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1 God, Religion and Islam: An Introduction

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The Problem of Evil, Suffering and Pain

[Divine Justice and the Problem of Evil](#) by Javad Shayvard

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God, Allah and Religion

[Religion of Mercy](#) by Nasir Makarem Shirazi

[150 Lessons for Life](#) by Nasir Makarem Shirazi

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Introduction to Islam

[180 Questions](#) by Nasir Makarem Shirazi

[Al Bab al Hadi Ashar](#) by Allamah al-Hilli

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What is “Religion” and What’s the Point of it Anyways?

[Shiite Islam](#) by Muhammad Husayn Tabatabai

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A Brief Introduction to the Prophet Muhammad (s), the Prophet of Islam

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Entering Islam: The Shahada

[Fundamentals of Islamic Thought](#) by Murtaza Mutahhari

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[Invitation to Islam](#) by Thomas McElwain

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The Usūl al-Dīn: The Fundamental Beliefs of Islam

[The Roots of Religion](#) by Anonymous

[Basic Beliefs of Islam](#) by Qasim Kamoopuri

[Day of Judgment](#) Sayyid Sa'eed Akhtar Rizvi

[The Gardener of the Gardens of Tawheed](#) by Sadeq Musavi Garmaroodi

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Tawhīd: The Unity and Oneness of God in Islam

[Allah: The Concept of God in Islam](#) by Yasin T. al-Jibouri

[Fundamentals of Knowing God](#) by Reza Berenjkari

[God and His Attributes](#) by Mujtaba Musawi Lari

[God in Islamic Traditions: A Glance at Al-Tawhid](#) by Shaykh al-Saduq, by Karim Aghili

[God of Islam](#) Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

[God in the Quran](#) by Muhammad Hosseini Beheshti

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Adala: Divine Justice in Islam

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[Divine Justice and the Problem of Evil](#) by Ghulam Husayn Adeel

[Justice of God](#) by Naser Makarem Shirazi

[Let's Learn About Divine Justice](#) by Naser Makarem Shirazi

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Nubuwwa: The Purpose of Prophethood in Islam

[He, His Messenger and His Message](#) by Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr

[Prophethood](#) by Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

[A Glimpse of the Character Traits of the Prophet Part 1 & 2](#) by Ayatollah Mujtahid Zanjani

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Imāmah or divinely guided leadership in Islam after the Prophet Muhammad.

[Imamate: The Vicegerency of the Prophet](#) by Sa'eed Akhtar Rizvi (Ridhewi on Islamiclibrary.com)

[Imamate and Wilayah \(part I to part VII\)](#) by Ali Shomali

[Let's Learn about Imamate](#) by Naser Makarem Shirazi

[Shi'ism: Imamate and Wilayah](#) by Muhammad Rizvi

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Ma'ād: The Day of Judgment in Islam

[Let's Learn about the Resurrection](#) by Naser Makarem Shirazi

[Resurrection Judgement and The Hereafter](#) by Mujtaba Musawi Lari

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The Sharī'a: Purpose and Practice

[Islamic Laws](#) by Sayyed as-Seestani

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[The Five Schools of Islamic law](#) by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

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The Islamic Concept of the Nafs: Battling the Human Ego

[Jihad al-Nafs \(in a nutshell\)](#) by Anonymous

[A Glance at the Process of Self-Development](#) by Muhammad Ali Shomali

[Self-Building: An Islamic Guide for Spiritual Migration towards God](#) by Ibrahim Amini

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Satan, Jinns and Angels: Their Influence in the World

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Accepting Islam: Putting Faith into Action

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[The Five Schools of Islamic law](#) by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

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Jihād in Islamic Law and Spirituality

[Immigration and Jihad](#) by Murtaza Muttahari

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[Jihad al-Akbar](#) by Imam Khomeini

Jihad and Shahadat by Ayatollah Taleqani

The Scholarly Jihad of the Imams by Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

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Salāt: Obligatory Ritual Prayers in Islam

Adabus Salat by Imam Khomeini

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Sound of Salat by Amir Khorrooshi

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Ritual Purity in Islamic Law: Understanding Tahāra and Najāsa

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The Five Categories of Islamic Law

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Tawalla and Tabarra, its Basics and Purpose

Ahl al-Bayt Ethical Role Models by Ansariyan

Fascinating Discourses of Fourteen Infallibles by Jawad Iqbal Qazilbash

Anecdotes of the Ahl al-Bayt by Murtaza Mutahhari

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The Purpose of Zakat and Khums in Islamic Law

