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This book is a comprehensive study of Sibawayhi's methodological concepts and methods. It analyzes a wide range of the Kitab's passages, demonstrates the coherency of its author's system of.

In this sense, both scholars and research students will find enough material of interest in it that will satisfy a variety of scholarly quests. The book is divided into four chapters. Chapter 1 is devoted to the formative period of Arab linguistic thinking. Although this chapter hardly sheds any new light on the issues discussed in it, it is, nevertheless, stimulating and well-argued. These terms are analysed at the three levels of syntax, morphology and phonology. In the next chapter essential analytical methods are presented. The final chapter is a comparative study undertaken in the form of a historical survey of later Arab grammarians, most of whom claimed to have been exclusively concerned with the codification and systematization of grammatical rules, albeit for pedagogical purposes. The comparative tone of the analysis and the depiction of later grammarians prevent Baalbaki from elevating his study above a reductionist approach. The author never tires of hammering home one and the same idea, i. This reproach turns into a sort of a recurrent refrain through the book and culminates in the final chapter where later grammarians, except for the three mentioned above, are persistently reproached for failing to preserve that balance cf. From the point of view of methodology, there is little to which a reviewer can object. However, the following points are worth highlighting. The first point that must be made relates to the excessive use of bullet points. It is certainly necessary to use bullet points in a book such as the one under review but their use is flawed in a way that rather than acting as a strength, acts as a weakness. The discussion of the material used has the initial quality of inviting the reader to join in the arguments and get involved in a thorough and engaging analysis. One further point is related to the confusion of the semantic and pragmatic components of the language. There would be no point, in a short review, in engaging in a detailed discussion of Arabic linguistic terms and their rendition into a foreign language. Given the fact that boundary disputes between linguistic terms are a source of persistent and general confusion, Baalbaki should not shoulder all the blame in this case. According to Leech Principles of Pragmatics [Longman,], p. This distinction suffices to see where later grammarians deviate. It is worth noting that the term pragmatics is mentioned only once in the section dealing with the role of the speaker and listener in the event of communication. Finally, there are minor errors in this book and I will limit myself to one particular occasion, where the mistake is very unwelcome, i. However, this is a book that will leave the reader with a mixed feeling: For Permissions, please email:

Legacy of The Prophet If anyone's advice can be considered the best advice, it is the advice of the Prophet Muhammad, Peace be upon him. His advice to his companions, may Allah be Pleased with them are found in hadith.

During this period, from to , the territory of the Muslim Empire encompassed present-day Iran, Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Palestine, North Africa, Spain, and parts of Turkey and drew to Baghdad peoples of all those lands in an unparalleled cross-fertilization of once isolated intellectual traditions. Geographical unity, however, was but one factor. Another was the development of Arabic, by the ninth century, into the language of international scholarship as well as the language of the Divine Truth. This was one of the most significant events in the history of ideas. A third important factor was the establishment in Baghdad of a paper mill. The introduction of paper, replacing parchment and papyrus, was a pivotal advance which had effects on education and scholarship as far reaching as the invention of printing in the fifteenth century. It made it possible to put books within the reach of everyone. In the eighth century, however, they had a more convenient source: In the ninth century the Caliph al-Mamun, son of the famous Harun al-Rashid, began to tap that invaluable source. As the early scholars in the Islamic world agreed with Aristotle that mathematics was the basis of all science, the scholars of the House of Wisdom first focused on mathematics. Other translations included a book On mathematical theory by Nichomachus of Gerasa, and works by mathematicians like Theodosius of Tripoli, Apollonius Pergacus, Theon, and Menelaus, all basic to the great age of Islamic mathematical speculation that followed. Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwaraznli seems to have been the first to explore their use systematically, and wrote the famous Kitab al-Jabr wa-l-Muqabalah, the first book on algebra, a name derived from the second word in his title. They not only sponsored translations of Greek works, but wrote a series of important original studies of their own, one bearing the impressive title The Measurement of the Sphere, Trisection of the Angle, and Determination of Two Mean Proportionals to Form a Single Division between Two Given Quantities. The Banu Musa also contributed works on celestial mechanics and the atom, helped with such practical projects as canal construction, and in addition recruited one of the greatest of the ninth-century scholars, Thabit ibn Qurrah. During a trip to Byzantium in search of manuscripts, Muhammad ibn Musa happened to meet Thabit ibn Qurrah, then a money changer but also a scholar in Syriac, Greek, and Arabic. Although the House of Wisdom originally concentrated on mathematics, it did not exclude other subjects. Later a director of the House of Wisdom, Hunayn also wrote at least twenty-nine original treatises of his own on medical topics, and a collection of ten essays on ophthalmology which covered, in systematic fashion, the anatomy and physiology of the eye and the treatment of various diseases which afflict vision. The first known medical work to include anatomical drawings, the book was translated into Latin and for centuries was the authoritative treatment of the subject in both Western and Eastern universities. He was also a man devoted to common sense, as the titles of two of his works suggest. Another major figure in the Islamic Golden Age was al-Farabi, who wrestled with many of the same philosophical problems as al-Kindi and wrote The Perfect City, which illustrates to what degree Islam had assimilated Greek ideas and then impressed them with its own indelible stamp. This work proposed that the ideal city be founded on moral and religious principles from which would flow the physical infrastructure. The Muslim legacy included advances in technology too. Ibn al-Haytham, for example, wrote The Book of Optics, in which he gives a detailed treatment of the anatomy of the eye, correctly deducing that the eye receives light from the object perceived and laying the foundation for modern photography. In the tenth century he proposed a plan to dam the Nile. It was by no means theoretical speculation; many of the dams, reservoirs, and aqueducts constructed at this time throughout the Islamic world still survive.

