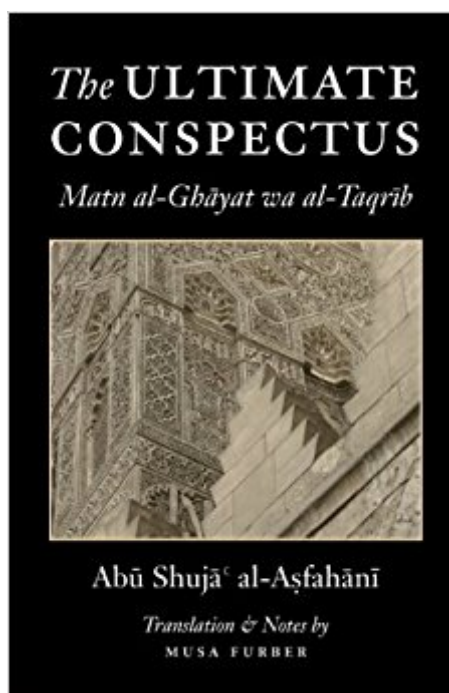


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Synopsis

A translation of Abu Shuja' al-Asfahani's introduction to classical Islamic law, *Matn al-Ghayat wa al-Taqrīb*. This enduring classic covers the full range of basic topics within the Shafi'i school of law. It includes the full Arabic text and notes to point out where later Shafi'i jurists have differed from the author, Imam al-Nawawi's preferences, and minor clarifications and explanations.

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Another excellent translation of a foundational text by Musa Furber. Includes both Arabic and English.

Great book on fiqh, a must read for any one interested in the shafii medhab. Will def enjoy very much

This is an excellent new translation of a classic Shafi'i Fiqh primer! It covers the entire spectrum of Islamic law according to the Shafi'i school of jurisprudence in a concise way. It also fills in the gap between very basic texts of fiqh to more intermediate works like *Reliance of the Traveller*. But as with any book, the translator who is a specialist in Islamic law and is qualified to give expert legal opinions in Islamic law, makes it clear that: "Since the earliest days of Islam, the preservation, explanation, and dissemination of religious knowledge has been the task of living human beings. Though the Qur'an, hadith, and other bodies of knowledge were recorded soon after the passing of the Prophet (salla llahu alayhi wa sallam), reliance has always been upon living human who know and practice, not inanimate pages that statically record. When Uthman (may Allah be pleased with

him) sent an official mushaf (compiled book of the Quran) to the various regions of Islam, each mushaf was accompanied by someone who has been assigned the responsibility to teach the masses its proper recitation and meanings. While pages can record meanings, pages cannot recite or explain what they record; pages cannot teach others to recite or explain properly, nor test, and - when needed - correct those who err or mistaken." (translator's preface, page ix) Islamic legal manuals were never meant to be self-studied. It is important learn such texts with qualified teachers. In that way any rulings that need further clarification or explanation can be given as well as correct any mistakes that might have crept in by the translator or author. I had the pleasure of studying the text (in its preliminary form prior to publication) under Shaykh Jamal ud-Deen Hysaw during 2011-2013. This work is a must for students in Islamic law, in particular the Shafi'i school of jurisprudence.

I have been studying this book with a number of teachers and have been relying solely on the arabic text. I was overjoyed when I found a translation done by such a reliable scholar. The only downside is that I would have hoped for there to be more commentary from the sheikh on the different comments within the texts. The few insights he does give are excellent and I would have liked to see more. An essential buy for all budding shafi students!

This is an excellent concise manual of Shafi'i fiqh that anyone would benefit from, regardless of his/her level of knowledge. It functions as a primer for beginners and a handy reference for more advanced students. It contains the original Arabic and it is vowelled, which is a tremendous help to those of us who are still learning the language. The English is clear and simple and the explanatory footnotes are very helpful. Shaykh Musa did a wonderful job. May Allah reward Shaykh Musa and the author, Abi al-Shuja al-Afahani.

I gave this book 4 stars because I would have liked to see some explanatory notes from the translator. However, I believe the author's intent was for this work to be read with a teacher trained in the Shafi'i school. In this case, his translation is a perfect introductory text for novice students.

This book is a phenomenal translation of the famous Fiqh treatise: Abi al-Shuja al-Afahani. I would recommend all learners and teachers of Islamic law to benefit from the efforts of the translator, Musa Furber.

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