Bayt al-Mal and the Distribution of Zakat by Mahmood Namazi

Zakat in Shia Fiqh by Muhammad Rizvi

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Khums – A support for Financial Independence by Naser Makarem Shirazi

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The Hajj Pilgrimage

A Guide Book for Women on Rites of Hajj by Razia Batool Najafi

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Hajj – The Duties and the Rulings by Sayyed Muhammad Shirazi

Hajj Rituals by Seyed Reza Hosseini Nasab

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The Furū‘ al-Dīn: The Fundamental Practices of Islam

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Fasting in Islam, its Purpose, Dos and Don'ts

Fasting Rules from Islamic Laws by Sayyed Ali Sistani

Philosophy of Hajj and Fasting by Mushtaq Hussein Shahidi

Fast of the Month of Ramadan by Yasin T. al-Jibouri

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Other Obligatory and Forbidden Acts in Islam

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Niyya: Religious Intention as the Foundation of Islamic Practice

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Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

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Commanding the Good and Forbidding Evil in Islam

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4 Prophethood in Islam

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A Brief Biography of the Prophet Muhammad (s): The Prophet's Childhood (PART I of III)

Hayatul Qulub: A Detailed Biography of the Prophet Muhammad by Allamah al-Majlisi

The Prophet Muhammad: A Mercy to the World by Muhammad Shirazi

The Message by Jafar Subhani

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Bio: The Prophet Muhammad as a Prophet of God (PART II of III)

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The Prophet Muhammad (s) as Messenger and Teacher

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The Prophet's Sunnah and Hadith

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Ghadir and Arafah: The Two Last Sermons of the Prophet

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[Ghadeer Khum](#) by I.H Najafi

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Jesus and Mary in Islam

[Jesus through Shiite Narrations](#) by Muhammad Legenhausen

[At the Presence of Jesus Christ](#) by Muhammad Hussein Shahri

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Islam and Other Religions

[Islam and Christianity](#) by Hamid Reza Alavi

[The Bible and Christianity](#) by Muhammad Shirazi

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What is the Qur'an? A Short Introduction to Islam's Holy Book

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The Structure of the Holy Qur'an

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The Gray Areas of Islamic Law and Morality

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Heaven and Hell in Islam

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Life and Death in Islam

[Death](#) by Sayyid Muhammad Rizvi

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Guidance According to Islam

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Fate and the Consequences of our Choices in Islam

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The Effect of Culture and Environment in Shaping our Religious Choices

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Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins in Islam

[Repentance The Cradle of Mercy](#) by Husayn Ansariyan

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[Treatise on Rights](#) by Imam Zayn al-‘Ābidīn

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Benefits of Islamic Law in this World

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Good and Bad Deeds: The Spiritual Consequences of our Choices

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Islam and Knowledge: the Importance of Islamic Education

[Al-Kafi Vol 1: The Book of Excellence of Knowledge](#) by Muhammad al-Kulayni

[Self Knowledge](#) by Mohammad Ali Shomali

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[Commentary on Hadeeth al Kisaa](#) by Abu Sahba

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Fatima al-Zahrah (as)

[Fadak, the Property of Fatima \(as\)](#) by Syed Akhtar

[Fatima the Perfect Role Model](#) by Saleem Bhimji

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The Life of Imam Mahdi by Baqir Sharif al-Qarashi

The Occultation of Imam Mahdi

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Salawat and Atonement in Islam

Supplication in the Eyes of the Ahl al-Bayt by Muhammad Mahdi al-Asifi

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The Companions (Sahaba) of the Prophet According to the Qur'an

Ali, the Best of the Sahaba by Toyib Olawuyi

Justice of the Companions by Murtaza Askari

The Great Companion Abu Dharr

The Truth about the Companions by Ali Husseini Milani

Were All Companions Truthful - In a Nutshell

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Clerical Hierarchies in Muslim Communities

[Questions on Taqleed](#) by Bashir Alidina

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[Excellence of Muharram & Imam-e-Hussain](#) by Shakir Ali Noorie

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[100 Virtues of Imam Ali \(as\)](#) by Ibn Shazan

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[The Brother of the Prophet Muhammad: Imam Ali](#) by Muhammad Jawad Chirri

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Misconceptions about Shi'ism

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Major Sects of Islam

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[A Study in the Philosophy of Islamic Rights](#) by Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr

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Sunnism and Shi'ism, beginnings and historical developments.

[Shiism And Its Types During The Early Centuries](#) by Rasul Jafariyan

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