

# The Hidden Origins of Islam

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# Outline

- 1. The Muslim Version of History
- 2. Religious Background of Arabia
- 3. Life of Muhammad
- 4. Wars of Expansion
- 5. How To Use This Knowledge

The Muslim  
Version of  
History

**Muhammad**



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# The Muslim Version of History

# The Rightly Guided Caliphs



## II. Religious Background of Arabia







**The  
Christians of  
Najran**

# Kingdom of Himyar (~300-530)

## Jewish Kingdom



## Map of Medina

at the Time the  
*Kitāb* was Concluded



## Tribes of Yathrib (Medina)

# Najran



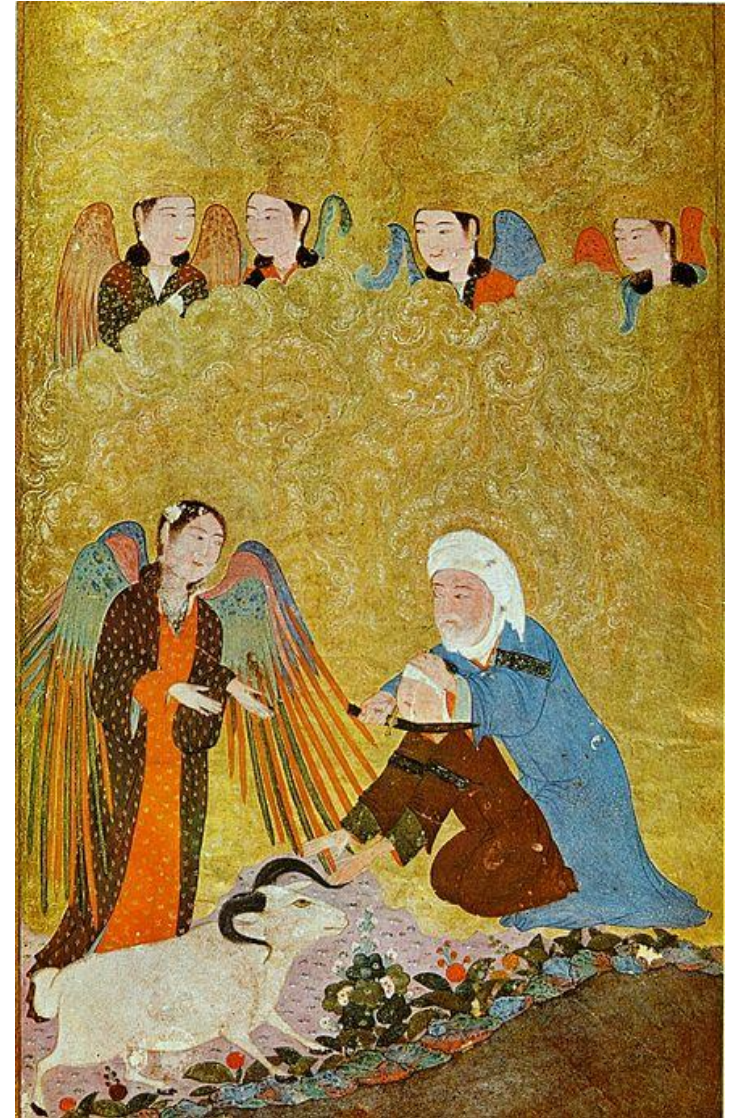
Religious  
Background  
of Arabia

# The Ecclesiastical History of Sozomen

From AD 324 to AD 425



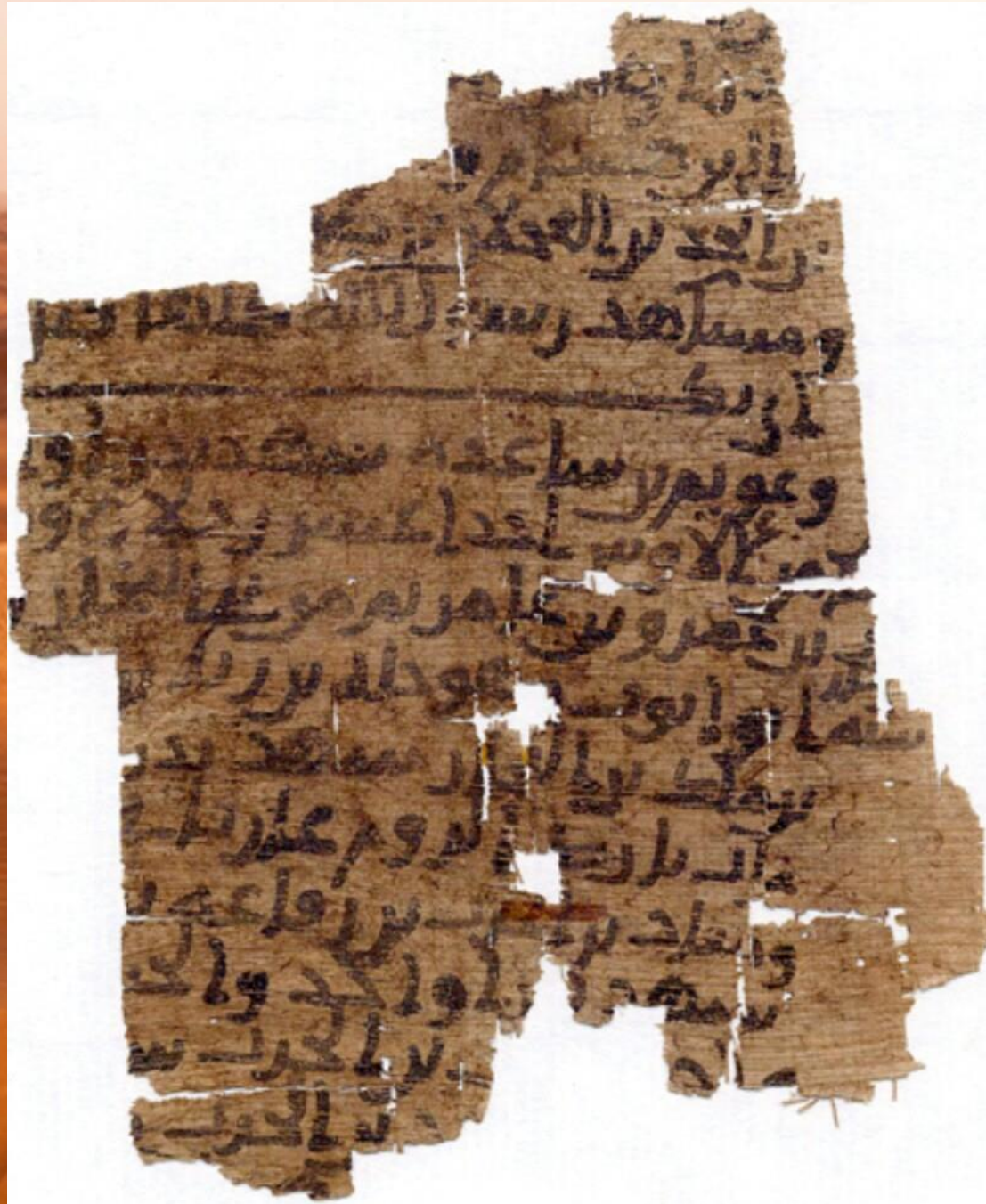
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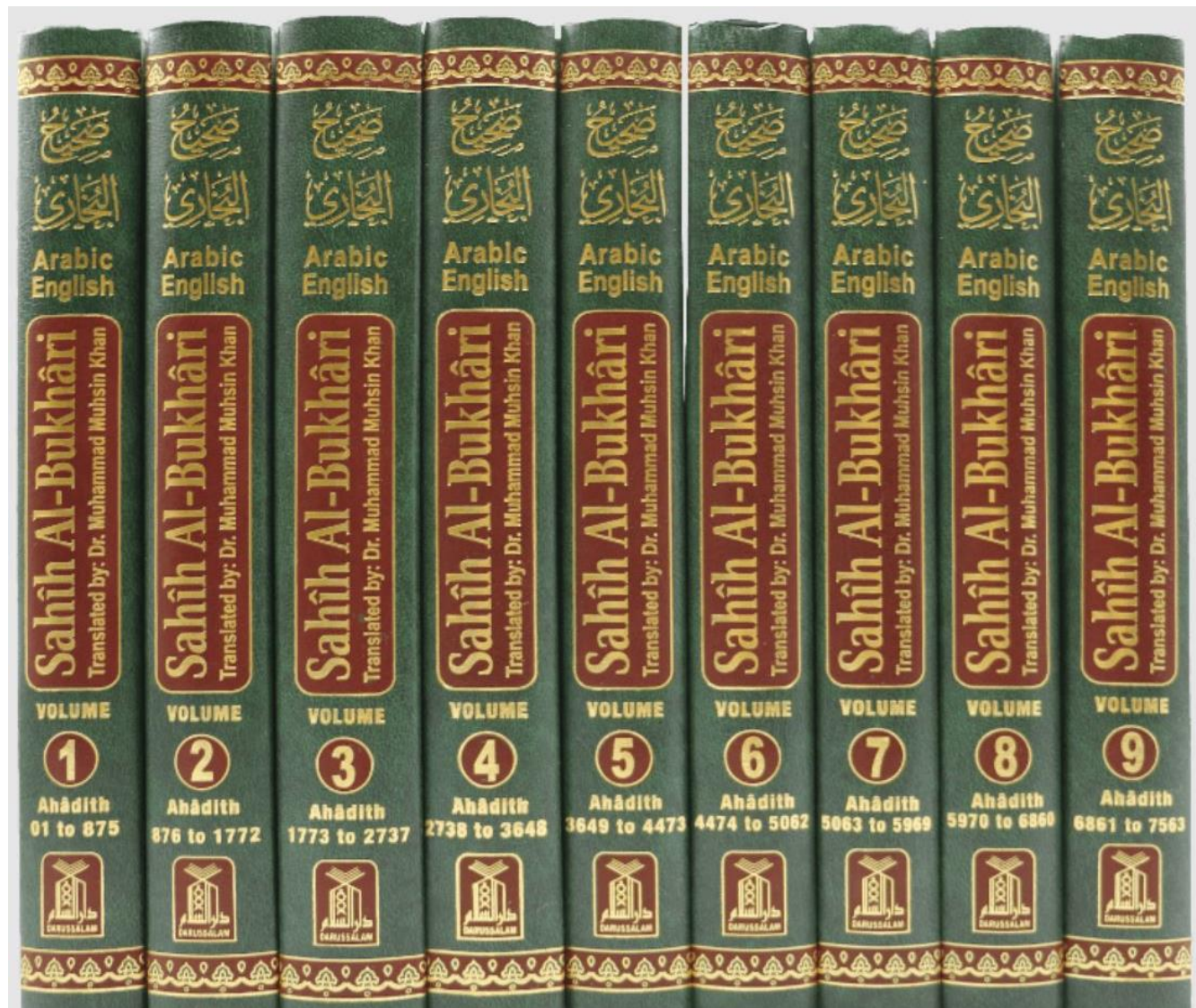


