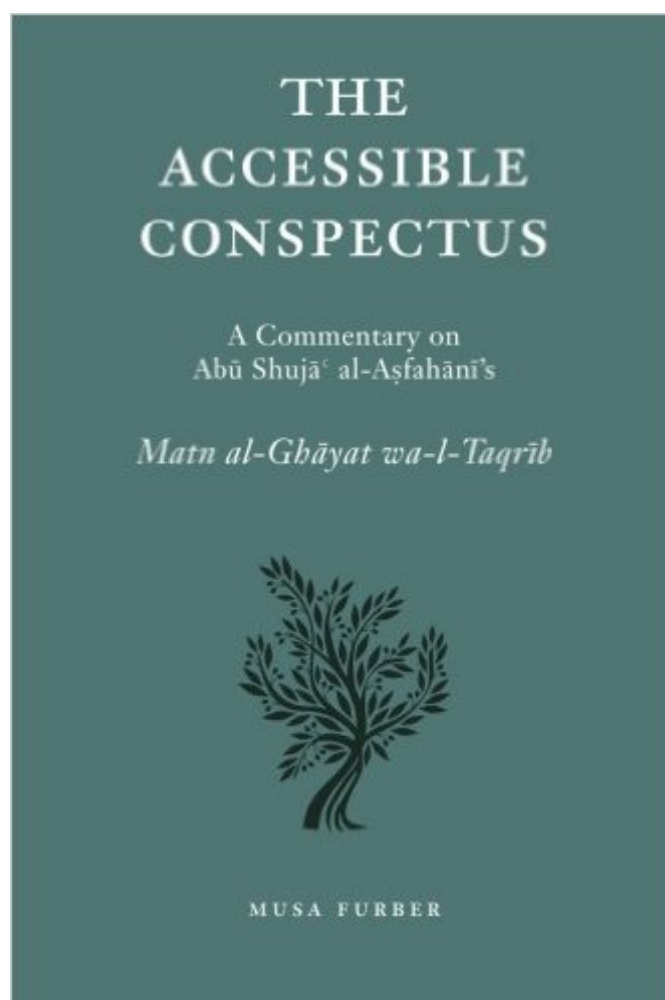


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# The Accessible Conspectus



## Synopsis

For centuries, Abu Shuja al-Asfahani's legal primer *Matn al-Ghayat wa-l-Taqrīb* (The Ultimate Conspectus) has been a standard text for introducing students of the Shafii school of Islamic law to the full range of basic legal issues. Students will often start their studies by reading it from a basic commentary with their instructor. Many students will read it again from more advanced commentaries as they progress in their mastery of the subject. This volume presents an amiable commentary that makes Abu Shuja's primer accessible to new students. It uses contemporary language and examples to help readers build a sound foundation in Islamic law. The Accessible Conspectus is a perfect companion to *The Ultimate Conspectus*.

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## Customer Reviews

The Accessible Conspectus, translated and annotated by Shaykh Musa Furber, is an excellent resource for learning Islamic Law according to the Shafi'i school of jurisprudence for beginner-intermediate level students. The basic text is from Imam Abu Shuja' Al-Isfahani's classic primer *Al Ghayat al Taqrīb* or commonly known as *Matn Abu Shuja'*. This is the first text studied in Shafi'i jurisprudence that covers the entire basic spectrum of rulings typically found in larger works. Shaykh Musa has provided useful explanatory notes and basic evidence that suit the needs of contemporary students who want to grasp the basic concepts and rulings. Oftentimes, classical primers such as Abu Shuja's list only abbreviated and terse statements that are inaccessible without the aid of a living qualified teacher and or detailed commentary or marginalia. This is not to say that this book is meant to obviate the need to learn Islamic law from qualified teachers. Classical Islamic texts, even with detailed commentary, still require the aid of a living qualified teacher to explain any

difficulties in terminology, comprehension and other conditions not mentioned. Shaykh Musa makes this clear in his introduction to the work. The book is an augmented version of Shaykh Musa's earlier translation of the text, *Ultimate Conspectus*. The *Ultimate Conspectus* is a basic translation of Abu Shuja's work with abbreviated explanation and is suited for those wanting to memorize or grasp the rulings in isolation to its commentary. *Accessible Conspectus*, as it is aptly titled, makes this classic work more accessible to a wider audience.

I feel confident stating that this is probably the first book of its kind in the English language. Musa Furber has made another significant contribution to the corpus of traditional texts in Islamic Law in the English language. This original commentary of his own translation of "The *Ultimate Conspectus*" (see <https://amzn.com/0985884029>) is full of essential details and discussions left out of the original text for brevity and therefore opens the door to deep understanding and rich meaning of a broad range of topics in Islamic Law. The commentary is interspersed between the translation and the examples given are timely, contextual, and fitting for a large audience. This text is essential for anyone interested in studying Islamic Law in a method that resembles the traditional way of studying a text with a commentary.

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