

WILFERD MADELUNG completed for publication his edition of the *Kitāb al-najāt* of the Yemenite Zaydī Imam Aḥmad al-Nāṣir (d. 936). This is the refutation of a treatise of the eighth century that affirms the doctrine of predestination, and it throws new light on the early development of speculative theology in Islam. Preliminary to a general history of Shiism, Mr. Madelung has written several contributions to the *Encyclopaedia of Islam* and the *Encyclopaedia Persica* on Shiite subjects. He has also prepared for publication a previously unknown treatise of the Sharīf al-Murtaḍā (d. 1044) on the legitimacy of Shiites' working for Sunnite government, with an analysis of the historical development of the question.