



Islams Contribution to Science (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The House of Wisdom by Jim Al-Khalili published by Penguin Press (2011) talks in its preface of an age in which great geniuses pushed their frontiers of knowledge forward to such an extent that their work shaped civilisations to this day. Though perhaps shaped civilisations to this day is too enthusiastic a statement, this pushing frontiers of knowledge essentially belongs to the early Abbasid period of the Islamic glory. I shall address, says the author, many questions that have long intrigued scholars of the history of science. How much science, for instance, did the Arabs actually know? How important were the contributions of Persian culture, Greek philosophy and Indian mathematics? How and why did the scientific scholarship flourish under the patronage of certain rulers? And, possibly most interestingly, why and when did this golden era come to an end? But one thing is certain: through that golden age human activities in the promotion of human spirit received not only huge support and patronage but also positive applause. It was this empire s multicultural and multi-faith tolerance that fostered a real sense...



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