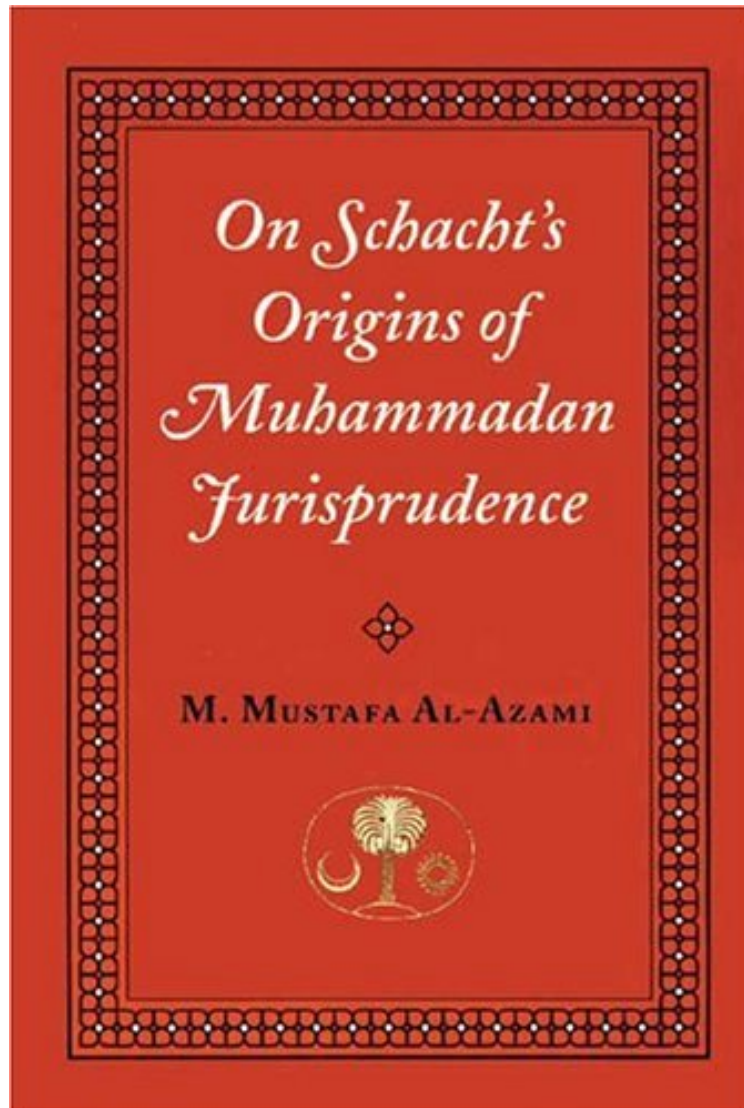


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made every effort to make the book independent of Schacht's book "Origins: It is helpful to read both in parallel. Most of the time author has either summarized or replicated Schacht's claims before he attacked them. This book is very helpful in understanding why Schacht is considered as Orientalist, for instead of claiming that Schacht was wrong in this or that as a blanket statement, he proves why he was wrong. 10 of 20 people found the following review helpful. A Complete Refutation of Schacht's Thesis By Customer This is a very important book in its field against the Orientalist onslaught against Islam and Muhammadan Jurisprudence. The author Muhammad Azami achieved in his dissertation of refuting the orientalist Schacht's thesis on Muhammadan Jurisprudence. Schacht's *Origins On Muhammadan Jurisprudence* was highly acclaimed amongst Orientalists, such that H.A.R Gibb considered, "It will become the foundation for all future study of Islamic Civilisation and Law, at least in the West". Schacht's work in other words was regarded as the bible for the Orientalist attack on Islam, moreover, became a reference point of other Orientalists in refuting Islam. Muhammad Azami comprehensively repudiates Schacht's work by deconstructing his theories and argument to the point of making it into mere fiction. Muhammad Azami elucidates on the lack of scientific approach taken by Schacht thus effecting his deduction. Schacht had two methods at his disposal 1. To draw conclusions from a study of the original sources of Islam, the Quran or, 2. The writings of early scholars as sources. Schacht opts for the latter approach. Azami highlights in taking the second approach Schacht failed to consult the relevant literature and furthermore misunderstood the texts he quoted, even to the point of occasionally quoting out of context. Schacht's work as a result is full of contradictions and is completely opposed to History per se. The false methodology of Schacht concludes in the total negation of Islamic jurisprudence by claiming the Hadith literature and its chain of narrators to be forgeries. Rather, Schacht concludes of a conspiracy to revive a non-existent legal history of the Prophet Muhammad in which the four legal schools in Islam get involved in perpetuating. The early scholars are accused of putting words into the mouth of the Prophet Muhammad and interpreting the Hadiths to embody their own attitudes and doctrines... This particular book of Muhammad Azami dispels the theories of Schacht elegantly and in a lucid manner, leaving the reader in no doubt of the falsity and futility of Schacht's theories and accusations. This is a very important book for the Muslim, such that, it has been translated into the Arabic language which is a rare and an outstanding achievement. A must for every Muslim and non-Muslim interested in Islam and Hadith literature. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Yusufgoodd

This in-depth study presents a detailed analysis and critique of the classic Western work on the origins of Islamic law, Schacht's *Origins of Muhammadan Jurisprudence*. Azami's work examines the sources used by Schacht to develop his thesis on the relation of Islamic law to the Qur'an, and exposes fundamental flaws in Schacht's methodology that led to the conclusions unsupported by the texts examined. This book is an important contribution to Islamic legal studies from an Islamic perspective.

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