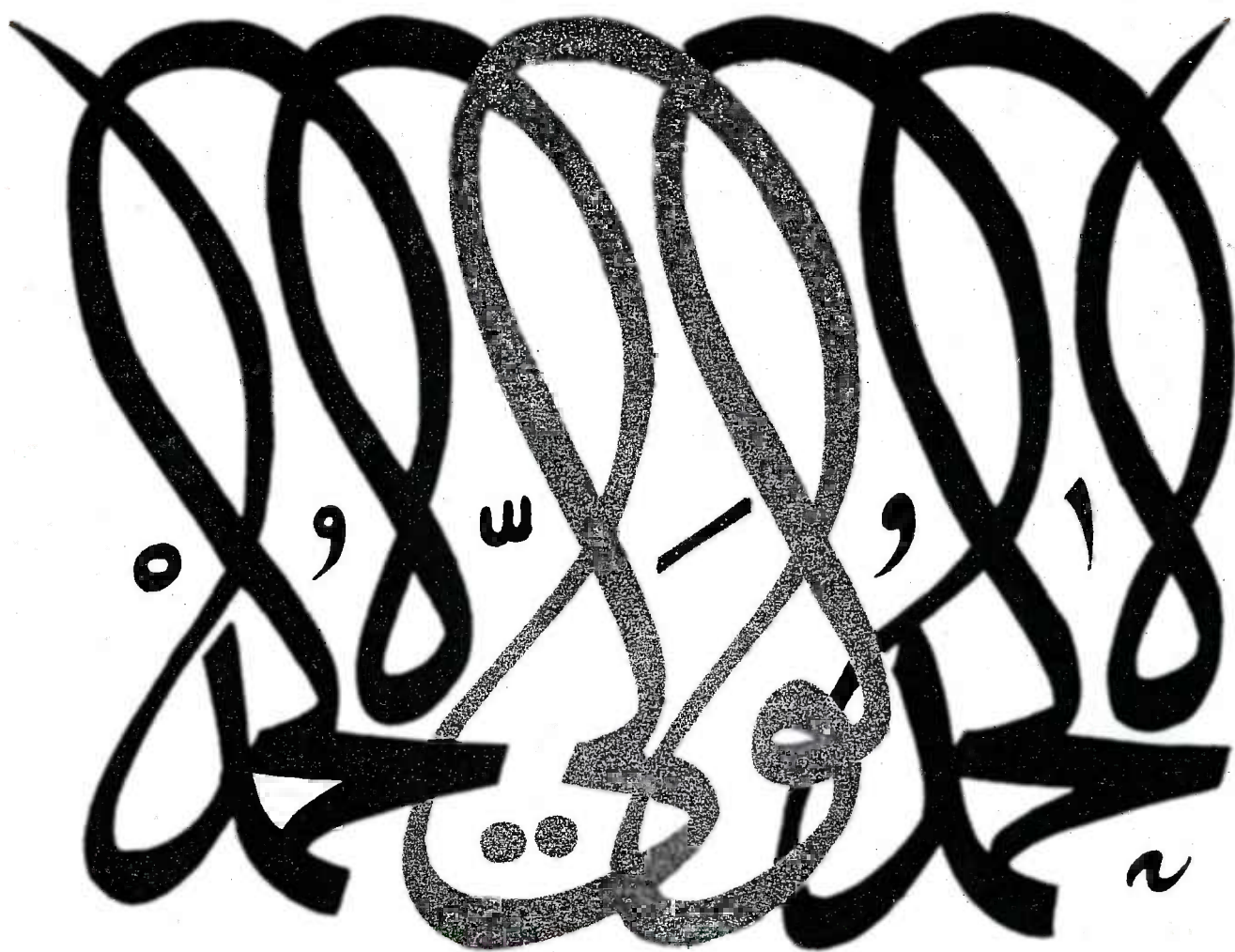


# Islam-Fiche

Readings from Islamic Primary Sources  
Series I-II



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# Islam-Fiche A new kind of anthology for the study and teaching of Islamic civilization

## The advantages of *Islam-Fiche*:

- For students, direct access to important and illustrative primary source materials, presented with ample explanatory aids and study guides.
- For instructors, flexibility in choosing readings from a wide variety of sources to meet the needs of particular courses or groups.
- For college libraries, economy in acquiring a valuable resource collection that can be expanded easily as needed.

