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THE MOST MERCIFUL

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TRANSLITERATIONAL KEY

أ / آ / إ	ā	ظ	z
ب	b	ع	ʿ
ت	t	غ	gh
ث	th	ف	f
ج	j	ق	q
ح	ḥ	ك	k
خ	kh	ل	l
د	d	م	m
ذ	dh	ن	n
ر	r	و	w/ū
ز	z	ه	h
س	s	ي	y/ī
ش	sh	ة	a
ص	ṣ	ء	ʾ
ض	ḍ	أ	a
ط	ṭ	إ	i

Introduction

READER, WELCOME! I urge you to read this book in its entirety. Do not judge this book until you have read it all. A book does not reveal everything until you have read it completely. You will not completely appreciate it until you read all of its chapters, like the tesserae in a mosaic. Whenever you think something has not been answered or a point not clarified, you will find the answer and clarification further down or in another chapter where that point will be more relevant.

This book is the result of engagements with a vociferous and provocative collection of people—one could almost say a faction—called the New Atheists, in addresses at universities, mosques, churches, public areas, as well as in private homes and informal gatherings. New Atheism is on a crusade, ‘a holy war’, to dethrone its preconceived ideas of God and indeed all religions. This book will show how these New Atheist arguments use fallacy, straw man arguments, emotional content and peculiar invective to disparage and denigrate. The book aims, in particular, to counter the propaganda peddled and perpetrated against Islam.

After the Twin Tower attacks in New York on September 11TH 2001, Islam was assaulted from all sides for being the doctrine of a law-giving God. Outdated notions were resus-