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Sommario/riassunto	Né à Šaqr', un village du abal 'mil (l'actuel Liban Sud), Muhsin al-Amn s'installa en 1901 à Damas où il s'imposa comme l'un des chefs spirituels de la communauté chiite du Bild al-Šm. Il y fonda une école, organisa le culte et composa de nombreux ouvrages, avec pour principal souci de réformer la société, de la rendre meilleure au regard de la Loi et plus apte à affronter les défis posés par la modernité européenne. Ce récit de vie, extrait de son monumental dictionnaire bio-bibliographique A 'yn al-š'a, retrace le parcours d'un savant, évoque quelques aspects de son magistère et témoigne des bouleversements du siècle auxquels il prit part. Toute la sève du livre réside dans la narration de micro-événements et de pratiques quotidiennes et coutumières, rustiques au abal 'mil et citadines à Naaf ou à Damas, que vécut Musin al-Amn. Muhsin al-Amn was

born in Šaqr', a village of abal 'mil (South Lebanon today). In 1901, he settled in Damascus, where he came to be regarded as one of the spiritual leaders of the S' community in Bild al-Sâm. Amn established there a religious school, he undertook the organization of worship and produced numerous works. His primary aim was to reform society, to increase its conformity to the law, as well as its capacity to face the challenges of European modernity. This life story is taken from Amn's monumental bio-bibliographical dictionary, A 'yn al-š'. It pictures the steps of a scholar in the quest of knowledge, brings forward several aspects of Amn's teaching, and gives evidence of the turbulence of his times. This book gets its specific flavour from the telling of small incidents and of everyday practices — rural in abal 'mil, urban in Naaf and Damascus — that Amn experienced himself.

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