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mecca and medina are the two sanctuaries of islam places which every muslim dreams of visiting at least once in a lifetime  
mecca is believed to be the very first location of human settlement and it was the birthplace of the prophet muhammad peace be upon him  
the ka ba found in mecca was raised by the prophet abraham from its foundations to become the direction of prayer for believers  
medina is the city in which islamic civilization was centralized and flourished religiously politically and socially  
faruk aksoy a bbc cameraman took hundreds of photographs of these blessed cities from the most spectacular angles  
this album includes over 160 select pictures shot by aksoy since 1980s he provides for us a picturesque pilgrimage experience and gives us an opportunity to share in the blessings of a lifetime journey as we browse through the pages accompanied by inspirational text features the ka ba and the golden gutter the prophet s mosque and the rawda cemeteries of jannat al mualla and jannat al baqi mount nur mina mount arafat

mecca the blessed medina the radiant is an unprecedented photographic exploration of the holiest cities of islam and the hajj or annual pilgrimage during ramadan when more than a million faithful journey to mecca s great mosque to commemorate the first revelation of the qur an koran this book allows both muslims and those unfamiliar with the islamic faith complete access to the holiest sites of one of the world s major religions practiced by a quarter of the world s population but often misunderstood in the west photographer ali kazuyoshi namachi a muslim convert from japan garnered the full support of saudi arabian authorities rarely given to shoot in cities where photography is strictly controlled and non muslims are not allowed an expansive work of photojournalism mecca the blessed medina the radiant includes 140 full color never before seen photographs mystical places and scenes of islam breathtaking aerial photographs of the arabian terrain vistas of teeming crowds of worshippers surrounding the kasbah mecca s sacred center intense portraits of faithful muslims in prayer magnificent architecture reflecting the faith of the believers archival illustrations text by seyyed hossein nasr one of the most highly regarded scholars of islam enhances the stunning islamic holy city photographs to illuminate many aspects of islamic belief that have remained enigmatic to non muslims until now

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the purpose of this book is to draw attention to the sites of life politics and culture where current and past generations of the islamic world have made their mark unlike many previous volumes dealing with the city in the islamic world this one has been expanded not only to include snapshots of historical fabric but also to deal with the transformation of this fabric into modern and contemporary urban entities salma khadra jayyusi was awarded cultural personality of the year by the sheikh zayed book award for her profound contribution to arabic literature and culture in 2020 the paperback edition of the city in the islamic world was published to celebrate the occasion

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one of the most neglected areas of medieval islamic history has been the development of the city this collection the islamic city containing twelve papers presented at the meeting of the near eastern history group p at oxford in 1965 fills a notable void it examines varied aspects of the major cities located in persia iraq syria and egypt and in one section even compares them with their chinese counterparts furthermore several of the eminent scholars participating in this panel expertly

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the grove encyclopedia of islamic art and architecture deals with all aspects of islamic art and architecture ranging from the middle east to central asia to southeast asia and africa the volumes cover all subject areas in islamic art including artists rulers writers architecture ceramics sculpture metalwork painting calligraphy textiles and more the grove encyclopedia of islamic art and architecture provides unparalleled scope and depth on this rapidly growing area of interest it offers fully updated articles and bibliography as well as more than 500 plans maps diagrams illustrations and colour plates similar in scope and design to the grove encyclopedia of decorative arts this three volume reference work contains articles of various lengths in alphabetical order the shorter more factual articles none

shorter than 50 words are combined with larger multi section articles tracing the development of the art forms in various geographical locations

during the season of ramadan when the first revelation of the quran is commemorated more than a million visitors journey to mecca s great mosque despite islam s position as a powerful religion boasting one quarter of the world s population as its followers many aspects of muslim thought and belief remain an enigma to non muslims the cities of mecca and medina are restricted to muslims and photographing the sites requires special and rarely given permission from the saudi arabian authorities this book is an unprecedented exploration of islam s most holy cities and the great pilgrimage mostly presented in full colour never before seen photographs

