaphysical Africa brings to light points of intersection between communities and traditions often regarded as separate and distinct. In doing so, it helps move the field of religious studies beyond conventional categories of "orthodoxy" and "heterodoxy," challenging assumptions that inform not only the study of this particular religious community but also the field at large.

The Spy of the Heart - Robert Abdul Hayy Darr
2006

Exploring the doctrines and practices of

contemporary Islamic spirituality in Afghanistan, this book draws the reader into the complex world of Sufism, the mystical dimension of Islam. Because of its long history of metaphysical and theological inquiry, Sufism has over the centuries developed a religious sophistication that offers an alternative to militant and literalist Islam. The narrative and personal descriptions of the people and cultures of rural Afghanistan allow readers to better understand the positive aspects of Islam and to feel the depths of Afghan yearning and sorrow after decades of war.

A Spirit of Tolerance - Amadou Hampaté Bâ
2008

The story of remarkable individuals should belong to the world, as well as to a specific time and place. In a world where religious faiths are often at odds with each other, the story of Tierno Bokar should be shared.

Esotericism in African American Religious Experience - 2014-11-06

Esotericism in African American Religious Experience: "There is a Mystery" ..., brings together groundbreaking essays that inaugurate Africana Esoteric Studies (AES): a new trans-disciplinary enterprise that investigates esoteric lore and practices in Africa and the African Diaspora.

An Introduction to Numerology - Arun Bansal
Numerology is the science of numbers which interpretes and predicts the destiny of a person taking into account his date of birth and the numerical value of the letters of the name. There are a number of systems that evolved since the inception of civilization to foretell the present, past and future. Out of these systems, Numerology is also one of the most prominent systems and is being practised effectively since ancient times in different regions of the world, off course with certain subtle variations. In India also, it evolved during the Vedic Period and since then our Seers and Rishis have used this wonderful science to foretell the destiny of human being very correctly and effectively and guided them to shape up their activities as per the indication of the numbers being prominent at a particular point of time. Anybody can learn numerology to know about the basic traits and nature of a native. The vibration of numbers has a specific impact on the life of native. This book contains complete information about the basics

of numerology. This great book of numerology talks about the origin of numbers, mysterious power of numbers, information about radical number and destiny number, relation of numerology and name, Ank Kundali, horary astrology, role of numerology in electional astrology, recommendations about property, vastu, vehicle and profession on the basis of numerology, and remedies of numerology. This book is presented before the readers and the students of AIFAS to enable them to understand the power of numbers, calculate them and use them effectively in their lives. Purely Vedic system has been incorporated within the ambit of the book although there are several other effective systems prevalent in different parts of the world. The whole book has been divided into 12 chapters. The first two chapters deals with the origin, nature and qualities of numbers. Chapter 3 & 4 teaches how to calculate the Radical and Lucky numbers and predict on the basis of these numbers. Chapters 5 & 6 is about the calculation of name numbers, preparation of Ank kundli and their interpretation. Chapter 7 deals with the Mook Prashna in which it is interpreted how a numerologist can predict about the nature of a question, the querist is about to ask and how and where a lost object can be found out. The rest of the chapters are concerned with the remedial measures to rectify the ill effects of any particular number or group of numbers.

The White Castle - Orhan Pamuk 2015-10-14

In the seventeenth century, a young Italian scholar sailing from Venice to Naples is taken prisoner and delivered to Constantinople, into the custody of a scholar known as Hoja—'master'—a man who is his exact double. Hoja wonders, given the knowledge of each other's most intimate secrets, if they could actually exchange identities. Set in a world of magnificent scholarship and terrifying savagery, The White Castle is a colourful and intricately patterned triumph of the imagination.

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science, and Technology in Islam - Salim Ayduz 2014

"The Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science and Technology in Islam (OEPSTI) builds upon the celebrated Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World and brings together the rich

history of philosophical and scientific disciplines in Islam over the last fourteen centuries."-- Preface, v. 1, p. xvii.

Astrology and Numerology in Medieval and Early Modern Catalonia - John Scott Lucas
2003-01-01

From a late 15th-century Catalan incunabulum and drawing on a rich tradition of astrological magic, geomancy, Pythagorean numerology and Hebrew gematria, this practical manual reveals a unique expression of medieval syncretism, the mingling of traditions and the development of new ideas.

