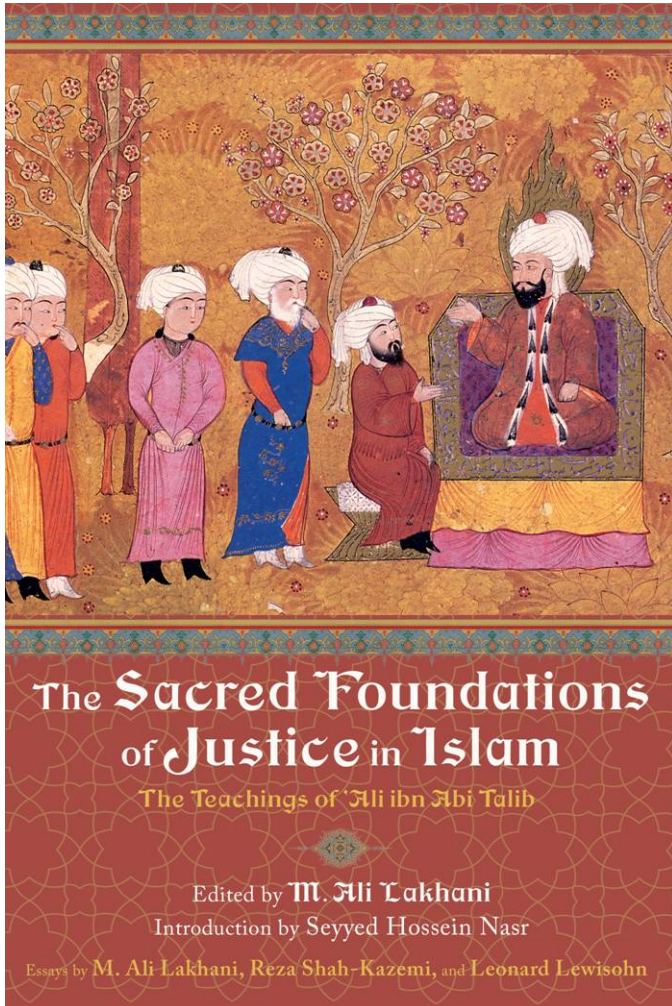


The Sacred Foundations of Justice in Islam: The Teachings of Ali 'ibn Abi Talib



This is the definitive introduction to the writings of 'Ali, who was the son-in-law to the Prophet Muhammad, the fourth caliph to Sunni Muslims, and the central figure in Shi'a Islam. Two essays in this anthology won awards at the International Congress on Imam 'Ali, Tehran, 2001. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, pronounced them, "among the best writings on this extraordinary figure in Western languages and are obligatory reading for anyone interested in 'Ali."

What issues are explored in this book?

- ❖ What is meant by Justice?
- ❖ What does it mean to be Just?
- ❖ How is Justice related to Truth and to the very structure of Reality?

- ❖ Does Justice have merely a public dimension?
- ❖ Is Justice rooted in a transcendent dimension that is found within oneself?
- ❖ What is the relevance of Imam 'Ali's conception of Justice to the modern world?

The first two essays, by M. Ali Lakhani and Reza Shah-Kazemi, which have been pronounced by the eminent scholar, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, as "among the best writings on this extraordinary figure in Western languages and are obligatory reading for anyone interested in 'Ali but not familiar with Islamic languages", garnered the top two prizes at the International Congress on Imam 'Ali held in Iran

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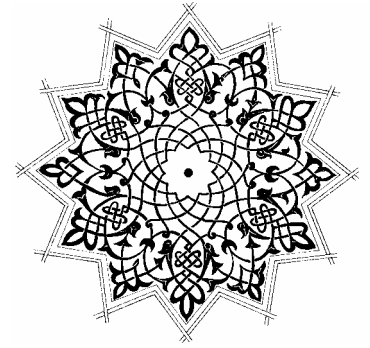


in 2001, while the third essay is by renowned scholar in Persian Sufism, Leonard Lewisohn.

What are the details of this book?

The Sacred Foundations of Justice in Islam contains:

- ❖ Index of Qur'anic References
- ❖ Index of Proper Names
- ❖ Index of Arabic Terms
- ❖ Sources Referred to in the Text
- ❖ Biographical Notes



The Sacred Foundations of Justice in Islam is now available (Pub month January 2007), ISBN 1-933316-26-8, trim size: 6"x9", \$21.95 and is an estimated 192 pages.

About Ali 'ibn Abi Talib



Through the wisdom of his teachings, their profound metaphysical insights and practical guidance, and the exemplary life that he led, 'Ali ibn Abi Talib (599-661) is regarded as a paragon of wisdom, piety and virtue, and is not only a great Muslim but a great religious leader whose universal message of truth is relevant for all time.

'Ali, the son of Abi Talib, was the cousin of the Prophet Muhammad, and, by his marriage to the Prophet's daughter, Fatima, also his son-in-law. He is revered by both Sunni and Shi'a Muslims, for whom he is the first Imam and the Prophet's spiritual successor. He was assassinated in 661.

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An excerpt from the foreword

“Let us hope that it will be read by those interested in the meaning of justice from the traditional perspective as well as students and devotees of Islam in general and ‘Ali in particular. Let us also hope that Muslims themselves, especially those brought up in the West and not well acquainted with Islamic languages, will gain through this book a deeper understanding of the life and thought of ‘Ali and the deepest meaning of justice in the Islamic tradition.” — **Seyyed Hossein Nasr**

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