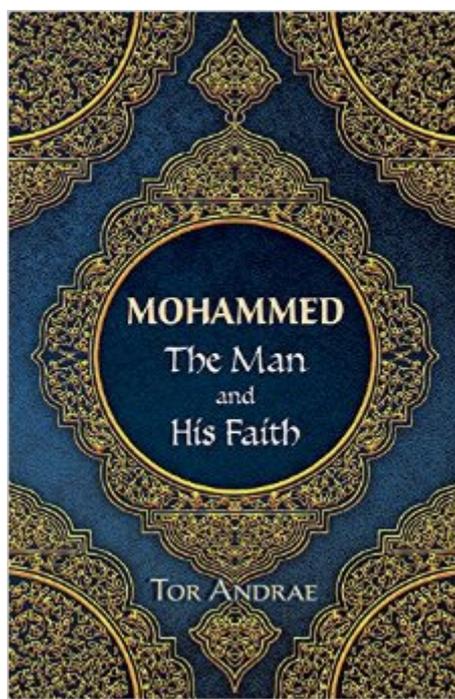


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Synopsis

Long considered an essential survey of the origins, tenets, and substance of Islam, this biographical classic conveys a deep understanding of the Prophet and his faith. "Even today, after a period of development of thirteen centuries," author Tor Andrae notes, "one may clearly discern in genuine Islamic piety the uniqueness which is ultimately derived from its founder's personal experience of God." Andrae's fascinating profile of Mohammed's life and times encompasses the rich diversity of the Prophet's influence, exploring not only his impact on religion and history but also his political and social relevance. Beginning with an overview of Arabia in the sixth century, Andrae chronicles Mohammed's youth and the circumstances surrounding his prophetic call, offering a cogent analysis of his religious message and doctrine of revelation. The author discusses the conflicts surrounding the Prophet's early preachings that culminated in his flight from Mecca to Medina, where his leadership duties expanded to include the roles of politician, ruler, and military commander. In conclusion, an evaluation of Mohammed's personality offers insights into the everyday conduct that has served as a model to succeeding generations of Muslims. Comprehensive in scope and even-handed in perspective, this is one of the finest volumes available in English about Islam. Mohammed: The Man and His Faith is essential reading for students of religion, and its inspiring examination of Mohammed's deep piety and the power and spiritual energy of his religion will enthrall readers who are well versed in Islam as well as those unfamiliar with the Prophet's life and teachings.

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This book is a typical Orientalist account of the Life the Messenger and the Revealed Message of the God. Orientalists still cannot comprehend that without the previously revealed Messages of the God we wouldn't understand the Quran at all. As long as they cannot see the Quran in the context of other revealed scriptures and base their accounts on the assumption that the Quran is composed by Muhammed (pinching ideas from Christians and Jews jumbling them with some of his own as the time goes by according to the needs of his society and his sexual desires), I don't think they can understand the importance of this message. therefore their efforts amounts to naught and waste of time. After this prelude I am not going to criticize every single paragraph of Tor Andrae but I will criticize his account of the concept "will" in the Quran, because; L. Wittgenstein said: "If you understand the workings of will in a language, then you understand the language." Tor quotes three verses from the Quran where the word "will" is used and on one of them he replaces this word with "pleased" to prepare it for his coming criticism, here it is: "Had we pleased, we had certainly given to every soul his guidance." (32,13) However the true wording of the sentence is: "Had we willed, we had certainly given to every soul his guidance." Then Tor jumps from this to a capricious God reflected on the character of Muhammed; -) Also with his quotation "...No soul shall believe but by the permission of Allah..." he confuses the will of Allah to work out a contradiction with his predestination concept. If some issue is left to permission then how can one reduce it to predestination?

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