Muslim Neoplatonists - Ian Richard Netton
2013-12-16

The tenth or eleventh century group of the Brethren of Purity (Ikhwan al Safa) are as well known in the Arab world as Darwin, Marx and Freud in the west. Designed as an introduction to their ideas, this book concentrates on the Brethren's writings, analyzing the impact on them of thinkers such as Pythagoras, Plato, Aristotle and the Neoplatonists. Ian Netton traces the influences of Judaism and Christianity, and controversially this book argues that the Brethren of Purity did not belong to the Ismaili branch of Islam as is generally believed.

Leo Strauss and Islamic Political Thought - Rasoul Namazi 2022-07-07

The first comprehensive discussion of Leo Strauss's writings on Islamic political thought, and his reflections on religion, philosophy, and politics in their relationship with wisdom, persecution, divine law, and unbelief in the writings of Muslim thinkers, including Alfarabi and Averroes and in the famous Arabic collection, the Arabian Nights.

Sufism - Alexander Knysh 2019-03-19

A pathbreaking history of Sufism, from the earliest centuries of Islam to the present. After centuries as the most important ascetic-mystical strand of Islam, Sufism saw a sharp decline in the twentieth century, only to experience a stunning revival in recent decades. In this comprehensive new history of Sufism from the earliest centuries of Islam to today, Alexander Knysh, a leading expert on the subject, reveals the tradition in all its richness. Knysh explores how Sufism has been viewed by both insiders and outsiders since its inception. He examines

the key aspects of Sufism, from definitions and discourses to leadership, institutions, and practices. He devotes special attention to Sufi approaches to the Qur'an, drawing parallels with similar uses of scripture in Judaism and Christianity. He traces how Sufism grew from a set of simple moral-ethical precepts into a sophisticated tradition with professional Sufi masters (shaykhs) who became powerful players in Muslim public life but whose authority was challenged by those advocating the equality of all Muslims before God. Knysh also examines the roots of the ongoing conflict between the Sufis and their fundamentalist critics, the Salafis—a major fact of Muslim life today. Based on a wealth of primary and secondary sources, Sufism is an indispensable account of a vital aspect of Islam.

Usool At-Tafseer - Abu Ameenah Bilaal Philips
2002

Introduction to Sufism - Eric Geoffroy 2010

From Rumi's whirling dervishes in Turkey over 700 years ago, to circles of silent mystics in the West today, this book reveals the history and practices of Sufism, the ancient but still active system of Islamic mysticism which has long been the spiritual current in Islam that counterbalances fundamentalism. Eric Geoffroy is an authority on Sufism, and he shows us this increasingly popular contemplative dimension of Islam, which is little understood in the West.

Mamluks and Animals - Housni Alkhateeb Shehada 2012-11-09

In *Mamluks and Animals: Veterinary Medicine in Medieval Islam* Housni Alkhateeb Shehada offers the first comprehensive study of veterinary medicine, its practitioners and its patients in the medieval Islamic world, with special emphasis on the Mamluk period (1250-1517).

Recent Reference Books in Religion - William M. Johnston 2014-01-27

First Published in 1998. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

[Tracing Language Movement in Africa](#) - Ericka A. Albaugh 2018-01-10

The great diversity of ethnicities and languages in Africa encourages a vision of Africa as a fragmented continent, with language maps only perpetuating this vision by drawing discrete language groups. In reality, however, most

people can communicate with most others within and across linguistic boundaries, even if not in languages taught or learned in schools. Many disciplines have looked carefully at language movement and change on the continent, but their lack of interaction has prevented the emergence of a cohesive picture of African languages. *Tracing Language Movement in Africa* gathers eighteen scholars together to offer a truly multidisciplinary representation of language in Africa, combining insights from history, archaeology, religion, linguistics, political science, and philosophy. The resulting volume illuminates commonalities and distinctions in these disciplines' understanding of language change and movement in Africa. The volume is empirical -- aiming to represent language more accurately on the continent -- as well as theoretical. It identifies the theories that each discipline uses to make sense of language movement in Africa in plain terms and highlights the themes that cut across all disciplines: how scholars use data, understand boundaries, represent change, and conceptualize power. The volume is organized to reflect differing conceptions of language that arise from its discipline-specific contributions: that is, tendencies to study changes that consolidate language or those that splinter it, viewing languages as whole or in part. Each contribution includes a short explanation of a discipline's theoretical and methodological approaches to language movement and change to ensure that the chapters are accessible to non-specialists, followed by an illustrative empirical case study. This volume will inspire multidisciplinary conversations around the study of language change in Africa, opening new interdisciplinary dialogue and spurring scholars to adapt the questions, data, and method of other disciplines to the problems that animate their own fields. *An Introduction to Islam in the 21st Century* - Aminah Beverly McCloud 2013-01-02 This engaging introduction to Islam examines its lived reality, its worldwide presence, and the variety of beliefs and practices encompassed by the religion. The global perspective uniquely captures the diversity of Islam expressed throughout different countries in the present day. A comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, and global introduction to Islam,

