



Approaches to the Qur'an in Early Christian Arabic Texts (750-1258 C.E.) (Hardback)

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Academica Press, United States, 2014. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. How might early Christian Arabic texts aid contemporary research scholars / students of the Qur'an? Within a century of the Prophet's death, Christians were writing in Arabic. Although various recensions of the Covenant of Umar prohibit Christians from teaching the Qur'an to their children, this very prohibition indicates that Christians were, in fact, teaching the Qur'an to their children - for grammatical or theological purposes. During Abbasid times, representatives from various theological and philosophical schools would be summoned to debate the merits of their respective religions on the basis of logic, rather than competing religious texts. In his *Jadhwat al-Muqtabis*, Ab Abd All h al-Humayd recounts the amazement of an Andalusian visitor to the caliphal majlis in 4th/10th century Baghdad, when he found that Jews and Christians, Shi'a and Sunni, atheists and materialists were accorded equal respect in a debate session he attended. This spirit of free inquiry and open debate that shocked the Andalusian visitor to Baghdad is reflected in a number of Christian Arabic texts dating to the Abbasid period. Given the high degree of inter-confessional contact, and...



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