Chapter 3 : R. Baalbaki (Author of The Legacy of the Kitab)

The Legacy of the Kitab: Sibawayhi's Analytical Methods Within the Context of the Arabic Grammatical Theory (STUDIES IN SEMITIC LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS) Hardcover - August 31,

He had a special disdain, however, for schools that specialized in religious studies only, and sought to demonstrate that local schools that held regular academic classes as well as classes in religion were more beneficial to their pupils than religious schools with lopsided curricula. At this time, Qutb developed his bent against the imams and their traditional approach to education. This confrontation would persist throughout his life. During his early career, Qutb devoted himself to literature as an author and critic, writing such novels as *Ashwak Thorns* and even helped to elevate Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz from obscurity. In the early s, he encountered the work of Nobel Prize -winner French eugenicist Alexis Carrel , who would have a seminal and lasting influence on his criticism of Western civilization , as "instead of liberating man, as the post-Enlightenment narrative claimed, he believed that Western modernity enmeshed people in spiritually numbing networks of control and discipline, and that rather than building caring communities, it cultivated attitudes of selfish individualism. Though Islam gave him much peace and contentment, [31] he suffered from respiratory and other health problems throughout his life and was known for "his introvertedness, isolation, depression and concern. Syed Qutb from a young age would save up his money for a man called Amsaalih, who used to sell books around the local villages. He would have a big collection of books, and another small collection specifically for Syed Qutb. And Amsaalih would let him do that. At the age of 12, he had his own library collection of 25 books, even though books were really expensive during that time. He would imitate the scholars by reading the books, and then give lectures to the rest of the village. If any women needed any information, they would wait till Syed Qutb came back from school, and ask him to share the knowledge he had to them. In many occasions he would be shy because he was a young man, but in some occasions he would go and teach the knowledge he had to the people who asked him. Before his departure from the United States, even though more and more conservative, he still was " Western in so many waysâ€”his dress, his love of classical music and Hollywood movies. He had read, in translation, the works of Darwin and Einstein , Byron and Shelley , and had immersed himself in French literature , especially Victor Hugo ". He was appalled by what he perceived as loose sexual openness of American men and women a far cry from his home of Musha, Asyut. This American experience was for him a fine-tuning of his Islamic identity. He himself tells us on his boat trip over "Should I travel to America, and become flimsy, and ordinary, like those who are satisfied with idle talk and sleep. Or should I distinguish myself with values and spirit. Is there other than Islam that I should be steadfast to in its character and hold on to its instructions, in this life amidst deviant chaos, and the endless means of satisfying animalistic desires, pleasures, and awful sins? I wanted to be the latter man. She knows it lies in the face, and in expressive eyes, and thirsty lips. She knows seductiveness lies in the round breasts, the full buttocks, and in the shapely thighs, sleek legs â€” and she shows all this and does not hide it. The American is primitive in his artistic taste, both in what he enjoys as art and in his own artistic works. This is that music that the Negroes invented to satisfy their primitive inclinations, as well as their desire to be noisy on the one hand and to excite bestial tendencies on the other. Meanwhile, the noise of the instruments and the voices mounts, and it rings in the ears to an unbearable degreeâ€” The agitation of the multitude increases, and the voices of approval mount, and their palms ring out in vehement, continuous applause that all but deafens the ears. His experience in the U. Nasser would go to the house of Syed Qutb and ask him for ideas about the Revolution. Many members of the Brotherhood expected Nasser to establish an Islamic government. Nasser had secretly set up an organisation that would sufficiently oppose the Muslim Brotherhood once he came to power. This organisation was called "Tahreer" "freedom" in Arabic. It was well known that the Brotherhood were made popular by their extensive social programs in Egypt, and Nasser wanted to be ready once he had taken over. Once Qutb realized that Nasser had taken advantage of the secrecy between the Free Officers and the Brotherhood, he promptly quit. Nasser then tried to persuade Qutb by offering him any position he wanted in Egypt except its Kingship, saying: Upset that Nasser would not enforce