covering its history as well as current issues, experiences, and challenges Incorporates key new research on Muslims from a variety of countries across Europe, Latin America, Indonesia, and Malaysia Central Asia Directly addresses controversial issues, including political violence and 'terrorism', anti-western sentiments, and Islamophobia Explores different responses from various Islamic communities to globalizing trends Highlights key patterns within Islamic history that shed light upon the origins and evolution of current movements and thought *Islam Today* - Akbar S. Ahmed 1999-03-15 A valuable introduction to Islam attempts to overcome decades of bigotry and misunderstandings as it clearly explains the tenets of a religion practiced by more than one billion people, explaining the traditions that lie at this belief's heart. Original.

Lived Islam - A. Kevin Reinhart 2020-06-11

This book is designed to serve as a text for courses on modern Islam. It challenges misleading questions which foster assumptions of Islam as a monolithic essence to instead argue that Islam, like all religions, is complex and thus best understood through analogy with language. *Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America* - Eugene V. Gallagher 2006 Describes more than thirty new and alternative religions practiced in America, covering their history, philosophy, leaders, religious practices, and the controversies that arise around them.

Magic In Islam - Michael Muhammad Knight 2016-05-24

The progenitor of "Muslim punk rock" and one of today's freshest spiritual voices pushes back against the common assumption that the historic faiths have no occult or magical tradition in this richly learned historical and personal journey through the practice of magic in Islam. Magic in Islam offers a look at magical and occult technologies throughout Muslim history, starting with Islam's earliest and most canonical sources. In addition to providing a highly accessible introduction to magic as it is defined, practiced, condemned, and defended within Muslim traditions, *Magic in Islam* challenges common assumptions about organized religion. Michael Muhammad Knight's deeply original book fills a gap within existing literature on the place of magic in Islamic traditions and opens a new

window on Islam for general readers and students of religion alike. In doing so, the book counters and complicates widespread perceptions of Islam, as well as of magic as it is practiced outside of European contexts. Magic in Islam also challenges our view of "organized religions" as clearly defined systems that can be reduced to checklists of key doctrines, texts, and rules. As a result, Magic in Islam throws a monkey wrench into the conventions of the "intro to Islam" genre, threatening to flip popular notions of a religion's "center" and "margins."

Shi'ism - Colin Turner 2007-10-31

The four volumes of this set bring together key contributions to the study of Shi'ism, giving access to material that has hitherto been scattered and difficult to locate. While the majority of the material stems from the past fifty years, earlier studies are included, providing insight into the field's development. This collection reflects the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of today's Shi'ite studies. Volume One covers the birth of Shi'ism and traces its development. The emphasis is on the socio-political history of communities self-identifying as Shi'ite, focusing largely on the majority 'Twelvers', but also covering 'offshoot' sects. Volume Two consists of articles which explore the theologies and philosophical ideals of Shi'ism. Particular emphasis is given to those aspects of Shi'ite orthodoxy and orthopraxy which distinguish them from the Sunni majority. Volume Three is devoted to Shi'ite law, with special reference to the evolution of 'independent reasoning' - the principle which underpins the inherent dynamism of Shi'ite jurisprudence and which has ensured continuation of development down to the present day. Volume Four concentrates on the development of theories of government among the Shi'ite scholarly milieu, tracing political Shi'ism from its turbulent beginnings to its pre-modern and contemporary manifestation.

Towards Understanding the Qur'an - Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi 2016-12-15

An immense understanding of the Qur'an is offered here, a vast treasure of knowledge and deep insight and a valuable exposition of some social, political, economic and legal teachings of the Qur'an. But what makes this work unique is

that it presents the Qur'an as a book to be lived by. With thousands of notes, an introduction and comprehensive index.