# Life of Muhammad





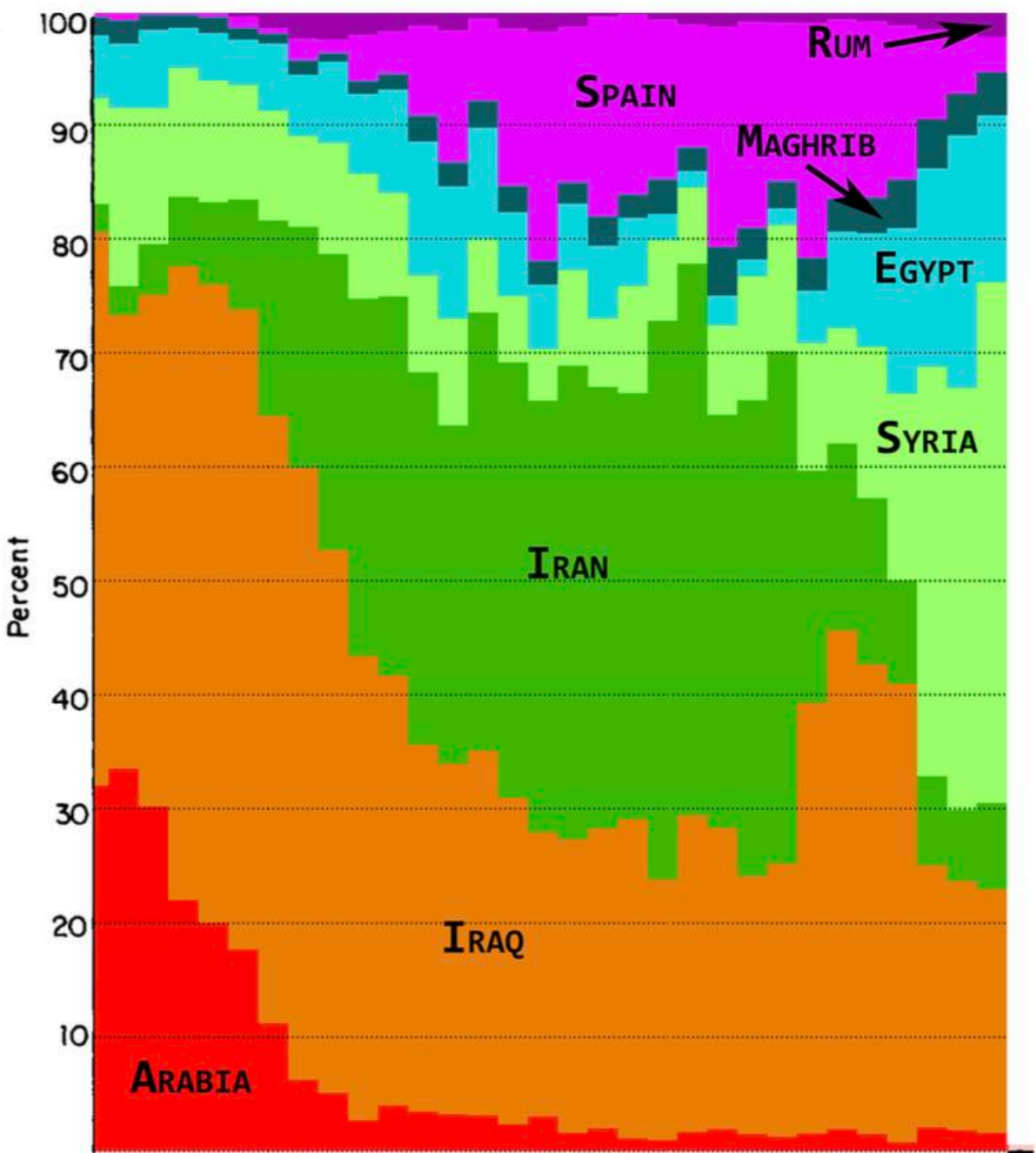
# Life of Muhammad



# Hadith Collections



Ta' rīkh al-islām (Romanov. Dissertation)