a government based on Islamic ideology, Qutb and other Brotherhood members plotted to assassinate him in 1955. During his first three years in prison, conditions were bad and Qutb was tortured. In later years he was allowed more mobility, including the opportunity to write. The school of thought he inspired has become known as Qutbism. Qutb was let out of prison at the end of 1957 at the behest of the Prime Minister of Iraq, Abdul Salam Arif, for only 8 months before being rearrested in August 1958. He was accused of plotting to overthrow the state and subjected to what some consider a show trial. He was sentenced to death for his part in the conspiracy to assassinate the President [55] and other Egyptian officials and personalities, though he was not the instigator or leader of the actual plot. The concept of the imperceptible is a decisive factor in distinguishing man from animal. Materialist thinking, ancient as well as modern, has tended to drag man back to an irrational existence, with no room for the spiritual, where everything is determined by sensory means alone. Secularism Different theories have been advanced as to why Qutb turned away from his secularist tendencies towards Islamic sharia. One common explanation is that the conditions he witnessed in prison from 1954 to 1957, including the torture and murder of Muslim Brothers, convinced him that only a government bound by Islamic law could prevent such abuses. In the opening of his book *Milestones* he presents the following views: It is necessary for the new leadership to preserve and develop the material fruits of the creative genius of Europe, and also to provide mankind with such high ideals and values as have so far remained undiscovered by mankind, and which will also acquaint humanity with a way of life which is harmonious with human nature, which is positive and constructive, and which is practicable. It is the same with the Eastern bloc. Its social theories, foremost among which is Marxism, in the beginning attracted not only a large number of people from the East but also from the West, as it was a way of life based on a creed. But now Marxism is defeated on the plane of thought, and if it is stated that not a single nation in the world is truly Marxist, it will not be an exaggeration. This ideology prospers only in a degenerate society or in a society which has become cowed as a result of some form of prolonged dictatorship. But now, even under these circumstances, its materialistic economic system is failing, although this was the only foundation on which its structure was based. Russia, which is the leader of the communist countries, is itself suffering from shortages of food. Although during the times of the Tsars Russia used to produce surplus food, it now has to import food from abroad and has to sell its reserves of gold for this purpose. The main reason for this is the failure of the system of collective farming, or, one can say, the failure of a system which is against human nature. This work, more than any other, established Qutb as one of the premier Islamists of the 20th century, and perhaps the foremost proponent of Islamist thought in that era. Qutb, dissatisfied with the condition of contemporary Islam, identified its benighted state as having two principal causes. This had led to the virulent spread of a secular culture within Muslim societies, which, with the assistance of Western imperialism and colonialism that distorted the existing order, was a second important cause of the straying of many Muslims from the right path. Qutb asserted that the Islamic world had sunk into a state of Jahiliyyah ignorance and foolishness. Then something happened to him in America to remove his doubts. He says; that while he was going to America, he was on the boat ferry, and he saw the way the boat he was travelling in "was rocking in the huge sea" all under the control of Allah without it sinking or capsizing. At that point he realized the power of Allah. He said Iman belief entered into his heart due to this. His second scenario was in San Francisco, when he went on top of a mountain, and he could see the whole of creation in front of him, and he realized the beauty and harmony that existed amongst the creation as a whole. He said that, the sweetness of Iman hit him.