The Biology of History-Ascent of Women - Virendra Pandit 2013-08

Increasingly, our world is becoming incomprehensible. Many people, societies, even countries, behave in strange ways: America turns intolerant toward its own whistleblowers, Arabia leads the world in opening a women-only university, Britain turns largely un-Christian, India increasingly buries herself under a surfeit of democracy, and China under communism. This book is about the emerging mega-picture, a reinterpretation of world history along Darwinian lines. In order to survive in the biological food web, humans needed connectivity, which our religions provided. It goes into the evolution and dissolution of religions, across centuries, as our biggest connecting and integrating factors yet, and how these weakening faiths are now being replaced by new, robust connectors: democracy, science, technology. Of course, we still have many devout around, but their beliefs have shorter shelf life. These silent but gigantic changes are restructuring our societies. With the change in emphasis in the very infrastructure of the human society, the entire edifice is undergoing transformation and renovation—it is nothing less than the Ascent of Women, the Fourth Wave, for the first time since the dawn of civilization some ten thousand years ago. This book is for those who would enter this New World!

African Religions: A Very Short Introduction - Jacob K. Olupona 2014-02-14

What are African religions? African Religions: A Very Short Introduction answers this question by examining primarily indigenous religious traditions on the African continent, as well as exploring Christianity and Islam. It focuses on the diversity of ethnic groups, languages, cultures, and worldviews, emphasizing the continent's regional diversity. Olupona examines a wide range of African religious traditions on their own terms and in their social, cultural, and political contexts. For example, the book moves beyond ethnographic descriptions and interpretations of core beliefs and practices to look at how African religion has engaged issues of socioeconomic development and power

relations. Olupona examines the myths and sacred stories about the origins of the universe that define ethnic groups and national identities throughout Africa. He also discusses spiritual agents in the African cosmos such as God, spirits, and ancestors. In addition to myths and deities, Olupona focuses on the people central to African religions, including medicine men and women, rainmakers, witches, magicians, and divine kings, and how they serve as authority figures and intermediaries between the social world and the cosmic realm. African Religions: A Very Short Introduction discusses a wide variety of religious practices, including music and dance, calendrical rituals and festivals, celebrations for the gods' birthdays, and rituals accompanying stages of life such as birth, puberty, marriage, elderhood, and death. In addition to exploring indigenous religions, Olupona examines the ways Islam and Christianity as outside traditions encountered indigenous African religion. He shows how these incoming faith traditions altered the face and the future of indigenous African religions as well as how indigenous religions shaped two world religions in Africa and the diaspora. Olupona draws on archaeological and historical sources, as well as ethnographic materials based on fieldwork. He shows that African religions are not static traditions, but have responded to changes within their local communities and to fluxes caused by outside influences, and spread with diaspora and migration.

Islamic Spirituality - Seyyed Hossein Nasr
2013-11-05

Originally published 1987. The first part of the volume is concerned with "The Roots of the Islamic Tradition and Spirituality". These are seen to include the Qu'ran as the central theophany of Islam, the Prophet who received the word of God and made it known to mankind and the rites of Islam. The second part examines the divisions of the Islamic community with their distinctive pieties and emphases: Sunnism and Shi'ism and female spirituality. Part III is devoted to Sufism - its nature and origin, its early development, its various spiritual practices and its science of the soul.

Jihad of the Pen - Rudolph Ware 2018-12-11
Outsiders have long observed the contours of the flourishing scholarly traditions of African Muslim societies, but the most renowned voices of West African Sufism have rarely been heard outside of their respective constituencies. This volume brings together writings by Uthman b. Fudi (d. 1817, Nigeria), Umar Tal (d. 1864, Mali), Ahmad Bamba (d. 1927, Senegal), and Ibrahim Niassé (d. 1975, Senegal), who, between them, founded the largest Muslim communities in African history. *Jihad of the Pen* offers translations of Arabic source material that proved formative to the constitution of a veritable Islamic revival sweeping West Africa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Recurring themes shared by these scholars—etiquette on the spiritual path, love for the Prophet Muhammad, and divine knowledge—demonstrate a shared, vibrant scholarly heritage in West Africa that drew on the classics of global Islamic learning, but also made its own contributions to Islamic intellectual history. The authors have selected enduringly relevant primary sources and richly contextualized them within broader currents of Islamic scholarship on the African continent. Students of Islam or Africa, especially those interesting in learning more of the profound contributions of African Muslim scholars, will find this work an essential reference for the university classroom or personal library.

Within the Boundaries of Islam: A Study on Bid'ah - Muḥammad Ghazālī 2019-10-15

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