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9. Gustaf-Dalman-Lecture

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“Toldoth Muhammad:” Ancient Jewish Stories about Muhammad, his Prophethood, and the Qur’an



Medieval polemics tended to be harsh and belligerent, but while Muslims and Christians produced polemics under the protection and encouragement of their own religious and political authorities, Jews lived everywhere as minority communities and therefore lacked such security. In order to maintain their own sense of dignity Jews polemicized as well, but they had to be subtle in argument for their own protection. One form of polemic produced by Jews and developed entirely for internal consumption is “counter-history,” which retells well-known narratives in a manner that questions or undermines their message. One such counter-history is an ancient Jewish re-telling of the traditional Muslim Sīra, the narrative of divinely authorized prophethood and revelation accorded to Muhammad.

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