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Sommario/riassunto	The Muslim accusation of the corruption or deliberate falsification of pre-Qur'nic scriptures has been a major component of interfaith polemic for a millenium or more. The accusation has frequently sought attestation from a series of 'tampering' verses in the Qur'n. Investigation of the interpretation of these verses in the earliest commentaries on the Qur'n, however, reveals a discrepancy between the confident polemical accusation and the tentative understandings of the first Muslims. Of greater interest to early commentators was a story of deception and obstinacy by the 'People of the Book' in response to

the truth claims of Islam. Focusing on the eighth-century commentary of Muqtil ibn Sulaymn and the great exegetical compendium of al-abar (d. 923), this book sketches the outlines of the earliest Muslim approach to pre-Qur'nic scriptures. The resulting discoveries provide a rare opportunity to peek behind the curtain of doctrinaire claim and polemical debate.

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