The Crucifixion and the Qur’an
A Study in the History of Muslim Thought

The first book to examine the controversial Qur’anic phrase which divides Christianity and Islam.

According to the majority of modern Muslims and Christians, the Qur’an denies the crucifixion of Jesus, and with it, one of the most sacred beliefs of Christianity. However, it is only mentioned in one verse – “They did not kill him and they did not crucify him, rather, it only appeared so to them” – and contrary to popular belief, its translation has been the subject of vigorous debate among Muslims for centuries.

This is the first book devoted to the issue, delving deeply into largely ignored Arabic sources, which suggest the origins of the conventional translation may lie within the Christian Church. Arranged along historical lines, and covering various Muslim schools of thought, from within Sunni Islam, Shi’ism and Sufism, The Crucifixion and the Qur’an unravels the crucial dispute that separates the world’s two principal faiths.

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