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**Muhammad** - Juan Cole 2018-10-09

In the midst of the dramatic seventh-century war between two empires, Muhammad was a spiritual seeker in search of community and sanctuary. Many observers stereotype Islam and its scripture as inherently extreme or violent—a narrative that has overshadowed the truth of its roots. In this masterfully told account, preeminent Middle East expert Juan Cole takes us back to Islam's—and the Prophet Muhammad's—origin story. Cole shows how Muhammad came of age in an era of unparalleled violence. The eastern Roman Empire and the Sasanian Empire of Iran fought savagely throughout the Near East and Asia Minor. Muhammad's profound distress at the carnage of his times led him to envision an alternative movement, one firmly grounded in peace. The religion Muhammad founded, Islam, spread widely during his lifetime, relying on soft power instead of military might, and sought armistices even when militarily attacked. Cole sheds light on this forgotten history, reminding us that in the Qur'an, the legacy of that spiritual message endures. A vibrant history that brings to life the fascinating and complex world of the Prophet, Muhammad is the story of how peace is the rule and not the exception for one of the world's most practiced religions.

**Introduction to Uṣūl Al-Fiqh** - Furhan Zubairi 2019-12-30

This short book will provide a brief history of the development and codification of Uṣūl al-Fiqh. It will examine the primary and secondary

sources of Islamic Law, legal rulings, how they are derived and function, as well as a brief overview of the rules of interpretation. The main objective of this booklet is to introduce readers to the study of Uṣūl as well as create a deeper sense of appreciation for fiqh.

**Al-Ghazali's Adapted Summary of Ihya Ulum al-Din** - Abu-Hamid Al Ghazali 2016-01-01

AL-GHAZALI'S adapted summary of Ihya Ulum al-Din - The Forty Principles of the Religion THE FORTY PRINCIPLES OF THE RELIGION is a comprehensive distillation of Imam al-Ghazali's magnum opus, Ihya Ulum ad-Din (The Revival of the Religious Sciences), in which he explores the spiritual depth of virtually every aspect of Islam. This condensed work presents Imam al-Ghazali's profound insights regarding man's lifelong struggle to draw closer to Allah in a simple framework, providing the reader with a step-by-step tried and proven method for spiritual development. The result is an essential guide to improving one's relationship with both the Creator and the creation and a perfect introduction to Imam al-Ghazali's other great works. English translation by Nasir Abdussalam. Editing and footnotes by Mariam Madge Conlan. A careful and idiomatic English translation of one of Imam al-Ghazali's most powerful books, which shows the comprehensive depth of the Qurans teachings. Shaykh Abdal Hakim Murad (T.J. Winter) Cambridge Muslim College About the author The Proof of Islam Imam Abu Hamid Muhammad ibn Muhammad al-Ghazali (d. 1111) jurist, legal theorist,

logician, theologian, and mystic was a master of both the outer and inner sciences of the Shariah who is regarded by many as the greatest Muslim thinker to have lived after the Pious Predecessors. Credited with dealing the deathblow to Aristotelian philosophy in the Muslim world and bringing authentic Islamic spirituality into the mainstream, his life and thought were extremely influential in shaping the spiritual values and practices of medieval society and are no less relevant today.

*With the Heart in Mind* - Mikaeel Ahmed Smith 2020-07-13

*With the Heart in Mind* is an inquiry into the nature of the intellect and how classical Islamic theologians understood the nature and function of the intellect. *With the Heart in Mind* asks readers to consider an alternative understanding of intelligence in which the primary function of the intellect is to know God and lead others to Him as well. The author suggests that by studying the Emotional Intelligence of the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.), we improve the quality of our relationships with the people around us and we, like the Prophet (s.a.w.), can become catalysts for change around us. Emotional Intelligence within the author's model of intelligence is a tool by which the message of God is transferred to humanity. *With the Heart in Mind* reminds us that "To be loved by people is half of intelligence."

**Al-Shama'il al-Muhammadiyah** - Abu Isa Muhammad b. Isa b. Sawra al-Tirmidhi 2019-12-20

*Al-Shama'il al-Muhammadiyah* ('The Sublime Qualities of the Prophet Muhammad?') is the most famous collection of narrations detailing the moral, physical and spiritual perfections of the Prophet Muhammad?. Commonly referred to as 'The Shama'il' and compiled by the prolific Imam al-Tirmidhi, this perennial masterpiece connects hearts to the Prophet's blessed being?.

