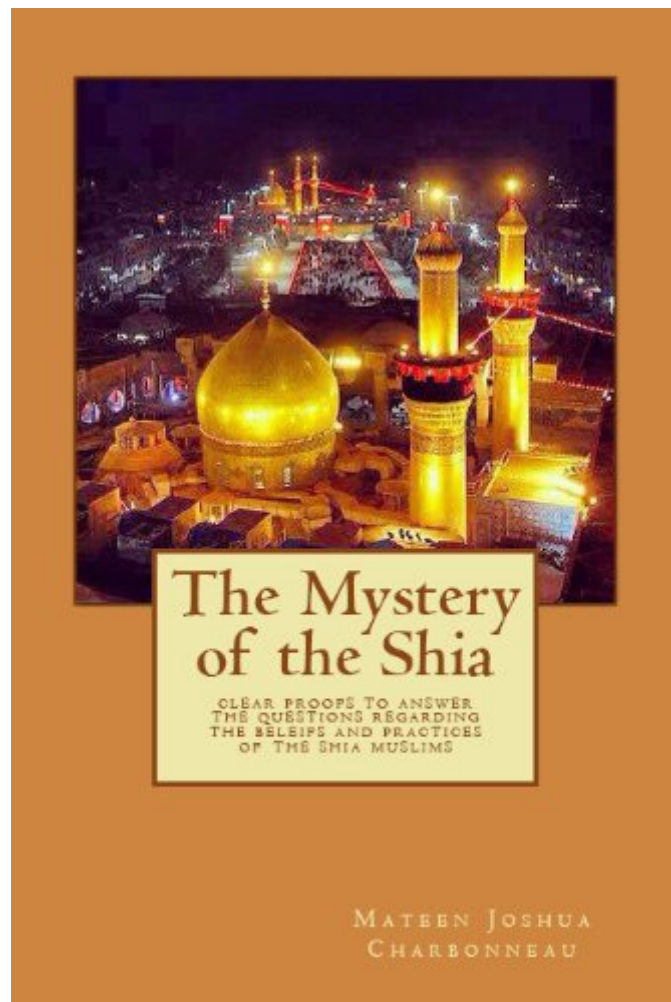


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# Mystery Of The Shia



## Synopsis

Knowing the contents of this informative book is a necessity for every Muslim. I believe that the contents of this book can have a huge impact on the lives of many Muslims in the West, and it can be a good start for gaining more knowledge about the religion of Islam. I would also encourage the Muslim community to appreciate and support this work. I want to take this opportunity to thank brother Mateen for his hard work and efforts. May Allah (SWT) increase his blessings and bestow His mercy upon him. - Sheikh Mustafa Akhound, Imam Ali Center, Springfield VA

The idea that prompted me to write this book was due to the fact that so many new converts to Shia Islam would always ask me why we did things differently than other sects. They would be exposed to different things upon going to various mosques. They would ask me why people pray with their hands by their sides while others would fold their arms, why was the call to prayer different, what is that stone we prostrate on, etc.? I used to find myself explaining these things on a daily basis, so I decided to write these questions and answers down and share them with people who came to me. That was the first phase of this project. Later on I decided to add the Usul-e-Deen (roots of religion) and Furu-e-Deen (branches of religion) being that these differ from other schools of thought as well. After I looked at what I had put together I thought that this would be a very beneficial piece of information for new converts to Islam. This was designed to help them not only to learn why Shia believe and practice the way we do, but also to learn with clear proofs from the sources. I then proceeded to add a few other chapters to help give a good basic foundation for one to start in their quest for knowledge. In total this work deals with a variety of topics including:

- Usul-e-Deen
- Furu-e-Deen
- The Word Shia and its Meaning
- The 30 rights of a Muslim
- Forbidden acts of a Muslim
- Some Important Dates and Things to Know
- Cleanliness in Islam
- Wudhu
- Salat
- Ahadith showing the importance of knowing the Ahl ul Bayt (as)
- Why we say bismillah aloud in salat
- Why we say hayya ala khayril amal in adhan
- Why we don't fold our hands in salat
- Why we takbir 3 times after salat
- Why we don't say as-salatu khayrum min nawm in our fajr adhan
- Why we prostrate on turbah
- Why we say aliyan waliyallah in our adhan and iqamah

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## Customer Reviews

By God's grace, an American who became a Muslim and chose the Shia path has become a scholar and published a well-written and well-organized book *Shia distinctives*. Brother Mateen's book *The Mystery of the Shia* does a good job of presenting the basis of Shia practice. Indeed, Shias really are a mystery to most Americans. Because the majority of Muslims are Sunnis, when most Americans buy books about Islam, they learn either about the Sunni Five Pillars and religious laws, or they learn about Wahabi Jihadists. Many non-Muslim scholars of Islam will, in their introductions about Islam, talk about the 5 traditional Sunni Pillars, then go on to explain some differences between Sunni and Shia Muslims without really giving the the basic Shia Muslim approach to Islam. In fact, many non-Muslim Western Scholars of Islam are actually only dimly aware of the Shia Muslim approach to Islam. *The Mystery of the Shia* explains distinctive Sunni beliefs and practices and gives references from classic Sunni and Shia works to defend why Shia Muslims practice the way they do. There are lists of what to expect in the book which help students to organize their thoughts as they are about to read. This makes the material easier to learn. Our Sunni Muslim brothers and sisters have quite a bit of their literature translated into English and much of it is available for Kindle. We Shia Muslims lag behind in this area. Brother Mateen's books are helping to alleviate this problem. Also, more and more books about Shi'ism are being published. We Twelver Shia Muslims have the most literature available. I have heard that Zaidis (Fiver Shia Muslims) are translating their important books. Ismailis (Sevener Shia Muslims) have always had some literature available, and more of this will be published soon. God willing, Americans will be able to learn more about Shi'ism, the Family of the Prophet, and come to have a

fuller knowledge of Islam and Muslims as a whole.

Mateen Joshua Charbonneau, a young convert to Islam and Shia faith researched the often asked questions about the differences in the religious practices, and has explained the answers in a very simple and matter of fact language. A must read for anybody curious about the Shia faith.

This is a nicely written book for introduction of shia islam to the general population and new converts to the faith.

an easy to read text which answer some of the basic questions about Shi'a faith of Islam

Not as expected its little bit exaggerating

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