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Sommario/riassunto	In The Birth of Indology as an Islamic Science Mario Kozah closely examines the pioneering contribution by Brn (d. circa 1048) to the study of comparative religion in his major work on India. Kozah concludes that a process of Islamisation is employed through a meticulous systematization of Hindu beliefs into one “Indian religion”, preceding by almost a millennium the earliest definitions of Hinduism by nineteenth-century European Orientalists. This formulation of Hinduism draws on Brn’s interpretation of Yoga psychology articulated in the Kitb Btanjil , his Arabic translation of the Yoga-

Stra of Patañjali. Brn's Islamic reading of Hinduism relies on certain common denominators that he identifies as being of fundamental importance. In the case of Hinduism he identifies metempsychosis as its unifying banner.