Fiqh Us Seerah - Muhammad Al Ghazali 2018-02-06

Many books have been written about the life of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW). In writing this book, the author had a specific objective. He used the life of the Prophet (SAW) to go onto depth about the Prophet (SAW) many historians only touched on the various aspects of his life. This book goes into detail and provides reasons and explanations for whatever took

place. It is a blend of modern analysis and ancient detail. Its objective is to nurture faith, purify characters and fan the struggle to embrace the truth and be faithful to it. Indeed, the life of the Prophet (SAW) has been documented as a message for practical implementation, not intellectual entertainment. You may think that you have studied the life of Muhammad by following his history from birth to death but this is a grave mistake. You will never really understand the Sirah unless you study the noble Qur'an and the purified Sunnah. The amount that you derive from these will tell the strength of your connection with the prophet of Islam, sallallahu `alaihi wa sallam' From the Epilogue An important work of the Egyptian scholar Sheikh Muhammad al-Ghazali. Drawing upon his profound classical Islamic learning and an extensive knowledge of modern science, Sheikh al-Ghazali has broken new ground in the study of Seerah, bringing to bear a fresh but wholly authentic approach. This is a work which all serious students should have, to complement the Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

**Our Master Muhammad** - Imam 'Abdallah Sirajuddin al-Husayni 2010-10

The Pure Intention - Ibn 'Ata' Allah Al-Iskandari 2018-06

*The Pure Intention: On Knowledge of the Unique Name* is the first ever translation into English of a seminal work from the Sufi tradition. This title focuses on the Divine Name Allah and the virtues and transformative power of its invocation. Written by the renowned Sufi master Ibn Ata Allah al-Iskandari in the twelfth century the work is divided into two parts. Part One looks at the Name of Allah, its letters and their meanings. While in Part Two the author turns to the more practical question of the role of invocation, both in general and of the Name Allah specifically. Ibn Ata Allah discusses the virtue of invocation and establishes that it is the supreme act of worship.

Treatise for the Seekers of Guidance - 2008

The translation, notes, and commentary of Imam al-Harith al-Muhasibi's "Risala al-Mustarshidin (Treatise for the Seekers of Guidance)" serves as a layman's guide to Islamic spirituality.

**Revelation** - 2015

**Timeless Seeds of Advice** - B. B. Abdulla 2019-09-13

A selection of beautiful and practical pieces of advice from the Quran, the Prophet PBUH and Islam's great scholars on repentance, guidance and purification. This book is designed to serve as a source of hope and strength for those going through difficult times, while providing numerous important pieces of knowledge and guidance for all readers and all times

**Islam through Objects** - Anna Bigelow 2021-06-03

Islam through Objects represents the state of the field of Islamic material cultural studies. With contributions from scholars of religion, anthropologists, art historians, folklorists, historians, and other disciplines, Anna Bigelow brings together a wide range of perspectives on Islamic materiality to debunk myths of Islamic aversion to material aspects of religion. Each chapter focuses on a single object in daily use by Muslims-prayer beads, coins, amulets, a cistern well, clothing, jewellery, bodily and domestic adornments-to consider both generic and particular aspects of the object in question. These narratives will engage the reader by describing and analyzing each object in terms of its provenance, materials, uses, and history, as well as the broader history, variety and uses of the object in Islamic history and cultures. Temporal, regional, and sectarian variations in the styles, uses, and theological perspectives are also considered. Framed by an introduction that assesses the various approaches to Islamic material culture in recent scholarship, Islam through Objects provides a template for the study of religion and material culture, which engages current theory, subtle and nuanced narratives, and the creative and imaginal capacities of Muslims through history.

Prayers Upon the Beloved - Habib Umar Bin Hafiz 2020-11-10

*Wonders of the Heart* - Ghazzālī 2007

**Purification of the Heart: Signs, Symptoms and Cures of the**

**Spiritual Diseases of the Heart** - Hamza Yusuf 2012-05-15

This exploration of Islamic spirituality delves into the psychological diseases and cures of the heart. Diseases examined include miserliness, envy, hatred, treachery, rancour, malice, ostentation, arrogance, covetousness, lust, and other afflictions that assail people and often control them. The causes and practical cures of these diseases are discussed, offering a penetrating glimpse into how Islam deals with spiritual and psychological problems and demonstrating how all people can benefit from these teachings.