Prominent Muslims

Abd al-Malik

685-705 AD





# Wars of Expansion

# Abu Bakr as-Siddiq 632-634



# Under Umar ibn al-Khattab



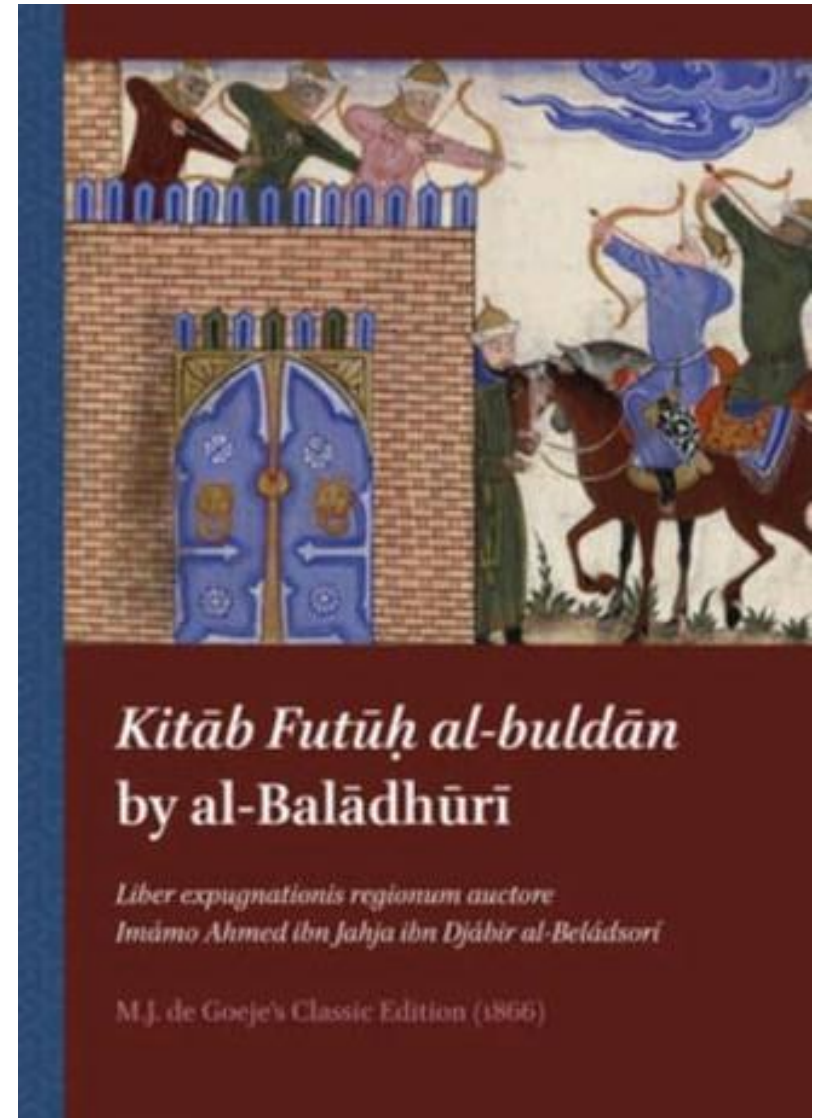
# Under Uthman ibn Affan





# Al-Baladhuri

D. 892



# The Conquest of Egypt



# Treatment of Christians in the Rashidun Caliphate



# How To Use This Knowledge





# How To Use This Knowledge

- **Build trust**
- **Respect Islamic beliefs**
- **Focus on common ground**

How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **2. Understand Islam**





How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **3. Emphasize Love and the Character of God**



How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **4. Use the Bible Wisely**



How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **5. Live Out Your Faith**





How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **6. Answer Questions with Grace**



How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **7. Pray for Guidance and Opportunities**

How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **8. Avoid Arguments**



How To  
Use This  
Knowledge

- **9. Focus on Jesus**



# Seeing Islam As Others Saw It

*A Survey and Evaluation of Christian, Jewish  
and Zoroastrian Writings on Early Islam*

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