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Sommario/riassunto	Focusing on writings of legal theory by leading jurists from al-Ja (d. 370/980) to al-Shib (d. 790/1388), this study traces the Islamic discourse on legal change. It looks at the concept of malaa (people's well-being) as a method of extending and adapting God's law, showing how it evolves from an obscure legal principle to being interpreted as the all-encompassing purpose of God's law. Discussions on malaa's epistemology, its role in the law-finding process, the limits of human investigation into divine commands, and the delineation of the sphere of religious law in Muslim society highlight the interplay between law, theology, logic, and politics that make malaa a viable vehicle of legal change up to the present.