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From the Author

In these essays, I intentionally underplay the role of culture causes in the development of Muslim thought by emphasizing the logic of the arguments embedded in the primary text. Too often, the body of Muslim thought is viewed as either a by-product of the so-called Arab or Persian mind or a result of the encounter between non-Muslim and Muslim cultures. Using those approaches, many orientalists miss the beauty of the original theoretical and intellectual contributions of Islamic thought. While the study of intellectual history in its cultural contexts is a significant and legitimate distinct discipline, I do not consider it an adequate substitute for technical analysis of philosophical text.

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