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A New Introduction to Islam offers students a fresh account of the origins, major features, and lasting impact of the Islamic tradition. The development of Muslim beliefs and practices is carefully explored against the background of social and cultural contexts that extend from North Africa to South and Southeast Asia, providing a new and illuminating perspective.

This second edition builds on the success of the first and offers additional material on Islam in America, on gender and women, and on recent trends in Islamic thought, making it more comprehensive and up to date. Additional features such as detailed chronologies, tables summarizing key information, useful maps and diagrams, and many more illustrations further enhance this critical introduction to the major issues in Islamic studies.

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