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This is an annotated translation of the 9th-century Islamic apocalyptic work 'The Book of Tribulations' - the earliest complete Muslim apocalyptic text to survive.

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