*Islam-Fiche* is a collection of selected reading texts carefully chosen from published and unpublished sources to reflect the chronological, geographical, and linguistic diversity of Islamic societies.

The material ranges from pre-Islamic poetry to the theology, philosophy, and science of the pre-modern empires and the history, politics, and literature of recent times.

The collection presents English translations of the diverse languages of Islamic life and culture in countries from Spain to Indonesia and from Central Asia to India and Africa.

Each microfiche unit comprises three to fifty pages of text accompanied by specially prepared explanatory material, including a critical introduction, information about the author, and notes on the text and its sources, as well as study questions and suggestions for further related reading. Thus, each selection forms a self-contained study unit, suitable for single-assignment reading and focussed classroom discussion in an undergraduate course. A number of selections can also be combined to form a tailor-made anthology.

## *Islam-Fiche*: a participatory venture

*Islam-Fiche* has from its inception been a uniquely participatory and cooperative venture. Teachers and advanced students from various colleges and universities have worked on the selections and the accompanying explanatory material. It is hoped that the initial collection of 205 selections will eventually become the core of an ongoing collection that can be expanded as active teachers of Islamic subjects identify lacunae and suggest interesting additions. The microfiche format allows continuous revision and inclusion of new selections at prices that any college or university should be able to afford with ease. Because of the range of topics it covers, *Islam-Fiche* should also provide interesting primary sources for use by scholars teaching in other fields.

## Contents of *Islam-Fiche* by genre

The text selections are grouped according to the following literary or topical "genres":

	number of selections
Adab (Urbane Literature) . . . . .	14
Biography and Memoirs . . . . .	17
Devotional and Liturgical Literature . . . . .	7
Folk and Oral Literature . . . . .	8
Falsafah (Philosophy) . . . . .	17
Geography and Travel Writing . . . . .	15
Hadīth and Hadīth Sciences . . . . .	3
Historical Literature . . . . .	30
Inshā' (Chancery Documents and Compositions) . . . . .	7
Legal and Commercial (e.g., <i>Hisbah</i> ) Texts . . . . .	8
Literary Sciences and Philology . . . . .	1
Novels . . . . .	2
Non-Muslim Literature . . . . .	4
Natural Sciences, Technology, and Medicine . . . . .	1
Poetry . . . . .	30
Qur'ān-related Literature (e.g., <i>Tafsīr</i> ) . . . . .	2
Siyāsah (Political and Governmental Writings) . . . . .	31
Short Story and Drama . . . . .	9
Sūfī-related Literature . . . . .	24
Theological Texts . . . . .	28
Total number of selections	258

This total is higher than 205 because some of the selections have been classified under more than one genre.

## Printed Guide

A printed guide is supplied with the *Islam-Fiche* collection. The *Guide* contains abstracts of all currently available selections in the collection, together with comprehensive indexes that provide cross-referencing of the entire *Islam-Fiche* material according to five sections:

- I. Index of authors
- II. Index of selection titles
- III. Chronological distribution of selections
- IV. Geographical distribution of selections
- V. Distribution of selections by original language

## General information

Scope	205 text selections
Number of fiche	207
Size of fiche	105 x 148 mm
Film type	Positive silver-halide
Reduction ratio	1 : 23
Internal finding aids	Eye-legible headers with title and number of the selection on each fiche
External finding aids	A printed guide of 36 pages with abstracts and indexes
Order number	NE-293/1

Since the aim of the *Islam-Fiche* project was to produce an inexpensive body of primary-source teaching materials, the buyer's price includes only production costs and none of the expenses involved in preparing and developing the project.

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## Plastic binders for storage

The printed guide accompanies the microfiches in a convenient plastic binder with dustcover.

