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# Islamic Theology

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## A Resource for the World

One quarter of the world's population is Muslim. Over more than 1,400 years of history, Islam has expanded to encompass the entire Middle East, in addition to large swathes of Africa, Central Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Today Muslims can be found across every continent, heirs to a rich theological tradition which continues to shape their cultural, social, and economic lives in meaningful ways.

The St Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology is creating a leading digital resource for the understanding of Islamic theology. Led by world-renowned scholars and crafted by experts, the Islam section of the Encyclopaedia will present the totality of Islamic thought as a counterweight to partisan and extremist ideologies.

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## Goals of the Encyclopaedia

- Support the growth and development of an important academic resource in Islamic Theology at St Andrews, the top university in the United Kingdom
- Partner with centres of excellence in Islamic theology to build an international network.
- Help celebrate the diversity of Islamic theological enquiry by expanding an online platform dedicated to its comprehensive presentation
- Provide opportunities for Muslim scholars to meet, both in person and via the written word, to discuss questions central to their faith
- Create a free online Islamic resource accessible to communities across the globe



## Islamic Theology in the Broadest Sense

The Encyclopaedia will reflect Islamic theology in its widest possible sense, including kalām, falsafa, tasawwuf, and fiqh, and incorporating a broad range of contextual perspectives from across the Muslim world and from throughout the religion's long development.

In addition to Islam, the Encyclopaedia incorporates intellectual content from all major religious traditions, with an emphasis on material being written by scholars for whom these traditions are alive. Articles will form part of an open-access, peer-reviewed online reference work.

## How to Help

Your support will allow us to secure the long-term future of a free, online resource dedicated to the comprehensive, well-informed, and unbiased presentation of Islamic theology, to as broad an audience as possible. Discover more about the Islamic section of the St Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology at [saet.ac.uk/islam](http://saet.ac.uk/islam)

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