Muhammad - Martin Lings 1991

Acclaimed worldwide as the definitive biography of the Prophet Muhammad in the English language, Martin Lings' Muhammad: His Life Based to the Earliest Sources is unlike any other. Based on Arabic sources of the eighth and ninth centuries, of which some important passages are translated here for the first time, it owes the freshness and directness of its approach to the words of men and women who heard Muhammad speak and witnessed the events of his life. Martin Lings has an unusual gift for narrative. He has adopted a style which is at once extremely readable and reflects both the simplicity and grandeur of the story. The result is a book which will be read with equal enjoyment by those already familiar with Muhammad's life and those coming to it for the first time. Muhammad: His Life Based to the Earliest Sources was given an award by the government of Pakistan, and selected as the best biography of the Prophet in English at the National Seerat Conference in Islamabad in 1983.

Children Around the Prophet: How Muhammad Raised the Young Companions - Hesham Al-Awadi 2018-03-23

You know Muhammad as a messenger, military general, political leader, husband, and friend. Now embark on this unique journey as you discover the Prophet as a role model and a mentor. This book explores the life of the Prophet Muhammad from the perspective of some of his special followers - the children. You will learn how the Prophet nurtured and trained the children around him by:\* Building emotional security and trust.\* Helping children connect to Islamic beliefs such as Allah, the

Hereafter, and the Quran.\* Building positive associations with the worship of Allah.\* Developing good morals and admirable behavior.\* Teaching them how to manage sexual desires as they get older.\* Encouraging them to be social and active members of their community. With practical tips and touching narratives, Dr. Hesham Al-Awadi guides the reader through the methods the Prophet used to tackle the complex challenges children face.

**Cynical Theories** - Helen Pluckrose 2020-09-10

BOOK OF THE YEAR in The Times, the Sunday Times and the Financial Times Have you heard that language is violence and that science is sexist? Or been told that being obese is healthy, that there is no such thing as biological sex, or that only white people can be racist? Are you confused by these ideas, and do you wonder how they have managed so quickly to challenge the very logic of Western society? Helen Pluckrose and James Lindsay document the evolution of the dogma behind these ideas, from its origins in French postmodernism to its refinement within activist academic fields. Today this dogma is recognisable as much by its effects, such as cancel culture and social-media pile-ons, as by its assertions, which are all too often taken as read: knowledge is a social construct; science and reason are tools of oppression; all human interactions are sites of oppressive power play; and language is dangerous. As they warn, the unchecked proliferation of these beliefs present a threat to liberal democracy. While acknowledging the need to challenge the complacency of those who think a just society has been fully achieved, Pluckrose and Lindsay break down how often-radical activist scholarship does far more harm than good, not least to those marginalised communities it claims to champion.

**The Beginning of Guidance** - Ghazzālī 2010

**The Book of Assistance** - 'Abd Allāh ibn 'Alawī 'Aṭṭās 1989

*THE RING OF KING SULAIMAN (A.S.)* - M. Yasin Owadally 2003

Muhammad in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the

Prophet of God [2 volumes] - Coeli Fitzpatrick Ph.D. 2014-04-25

This in-depth examination of the life, history, and influence of Muhammad as discussed by leading scholars provides a wide-ranging look at the prophet's legacy unlike any other in the field of Islamic and culture studies. • Documents Muhammad's broad impact on history, culture, and society • Shares viewpoints from more than 100 scholars in the field of Islamic studies to provide different perspectives on how Muhammad's life and beliefs have changed the course of history • Explores Muhammad's changing image—and controversies over his depiction and the communication of his ideas—in art, music, and literature • Provides an in-depth overview of Muhammad's influences on secular life and culture

