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**ABSTRACT**

**The Islamic Sharia in the Noble Qur’an**

*الشريعة الإسلامية في القرآن الكريم*

In this book, ‘Abd al-Salam al-Tunji lays the basis for discussion of Qur’anic legislation with the aim of introducing the reader to the objectives (*maqasid*) of the sharia. Volume one (185 pages) focuses on the Sharia, its objectives and principles. It discusses two types of sharia – positve and divine – and deals with the basic principles of sharia, Hajj and Fasting, actions necessary for the expiation of sin (*kaffarah*), vows, and endowments.

Volume two (197 pages) focuses on the theory of rights; namely that of the sharia. The volume discusses the origin of rights, and various types of rights. Volume three (185 pages) deals with civil theory a and its effect on the individual, women, minorities and the mentally ill – and the implementation of their rights. This volume also looks at the restrictions and abuses of rights. Most pages of the book include explicative footnotes to assist the reader’s understanding of various terms. Symbols indicate references to Qur’anic verses.

A criticism of this book is the absence of a bibliography and an index that covers Qur’anic legislations related to the discussed topics, which would have enabled the reader to refer to specific parts of the book. With regards to the arrangement of information, al-Tunji has omitted some important headings which are discussed and not included in the table of contents. For example, in the table of contents for volume two, the first section is titled“The true rights of Allah”; however, the section itself discusses four types of other rights. Sometimes, information is mentioned under different headings which are not connected . For example, under the heading “Fasting” in section four of chapter one are the subjects “Atonements and almsgiving”, “Vows and endowments” and “Trusteeship”.

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