

The Arabic Manuscripts

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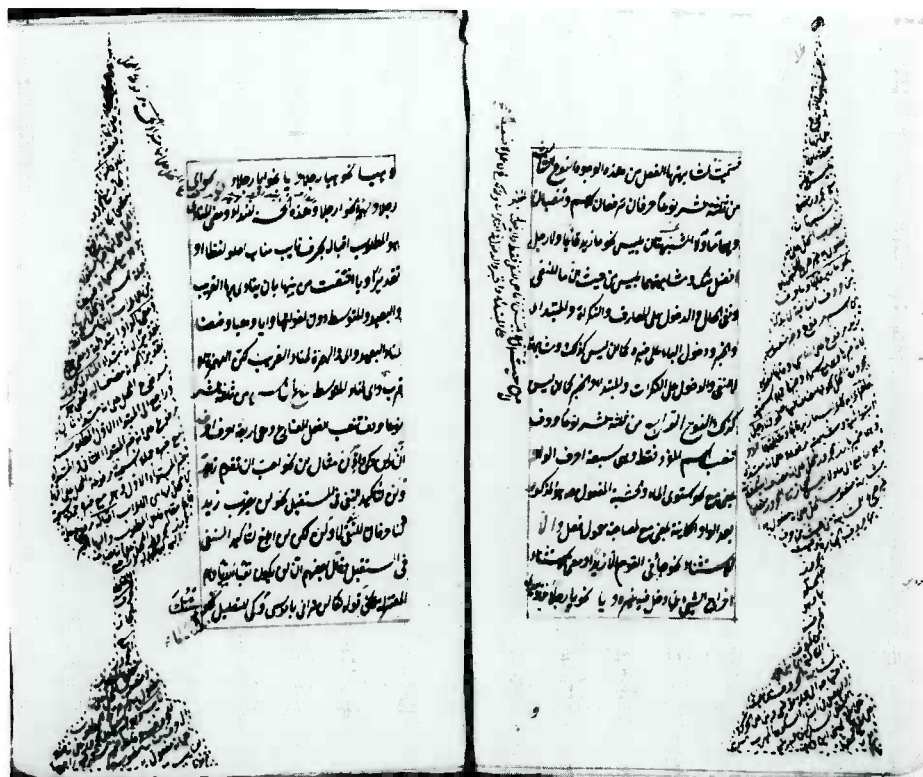


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The printed catalogue

The catalogue was compiled by Adam Gacek, formerly of the library of the S.O.A.S. and at present librarian of the Institute of Ismaeli Studies in London. The catalogue, published by the S.O.A.S. in 1985 (a reprint with corrections from the earlier edition of 1981) (306 pages, 12 ill.), comes with the microfiche edition, but is also available separately from the library of the S.O.A.S.

The entries are arranged alphabetically by title, with references grouped

together and directly preceding the letter sequence. The alphabetical order has been adjusted to accommodate the system of transliteration, the additional letters being placed as follows: d, dh, d; g, gh; h, h; k, kh; s, sh, s; t, th, t.*