**The Soul of a Butterfly** - Muhammad Ali 2013-05-18

Former boxing legend Muhammad Ali, one of the best-known and best-loved celebrities and an international good-will ambassador, offers inspiration and hope as he describes the spiritual philosophy that sustains him. "During my boxing career, you did not see the real Muhammad Ali. You just saw a little boxing. You saw only a part of me. After I retired from boxing my true work began. I have embarked on a journey of love." So Muhammad Ali begins this spiritual memoir, his description of the values that have shaped and sustained him and that continue to guide his life. In *The Soul of a Butterfly* the great champion takes readers on a spiritual journey through the seasons of life, from childhood to the present, and shares the beliefs that have served him well. After fighting some of the fiercest bouts in boxing history against Joe Frazier and George Foreman, today Muhammad Ali faces his most powerful foe—outside the boxing ring. Like many people, he battles an illness that limits his physical abilities, but as he says, "I have gained more than I have lost....I have never had a more powerful voice than I have now." Ali reflects on his faith in God and the strength it gave him during his greatest challenge, when he lost the prime years of his boxing career because he would not compromise his beliefs. He describes how his study of true Islam has helped him accept the changes in his life and has brought him to a greater awareness of life's true purpose. As a

United Nations "Messenger of Peace," he has traveled widely, and he describes his 2002 mission to Afghanistan to heighten public awareness of that country's desperate situation, as well as his more recent meeting with the Dalai Lama. Ali's reflections on topics ranging from moral courage to belief in God to respect for those who differ from us will inspire and enlighten all who read them. Written with the assistance of his daughter Hana, *The Soul of a Butterfly* is a compassionate and heartfelt book that will provide comfort for our troubled times.

**Exploring Islam** - Salih Sayilgan 2021-09-21

Exploring Islam is a comprehensive yet accessible introduction to the foundations of the Islamic faith, including its history, theology, and spiritual practice. The book also deals with issues such as jihad, the status of women, and the various sectarian divisions in Islam. Most distinctive about this work is its analysis of the lived experience of Muslims in modern American life. The book explores questions such as: - What are the foundations of Islam? - How do Muslims relate to and interpret the Qur'an? - Who is the Prophet Muhammad? - What does Shari'a law really mean? - What are the major themes of Islamic theology? - What are the theological and political issues that led to divisions among Muslims? - Do Muslims and Christians believe in the same God? - How do Muslims practice Islam in America? - What are the challenges and opportunities for American Muslims? In addressing these questions, Sayilgan offers readers a perspective that is scholarly, judicious, and engaging.

**Islam and the Devotional Object** - Richard J. A. McGregor 2020-05-28

A new history of Islamic practice told through the aesthetic reception of medieval religious objects.

**Women Around the Messenger** - Muḥammad 'Alī Qutb 2008

**The World's Religious Traditions** - Frank Whaling 2016-10-06

The aim of this book is to make a major contribution to the field of religious studies while at the same time paying tribute to the work of Wilfred Smith. Although the basis of the chapters is provided by Smith's themes of faith and tradition and Smith's approach to the study of

religion, this book stands in its own right as a significant addition to both content and method in the global history of religions. First published in 1984, it includes contributions by Geoffrey Parrinder, Annemarie Schimmel, George Rupp, Ninian Smart and others.

**The Birth of The Prophet Muhammad** - Marion Holmes Katz 2007-05-07

In the medieval period, the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (the mawlid) was celebrated in popular narratives and ceremonies that expressed the religious agendas and aspirations of ordinary Muslims, including women. This book examines the Mawlid from its origins to the present day and provides a new insight into how an aspect of everyday Islamic piety has been transformed by modernity. The book gives a window into the religious lives of medieval Muslim women, rather than focusing on the limitations that were placed on them and shows how medieval popular Islam was coherent and meaningful, not just a set of deviations from scholarly norms. Concise in both historical and textual analysis, this book is an important contribution to our understanding of contemporary Muslim devotional practices and will be of great interest to postgraduate students and researchers of Islam, religious studies and medieval studies.

**Dear Beloved Son** - Abu Hamid al-Ghazali 2022-03-13

Dear Beloved Son is an excellent compilation of extremely valuable pieces of advice based not only on theory but on the practical experience and insight of Imam al-Ghazali. Since he presented his disciple with these pieces of advice at a stage in life where he had studied and excelled in all major sciences of Islam, it holds extra significance. He covers topics such as sincerity, knowledge, action, death, da'wah, hypocrisy, time, dhikr and Shari'ah, with delicacy and coherency, so that one is able to grasp clearly the multidimensional facets of a comprehensive Islam.

