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For my parents

PREFACE

The objectives of *Islam: outline of a classification scheme* are two fold: to encourage debate and discussion on the acute need for contemporary classification schemes on Islam; and to present a model, albeit a primitive one, for consideration and criticism.

A classification scheme that places Islam at its centre must clearly be more suitable for the classification of works on Islam, and it must consequently give greater satisfaction to the librarian and his clientele, the users of the library. How often does a Muslim scholar find himself lost in the turns and twists of Western classifications of his culture? A classification scheme that reflects his world-view is long overdue.

With this scheme I hope a small first step has been taken in this direction. If this book generates enough discussion to improve this scheme or even replace it completely with others which meet the needs of the Muslim community, it will have achieved its goal.

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PART ONE: INTRODUCTION

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- B Pre-Judaic Religion
- C Judaism
- D Christianity

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- G Hadith
- H Prophet Muhammad: *The Seerah*
- J Muslim Faith
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- L Ibadah
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- Q Education and Learning
- R History and People
- S Civilisation and Culture
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- U Human Behavioural Characteristics
- V Contemporary Issues

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Organisations and associations are indexed only with their initials, eg The Federation of Students Islamic Societies in UK and Eire is indexed under F as 'FOSIS', and Muslim Students Association of India under M as 'MSA (India)'.

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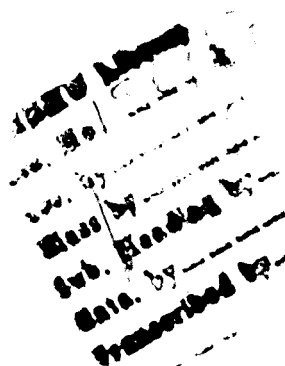
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