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2. Tafsīr, tajwīd, etc.	8	VIII. Philosophy and logic	11	XVIII. Cosmology and cosmography	3
3. Qur'ānic stories	3	IX. Grammar	26	XIX. Medicine and pharmaceuticals	6
II. Hadīth		X. Lexicography	13	XX. Animals and veterinary science	5
1. Muṣṭalah al-hadīth	1	XI. Rhetoric and prosody	6	XXI. Military science	3
2. Major collections	15	XII. Poetry		XXII. Magic, divination, etc.	11
3. Forty Traditions	3	1. Collections and anthologies	8	XXIV. Shī'ah literature	
III. Fiqh		2. Individual poets	23	1. al-Imāmīyah	17
1. Usūl al-fiqh	6	XIII. Prose literature	17	2. al-Zaidīyah	3
2. Furūc		XIV. History		3. al-Ismā'īliyah	18
a. al-Hanafīyah	18	1. General	1	XXV. Shaikhī literature	1
b. al-Shāfi'īyah	5	2. Arabia, Yemen, Oman	4	XXVI. Wahhābī literature	2
c. al-Mālikīyah	13	3. Egypt	5	XXVII. Bahā'ī literature	1
d. al-Ḥanbalīyah	9	4. Bornū	1	XXVIII. Christian literature	10
e. Law of inheritance	4	XV. Biography			
f. Prayer and ritual purity	9	1. Prophet Muhammad	3		
IV. Theology		2. Traditionists	2		
1. General works	10	3. Shāfi'ītes	2		
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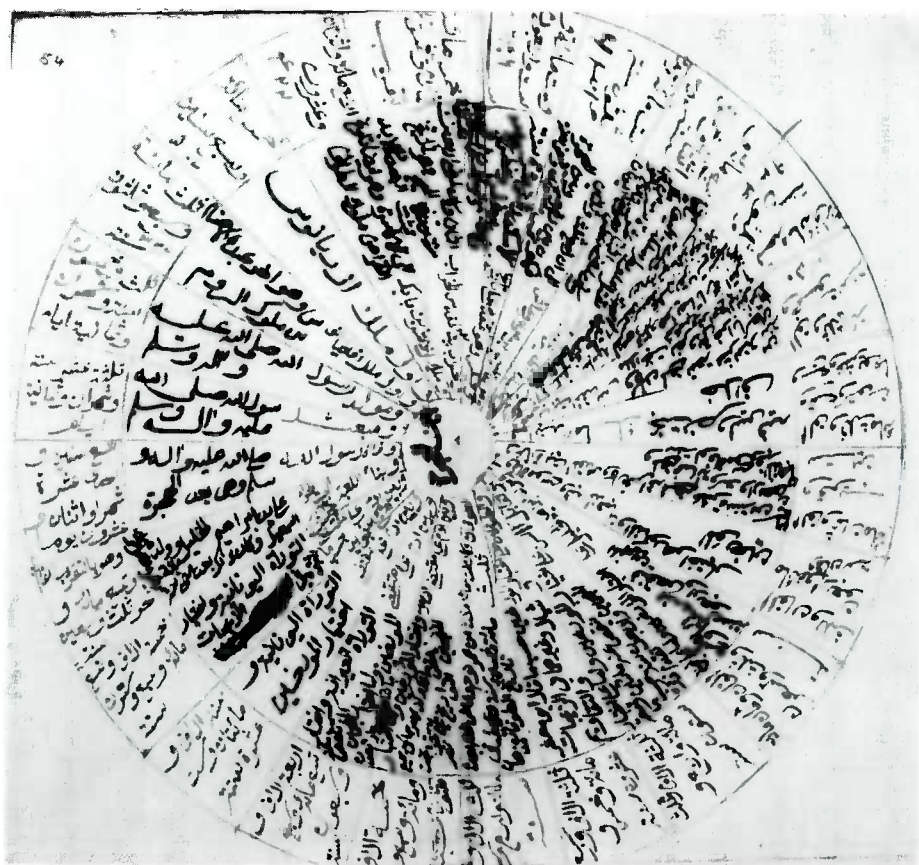


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General information

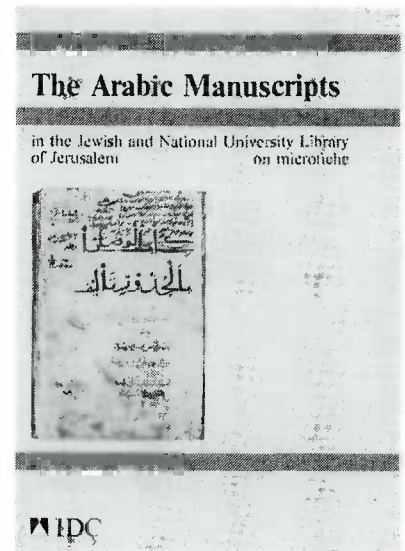
Scope	387 manuscripts
Number of fiche	1,562
Size of fiche	105 x 148 mm
Film type	Positive silver halide
Internal finding aids	Eye-legible headers with manuscript number on each fiche
External finding aids	The printed catalogue by Adam Gacek
Order number	H-3

ARABIC MANUSCRIPTS IN THE JNUL, JERUSALEM

Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem

Manuscripts in Arabic characters, most of them Arabic and about 10% in Persian and Ottoman, collected by Prof. A.S. Yahuda. The many multi-title codices bring the number of the titles to about 3,000. One-third of the manuscripts are medieval. The contents include all areas of Islamic and Arabic sciences and Arabic, Persian, and Ottoman literature. Some 400 titles are not listed by Brockelmann or any other bibliographical source. Of special interest are the medical manuscripts, the majority of which are Persian. A large proportion of the Persian and Ottoman manuscripts are illuminated.

- 1,166 manuscripts on 4,258 microfiche
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Selly Oak Colleges Library, Birmingham

Almost every branch of Syriac literature is represented in this collection, which equals the combined collections of the national libraries of Paris and Berlin and is larger than those of Oxford and Cambridge. There are more Christian Arabic MSS than in the British Museum and a large number of Islamic Arabic ones.

Syriac Manuscripts

- 627 manuscripts
- 2,517 microfiche

Christian Arabic Manuscripts

- 270 manuscripts
- 744 microfiche

Islamic Arabic Manuscripts

- 1,455 manuscripts
- 6,352 microfiche

Total collection

- 2,352 manuscripts on 9,613 microfiche
- Catalogue (4 vols.) available on microfiche and in printed form