*Lost Islamic History* - Firas Alkhateeb 2017

Islam has been one of the most powerful religious, social and political forces in history. Over the last 1400 years, from origins in Arabia, a succession of Muslim polities and later empires expanded to control territories and peoples that ultimately stretched from southern France to

East Africa and South East Asia. Yet many of the contributions of Muslim thinkers, scientists and theologians, not to mention rulers, statesmen and soldiers, have been occluded. This book rescues from oblivion and neglect some of these personalities and institutions while offering the reader a new narrative of this lost Islamic history. The Umayyads, Abbasids, and Ottomans feature in the story, as do Muslim Spain, the savannah kingdoms of West Africa and the Mughal Empire, along with the later European colonization of Muslim lands and the development of modern nation-states in the Muslim world. Throughout, the impact of Islamic belief on scientific advancement, social structures, and cultural development is given due prominence, and the text is complemented by portraits of key personalities, inventions and little known historical nuggets. The history of Islam and of the world's Muslims brings together diverse peoples, geographies and states, all interwoven into one narrative that begins with Muhammad and continues to this day.

**Muhammad His Character and Beauty** - Al-Madina Institute  
2014-01-01

**Muhammad Messenger of Allah** - Qadi `Iyad Ibn Musa Al-Yahsubi

**the fitrah** - IslamKotob

**Celebrating the Birth of the Prophet** - Sayyid Muhammad Alawi al-Maliki 2020-10

This book, which is a work of the late Muhaddith of Makkah, Sayyid Shaykh Muhammad Alawi al-Maliki, may Allah have mercy upon him, seeks to present the case for celebrating the birth of the Best of Creations, Sayyidna Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace. What Will I Learn? The Proofs of the Permissibility of Celebrating the Birth of the Prophet; Learn what Shaykh Muhammad Alawi al-Maliki says about the five categories of innovation; Learn what some of Islam's scholarly giants have said about the Mawlid throughout history. New Additions in the Second Edition from Habib 'Umar bin Hafiz: Being with Allah and His Messenger; When the Month of Rabi al-Awwal Arrives;

Dealing With Those Who Disagree With the Mawlid.

**Worship in Islam** - A. Ghazzali 2005

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*Golden Guidelines in the Path of Knowledge* - Shaykh Muhammad Awwamah 2019-12-14

This booklet is a translation of a talk delivered by the honorable scholar and teacher, the great Muhaddith of Syria who currently resides in Al Madinatul Munawwarah, Shaykh Muhammad Awwamah. On the eve of the 6th Rabiul Thani, 15th May 2007, Shaykh Muhammad Awwamah, was invited for a seminar held in his honour by the well respect wisher, Sayyid Abdul Maqsud Khawjah, in Jeddah. The highlight of the seminar was the speech delivered by the esteemed Shaykh Muhammad Awwamah, which consisted of sterling advice for all scholars. These were the inner most concerns and feelings that the Shaykh poured out to the audience. They are actually solutions to the academic crisis that has clouded the circles of knowledge today.

**Muhammad Messenger of Allah** - Qadi Iyad 2013-12

Kitab Ash-Shifa bi ta'rif huquq al-Mustafa, (Healing by the recognition of the Rights of the Chosen One), of Qadi 'Iyad (d. 544H/1149CE) is perhaps the most frequently used and commented upon handbook in which the Prophet's, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, life, his qualities and his miracles are described in every detail. Generally known by its short title, Ash-Shifa, this work was so highly admired throughout the Muslim world that it soon acquired a sanctity of its own for it is said: "If Ash-Shifa is found in a house, this house will not suffer any harm... when a sick person reads it or it is recited to him, Allah will restore his health." Ash-Shifa gathers together all that is necessary to acquaint the reader with the true stature of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, with the esteem and respect which is due to him, and with the verdict regarding anyone who does not fulfil what his stature demands or who attempts to denigrate his supreme status - even by as much as a nail paring. QADI 'IYAD His full name was Abu al-Fadl 'Iyad ibn Musa ibn 'Iyad ibn 'Imran ibn Musa ibn Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah ibn Musa ibn 'Iyad al-Yahsubi, the famous Imam. He was born in Ceuta in the month of

