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**ABSTRACT**

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This work by ‘Abdallah ibn Ibrahim al-Tawil is part of a series of university theses published by Dar al-Hadi al-Nabawi in al-Mansura, Egypt.

In his introduction, al-Tawil explains his aim: he believes that his work will help correct mistaken beliefs regarding facilitation (*taysir*) in Islam during the contemporary era and its application to aspects which do not correspond to the foundations of Islam. The work also criticises the widespread calls for contemporary facilitation. The introduction consists of five themes: defining key terms, a look at the objectives of Islamic sharia, the foundations of facilitation in Islam, the goals of *taysir* in Islam, and facilitation rules in Islam.

Al-Tawil has been careful to distinguish between “textual revelations” and the “revelation of meanings” amongst the references provided in both cases. He has also provided detailed footnotes in order to extrapolate the hadith while also referring the reader to the appropriate Qur’anic verses and sources. In addition, he provides brief biographies of the figures discussed.

This book is a valuable reference for those researching *taysir*. Although al-Tawali is by no means an extremist, he warns against the dangers presented by allowing *ijtihad* (independent reasoning) to those who are unqualified. He argues that this leads to the negligence of important aspects under the pretext of facilitating or inspiriting Islam and attempting to make it conform to one’s era. Readers will find its list of references, which include 350 books and 15 periodicals, extremely useful in conducting further studies.

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