this book contains articles on historic cities of the islamic world ranging from west africa to malaysian which over the centuries have been centres of culture and learning and of economic and commercial life and which have contributed much to the consolidation of islam as a faith and as a social and political institution the articles have been taken from the second edition of the encyclopaedia of islam completed in 2004 but in many cases expanded and rewritten all have been updated to include fresh historical information with note of contemporary social developments and population statistics the book thus delineates the urban background of islam has it has evolved up to the present day highlighting the role of such great cities as cairo istanbul baghdad and delhi in islamic history and also brings them together in a rich panorama illustrating one of mankind s greatest achievements the living organism of the city

mecca is the heart of islam it is the birthplace of muhammad the direction towards which muslims turn when they pray and the site of pilgrimage which annually draws some three million muslims from all corners of the world yet mecca s importance goes beyond religion what happens in mecca and how muslims think about the political and cultural history of mecca has had and continues to have a profound influence on world events to this day in this captivating book ziauddin sardar unravels the significance of mecca tracing its history from its origins as a barren valley in the desert to its evolution as a trading town and sudden emergence as the religious centre of a world empire sardar examines the religious struggles and rebellions in mecca that have powerfully shaped muslim culture interweaving stories of his own pilgrimages to mecca with those of others sardar offers a unique insight into not just the spiritual aspects of mecca the passion ecstasy and longing it evokes but also the conflict between heritage and modernity that has characterised its history he unpeels the physical social and cultural dimensions that have helped transform the city and also though accounts of such orientalist travellers as richard burton and charles doughty the strange fascination that mecca has long inspired in the western imagination and ultimately he explores what this tension could mean for mecca s future an illuminative lyrical and witty blend of history reportage and memoir this outstanding book reflects all that is profound enlightening and curious about one of the most important religious sites in the world

the encyclopaedia of islam second edition sets out the present state of our knowledge of the islamic world it is a unique and invaluable reference tool an essential key to understanding the world of islam and the authoritative source not only for the religion but also for the believers and the countries in which they live

this book provides the first in depth look at muslim life and institutions forming in north america it considers the range of islamic life in north america with its different racial ethnic and cultural identities customs and religious orientations issues of acculturation ethnicity orthodoxy and the changing roles of women are brought into focus the authors provide insight into the lives of recent immigrants who are asking what is islamically appropriate in a non muslim environment

contrasts are drawn between sunni and shi i groups and attention is given to the activities of some sufi organizations the growing islamic community among african american muslims is examined including the followers of warith deen muhammed and the sectarians identified with black power such as the nation of islam darul islam and the five percenters the authors document the challenges and issues that american muslims face such as prejudice and racism pressure from overseas muslims dress and education the influence of islamic revivalism on the development of the community in this country and the maintenance of muslim identity amidst the pressure for assimilation

the contributors to this new volume explore the wide gamut of characteristic features determining the rise of the city as a central living space since the high middle ages and extend the investigation up to the eighteenth century historians liter

after explaining the historical background the book focuses on pre islamic cities from phoenician greek to roman times a general view on early islamic cities in north africa and the near east introduces into the specific problems of early islamic cities in libya according to sources from written documents and archaeological evidences and preserved architectural buildings in the modern towns special investigation concentrates on regional cities as the old city of tripoli ajdabiya sultan and zuila the general analysis presents new information on the site and idea of planning the architectural features the decoration material and techniques and on the special problem of orientation of the mosques thus the book aims to fill a gap between maghreb and the near east

networks labour and migration among indian muslim artisans provides an ethnography of life work and migration in a north indian muslim dominated woodworking industry it traces artisanal connections within the local context during migration within india and to the gulf examining how woodworkers utilise local and transnational networks based on identity religiosity and affective circulations to access resources support and forms of mutuality however the book also illustrates how liberalisation intensifying forms of marginalisation and incorporation into global production networks have led to spatial pressures fragmentation of artisanal labour and forms of enclavement that persist despite geographical mobility and connectedness by working across the dialectic of marginality and connectedness thomas chambers thinks through these complexities and dualities by providing an ethnographic account that shares everyday life with artisans and others in the industry descriptive detail is intersected with spatial scales of local national and international with the demands of supply chains and labour markets within india and abroad with structural conditions and with forms of change and continuity empirically then the book provides a detailed account of a specific locale but also contributes to broader theoretical debates centring on theorisations of margins borders connections networks embeddedness neoliberalism subjectivities and economic or social flux

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