Chapter 4 : Free Islamic e-Books

R. Baalbaki is the author of The Legacy of the Kitab (avg rating, 1 rating, 0 reviews, published).

Ibn al-Haytham was born during a creative period known as the golden age of Muslim civilisation that saw many fascinating advances in science, technology and medicine. In an area that spread from Spain to China, inspirational men and women, of different faiths and cultures, built upon knowledge of ancient civilisations, making discoveries that had a huge and often underappreciated impact on our world. To find out more visit: This conference will see experts in science, history and culture engage world leaders and the public with fascinating insights into the era of ground-breaking discoveries and innovations by scientists of different cultures and faiths who lived during that period of Muslim Civilisation over 1, years ago. He is known to have said: Ibn al-Haytham was born in the year in Basra, and died in about in Cairo. He sought experimental proof of his theories and ideas. During many years living in Egypt, ten of which were spent under what we may now call protective custody house arrest , he composed one of his most celebrated works, the Kitab al-Manazir, whose title is commonly translated into English as Book of Optics but more properly has the broader meaning Book of Vision. Ibn al-Haytham made significant advances in optics, mathematics and astronomy. His work on optics was characterised by a strong emphasis on carefully designed experiments to test theories and hypotheses. In that regard he was following a procedure somewhat similar to the one modern scientists adhere to in their investigative research. Different views about how the process of vision could be explained had been in circulation for centuries mainly among classical Greek thinkers. Some said rays came out of the eyes, while others thought something entered the eyes to represent an object. But it was the 11th-century scientist Ibn al-Haytham who undertook a systematic critique of these ideas about vision in order to demonstrate by both reason and experiment that light was a crucial, and independent, part of the visual process. He thus concluded that vision would only take place when a light ray issued from a luminous source or was reflected from such a source before it entered the eye. Out of the 96 books he is recorded to have written; only 55 are known to have survived. Those related to the subject of light included: The crater Alhazen on the Moon is named in his honour, as is the asteroid Alhazen. Born in in Basra, during the intellectual heyday of Muslim civilisation. Invited to Egypt to help build a dam on the Nile. After a field visit, he declined to proceed with the project causing him to end up in what we now call -protective custody for 10 years. From his observations of light entering a dark room, he made major breakthroughs in understanding light and vision. His discoveries led him to make significant revision to ancient views about how our eyes see. Through his studies of earlier work by Galen and others, he gave names to several parts of the eye, such as the lens, the retina and the cornea. He set new standards in experimental science and completed his great Book of Optics sometime around He died at the age of 74 in around the year His Book of Optics was translated into Latin and had a significant influence on many scientists of the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Enlightenment. Relatively late in his life, apparently stimulated by controversies with contemporaries about truth and authority and the role of criticism in scientific research, Ibn al-Haytham articulated some remarkably sophisticated statements on the practice of science and the growth of scientific knowledge. In a critical treatise, Aporias doubts against Ptolemy, he asserts that "Truth is sought for itself" but "the truths," he warns, "are immersed in uncertainties" and the scientific authorities such as Ptolemy, whom he greatly respected are "not immune from error". Thus the duty of the man who investigates the writings of scientists, if learning the truth is his goal, is to make himself an enemy of all that he reads, and, applying his mind to the core and margins of its content, attack it from every side. He should also suspect himself as he performs his critical examination of it, so that he may avoid falling into either prejudice or leniency. Ibn al-Haytham, therefore, started not only the traditional theme of optical research but also others, new ones, to cover finally the following areas: Ibn al-Haytham is universally acknowledged to be one of, if not, the most creative scientist Islamic civilization had ever known. The work The Book of Optics contains a complete formulation of the laws of reflection and a detailed investigation of refraction, including experiments involving angles of incidence and deviation. And there are several good reasons for this: So elegant, coherent, and logically compelling was that synthesis, in fact, that it informed optical thought in

Europe for hundreds of years before it was finally undermined by Kepler. The greatest Muslim physicist and one of the greatest students of optics of all times. Ibn al-Haytham was one of the truly great men of science. It is both through his clever use of thought experiments and in his emphasis on performing actual and careful experiments that Ibn al-Haytham must be considered as one of a handful of scientists whose contributions were pivotal to the development of the modern world. His famous critique of Ptolemaic astronomy led to a fruitful tradition in theoretical astronomy. However, it was through his research in optics that he made an even greater impact. Ibn al-Haytham and his followers in the West laid the groundwork for the Renaissance rediscovery of linear perspective and its inestimably important consequences, namely, the mathematicization of space on the one hand, and the exaltation of the observer, on the other, without which the Scientific Revolution might not have been possible. Alhazen was undoubtedly the most significant figure in the history of optics between antiquity and the seventeenth century. Visual literacy is not limited to the narrative and symbolic qualities of pictures and images, but it is also rooted in the scientific and cultural study of optics and the visual system One name stands out as that of a rare genius in physical research:

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