Sha'ban, 496 AH and lived there although his family originated from Andalusia. According to his son, Muhammad, his ancestors originated in Andalusia and then moved to the city of Fes, staying in the Qarawiyyin at some point. 'Imrun moved to Ceuta after having lived in Fes. Qadi 'Iyad was the Imam of his time in hadith and its sciences. He was a scholar of tafsir and its sciences, a faqih in usul, a scholar in grammar, language and Arabic speech, as well as in the battles and lineages of the Arabs. He had insight into judgements and had the legal competence to write contracts. He preserved and knew the Maliki madhhab. He was an excellent poet, familiar with literature and an eloquent orator. He was steadfast, forbearing and a good companion. He was generous and gave a lot of sadaqa. He was constant in action and tenacious in the truth. He died in Marrakesh in the month of Jumada al-Akhira or Ramadan in 544 AH. AISHA BEWLEY Aisha Abdurrahman at Tarjumana Bewley is one of today's most prolific translators of classical Arabic works into English. For more than thirty-five years she has been concerned with making the contents of many classical Arabic works more accessible to English-speaking readers. She is co-translator of *The Noble Qur'an A New Rendering of its Meaning in English*. Other works include *Al-Muwatta of Imam Malik*, *The Meaning of Man*, *Mu'awiya - Restorer of the Muslim Faith*, *A Glossary of Islamic Terms*, *Islam: The Empowering of Women and Muslim Women*, a *Biographical Dictionary*.

*The Life of the Prophet Muhammad* - Leila Azzam 2003-02-01

- A special edition was produced for the Bosnian Minister of Education. - What everyone needs to know to understand the Muslim World and The Nature of the Prophet Mohammed as the role model of for the lives of all Muslims. - An authentic and accurate biography prepared for Muslim children, widely used in university religion courses. - Has been translated into Arabic, Bosnian and Spanish. - full color illustrations.

**The Life of Perfection** - Abidullah Ghazi 1997

Portrait of the Prophet - Imam Muhammad ibn 'Isa at-Tirmidhi 2008-05

In Islam, two sources are used to explain the religion and its laws: the Qur'an, a revered text, and the hadith, the sayings and activities of the

Prophet Muhammad as reported by friends and followers during his lifetime. This skilled translation, which includes the Arabic of one of the key Islamic texts, long-awaited in English, presents a fascinating selection of hadith compiled by the ninth-century scholar at-Tirmidhi that humanizes the Prophet for modern audiences, presenting him through the eyes of contemporaries who comment not only on his spiritual demeanor and qualities but also on his physical appearance and mannerisms--including his hairdressing, his sitting posture, his sandals and turban, his armor, his favorite condiments, and his jests and laughter. Summary This new edition of the *Sham'ul* translated by Muhtar Holland, published by Fons Vitae Press is a welcome addition to the classic works of the world's spiritual traditions. The work represents a continuation of a textual tradition reaching back over a thousand years. This translation provides us at the same time with a window opening onto the roots of the spiritual tradition of Islam itself, a tradition that perceived spirituality as a process of transformation in the individual that was integrally linked to one's adherence, both inwardly and outwardly, to the example of the Prophet Muhammad. This implied that the degree to which one was participating in the Prophetic model was the degree to which one was considered to be participating in Islamic spirituality itself. The present translation also provides meaningful material for responding to the urgent need to revisit and re-evaluate what Islamic spirituality actually entails. This is as important for Muslims today as it is for other faith traditions. Access to original texts serve this purpose better than any third person account or interpretative work. Finally, this work as a portrait of a prophet in all its intimacy and detail, compiled by a venerated master of the hadith tradition, is a timeless testimony to the aspirations of all those who would seek to follow the spiritual life. A Portrait of the Prophet as Seen by His Contemporaries offers to the specialist and general reader alike access to this treasure of prophetic lore that has enlivened the hearts and imaginations of Muslims throughout the world, from the first Islamic community until today. This work also offers anyone, seeking a deeper understanding of the human spirit, a lofty example - at once timeless and personal, of the potential of

our individual human nature. The present translation would be a valuable addition to any university course dealing with Islamic spirituality, history, or literature, whether at the introductory or upper level. In a course dealing with the life and legacy of Muhammad I envisage it

becoming a standard text. Many thanks to Muhtar Holland and Fons Vitae for the service they have rendered us all in the translation and publication of the Sham'īl of al-Tirmidhī and making this priceless text available to an entirely new audience. Kenneth Honerkamp, January 29, 2008